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EDUCATION

Harvard University: Ph.D., History, 2002

A.M., History, 1995

Cornell University: A.B., History, *Magna Cum Laude*, and Economics, 1993

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- NEH Summer Stipend, 2007
- Packard Fellowship for Dissertation Completion, 1999-2000
- Mellon Fellowship in Latin American History, 1998-1999
- Fulbright Fellowship, 1997-1998
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, 1996-1997
- Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, Spring 1996
- Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, Fall 1995
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, 1995-1996
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1993
- Duniway Prize in History (outstanding senior, Cornell University), 1993
- de Kiewiet Prize in History (outstanding junior, Cornell University), 1992

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Gustavus Adolphus College, Assistant Professor (Fall 2003 - Present)

- Introduction to Latin American History – History 160
- Colonial Latin America – History 261
- Argentina – History 262
- Cuba – History 263
- The Mexican Revolution – History 264
- Mexican-American History – History 265
- Latin America and the United States (seminar) – History 361
- The Age of Conquest (seminar) – History 362
- Latin America and the United States (first-year seminar) – FTS 100-268
- Making Local History (January term) – History 269

Grinnell College, Visiting Assistant Professor (Fall 2002 – Spring 2003)

- Modern Latin America
- Colonial Latin America
- Cultural Encounters in History (introductory world history)
- The Urban Experience in Buenos Aires, 1850-1950
- The Mexican Revolution (seminar)

PUBLICATIONS

- “Arbiters of Change: Provincial Elites and the Origins of Federalism in Argentina’s Littoral, 1814-1820,” *The Americas* 64:4 (April 2008): 511-546.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Arbiters of Change: Provincial Elites and the Origins of Federalism in Argentina’s Littoral, 1814-1820,” paper presented at the North Central Council of Latin Americanists at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, October 2007.
- “The Idea of Legitimacy in Nineteenth-Century Politics,” paper presented at the Mellon Latin American History Conference at Harvard University, April 2001.
- “Argentine Politics in the 1820s: The Provinces and the National Government,” paper presented at the Boston Area Latin American History Workshop, February 2001.
- “La política de las provincias del litoral, 1810-1862,” presentation to the faculty of the History Department of the Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 1999.
- “Civilized and Barbaric: Corrientes and Argentine Politics in the 1830s,” paper presented at the Mellon Latin American History Conference at Yale University, May 1999.

PUBLIC LECTURES

- “What Goes Around, Comes Around: The United States and the Immigration ‘Problem,’” lecture for Trinity Lutheran Church Continuing Education, St. Peter, MN, April 13, 2008.
- “Castro’s Cuba,” lecture for St. Peter Community and Family Education, October 17, 2007.

BOOK REVIEWS

- *Battling for Hearts and Minds: Memory Struggles in Pinochet’s Chile, 1973-1988*, Steve Stern, reviewed in *The Historian*, Vol. 70, No. 1 (Spring 2008).
- *Political Cultures in the Andes, 1750-1950*, Nils Jacobsen and Cristóbal Aljovín de Losada, eds., reviewed in *History: Reviews of New Books*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (Fall 2005).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

- **Director, First Term Seminars (FTS) Program**, Fall 2007 – present. Appointed Director of the college's principal program for first-year students.
- **Learning/Living Communities Initiative**, Fall 2007 – present. Appointed co-chair of a committee charged with developing medium and long-range plans for learning communities on campus.
- **Nicollet County Historical Society**, January 2006 – December 2008. Elected to a 3-year term on the Board of Directors of the county historical society.
- **Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies (LALACS) Committee**, Fall 2003 – present. Worked with other faculty members to strengthen our minor in Latin American Studies and improve course offerings focusing on Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies.
- **Curriculum Committee**, Fall 2007 – Spring 2008. Elected to a one-year term on the committee that oversees the college's academic curriculum.
- **Faculty Compensation Subcommittee**, Fall 2004 – present. Appointed to successive terms on a four-person subcommittee of the Faculty Senate charged with examining and reporting on compensation issues.
- **Health Plan Advisory Committee/Benefits Advisory Committee**, Fall 2004 – present. Worked with a group of faculty, staff, and administrators to advise Director of Human Resources regarding health care options for college employees. In Spring 2006, this committee was renamed the Benefits Advisory Committee and given the wider charge of examining all college benefits.
- **Budget Committee**, Fall 2005 – Spring 2006 and Spring 2007. Served on the committee of administrators and faculty charged with developing the annual budget for the college.
- **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) Workshop**, Fall 2004-Spring 2005. Participated in a workshop focusing on improving teaching and learning within specific academic disciplines.
- **Reading in Common Committee**, Spring 2000. Helped select speaker and book for the common reading element of the orientation for first-year students.
- **Coordinator, Latin American History Workshop**, Harvard University History Department, Fall 1998 – Fall 1999; **Co-organizer**, Spring 1994 – Spring 1997. Organized monthly meetings in which graduate students in Latin American History presented their research in progress to fellow students and faculty.
- **Coordinator, Boston Area Latin American History Workshop**, Fall 1998 - Spring 1999. Worked with Professor John Coatsworth and the staff of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies to invite speakers and arrange monthly meetings of the workshop, which included approximately 50 faculty and graduate students from area universities.
- **Co-organizer, "Governance in Nineteenth-Century Latin America,"** conference held at Harvard University on November 8, 1996. Submitted proposals to secure funding, prepared list of participants, invited speakers including both junior and senior scholars in Latin American history, organized program and logistics, delivered opening remarks and a paper.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- Spanish: proficiency in reading and speaking
- Portuguese: reading knowledge and basic speaking
- French: reading knowledge and basic speaking