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**Education**

Doctor of Philosophy\* - in progress, Temple University

Advisor: Dr. Monica Ricketts

Dissertation Field: Gender (Dr. Katya Motyl)

Geographic Field: Latin America (Dr. Monica Ricketts)

Thematic Field: Cities, Environments, and Cultures (Dr. Peter Lavelle)

Dissertation Committee: Dr Monica Ricketts, Dr Travis Glasson, Dr Katya Motyl, Dr Montserrat

Piera

Dissertation*: Controlling Bodies, Controlling Empire: Sex and Violence in The Inquisition Prisons of the Early Seventeenth Century Iberian Atlantic*

Master of Arts - 2018, University of Nevada, Reno

History: Cultural History, Colonial Latin America, Spanish Inquisition (Dr. Linda Curcio)

*Master’s Thesis*: *The Insidious Case of Ignacia Gertrudis de Ochoa: Gender, Personal Relationships, Ethnicity, and Diabolism in the late Eighteenth-Century Diocese of Guadalajara*

Graduate Certificate: Gender, Race, and Identity studies, 2018, UNR (Dr. Emily Hobson)

Bachelor of Arts - 2014, UNR

History major, Religious Studies and Women’s Studies minors. *Summa Cum Laude, In Corsu Honorum*

*Honors Thesis: The Tawdry Case of Maria de la Candelaria: Hechicería, Sex, and Women’s Honor in Colonial México.* Undergraduate thesis in completion for the Department of History and the Honors Program. Winner Richard and Sue Davies Thesis Award, 2014

**Fellowships, and Awards**

2024 Finalist Princeton Society of Fellows

2023-2024 Carpenter Fellow in Religious Studies, McNeil Center for Early American Studies

2021-2 Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Grant Award, Spain

2023 Richard K. Davis and Karen L. Rylander-Davis Fellowship

2023 Arthur Cook Prize, Temple University

2022-3 Temple University Fellowship

2022 John D Martz III Prize, Middle Atlantic Council for Latin American Studies

2021 Cushwa Center, Notre Dame University, Travel Research Grant

2016 and 2017 Wilbur S Shepperson History Research Endowment

2014 Richard and Sue Davies Thesis Award

2014 Jeane Ford Women's Studies Award

2014 Jeanne Elizabeth Weir History Award

2013 Carrie Layman History Award

**Academic Positions**

Teaching - History Department, Temple University; August 2019 - Present

\*Instructor of Record – HIST/LAS 2514 Introduction to Latin American History; HIST 0824 Gender and World Societies; HIST 0874 Confronting Empire: Voices of Resistance; and HIST 1101 US History to 1877

\*Teaching Assistant – HIST 1102 U.S. History since 1877; HIST 0801 Philadelphia Arts and Cultures; HIST 0848 American Revolutions; and HIST 0872 World History - Modern

Adjunct Professor - General Education Department, Jefferson University

January 2019 - June 2019

\*ADIV 201 Defining American Voices

Graduate Teaching Assistant - History Department, Core Humanities Department, UNR

September 2015 - June 2018

\*Core Humanities 202 Europe and the Modern World (discussion group leader) and Core Humanities 203 American Experience and Constitutional Change (discussion group leader, letter of appointment lecturer)

Research Assistant, Webmaster / Tech Assistant and Consultant - History Department, UNR

Editor, Tech Advisor for The Howl, the undergraduate research journal

Internships and University Employment - Shared History Department, UNR, Jan 2013 - Dec 2014

\*Oral history curator and collection manager, webmaster, website development, and physical display curator, Special Collections/Reno Historical Website and iPhone app development and research

\*Nevada Historical Society Museum - manuscript preservationist

**Publications**

\*Forthcoming chapter “Sex Magic, Sex Work: The Gendered Labor of Maria de Rivera and Isabel de Montoya in Puebla, Mexico in the Mid-Seventeenth Century”, Book titled “Histories of Sex Around the World” in the series “Routledge Research in Gender and History” expected 2023/4

\*“Edicts of Faith”, Database of Religious History, June 2023

\*Article. “Rethinking the Spanish Inquisition and Autos de Fe”, Scottish Centre for Global History, November 2021

\*Book Review. “Imperial Metropolis: Los Angeles, Mexico, and the Borderlands of American Empire, 1865–1941” in *Strategic Visions*, Vol. 20 No. 2 (2021)

\*Article. “An Image of Witches from Prototype to Archetype.*”* *The Montag*, 2013

**Guest Lecturer**

*\* “The Inquisition in Latin America”* Prof Audrey Rankin, Temple University, September 26, 2023.

*\* “The Vengeful Wife and the Imprisoned Body: Poison, Prisons and Pregnancy”*, Oxford University Series: The History of the Gendered Body, June 10, 2022

*\* Resisting Empire: Women, Witchcraft, and the Inquisition*. Prof Josh Stern, Temple University, September 27, 2019

*\* Curanderas and the Mexican Inquisition*. Dr. Linda Curcio, University of Nevada, Reno. October 17, 2017

*\* Introduction to Religious Studies*. Dr. Christopher von Nagy, University of Nevada, Reno. September 11, 2017

*\* Said’s Orientalism and American Perceptions of Mexican Workers and Immigrants*. History of Mexico, Dr Shayna Mehas, University of Nevada Reno. December 5, 2016

*\* Women and the Enlightenment in Bourbon Mexico*. History of Latin America, Dr Shayna Mehas, University of Nevada Reno, December 5, 2016

*\* Gender Complementarity Among Pre-Conquest Mexica*. History of Mexico, Dr Linda Curcio, University of Nevada Reno, Sept 16, 2016

**Conference Presentations**

\* “Family Cohesion under Stress: Inquisition and the Jews in 17th-Century Mexico”, American Historical Association, 2024

\* “Sex and Pregnancy as Prison Space Negotiation Strategies: Lorenzana de Azereto and the Cartagena Inquisition, 1610”, James A Barnes Conference, 2023

\* “The First Trial of Paula de Eguiluz: Castellano fears of Afro-Descended Brujas in the 17th Century Caribbean” Mid-Atlantic Council for Latin American Studies, 2023

\* “Sex Magic, Sex Work: The Gendered Labor of Maria de Rivera and Isabel de Montoya in Puebla, Mexico in the Mid-Seventeenth Century” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, 2023

\* “God Keeps Her in Heaven and Forgives Her, But She Had a Good Soul”: Gendered and Economic Power of the Converso Community in the Auto General de Fe in Mexico City, 1642-1649”: Gendered and Economic Power of the Converso Community in the Auto General de Fe in Mexico City, 1642-1649.” 2021 James A Barnes Conference; Louisiana State University Graduate Conference; Middle Atlantic Conference for Latin American Studies (Winner John D Martz III Prize); Rocky Mountain Conference for Latin American Studies

\* “The Insidious Case of Ignacia Gertrudis Ochoa: Gender, Personal Relationships, and Diabolism in the Late Eighteenth-Century Diocese of Guadalajara”. Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies, 2018

\* “Language and Infidelity: An Analysis of the Denunciation Against Ignacia Gertrudis de Ochoa in México City, 1771.” Vanderbilt University History Graduate Association 7th Annual Conference, 2017

\* Facilitator. “Humanities in the Medical Profession, First Year Clinical Education”. University of Nevada Medical School. August 19, 2016

\* Panel Moderator. “History of Latin America.” Western Regional Honors Conference, 2015.

\* “Balancing Honors Education with Significant Life Obligations.” Western Regional Honors Conference, 2014

\* “Playing With Sexuality Among Fin de Siècle Russian Symbolists: Gender and Sexuality In The Avant-Garde Movement.” Western Regional Honors Conference, 2014

**Service to the Profession**

\* 2024, Organizer “Temple Symposium on Early Modern Carceral Studies in Latin America,”

Temple University

\* 2024 Mentor, McNeil Center for Early American Studies Undergraduate Research Workshop.

\* 2023 Marketing, Temple University, Barnes Conference

\* 2020 Social Chair, Temple University History Department Graduate Student Association /

Barnes Club

**Professional Affiliations**

\*U.S. Fulbright Commission

\*McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania

\*James A. Barnes Graduate Association, Temple University

\*Rocky Mountain Conference for Latin American Studies

\*Mid-Atlantic Conference for Latin American Studies

\*Conference on Latin American History

\*American Historical Association