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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

2025-Present Professor of History and Latin American Studies, Department of History,
University of Calgary
2025-Present Associate Dean, Research and Communities, Faculty of Arts, University of
Calgary
2024-2029 Editor-in-chief, *Canadian Journal of Latin America and Caribbean Studies*

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2016-2025 Associate Professor of History and Latin American Studies, Department of
History, University of Calgary
2024 Interim Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary
2012-2016 Assistant Professor, History and Latin American Studies, Department of
History, University of Calgary
2010-2012 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Latin American Studies, Center for
the Americas, Wesleyan University
Winter 2010 Sessional Instructor, Department of History, University of Calgary
Winter 2009 Teaching Fellow, School of Arts, Histories and Cultures, University of
Manchester
2007-2009 Adjunct Instructor, Department of History and Outreach College, University of
Arizona
2001-2002 Research Assistant, Canadian National Institute for the Blind

EDUCATION

2010 Ph.D., University of Arizona, Latin American and World History
Dissertation: "*La Política del Buen Amigo: Mexican-Latin American Relations*
during the Presidency of Lázaro Cárdenas, 1934-1940."
Supervisor: William H. Beezley
2003 A.M., University of Chicago, Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences
Thesis: "Mexican Participation in the League of Nations during the Presidency
of Lázaro Cárdenas, 1934-1940."
Supervisor: Friedrich Katz
2001 Honours B.A., University of Toronto, Trinity College, International Relations
and Ibero-American Studies

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, University of Calgary
2025	Leadership and Mentorship Award, Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary
2020	Great Supervisor Award, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Calgary
2014	Killam Emerging Research Leader Award, University of Calgary
2010	Premio Genaro Estrada, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, Mexico, 2010. Best doctoral dissertation on the topic of Mexican foreign relations.
2007-2008	El Colegio de México, Visiting Researcher.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Diplomacia Cultural en la Era Cardenista: Dando la cara por América Latina, 1934-1940*
[Translation of *Mexico's Relations with Latin America during the Cárdenas Era*]. Mexico City: Palabras de Clío, 2026.
- Historical Dictionary of Mexico*. Co-authored with Ryan A. Alexander. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2024. (50%)
- Energy in the Americas: Critical Reflections on Energy and History*. Edited volume. Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2021.
- Mexico's Relations with Latin America during the Cárdenas Era*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2016.
*Honourable Mention, Judy Ewell Award, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin America (2017)
- La expropiación petrolera mexicana en la prensa de latinoamérica. Antología documental*. Edited with Cecilia Zuleta. Mexico City: PEMEX, 2014. (50%)
- Populism in Twentieth Century Mexico: The Presidencies of Lázaro Cárdenas and Luis Echeverría*. Edited with María L.O. Muñoz. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2010. (50%)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- “Media.” Co-authored with María Cecilia Zuleta. In *Power to the Periphery: Connected Histories of Oil in Latin America*, edited by Antoine Acker and Reynaldo De Los Reyes Patiño. Routledge, in press.
- “Mexican-Colombian Cultural Diplomacy in the 1930s and the Political Uses of the Past.” *The Americas*. 2026 <https://doi.org/10.1017/tam.2026.10175>
- “‘Ambitions for Leadership’: Latin American Responses to Mexican Labor’s Role in the Founding of the Confederación de Trabajadores de América Latina.” *The Latin Americanist*. 66:4 (December 2022): 403-436.
- “Revolutionary Diplomacy in Mexico, 1910-1946.” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*, January 2018. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199366439.013.270
- “Between Two Revolutions: Mexico-Cuba Cultural Relations.” *Jahrbuch für Geschichte Lateinamerikas/Anuario de Historia de América Latina*. 54 (2017): 108-128.

- “Separating the Political from the Technical: The 1938 League of Nations Mission to Latin America.” In *Beyond Geopolitics: New Histories of Latin America at the League of Nations*, edited by Alan McPherson and Yannick Wehrli, 239-257. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2015.
- “¿Solidaridad o interés propio? Uruguay y la compra de petróleo mexicano después de la expropiación petrolera.” *Istor. Revista de Historia Internacional* XVI: 61 (Summer 2015): 187-207.
- “In Mexico’s Defense: Dueling, Diplomacy, Gender and Honor, 1876-1940.” *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*, 31:1 (Winter 2015): 22-47.
- “La expropiación mexicana y la política latinoamericana: los casos de Colombia y Venezuela.” *Boletín del Archivo Histórico de Petróleos Mexicanos*, 13 (June 2013): 53-62.
- “Cabaretistas and Indias Bonitas: Gender and Representations of Mexico in the Americas during the Cárdenas Era.” *Journal of Latin American Studies* 42:2 (May 2010): 263-291.
- “Co-opting Cardenismo: Luis Echeverría and the Funeral of Lázaro Cárdenas.” With Joseph Lenti. In *Populism in Twentieth Century Mexico: The Presidencies of Lázaro Cárdenas and Luis Echeverría*, edited by Amelia M. Kiddle and María L.O. Muñoz, 174-189. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2010.

Special Issues of Journals

- “Historias de América Latina.” Introduction and edited with Anna Alexander. *Istor. Revista de Historia Internacional*. XVII: 67 (Winter 2016). (50%)

Works in Progress

- “Matter for the Blind: Postal Service and the International Construction of Disability,” article in development.
- “Resource Nationalism in Latin America and the Mexican Oil Expropriation of 1938,” article in development.
- “The 1911 Canadian Arbitration of the Chamizal Dispute between Mexico and the United States, and the Pre-History of North American Relations,” article in development.

Book Reviews

- Arise! Global Radicalism in the Era of the Mexican Revolution*, by Christina Heatherton. *Western History Quarterly*, 54: 4 (Winter 2023): 384-385.
- Making the Revolution: Histories of the Latin American Left*, edited by Kevin A. Young. *Social History/Histoire Sociale*, 55: 113 (May 2022): 224-226.
- Electrifying Mexico: Technology and the Transformation of a Modern City/Fueling Mexico: Energy and Environment, 1850-1950*, by Diana J. Montaña and Germán Vergara. *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, (April 2022): 322-325.
- A Revolution Unfinished: The Chegomista Rebellion and the Limits of Revolutionary Democracy in Juchitán, Mexico*, by Colby Ristow. *American Historical Review*, 125:2 (April 2020): 694-695.

- They Should Stay There: The Story of Mexican Migration and Repatriation during the Great Depression*, by Fernando Saúl Alanís Encisa. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 51 (June 2019): 475-77.
- The Science and Politics of Race in Mexico and the United States, 1910-1950*, by Karin Alejandra Rosemblatt. *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, 44, no. 3 (March 2019): 126-28.
- Disciplinary Conquest: U.S. Scholars in South America, 1900-1945*. *Canadian Journal of History/Annales Canadiennes d'Histoire* 53, no. 3 (January, 2019): 606-8.
- Mexico's Cold War: Cuba, the United States, and the Legacy of the Mexican Revolution*, by Renata Keller. *H-Diplo Roundtable Review*.
- Dictablanda: Politics, Work, and Culture in Mexico, 1938-1968*, edited by Paul Gillingham and Benjamin T. Smith. *Labour/Le Travail*, 75 (Spring 2015): 327-329.
- Crafting Mexico: Intellectuals, Artisans, and the State after the Revolution*, by Rick A. López. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 44:3 (August 2012): 620-622.
- Secret Wars and Secret Policies in the Americas, 1842-1929*, by Friedrich E. Schuler. *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, 36:72 (2011):281-283.
- Gender and Populism in Latin America: Passionate Politics*, edited by Karen Kampwirth. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 43:4 (November 2011): 793-794.
- Looking for Mexico: Modern Visual Culture and National Identity*, by John Mraz. *The Latin Americanist* 54:3 (September 2010): 109-111.
- The Forgotten Peace: Mediation at Niagara Falls, 1914*, by Michael Small. *Canadian Journal of History* 45:2 (Autumn 2010): 445-447.

Other Publications

- "Canada and Mexico must work together to help Cuba survive its dire humanitarian crisis," *The Conversation*, 8 April 2026. <https://doi.org/10.64628/AAM.34j6jxtqx>
- "Rise Up! Feminist Digital Archive," *100 Académicas Recomendán*, e-book, 2026. <https://www.aacademica.org/100academicasrecomiendan>
- "We shouldn't abandon Mexico to appease Trump," with José Antonio Galindo Domínguez, *The Calgary Herald*, 26 December 2024.
- "New Book – Energy in the Americas," *NiCHE*, 3 December 2021.
- "For Canadians with disabilities, supports are often too little, too late," *CBC*, 14 June 2021.
- "Let the debate begin about erecting Macdonald statue in Alberta." *The Calgary Herald*, 5 September 2020.
- "Interview: Looking Back and Moving Forward—Reflections on Latin American and Caribbean Studies," *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 40: 2 (2015): 294-303.
- "Lázaro Cárdenas," In *Iconic Mexico: An Encyclopedia from Acapulco to Zócalo*, edited by Eric Zolov. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 105-112.
- "Pemex plan spreads an oily sheen over Mexico's history." *The Globe and Mail*, 14 August 2013.
- "Business Success Allows Blind Software Engineer to Benefit Panamanians." *Tucson Citizen*, 1 August 2005.
- "Post-U.S. Panama carries own freight." With Cecil MacPherson. *Tucson Citizen*, 1 August 2005.

- “The Educational System of Panama.” In *Bilingual Schools in Mexico and Central America*, 51-53. Mexico City: Institute of International Education, 2005.
- “The Educational System of Mexico.” With Casia Freitas. In *Bilingual Schools in Mexico and Central America*, 21-27. Mexico City: Institute of International Education, 2005.

INVITED LECTURES

- “Defending the Mexican Oil Expropriation: Revolutionary Diplomacy in Latin America,” AnthroSouth Workshop, Université de Genève/Centro Franco Argentino, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 9, 2026.
- “Mexican Foreign Relations from the Revolution into the Cold War,” University College London, Institute of the Americas. February 6, 2023.
- “Energy in the Americas.” Seminario de Historia Internacional, El Colegio de México. December 14, 2022.
- “The Mexican Oil Expropriation of 1938 and the Roots of Resource Nationalism in Latin America.” Calgary Institute of the Humanities. February 12, 2019.
- “Resource Nationalism in Mexico.” Petroleum History Society, Calgary, AB. November 28, 2018.
- “Mexican Relations with Latin America.” California State University, Fresno, CA. December 6, 2017.
- “Archivos y Proyectos de Investigación en Petróleo.” Historia del Petróleo en México y América Latina del siglo XX al XXI. El Colegio de México/Petróleos Mexicanos. Mexico City, Mexico. October 28, 2014.
- “Floating Signifiers: The voyage of the *Durango* and the Democratisation of Diplomacy during the Cárdenas Era.” University of Alberta. Edmonton, AB. April 15, 2013.
- “Palliative Care: The 1938 League of Nations Mission to Latin America.” Latin American Research Centre, University of Calgary. Calgary, AB. March 4, 2013.
- “In Mexico’s Defense: Dueling and the Mexican Foreign Service, 1876-1940.” Colby College. Waterville, ME. October 5, 2011.
- “Revolutionary Diplomacy: *La Política del Buen Amigo* and Mexican-Latin American Relations during the Presidency of Lázaro Cárdenas, 1934-1940.” History Colloquium Series, University of Calgary. Calgary, AB. January 16, 2010.
- “Reacciones y lecturas de la expropiación petrolera Mexicana en la prensa latinoamericana.” With Cecilia Zuleta. Seminario Permanente de Historia Social, El Colegio de México. Mexico City, Mexico. October 27, 2008.
- “Relaciones entre México y América Latina durante la presidencia de Lázaro Cárdenas, 1934-1940.” Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Iztapalapa. Mexico City, Mexico. November 13, 2007.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Grants and Fellowships

- SSHRC Insight Development Grant, “Matter for the Blind: The Universal Postal Union and the International Construction of Accessibility,” 2026-2028. \$61,931.00 (PI)

SSHRC Insight Development Grant, “Promoting Cross-Context Cultural Learning in Children Through Situated Augmented Reality Application,” 2026-2028. \$75,000. (Co-Applicant)

Transdisciplinary Connector Grant, Consolidating Stream “Latin American Cities and Societies,” Institutes for Transdisciplinary Studies, University of Calgary, 2026. \$18,000 (Co-Applicant).

SSHRC Enhancement Grant, “Matter for the Blind: The Universal Postal Union and the International Construction of Disability,” University of Calgary, 2025, \$4,000 (PI).

Transdisciplinary Connector Grant, Initiating Stream “Latin American Cities and Societies,” Institutes for Transdisciplinary Studies, University of Calgary, 2025, \$8,500.00 (PI)

Catalyst Grant, “Matter for the Blind,” Vice President for Research, University of Calgary, 2024. \$12,423.66 (PI).

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Connection Grant for “Security and Insecurity in Latin America and the Caribbean,” 2020-2021. \$25,000 (PI)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant, “The Mexican Oil Expropriation of 1938 and the Roots of Resource Nationalism in Latin America.” 2016-2023. \$76,821.38 (PI).

Calgary Institute of the Humanities, Residential Fellowship, 2017-2018. One course release, value \$10,000 (PI).

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Connection Grant for “Energy in the Americas,” 2014-2015. \$25,000 (PI).

Vice President for Research, University of Calgary, New Faculty Grant, 2014 \$5,000 (PI).

UC International, Internationalization Grant, 2014 \$10,000 (PI).

Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary, Scholarly Activities Grant, 2014 \$2,000 (PI).

Vice President for Research, University of Calgary, Conference Seed Grant, 2014 \$5,000 (PI).

Travel Grant, Vice President for Research, University of Calgary, 2015-2016 \$3,000 (PI).

Travel Grant, University Research Grants Committee, University of Calgary, 2012-13. \$3,000 (PI).

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