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## EMPLOYMENT

**Fall 2012 – Present** Assistant Professor, Department of History, Stony Brook University  
**2011-2012** Consortium for Faculty Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History, Bowdoin College

## EDUCATION

**2011** Ph.D. in United States History, Stanford University  
**2005** B.A. Cum Laude with Distinction in History, Yale University

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Grounds for Dreaming: Mexican Americans, Mexican Immigrants, and the California Farmworker Movement* (Yale University Press, Lamar Series in Western History, 2016)  
\*Winner, Best History Book, International Latino Book Awards  
\*Honorable Mention, Gita Chandhuri Prize, Western Association of Women Historians (for best monograph on the history of women in rural environments)

### Articles in Refereed Journals

“The Future of Latino San Francisco As Seen Through Murals,” *BOOM: A Journal of California*, Vol. 6, No. 4 (Winter 2016), 16-27.

“Slow and Sudden Deaths: Reflecting on the Chualar Tragedy of 1963 and the Persisting Traumas of the Bracero Program,” *Diálogo* Vol. 19 No. 2 (Fall 2016), 79-85.

“A Town Full of Dead Mexicans: The Salinas Valley Bracero Tragedy of 1963, A Collision of Communities, and the End of the Bracero Program,” *Western Historical Quarterly* Vol. 44 No. 2 (Summer 2013), 124-143.  
\*Winner of the Judith Lee Ridge Prize of the Western Association of Women Historians  
\*Adopted for high school students and ESL learners by the American Immigration Council

“An Unladylike Strike Fashionably Clothed: Mexican American and Anglo Women Garment Workers Against Tex Son, 1959-1963.” *Pacific Historical Review* Vol. 78 No. 3 (August 2009), 367-402.  
\*Winner of the Western History Association Jensen-Miller Prize  
\*Winner of the Pacific Coast Branch-American Historical Association W. Turrentine Jackson Prize

“A Community of Limits and the Limits of Community: MALDEF’s Chicana Rights Project, Empowering the ‘Typical Chicana’ and the Question of Civil Rights,” *Journal of American Ethnic History* Vol. 27 No. 3 (Spring 2008), 81-110.

### Essays in Edited Volumes

Introduction, “The Future of Chicana Studies,” *Journal of Feminist Scholarship*, Issue 11 (Fall 2016).

“The United Farm Workers Union and the Use of the Boycott Against American Agribusiness, 1965-1970” in *Boycotts: Past and Present* (forthcoming, Palgrave)

### Book Reviews

- Review, Mireya Loza, *Defiant Braceros: How Migrant Workers Fought for Racial, Sexual, and Political Freedom in Southern California* *Quarterly* Vol. 99 No. 2 (Summer 2017)
- Review, Edward Melillo, *Strangers on Familiar Soil: Rediscovering the Chile-California Connection in Agricultural History* Vol. 90 No. 3 (Summer 2016), 427-29.
- Review, Neil Foley, *Mexicans in the Making of America* in *The Journal of American History* Vol. 102 No. 3 (December 2015), 869.
- Review, Tomas Summers Sandoval, *Latinos at the Golden Gate: Creating Community and Identity in San Francisco* in *Pacific Historical Review* Vol. 83 No. 4 (August 2015), 372-74.
- Review, Lauren Araiza, *To March for Others: The Black Freedom Struggle and the United Farm Workers* in *Western Historical Quarterly* Vol. 45, No. 4 (Winter 2014), 483-84.
- Review, James J. Lorence, *Palomino: Clinton Jencks and Mexican-American Unionism in the American Southwest* in *Pacific Historical Review* Vol. 83, No. 4 (November 2014), 706-07.
- Review, Claudio Iván Remeseira, *Hispanic New York* in *Aztlán* Vol. 39 No. 1 (Spring 2014), 275-79.
- Review, Kathy Peiss, *Zoot Suit: The Enigmatic Career of an Extreme Style* in *Pacific Historical Review* Vol. 82 No. 4 (November 2013), 601-602.
- Review, Glenn Anthony May, *Sonny Montes and Mexican American Activism in Oregon* in *Pacific Historical Review* Vol. 81 No. 3 (August 2012), 490-492.
- Review, Katherine Benton-Cohen, *Borderline Americans: Racial Division and Labor War in the Arizona Borderlands* in *Latino Studies* Vol. 8 (2010), 289-291.
- Review, José M. Alamillo, *Making Lemonade Out of Lemons: Mexican American Labor and Leisure in a California Town, 1880-1960*, in *Labor History* Vol. 51 No. 3 (August 2010).
- Review, Emilio Zamora, *Claiming Rights and Righting Wrongs in Texas* in *Pacific Historical Review* Vol. 79 No. 2 (May 2010), 296-298.

### Other Publications

- “Writing a Book Proposal,” *Chronicle Vitae*, 24 January 2017, <https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1677-writing-a-book-proposal>.
- “Grounds for Dreaming,” *PROCESS: A Blog for American History*, 28 July 2016, <http://www.processhistory.org/grounds-for-dreaming/>.
- “Love in the Time of Operation Wetback,” *Yale Books Unbound* blog, 9 February 2016, <http://blog.yupnet.org/2016/02/09/love-in-the-time-of-operation-wetback-mexican-americans-mexican-immigrants-and-historical-heartbreak/>.
- “The Page 99 Test: *Grounds for Dreaming*,” 23 January 2016, [page99test.blogspot.com/2016/01/lori-floress-grounds-for-dreaming.html](http://page99test.blogspot.com/2016/01/lori-floress-grounds-for-dreaming.html).
- “Legal Loopholes Put Lives of Migrant Workers at Risk,” Op-Ed, *Detroit Free Press*, 15 November 2015, <http://www.freep.com/story/opinion/contributors/2015/11/14/migrant-farmworker-transportation-michigan/75754982/>.
- “Postmortem: Did ‘True Detective’ Do Justice to Latino California?” *PopMatters*, 1 September 2015, <http://www.popmatters.com/post/196624-postmortem-did-true-detective-do-justice-to-latino-california/>.
- “The Dissertation Finish Line,” *Inside Higher Ed*, 10 April 2015, <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2015/04/10/essay-how-reach-phd-dissertation-finish-line>.

“The Neglected Heroines of ‘Cesar Chávez’,” *Colorlines*, 31 March 2014,  
<http://www.colorlines.com/articles/neglected-heroines-cesar-chavez>.

“How the Academic Job Market is Like Dating,” *Inside Higher Ed*, 26 November 2012,  
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2012/11/26/essay-similarities-between-dating-and-academic-job-hunting>.

### **INVITED TALKS**

“The Beauty of Respect: Mexican American Civil Rights Organizations and Their Beauty Pageants, 1950 to the Present,” Newberry Scholl Center Borderlands and Latino/a Studies Seminar, 12 May 2017.

Invited Lecture on the “Bittersweet Harvest” Bracero Program Traveling Exhibit, Holocaust Museum Houston, Houston, TX, 16 February 2017.

“Beyond Migrant Workers: Mexicans in the U.S.,” Guest Lecture, Reading Area Community College, Reading, Pennsylvania, January 2017.

Keynote Speaker, Hispanic Heritage Month, Stony Brook University, 5 October 2016.

Panelist, “The Hands That Feed: California Farmworkers, Past and Present,” Oakland Book Festival, Oakland, California, 22 May 2016.

Panelist, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty New Books Lunchtime Panel, Stony Brook Humanities Institute, 3 May 2016.

Book Talk, American University, Washington, D.C., 8 April 2016.

Inaugural Speaker, Cesar Chavez Commemoration, Ohio State University, 31 March 2016.

Guest Lecturer for Dean Sacha Kopp, “Originality in the Arts and Sciences,” Stony Brook University, 11 March 2016.

“Latino Work and Migration in the Northeast, 1940 to the Present,” History Department Colloquium, University of British Columbia, 3 March 2016.

Book Talk, Department of Chicana/o Studies, University of California-Santa Cruz, 2 March 2016.

Book Talk, Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum, King City, California, 1 March 2016.

Panelist, New Books Panel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bi-Annual Sal Castro Memorial Conference on the Emerging Historiography of the Chicano Movement, University of California-Santa Barbara, 26 February 2016.

“Latinos and the U.S. Farmworker Rights Movement: The Traumas of Then and Now,” Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Lunchtime Colloquium, Stanford University, 24 February 2016.

“The Role of Women in the U.S. Farmworker Justice Movement,” Women’s History Month Lecture, St. John’s University, 9 February 2015.

“The Bracero Program,” Metropolitan Expeditionary Learning School, Queens, New York, 9 January 2015.

Invited panelist, Roundtable on the Intersections between Native American, Urban, Environmental, and Borderlands History, New York University, 21 November 2014.

Invited Speaker, Si Se Puedel! Panel on Immigrant and Farmworker Rights, Hofstra University, 8 October 2014.

Guest lecture, “Opening the Archives” Bracero Program Symposium, DePaul University, 3 October 2014.

- “Contemporary Immigration Issues and Race,” Department of History, San Francisco State University, 12 May 2014.
- Guest Presenter, Inaugural Bancroft Seminar on Latino Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 9 May 2014.
- “Finishing the Dissertation and Turning It Into a Monograph,” Department of History, Stanford University, 8 May 2014.
- “A Blossoming of Red Flags: The Salinas Farmworkers Strike of 1970,” Labor and Working-Class History Seminar, Hunter College, City University of New York, 29 April 2014.
- “Latino Immigration Since The Great Depression,” Guest lecture, Bridging Historias through Latino History and Culture: An NEH Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges Project, CUNY Graduate Center, 25 April 2014.
- “Battlegrounds of Masculinity: Latino Servicemen, Zoot Suiters, and Farmworkers in World War II,” Stony Brook Initiative for Historical Social Sciences, 5 March 2014.
- “Before Chávez Came: The Pre-History of the 1970 Salinas Lettuce Workers’ Strike,” 2<sup>nd</sup> Bi-Annual Sal Castro Memorial Conference on the Emerging Historiography of the Chicano Movement, University of California at Santa Barbara, 21 February 2014.
- “Fields of Division: Relationships Between Mexican Americans and Mexicans in California Agriculture, 1940-1970,” Latin American and Caribbean Studies New Faculty Colloquium, Stony Brook University, 23 October 2013.
- “The History of Braceros in the Salinas Valley,” Keynote Speech, Smithsonian “Bittersweet Harvest” exhibit opening, Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum, King City, CA, 31 May 2013.
- “Writing and Finishing the Dissertation,” Stanford University Women’s Community Center, Stanford, CA, 9 November 2012.
- “Advice for the History Job Market,” Stanford University Department of History, 21 May 2012.
- “Mexican American Women’s Role as Border Crossers in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” Women in Academia Symposium, 40 Years of Women at Bowdoin Celebration, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, 30 March 2012.
- “A Triad of Tension: Relationships Between Mexican Americans, Braceros, and Undocumented Immigrants in 1950s California Agriculture,” Latino/a History Lecture Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 4 November 2011.
- “Publishing Your Work: The Inside Story,” Guest Panelist, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Santa Clara, CA, 13 August 2010.
- “Teaching a Diverse Student Population: From Experiences to Strategies,” Department of History Pedagogy Workshop for First-Year Students, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 2012, May 2011, April 2010, May 2009.

## **CONFERENCES**

- Chair and Comment, “Spaces of Work and Struggle in the Southwest,” Labor and Working Class History Association Conference, Seattle, WA, May 2017.
- Chair and Comment, “Finding Activists in Unexpected Places: New Directions in Farmworker History,” Western Association of Women Historians Meeting, San Diego, CA, May 2017.
- Participant, “California Farm Labor History Beyond Cesar Chavez” Book Roundtable, Organization of American Historians Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 2017.
- “Writing Emotions in Historical Scholarship,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association

- Meeting, Waikoloa, HI, 6 August 2016.
- Participant, “New Research Questions in Chicano/Latino/Borderlands History” Roundtable, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Meeting, Waikoloa, HI, 5 August 2016.
- Participant, Special Tribute Panel to Albert Camarillo, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Meeting, Waikoloa, HI, 5 August 2016.
- Chair and Comment, “Work and the Law,” LACS Graduate Student Conference, Stony Brook Manhattan, 22 April 2016.
- Chair and Comment, “Activism and Conservative Politics During the Reagan Era: Local Histories and the Struggle for Social Justice in the West,” Western History Association Conference, Portland, OR, 24 October 2015.
- Chair and Comment, “Miserable on Main Street,” American Studies Association Conference, Toronto, Canada, 11 October 2015.
- Chair and Comment, “Political Trauma and the Production of Memory,” LACS Graduate Student Conference, Stony Brook Manhattan, 10 April 2015.
- “Desired as Labor But Not as Neighbors: Mexican Bracero Guestworkers and Socio-Sexual Quarantine in California, 1942-1964,” Quarantine: History, Heritage, Place Conference, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, 14-16 August 2014.
- Chair and Comment, “At the Border of ‘Legal’ and ‘Illegal’ Immigration,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 9 August 2013.
- “A Blossoming of Red Flags: Cesar Chávez and the United Farm Workers’ Lettuce Boycott in California,” Boycotts: Past and Present Conference, Birkbeck College, University of London, London, England, 20 June 2013.
- “‘Soldiers of the Plough’: Mexican Americans, Braceros, and Battles Over Gender and Power in WWII Agricultural California,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, San Diego, CA, 10 August 2012.
- “A Town Full of Dead Mexicans: The Salinas Valley Bracero Tragedy of 1963,” Western Association of Women Historians Conference, Berkeley, CA, 5 May 2012.
- “Bound in Tension: Relationships Between Mexican Americans and Mexicans in California’s Salinas Valley,” American Studies Association Conference, San Antonio, TX, 20 November 2010.
- “Relationships and Resistance: Mexican Americans and Mexicans in the Salinas United Farm Workers Strike, 1970,” Southwest Labor Studies Association Conference, Santa Cruz, CA, 7 May 2010.
- “Reexamining the Burial of a Barrio: Cold War Gender Politics, Citizenship Strategies, and Public Reaction in the Chavez Ravine Controversy.” Organization of American Historians Meeting, Seattle, WA, 26 March 2009.
- “Forgotten Worlds of War: Tejanas’ Military Experiences and Memories of World War II.” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Pasadena, CA, 8 August 2008.
- “Mexican American Women’s First Legal Voice: MALDEF’s Chicana Rights Project, Feminism, and The Chicana Civil Rights Movement, 1974-1983.” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Honolulu, HI, 25 July 2007.
- “An Unladylike Strike Fashionably Clothed: Mexican American and Anglo Women Garment Workers Against Tex Son, 1959-1963.” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, 5 August 2006.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Host, *New Books in Latino Studies* podcast, New Books Network, 2015-present.

C-SPAN Segment, "Chicano Authors Discuss Their Books," 26 February 2016.

Guest, radio show, "The Farm Report," Heritage Radio Network, 14 January 2016.

Guest panelist, Immigration Reform segment, FreshOutlook news program (Ebru TV), 21 February 2015.

Guest speaker, *100 Stories*, documentary film, directed by Mark Baer. Monterey, CA, 11 December 2011.

## **TEACHING**

Undergraduate:           The History of Latinos in the United States (lecture)  
                                  Labor, Gender, and Immigration in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands (writing seminar)  
                                  The History of the U.S. Working Class (lecture)  
                                  Labor, Leisure, and Love in Mexican America (research seminar)  
                                  The History of the U.S. West (lecture)  
                                  The U.S.-Mexico Borderlands (writing seminar)  
                                  Immigration in American History (lecture)  
                                  Latino New York (seminar, forthcoming)

Graduate:                 Global Borderlands  
                                  Readings in Latino/a History  
                                  U.S. History Since the Civil War

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

**2016-2017**                 Member, Search Committee, Gardiner Chair in American History  
**2016-2017**                 Member, Graduate Committee  
**2016-2017**                 Member, Diversity Action Committee  
**Fall 2016**                 Invited Speaker, Graduate Student Workshop, "Navigating the Academic Job Market"  
**2015-2016**                 Member, Executive Committee  
**Fall 2013**                 Member, Graduate Committee  
**Fall 2012**                 Discussion Leader, Graduate Student Roundtable, "Preparing for the Job Market"

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Fall 2016**                 Introductory Speaker, "A Conversation with Cristina Henriquez"  
**Fall 2016**                 Keynote Speaker, Hispanic Heritage Month  
**Fall 2016**                 Speaker, Faculty Panel for Stony Brook University Scholars  
**Fall 2016**                 Faculty Expert Panelist, "Immigration and the 2016 Election" Event  
**Fall 2016**                 Member, FAHSS Research Grant Committee  
**2016-2017**                 Co-organizer, Initiative for the Historical Social Sciences (IHSS)  
**Summer 2016**             Guest Lecturer, Stony Brook Pre-College Institute  
**Spring 2016 – Present**   Member, Latin American & Caribbean Studies Center (LACC) Advisory Board  
**2016, 2015**                 Member, LACC Tinker Grant Committee  
**2015 - Present**             Member, Steering Committee, Center for the Study of Inequality and Social Justice  
                                  (formerly the Center for the Study of Working Class Life)  
**Spring 2015**             Member, LACC Sanchez Memorial Scholarship Committee  
**Fall 2013**                 Speaker, University Orientation for New Teaching Assistants in the Arts and Humanities

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

- 2016-2019** Member, Ida B. Wells Dissertation Award Committee, Coordinating Council for Women in History (Chair, 2018-19 academic year)
- 2016** Script Consultant, “The Dust Bowl and the Great Depression,” Mission U.S. Video Game, The American Social History Project/WNET
- 2014-2017** Member, Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize Committee, Western Association of Women Historians (Chair, 2016-17 academic year)
- 2013-2016** Member, Nupur Chaudhuri First Article Award Committee, Coordinating Council for Women in History (Chair, 2015-16 academic year)
- 2013-2014** Program Committee Member, 2014 Western History Association Annual Meeting
- 2011 - Present** Manuscript reviewer for the *Journal of American History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Americas*, *Women’s History Review*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, and *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*

## **HONORS/AWARDS**

- 2016** Winner, Best History Book, International Latino Book Awards
- 2016** Honorable Mention, Gita Chaudhuri Book Prize
- 2016** Recipient, Stony Brook Graduate Fellowship and Faculty Research Program
- 2014** Andrew W. Mellon Short-Term Fellowship, Huntington Library
- 2014** Archibald Hanna Fellowship, Beinecke Library, Yale University
- 2014** Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize, Western Association of Women Historians
- 2013** FAHSS Research Grant, Stony Brook University
- 2013** Sam Fishman Travel Grant Award, Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University
- 2012-2015** Faculty Diversity Program Fellowship, State University of New York
- 2012** Faculty Class Development Award, Bowdoin College
- 2011** Faculty Research Development Award, Bowdoin College
- 2010-2011** Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellow, Stanford University Humanities Center
- 2010** Jensen-Miller Article Prize, Western History Association
- 2010** Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University
- 2009** W. Turrentine Jackson Article Prize from the *Pacific Historical Review*
- 2009** Haynes Foundation Fellowship, Huntington Library
- 2005-2008** Ford Foundation Diversity Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2005** New York Labor History Association Barbara Wertheimer Prize