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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Northern Arizona University

WGS/ES 191:

Intro to Race, Gender Identity
and Ethnicity Fall '19

WGS/HIS 355:

History of Feminisms and
Feminist Historiographies Fall '19
(co-taught with WGS
Department Chair Dr. Sanjam
Ahluwalia)

WGS 180:

Feminist Media Studies Summer '19

Teaching Assistant

University of Washington

HSTCMP 284:

History of Sex Fall '23

HSTAA 212:

Military History of the US from
Colonial to Present Spring '22

HSTAA 317:

History of the Digital Age Winter '22

HSTLAC 185:

Race, Gender, and Class in
Latin America and Caribbean Fall '21

Northern Arizona University

HIS 102

World History Survey II Spring '18

HIS 101

World History Survey I Spring '17

HIS 293

American Indian History Fall '17

HIS 280

Colonial Latin America Fall '16

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH

My research and teaching expertise lay in the overlap between histories of disease, medicine, and public health and global environmental history in Latin America and the Caribbean. My MA thesis examined English privateers as creators and circulators of scientific knowledge about the natural world between 1680 and 1720. My first research project at the PhD level took a digital historical approach to the study of the prescription records of a British colonial doctor working in Nevis in the 1880s, illuminating the global circulation of tropical medicaments and the micro politics of colonial public health in the Caribbean.

My dissertation research focuses on the colonial history of Panamá. I explore the mule trains that travelled on the colonial roads that were integral to the imperial networks of the global Spanish empire— the Camino de Cruces and the Camino Real. Prior to the canal of the 20th century and the railroad of the 19th century, the Caminos, and the mule trains that travelled them, were the backbone of the Panamanian economy and a lynchpin of the burgeoning global imperial economy. This transportation network, or *trajín*, allowed for the imperial connection of the the Pacific and Atlantic worlds, and the formation of the first global maritime empire in human history. My dissertation probes into the social ecology of the *trajín*, and the environmental experiences of the transportation industry, especially the experiences of mules and the specialized enslaved African muleteers that drove them. My dissertation is the first in-depth examination of ecological and environmental aspects of the economy and society of the Panamanian *trajín*. The stories of the *trajín* illuminate the richness of colonial society in Panamá through an exploration of the lives and labor of the humans and non-humans alike.

EDUCATION

PhC University of Washington. Seattle, WA. Candidacy achieved Fall, 2022

Passed General Exams with Honors

Exam Fields:

History of Latin America 1500-2000s

Dr. Adam Warren.

Caribbean History from Late Colonial to Modern Eras

Dr. Ileana Rodríguez-Silva.

Modern African History

Dr. Lynn Thomas

Comparative Environmental History

Dr. Purnima Dhavan

MA Northern Arizona University. Flagstaff, AZ. May, 2018

Research track. Primary emphasis colonialism and nationalism; secondary emphasis race and ethnicity

Thesis title: "Pirates Science, and Empire: English Privateers and Knowledge Creation in the Early Modern Atlantic World."

Committee Chair: Dr. Ryan Kashanipour

BA SUNY New Paltz. New Paltz, NY. May, 2014

History Major with emphasis on Atlantic World
Graduated with Honors

AA Orange County Community College. Newburg, NY. May, 2012

Graduated with Honors

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

History of Science Society Annual Meeting

Portland, OR. November 9-12, 2023.

Presentation title:

"Dr. Burke's Pharmacopeia: A Digital Historical approach to the Pharmaceutical Archive of Nevis, 1881-1882."

136th American Historical Association Conference

Philadelphia, PA. January 5-8, 2023.

Presentation title:

"Notes From the Infirmary: Colonial Public Health in Late-Nineteenth-Century British Nevis."

10th Northeastern Conference on World History

Boston, MA. March 24-25, 2018.

Presentation title:

"Promoting Useful Knowledge: English Adventurers and Biopiracy in the Atlantic World 1670-1730."

18th International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History

Arlington, TX. October 19-20, 2017.

Presentation title:

"Imagining a Colonized Middle Class: Afro-Caribbean Intellectuals and the Process of Decolonization."

SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND WORKSHOPS

Incorporating Latin America and the Caribbean into Teaching in Environmental History

Portland, OR. November 8-9, 2023.

Organized by Red de Estudios de Ciencias y Saberes en Latinoamérica y el Caribe

Microseminar on Indigenous Borderlands in North America

University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
April 8, 20-22, 2023.

Sponsored by the Simpson Center for the Humanities and the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest,

Seminar in Digital Storytelling & Indigenous Histories of the Salish Sea

University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
Spring, 2023.

Cross-listed and co-taught by the Archeology and History Department with support from the Simpson Center for the Humanities

PUBLICATIONS

"Book review of *Where We Call Home: Lands, Seas, and Skies of the Pacific Northwest* by Josephine Woolington
Pacific Northwest Quarterly, forthcoming

"Book review of *The Torrid Zone: Caribbean Colonization and Cultural Interaction in the Long Seventeenth Century* edited by L.H. Roper.
Caribbean Quarterly, vol 68, 3. 2022

"Genitals as Body-Parts: Deploying Transnational and Decolonial Feminist Pedagogies Within an American Classroom to Illuminate Genital Modification Practices."
Co-authored with Dr. Sanjam Ahluwalia.
Contingencies, vol. 1, 2. Fall, 2021.

"Book review of *The First Black Slave Society: Britain's 'Barbarity Time' in Barbados, 1636-1876* by Hilary McD. Beckles.
Caribbean Quarterly, vol 65, 1. 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Intern at *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*
University of Washington
September 2022 - June 2023

Ex-Officio member of History Graduate Liaison Committee
University of Washington
September 2022 - June 2023

History Representative at the Graduate and Professional Student Senate
University of Washington
September 2022 - June 2023

Ad hoc Hiring committee for Historian of Global Environmental History and South Asian History
University of Washington
March, 2023

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

American Society for Environmental History Fellowship
The Newberry Library, Chicago, 2024

Digital Humanities Summer Fellowship
University of Washington, Simpson Center for the Humanities, 2024

Costigan Endowed Fellowship
University of Washington, History Department. Spring 2024

David and Helen Pinkney Fellowship
University of Washington, History Department. Winter 2024

Antoinette Wills Scholarship
University of Washington, College of Arts & Sciences. Spring 2024

William J Rorabaugh Department Service Award
University of Washington, History Department. 2023

Outstanding Student Leader Prize
University of Washington, History Department. 2023

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Scholarship
University of Washington, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies. 2023

Valeen T. Avery Collegiate Award for Best Graduate Paper
Arizona History Convention, 2018
