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**Matthew Restall was educated at Oxford and at UCLA. He is Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of History and Anthropology, and Director of Latin American Studies, at Penn State University. He has published twenty-two books (thirty-eight counting all editions, in seven languages), and over eighty articles/essays, focusing on four areas of specialization: the history of colonial Mesoamerica, primarily Yucatan and the Maya; Africans in Spanish America; the Spanish Conquest era in the Americas; and the history of popular music.**

Restall’s latest books include three collaborations with Amara Solari: *The Friar and the Maya* (brand new for December 2023); *The Maya* (2020, in Oxford’s Very Short Introductions series, published in Chinese in 2023); and *The Maya Apocalypse and its Western Roots* (2021). Also recent is the updated edition of *Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest* (2021; 2022 in Chinese); *Entre Mayas y Españoles* (a 2020 translation of *The Black Middle*); and *Blue Moves* (2020, in the *33 1/3* series), his first foray into pop music history. *Ghosts: Journeys to Post-Pop* comes out in 2024, while books *On Elton* (for Oxford’s Opinionated Guides series), on Belize, and on Columbus, are all underway.

In addition to the above, Restall’s work on Maya historyincludes *The Maya World* (1997), *Maya Conquistador* (1998), and co-authored volumes *Mesoamerican Voices* (2005) and *Return to Ixil* (2019). His books on Afro-Spanish America include two edited volumes, *Beyond Black and Red* (2005) and *Black Mexico* (2009), and a monograph, *The Black Middle: Africans, Mayas, and Spaniards in Colonial Yucatan*, that won the 2009 CLAH prize for best book on Mexican history.

His contributions to the New Conquest History include *Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest* (2003 & 2021, & in four other languages), *Invading Guatemala* (2007, in Penn State Press’ Latin American Originals series, of which he is founding editor), and his co-authored *The Conquistadors* (2012, in Oxford’s VSI series). The newest, *When Montezuma Met Cortés: A True History of the Meeting that Changed History* (2018), won the 2020 Cline Prize for best book on Indigenous history. It is also available in Spanish, and a Chinese edition is in press.

Restall has written two textbooks with Kris Lane: *Latin America in Colonial Times* (2011; 2018) and *The Riddle of Latin America* (2011). He and Lane are editors of Cambridge University Press’s Cambridge Latin American Studies book series. He was senior co-editor of *Ethnohistory* (2007-2016) and of the *Hispanic American Historical Review* (2017-2022).

The recipient of three full-year National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships (including 2023-24) and a Guggenheim Fellowship, as well as a Leverhulme Visiting Professorship, Restall has held fellowships at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, and at Brown University’s John Carter Brown Library (JCB). He has also been a fellow at the Library of Congress, at the US Capitol, and at the University of London. In 2020 he was Greenleaf Distinguished Chair of Latin American Studies at Tulane University. He is a Past President of the American Society for Ethnohistory, and he served on the Board of Governors of the JCB for 2014-23.

Professional Positions

* Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of History, Pennsylvania State University, since 2007 (courtesy appts in Anthropology and in Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies); Director of Latin American Studies, since 1999
* Richard Greenleaf Distinguished Chair of Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 2020
* Professor of History, Pennsylvania State University, 2004-07 (Director of Graduate Studies in History, 2005-08)
* Associate Professor of History, Pennsylvania State University, 1998-2004
* Assistant Professor of History, Boston College, 1995-98
* Assistant Professor of History, Southwestern University, 1993-95
* Co-editor of *Ethnohistory* journal (2007-16) and *Hispanic American Historical Review* (2017-22)
* President, American Society for Ethnohistory (2017-18)
* Chair, Association of Friends & Fellows (2014-20), Board Member (2014-23), John Carter Brown Library, Brown University

Major Fellowships & Grants

* National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship, 2023-24
* Kislak Fellowship, Kluge Center, Library of Congress, 2017
* Capitol Fellowship, US Capitol Historical Society, 2017
* Leverhulme Visiting Professor, School for Advanced Study, University of London, 2017-2018 (declined)
* Membership, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2013-14
* Saunders Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, 2013-14
* John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 2003-04
* NEH Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, 2001-02
* Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Center, Yale University, Fall 2001 (declined)
* National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship, 1997-98

Minor & Internal Grants & Awards

* Institute for the Arts and Humanities Fellow, Penn State, 2011
* Faculty Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement, Penn State, 2007
* Research Grant, Penn State’s IAH & RGSO, 2003
* NAVE Visiting Scholar, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1999
* Research Grant, Penn State, 1999-2000
* Faculty Fellowship, Boston College, Fall 1997
* Research Incentive Grant, Boston College, 1996-97
* Spring Research Expense Grant, Boston College, 1996
* NEH, Summer Stipend, 1995

Education

University of California, Los Angeles: PhD, History (1992); MA (1989)

Oxford University, England: BA, Honors, 1st Class, History (1986)

Publications

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**Books**

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# [2024] • ***Ghosts: Journeys into Post-Pop (fame, gender, genre, and the story of how David***

# ***Sylvian, Mark Hollis, and Kate Bush reinvented pop music).*** Tewkesbury, UK:

# Sonicbond Publishing.

# [2024] 馬雅：被誤解的中美洲文明 / ***The Maya***. Nanjing: Yilin Press. Bilingual edition.

2023 • ***The Friar and the Maya: Diego de Landa and the Account of the Things of Yucatan***.

(with Amara Solari, John F. Chuchiak, and Traci Ardren). Louisville: University Press of Colorado.

2023 印第安帝国的覆灭. Shanghai: Dook Publishing. Chinese edition of *When Montezuma Met Cortés*.

# 2023 馬雅：被誤解的中美洲文明. Taipei: Sunrise Press. Chinese edition of *The Maya.*

# 2022 西班牙征服的七个神话. Shanghai: People’s Publishing House. Chinese edition of

# *Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest.*

2021 • ***The Maya Apocalypse and its Western Roots*** (with Amara Solari). Lanham, MD:

Rowman & Littlefield.

2021 • ***Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest, Updated Edition****.* New York: Oxford

University Press.

2020 • ***The Maya: A Very Short Introduction*** (with Amara Solari). Oxford: Oxford University Press [also an Audiobook].

2020 ***Entre Mayas y Españoles: Africanos en el Yucatán Colonial***. Mexico City: Fondo de Cultura Económica. Revised Spanish edition of *The Black Middle*.

2020 • ***Blue Moves***. 33 1/3 series. New York: Bloomsbury.

2020 ***Siedem mitow podboju Ameryki***. Warsaw: Bellona. Polish edition of *Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest*.

2019 • ***Return to Ixil: Maya Society in an Eighteenth-Century Yucatec Town*** (with Mark Christensen). Boulder: University Press of Colorado.

2019 ***Cuando Moctezuma conoció a Cortés***. Mexico City: Taurus. Spanish edition of *When Montezuma Met Cortés.* Delbolsillo/Penguin edition, 2022.

2018 • ***When Montezuma Met Cortés: The True Story of the Meeting that Changed History.***\* New York: Ecco. HarperCollins paperback and audiobook 2019.

2018 • ***Latin America in Colonial Times*** (with Kris Lane). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2nd edition of 2011 book.

2017 **Конкуридаторите**. Sofia: Ashur. Bulgarian edition of *The Conquistadors.*

2017 **I Sette Mitti Della Conquista Spagnola**. Palermo: 21 Editore. Italian edition of *Seven Myths*.

2014 • ***Conquista de Buenas Palabras y de Guerra: una visión indígena de la conquista*** (with Michel Oudijk). Mexico City: UNAM. Revised edition of *La Conquista Indígena*.

2013 ***Los Conquistadores*** (with Felipe Fernández-Armesto). Madrid: Alianza Editorial. Spanish edition of *The Conquistadors*. Reprinted in 2018.

2012 • ***The Conquistadors: A Very Short Introduction*** (with Felipe Fernández-Armesto). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2011 ***Latin America in Colonial Times*** (with Kris Lane). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2011 • ***The Riddle of Latin America*** (with Kris Lane). Boston: Cengage.

2011 ***2012 and the End of the World: The Western Roots of the Maya Apocalypse*** (with Amara Solari). Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

2009 • ***The Black Middle: Africans, Mayas, and Spaniards in Colonial Yucatan****.*\*\* Stanford: Stanford University Press.

2009• ***Black Mexico: Race and Society from Colonial to Modern Times*** (editor, with Ben Vinson III). Diálogos series. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press.

2008 ***La Conquista Indígena de Mesoamérica: El caso de Don Gonzalo Mazatzin Moctezuma*** (with Michel Oudijk). Puebla, Mexico: Secretaría de Cultura del Gobierno del Estado de Puebla.

2007 • ***Invading Guatemala: Spanish, Nahua, and Maya Accounts of the Conquest Wars*** (with Florine Asselbergs). Latin American Originals #2. University Park: Penn State University Press.

2006 ***Sete mitos da conquista espanhola***. Rio de Janeiro: Civilização Brasileira. Portuguese edition of *Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest*.

2005 • ***Mesoamerican Voices: Native-Language Writings from Central Mexico, Oaxaca, Yucatan, and Guatemala*** (editor, with Lisa Sousa and Kevin Terraciano). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2005 • ***Beyond Black and Red: African-Native Relations in Colonial Latin America*** (editor). Diálogos series. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press.

2005 ***Los siete mitos de la conquista española***. Barcelona: Paidós (Paidós Orígenes #46). Spanish edition of *Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest*.

2003 ***Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest.\*\*\**** New York: Oxford University Press. Paperback 2004. Also an Audiobook.

2001 • ***Maya Survivalism*** (ed., with Ueli Hostettler). Markt Schwaben, Germany: Verlag Anton Saurwein (Acta Mesoamericana No. 12).

1998 • ***Maya Conquistador***. Boston: Beacon Press. Paperback 1999.

1998 • ***Dead Giveaways: Indigenous Testaments of Colonial Mesoamerica and the Andes*** (editor, with Susan Kellogg). Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press.

1997 • ***The Maya World: Yucatec Culture and Society, 1550-1850.*** Stanford: Stanford University Press. Paperback ed. 1999.

1995 • ***Life and Death in a Maya Community: The Ixil Testaments of the 1760s.*** Lancaster, CA: Labyrinthos.

\* Winner of the CLAH Howard F. Cline Memorial Prize for Best Book on Indigenous History in 2018-19. Hudson News national Book of the Month (August 2018).

\*\* Winner of the CLAH Prize for Best Book on Mexican History in 2009.

\*\*\* Listed as one of the twelve Best History Books of 2003 by The Economist (Dec 6-12, 2003, p. 76).

**Articles & Essays (peer-reviewed in journals)**

2020 “Maya Militia: The Government and Defense of a Colonial Yucatec Town” (with Mark Christensen), in *Colonial Latin American Review* 29: 1 (April), 73-90

2020 “The Trouble with ‘America’,” in *Ethnohistory* 67:1 (January), 1-28

2019 “Creating ‘Belize’: the Mapping and Naming History of a Liminal Locale,” in *Terrae Incognitae* 51: 1 (February), 5-35

2017 “Drought and its Demographic Effects in the Maya Lowlands” (2nd author, with Julie A. Hoggarth, James Wood, and Douglas J. Kennett), in *Current Anthropology* 58:1 (February), 82-113

2016 “Moses, Caesar, Hero, Anti-Hero: the Posthumous Faces of Hernando Cortés,” in *Leidschrift* 31:2 (May), 33-58

2014 “Crossing to Safety? Frontier Flight in Eighteenth-Century Belize and Yucatan,” in *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 94:3 (August), 381-419

2013 “Cook’s Passage: An English Spy in the Yucatan,” in *World History Connected*, 10:1 (February) (worldhistoryconnected.press.illinois.edu/)

2012 “The New Conquest History,” in *History Compass*, vol. 10 (history-compass.com/ caribbean-latin-america)

2010 “The Mysterious and the Invisible: Writing History In and Of Colonial Yucatan,” in *Ancient Mesoamerica*, 21:2 (Fall), 393-400 (in a special section on Maya Archaeology and Social Memory, eds. Greg Borgstede and Charles Golden, 309-414)

2010 “Indigenous Views of the Conquest of Guatemala: Unraveling Written Accounts by Nahuas and Mayas,” in *Mesoamérica* 52 (June)

2004 “Maya Ethnogenesis,” in *Journal of Latin American Anthropology*, 9:1 (Spring), 64-89

2003 “A History of the New Philology and the New Philology in History," in *Latin American Research Review*, 38:1 (February), 113-34

2002 “A Re-evaluation of the Authenticity of Fray Diego de Landa’s Relación de las cosas de Yucatán” (with John F. Chuchiak), in *Ethnohistory*, 49:3 (Summer), 651-69

2001 “Filología y etnohistoria: Una breve historia de la ‘nueva filología’ en Norteamérica,” in *Desacatos: Revista de Antropología Social* 7 (Autumn), 85-102

2000 “Otredad y ambigüedad: las percepciones que los españoles y los mayas tenían de los africanos en el Yucatán colonial,” in *Signos Históricos*, 2:4 (July-December), 15-38

2000 “Black Conquistadors: Armed Africans in Colonial Spanish America,” in *The Americas*, 57:2 (October), 171-205

2000 (with Jane Landers) “The African Experience in Early Spanish America” (guest editors’ introduction), in *The Americas*, 57:2 (October 2000), 167-70

1998 "The Ties that Bind: Social Cohesion and the Yucatec Maya Family," in *The Journal of Family History*, 23:4 (October), 355-81 (shortlisted for CLAH Prize for best journal article on Latin American history in 1998)

1997 "Heirs to the Hieroglyphs: Indigenous Literacy in Colonial Mesoamerica," in *The Americas*, 54:2 (October), 239-67

1995 "'He wished it in vain': Subordination and Resistance Among Maya Women in Colonial Yucatan," in *Ethnohistory*, 42:4 (Fall), 577-94

**Film, Television, Radio, & Web Appearances (invited)**

2023 1-hour podcast, three parts on “Mexica Society,” “Toltecs,” and “Teotihuacan,” on *Conversations in World History*, at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/conversations-in-world-history/id1665752169>, 8/9

2023 2-hour podcast on “The Conquistadors” on *Well That Aged Well*, at

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1SCBOktUAIr05W3rCuz3uT?si=EWNL0K4AQb2t1MgEe0nj5A&nd=1>

2023 Interview segments for “Montezuma’s Missing Treasure,” a season 4 episode of History’s

Greatest Mysteries, to air on the History Channel and Disney+ in the Summer, 3/20

2023 Interview segments for five episodes of *Rise and Fall: The Conquistadors*, a TV series by Dash Pictures to air on Amazon Prime in the Summer, recorded 7/13/22

2023 40-minute podcast, “Montezuma and Cortes with Matthew Restall” on *Conversations in World History*, at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/conversations-in-world-history/id1665752169?i=1000595103935>, 1/18

2022 1-hour podcast on “Ancient Americas: Debunking the Maya Apocalypse” for *History Hit: The Ancients*, to post in the Fall at <https://shows.acast.com/the-ancients/episodes/the-maya-calendar-debunking-the-apocalypse>, 8/3

2022 Interview segments on Aztecs and Incas for *Crazy Rich Ancients*, a TV series first aired July-August on the History Channel and BBC, 4/11

2022 Consultation with the History Channel on “Montezuma” for a Mexico-themed television episode, 1/26

2022 Consultation with History Studio on a Maya-themed television episode for Paramount Pictures (with Amara Solari), 1/10

2021 1-hour podcast on “Future History” (with Holly Pinheiro and Amara Solari), on History Hack, <https://historyhack.podbean.com/e/history-hack-future-historywhere-history-goes-now/>, posted 11/5

2021 Consultation with Sony Animation Studios on an Aztec-themed animated feature film, 10/7

2021 1-hour podcast on “Maya Apocalypse” (with Amara Solari), on History Hack, <https://historyhack.podbean.com/e/history-hack-maya-apocalypse/>, posted 9/27

2021 1-hour interview with Dan Snow on History Hit podcast, on “The Fall of the Aztec Empire,” <https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/thefalloftheaztecempire>, posted 8/13

2021 1-hour podcast on “Everything You Know About the Aztecs Is a Lie,” on History Hack, <https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-zx3ai-1089193>, posted 7/28

2021 1-hour interview on Columbus, South Philadelphia Community Radio (first broadcast

4/23), spcr.org/archived-interviews

2021 1-hour interview on “The Maya: everything you wanted to know” for BBC History Magazine, *HistoryExtra* podcast (4/11), [www.historyextra.com/period/ancient-history/maya-everything-you-wanted-know-podcast/](http://www.historyextra.com/period/ancient-history/maya-everything-you-wanted-know-podcast/)

2021 “When Montezuma Met Cortés,” interview on Public Radio (4/2), at <https://www.boisestatepublicradio.org/show/readers-corner/2021-04-02/when-montezuma-met-cortes-by-matthew-restall>

2020 “The Real Story of Montezuma,” interview for *How Stuff Works* (12/15), history. howstuffworks.com/history-vs-myth/montezuma.htm

2020 1-hour interview on “The Maya” (with Amara Solari) on *The Unexplained with Howard Hughes*, on talkRADIO (UK), 11/30 (and talkradio.co.uk/radio/listen-again/1606687200#)

2020 “Who Was the Real Christopher Columbus?” interview in *Philadelphia Magazine* (7/29), [www.phillymag.com/news/2020/07/29/christopher-columbus-statue-philly-matthew-restall/](http://www.phillymag.com/news/2020/07/29/christopher-columbus-statue-philly-matthew-restall/)

2020 1-hour interview on Michael Causey’s *GET UP! Show,* WOWD 94.3, takomaradio.org (first broadcast 5/18).

2019 Three separate NPR interviews, with initial broadcasts Nov-Dec (e.g. “500 Years Later, the Spanish Conquest of Mexico is Still Being Debated,” 11/10, on NPR’s *Weekend Edition*).

2016 Guest on Melvyn Bragg’s *In Our Time*, episode on “The Maya,” broadcast live on BBC Radio 4, 3/10/16.

2014 Interview segments for BBC Radio 4 series, *Debt*, episode on the Early Modern World, first broadcast Spring 2015.

2013 Interview segments for “The New World” episode of the series *America: Facts vs* *Fiction*, filmed in Philadelphia, first broadcast on The Military Channel, 8/13.

2011 Interview segment about *2012 and the End of the World* (with Amara Solari) on WPSX (radio), first broadcast 2/11.

2007 Interview segments in *Aztecs Revealed*, a documentary film by Firefly Productions; segments filmed in Mexico City 7/07; first broadcast in the UK (Channel 5) 9/07, in the US (PBS) 11/07 as *Aztec Massacre*, with DVD release 12/07.

2005 Segments on Cortés and Pizarro for “Global View,” on the History Channel International, filmed in New York City, 10/05 & 11/05; first broadcast 11/05.

2003 Interview on Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest on “Take Note,” WPSX (television); first broadcast 10/03.

**Newspaper, Magazine, & Online Articles (invited, as author)**

2021 “El Mito de la Conquista: una ronda revisionista,” in *Nexos* (August), 20-28

2021 “Los tres grandes mitos sobre la caída de Tenochtitlán” in *Noticonquista* [Mexico]: www.noticonquista.unam.mx/index

2020 “Hidden behind gods and kings” (with Amara Solari), in *British Museum Magazine* (Winter), 48-51

2020 “El asesinato de Moctezuma” and “Relaciones de Cortés” in *Noticonquista* [Mexico]: [www.noticonquista.unam.mx/index.php/amoxtli/2106/2098](http://www.noticonquista.unam.mx/index.php/amoxtli/2106/2098)

2019-2021 Monthly essays (31 in total) on the Spanish-Aztec War, as “Encounters Countdown” on [www.mexicolore.co.uk/aztecs/spanish-invasion](http://www.mexicolore.co.uk/aztecs/spanish-invasion) [UK]

2017 “The Aztecs: A Surprise Ending?” in *The Historian* 134 (Summer), 12-19 ([www.history.org.uk/historian](http://www.history.org.uk/historian)) [UK]

2016 “Montezuma Surrenders in the Capitol,” in *The Capitol Dome* 53:2 (Fall), 2-10 [US]

2016 “La Contradictoria Inmortalidad de Hernán Cortés,” in *Letras Libres* (December), 16-22 [Mexico]

2013 “Mirarse en el espejo del otro: La Conquista de México y The Indian Queen,” in *La Revista del Real* 17 (Sept-Nov), 6 ([www.teatro-real.com/assets](http://www.teatro-real.com/assets)) [Spain]

2011 “Is 2012 the End of the World as We Know it?” (with Amara Solari) in *The Washington Post*, December 30 [US] ([www.washingtonpost.com/opinions](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions))

2004 “The Spanish Conquest Revisited,” in *Historically Speaking* V:5 (May/June), 2-5 [UK]

**Articles as Book Chapters**

n.d. “The Conquest of Mexico: Revising the Narrative” (with John F. Schwaller), in the *Oxford Handbook of Mexican History* [submitted August 2023].

2023 “Foreword” to Louise M. Burkhart, *Staging Christ’s Passion in Eighteenth-Century Nahua Mexico*. Louisville, University Press of Colorado.

2022 “La Conquista Indígena de Mesoamérica” (with Michel Oudijk), in *De Conquistados a Conquistadores: La raíz indígena del reino de la Nueva España. Una mirada renovada*, Alejandro Salafranca Vásquez, ed. Mexico City: Faro/FSGS, 33-50

2022 “The Time Loop of Mexico’s Conquests,” in *Reinventions of the Conquest of Mexico,* Peter Villella and Pablo García Loaeza, eds. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, vii-xiv

2022 “The Landa Conundrum,” in *The Franciscans in Colonial Mexico*, Thomas Cohen, Jay Harrison, and David Rex Galindo, eds. Berkeley & Norman: AmericanAcademy of Franciscan History & University of Oklahoma Press.

2021 “Siete mitos de la batalla que cambiaron la historia,” in *A 500 Años de la Conquista de México-Tenochtitlán: Conversaciones sobre las implicaciones y significados en la historia*. Mexico City: Senado de la República, 135-42

2021 “A History of Violence and Indigeneity: Pinker and the Native Americas,” in *The Darker Angels of Our Nature: Refuting the Pinker Theory of History and Violence*, Philip Dwyer and Mark Micale, eds. London: Bloomsbury, 221-35 ([www.bloomsbury.com/uk/the-darker-angels-of-our-nature)](http://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/the-darker-angels-of-our-nature)).

2021 “Fear, Wonder, and Absence: Our Distorted View of Moctezuma’s Tenochtitlan,” in *A Companion to Viceregal Mexico City*, John F. López, ed. Leiden: Brill, 29-50.

2020 “Legitimized Violence in Colonial Spanish America,” in *The Cambridge World History of Violence* (*CWHoV*), Vol. 3 (Philip Dwyer, ed., Caroline Pennock, vol. ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 408-26.

2020 “The Wars of Invasion in the Caribbean and Mesoamerica, 1492-1547,” in *CWHoV*, Vol. 3 (Philip Dwyer, ed., Caroline Pennock, vol. ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 138-55.

2019 “’There was a time when we were friends’: Las Casas and Cortés as Monstrous Doubles of the Conquest Era,” in *Bartolomé de las Casas, OP: History, Philosophy, and Theology in the Age of European Expansion*, David T. Orique and Rady Roldán-Figueroa, eds. Leiden: Brill, 58-70.

2017 “Maya Ethnogenesis and Group Identity in Yucatan, 1500-1900” (with Wolfgang Gabbert), in “*The Only True People”: Linking Maya Identities Past and Present*, Bethany J. Myers and Lisa LeCount, eds. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 91-130.

2015 “The Irreplaceable Window: Reflections on the Study of Indigenous Wills” (with Susan Kellogg), in *Dead Giveaways II: Native Wills from the Colonial Americas*, eds. Mark Christensen and Jonathan Truitt. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 242-57.

2015 “The Americas in the Age of Indigenous Empires,” in *The Cambridge World History*, Vol. VI: *The Construction of a Global World, 1400-1800, Part 1*, Merry Wiesner-Hanks and Sanjay Subrahmanyam, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 210-42.

2014 “Invasion: The Maya at War, 1520s-1540s,” in *Embattled Bodies, Embattled Places: Conflict, Conquest, and the Performance of War in Pre-Columbian America*, Andrew Scherer and John Verano, eds. Washington, DC: Dumbarton Oaks, pp. 93-117.

2013 “Gaspar Antonio Chi: Bridging the Conquest of Yucatán,” in *The Human Tradition in Colonial Latin America*, 2nd ed., ed. Kenneth J. Andrien. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 13-31 [revised version of 2002 item listed below].

2012 “Disciples of ‘Nich-ness’,” in *Codex Nicholson*, Brian Dervin Dillon and Matthew A. Boxt, eds. Costa Mesa: Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Occasional Papers #4, pp. 104-06.

2012 “Consideraciones finales. Desenterrando la Colonia Temprana en Campeche,” in *Orígenes de la sociedad campechana: Vida y muerte en la ciudad de Campeche durante los siglos XVI y XVII*, Vera Tiesler and Pilar Zabala, eds. Mexico City: UNAM, pp. 241-57.

2011 “Imperial Rivalries: The Heart of the Matter,” in *Mapping Latin America*, Jordana Dym and Karl Offen, eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, pp. 79-83.

2011 “The Gods Return: Conquest and Conquest Society” (with Robert Schwaller), in *A Companion to Mexican History and Culture,* William H. Beezley, ed. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 195-208.

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2022 “The New Mexican Conquest History,” one-day presentation and workshop at the NEH Summer Seminar *Worlds in Collision*, Adelphi University, June

2022 “Modern Myths and Misconceptions about the Maya and Aztecs.” Presentation made at the 4th Indigenous and Latinx Delaware Workshop, the National Council for History Education, University of Delaware, April

2022 “How to Decolonize Our Field? Three Words.” Contribution to online roundtable on “Reframing the Colonial Past,” the Blanton Museum, University of Texas at Austin, April

2022 “The Conquest of Mexico: Five Centuries of Flawed Data and Fake News.” Talk given as the Russel B. Swensen Lecture, Brigham Young University, March

2021 “What Really Happened When Montezuma Met Cortés (and why it may surprise you)?” Talk given at Susquehanna University, November

2021 “Mexico Meetups: A Reflection on the Fall of the Aztec Empire.” Presentation and panel discussion, Indiana University (online), November

2021 “The Big (500-Year-Old) Lie Behind the Spanish Conquest of the Aztecs.” Talk given at Duquesne University, October

2021 “Siete Mitos de la Batalla que Cambió la Historia.” Online presentation to the Senate of the Republic of Mexico, July

2021 “The History of Black Mexico.” Online presentation to the British Embassy, Mexico City, and the British Consulate, Monterrey, April

2020 “When Cortés Met Malinche, and Montezuma Met Cortés: alternative facts and disturbing truths.” Online presentation at Harvard University’s Dumbarton Oaks, November

2020 Talks at Yale University, at Indiana University, and at Dumbarton Oaks, scheduled for March-April butpostponed due to the pandemic

2020 “You Better Belize It.” Talk given to the Mesoamerican Research Institute, Tulane University, February

2019 “When Montezuma Met Cortés.” Talk given at Providence College, November

2019 “Moctezuma and Cortés.” Presentation at a roundtable on the Quincentennial, John Carter Brown Library, November

2019 “When Montezuma Met Cortés.” Keynote address scheduled (but cancelled due to Weather) for a symposium on “Rethinking Colonialism in Mexico and the Americas,” University of Tulsa, November

2019 “When Montezuma Met Cortés.” Talk and seminar given at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, October

2019 “When Montezuma Met Cortés.” Talk given at the Falmouth Museums, June

2019 “Uncovering the Shocking Truths of the Spanish-Aztec War.” Talk given at the University of Exeter, March

2019 “Gifts of Women: Uncovering the Shocking Truths of the Spanish-Aztec War.” Talk given at the Denver Art Museum, January

2018 “Challenging the Imperial Narrative: the Spanish-Aztec Encounter.” Talk given at Oxford University and at the University of Bristol, May

2018 Presentation and panel discussion of *When Montezuma Met Cortés* at the Mexican Cultural Institute, Washington, DC, April

2018 Presentation and panel discussion of *When Montezuma Met Cortés* at the San Antonio Book Festival, TX, April

2018 “The Day the World Changed: Montezuma, Cortés, and One of History's Greatest Lies.” Talk given at the University of Newcastle, March

2018 Workshop on *When Montezuma Met Cortés*, presented at the University of Manchester, March

2018 “The Bold and the Bellicose: Maya Warfare in the Conquest Era.” Keynote address at the Middle American Research Institute’s Maya Symposium, Tulane University, March

2018 “Why Everything You Thought You Knew About the Aztecs and Conquistadors is Wrong.” Talk given at Lycoming College, PA, February

2017 “Montezuma’s Zoo, Cortés’s Tiger: Revisiting the Meeting That Changed History.” Talk given at St. Andrews University, Scotland, November

2017 “The Landa Conundrum.” Paper given at the special conference, *The Franciscans in Mexico: Five Centuries of Cultural Influence*, at the Mexican Cultural Institute, Washington DC, October

2017 “Kissing *Freedom*, Stealing from Columbus.” Talk given to the United States Capitol Historical Society, Washington DC, October (https://www.c-span.org/video/?435550-1/us-capitol-art-architecture)

2017 “The Fall of the Aztecs: Uncovering the True Story.” Talk given to the Pre-Columbian Society of Washington DC, August

2017 “Missing Mayas: A Belizean Conundrum.” Talk given at the Maya@Lago Symposium, Davidson, NC, April

2017 “Aztec and Conquistadors: Is Everything You Thought You Knew About Them Wrong?" John Coffin Memorial Lecture, School of Advanced Study, University of London, March; followed the next day by a 3-hour workshop on “The New Conquest History”

2017 “Cortés’s Tiger and the Halls of Montezuma: The History of an International Lie.” Talk given at the University of California, Irvine, February

2016 “’There was a time when we were friends’: Las Casas, Cortés, and the Conquest Wars.” Keynote talk at the symposium on *Las Casas: History, Philosophy, and Theology in the Age of European Expansion*, Providence College, October

2016 “Maps and Massacres.” Talk given at the special *Indigenous Pastures* symposium, Penn State University, April

2016 “Montezuma Surrenders in the U.S. Capitol: The History of One of History’s Biggest Lies.” Talk given at George Washington University, March

2015 “The New Conquest History: its implications for Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia.” Two talks & workshops presented at the Colombian Institute for History and Anthropology, Bogotá, September

2015 “Encounter.” *JCBx* talk given at Brown University, May

2014 “Making Ends Meet: A New Look at the Great Encounter Between Cortés and Montezuma.” Talk given at Yale University, October

2014 “Turning Cortés and Montezuma Upside Down.” Keynote talk given to the Society for Latin American Studies (UK), 50th Anniversary meeting, London, April [www.sas.ac.uk/videos-and-podcasts/politics-development-human-rights/turning-cortes-and-moctezuma-upside-down]

2014 “The Last Emperor, or, The Meeting: Cortés and Montezuma Revisited.” Talk given at the John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, Providence, March

2013 "How Imaginary Meetings Change History (Two Case Studies from New Spain).” Talk given to the Eighteenth-Century Seminar, Princeton University, and the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, November

2013 “The Spanish Conquest Turned Upside Down.” Talk given at Ohio Wesleyan University, April

2013 “Myths and Misconceptions of the Ancient Maya.” Talk given with Amara Solari to the University Club, Penn State, April

2012 “The End is Near (or Is It?).” Presentation made in downtown Springfield, MO, in connection with Missouri State University and the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, November

2012 “Maya Apocalypse.” Presentation made with Amara Solari at the University of California, Santa Barbara, November

2012 “2012: The End is Near (or Isn’t).” Talk given at York College of Pennsylvania, October

2012 “The Conquistadors.” Talk given at Lycoming College, September

2012 “2012, the Maya and the End of the World.” Presentation made at Assumption College, April

2012 “The Maya, the West, and This Year’s Apocalypse.” Presentation made at the University of Tennessee, February

2011 “Maya Apocalypse: 1562 or 2012?” Presentation made with Amara Solari at Carnegie Mellon University, November

2011 “Invasion: The Maya at War: 1520s-1540s.” Presentation at the symposium *Conflict, Conquest, and the Performance of War in Pre-Columbian America*, Dumbarton Oaks, October

2011 “Why the World Will End (or Won’t) in 2012: The Western Roots of the Maya Apocalypse.” Presentation made at Washington University in St. Louis, September

2011 “The End of the World: Predicted by Mayans, Confirmed by Science?” Presentation made at Albright College, September

2011 Series of three presentations on Maya history, NEH Summer Seminar, Coba, Yucatan, July

2011 “Spicy Enough? The History of Chocolate, 1000BC-1828AD.” Presentation made with Amara Solari at the Penn State Symposium on Chocolate, April

2011 “2012 and the End of the World.” Presentation made at the University of Miami, February

2010 “Are the Maya Really Afro-Maya? (The Lost History of Afro-Yucatan).” Presentation made to the University of Cincinnati, April

2010 “Why Historians Steal: Ethics, Method, and History.” Presentation made at Penn State, February

2010 “The Lost History of Afro-Yucatan.” Presentation made at the University of Southern California, February

2009 “The Forgotten History of Afro-Yucatan.” Presentation made at the College of William & Mary, October

2009 “Black Yucatan: The African Diaspora of Colonial Mexico and Its Forgotten History.” Presentation made at the University of California at Davis, April

2009 “The Forgotten History of Black Yucatan.” Presentation made at Stanford University, April

2009 “Maya Matters.” Paper presented to the International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1500-1825, Harvard University, March

2009 “The Forgotten History of Black Yucatan.” Presentation made at Johns Hopkins University, February

2009 “What is the New Conquest History?” Presentation made at Loyola College, Baltimore, February

2009 “The Forgotten History of Africans in Yucatan (Mexico).” Presentation made at California University of Pennsylvania, February

2008 “The Spanish Invasion: What is the New Conquest History?” Presentation made at the University of Oregon, November

2008 “Mesoamerican Voices.” Presentation made in the *Moments of Change* series, Penn State, February

2007 “Debunking the Myths of the Spanish Conquest.” Presentation made at Roanoke College, November

2006 Four days of workshop presentations for an NEH Summer Institute on “Maya Worlds of Chiapas, Guatemala, Honduras and Belize,” George Scheper and Laraine Fletcher, orgs., Belmopan and other locations in Belize, July

2005 “Mayas and Africans.” Presentation made to the Pre-Columbian Society, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Anthropology, May

2005 “Mayas and Africans.” Presentation made at the Institute of Historical Research, Queen’s College, University of London, April

2005 “Spanish-Indigenous Relations: Myths of the Conquest.” Presentation made at the Instituto Cervantes, London, April

2005 “Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest.” Series of five talks made to the Prologue Society (Palm Beach, North Palm, Boca Raton, Stuart, and Miami chapters), January and February

2004 “Ethnohistory and Afrohistory.” Presentation made at Tulane University, November

2004 “Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest.” Presentation made at Vanderbilt University, April

2003 “Manuel’s Worlds” and “Africans in Spanish America.” Presentations made at the University of Miami, October

2003 “Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest.” Presentation and book signing at Barnes & Noble, State College, September

2003 “Landa y Calkiní: Desafíos y sorpresas de la comparación textual y traducción.” Presentation made to the Dirección de Estudios Históricos of the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico City, May

2003 “The Black Middle: Slavery, Society, and African-Maya Relations in Colonial Yucatan.” Presentation made to the Institute for Arts and Humanities, Penn State, March

2003 “The King’s Army That Never Was and Other Myths of the Spanish Conquest.” Presentation made at the United States Military Academy, West Point, February

2002 “The Apotheosis of Captain Cortés.” Presentation made as the Delbert McQuade History Lecture at Juniata College, October

2002 "Cook's Passage: An Englishman's Journey into Yucatan in 1765.” Presentation made to the John Carter Brown Library fellows and associates, Brown University, June

2002 "Africans and Mayas in Colonial Guatemala and Yucatan.” Presentation made at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, May

2002 "Apes and Men: The Myth of Superiority.” Presentation made at the Latin American History Workshop, Princeton University, February

2002 "Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest.” Presentation made to the John Carter Brown Library fellows and associates, Brown University, February

1999 “The Undiscovered Conquistadors.” A series of three presentations made as the NAVE lectures at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, October

1999 “Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest.” Presentation made to the Department of History, University of North Florida, September

1998 “The Other Side of Conquest: Spaniards and Mayas in the Sixteenth Century.” Presentation made to the John Carter Brown Library fellows, Brown University, September

1997 "The Alternative History of the Spanish Conquest: Yucatan as a Case Study.” Presentation made to the Department of Archaeology, Boston University, October

1997 "The Case of the Missing Mayas: The New Philology and the Discovery of Colonial Mesoamerica.” Presentation made to the Department of Anthropology, State University of New York at Albany, February

1997 "The Ties that Bind: Social Cohesion and the Yucatec Maya Family.” Presentation made to the Boston Area History Workshop, Harvard University, February

1996 "Class in Maya Society: Colonial-Era Evidence.” Presentation made to a graduate seminar in the Department of Archaeology, Boston University, October

1996 "Is There Such a Thing as Ethnicity? Views from Anthropology and History." Presentation made with Martin Diskin to the Boston Area Consortium on Latin America, Harvard University, March

1994 "Perspectives on Maya Civilization.” Presentation made to the Department of History, Central Texas University, April

1992 "Postconquest Yucatec Maya Culture and Society: the Evidence of Notarial Documents.” Presentation made to the Aztec Tertulia, UCLA, February

**Conference Papers**

2023 on the “History of Violence” roundtable at the Conference on Latin American

History and the American Historical Association, Philadelphia, January

2019 “Why the Spanish-Aztec Quincentennial Matters.” Roundtable presentation to the

American Society for Ethnohistory, University Park, PA, September

2019 “You Better Belize It: Toponymic and Colonialist Origin Mythology in Southern

Yucatan.” Paper presented to the Conference on Latin American History and the

American Historical Association, Chicago, January

2018 “The Trouble with ‘America’.” Presidential address delivered to the American Society

for Ethnohistory, Oaxaca, Mexico, October

2015 “Montezuma’s Revenge.” Paper presented to the Conference on Latin American

History and the American Historical Association, New York City, January

2015 “Encounter and Ethnohistory.” Roundtable presentation made to the American

Historical Association, New York City, January

2013 “Gaspar Antonio Chi and Belize: A Tale of Two Temptations.” Presentation made at the University of Pennsylvania, at the *Third Yucatan in PA Roundtable*, March

2013 “Love and Anger in Yucatan and Belize.” Paper presented to the Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, New York City, January

2012 “Landa and the End of the World.” Paper presented at the International Congress of Americanists, Vienna, July

2011 “2012 and Yucatan.” Presentation made at Penn State, at the *Second Yucatan in PA Roundtable,* February

2010 “Imperial Rivalries: The Moll Map of the Caribbean (The Heart of the Matter).” Paper presented at the American Association of Geographers meeting, Washington, April

2009 “The Colonial Complex of the Yucatan-Belize-Guatemala Borderlands.” Paper presented at the International Congress of Americanists, Mexico City, July

2008 “A Day in the Life (of Eighteenth-Century Mayas).” Paper presented at the European Congress of Mayanists, Paris, December

2008 “Return to Ixil.” Paper presented, with Mark Christensen, at the American Society for Ethnohistory, Eugene, November

2008 “Yucatan and Belize: A New History of a Forgotten Frontier.” Paper presented at the FEEGI meeting, Georgetown, February

2007 “How Yucatan’s Mayas Became Afro-Mayas.” Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Tulsa, November

2007 “The Black Middle.” Presentation made at a special conference, the *First Annual Yucatan/PA Roundtable*, Penn State University, October

2004 “Mayas in Merida's Melting Pot: Ethnogenesis in the Eighteenth Century.” Paper prepared (but not presented) at the European Mayanists Conference, Bonn, December

2004 “Manuel’s Worlds, Richard’s Worlds: Black Yucatan and the Colonial Caribbean.” Paper presented at the special conference, *Between Race and Place: Blacks and Blackness in Central America and the Mainland Caribbean*, Tulane University, November

2004 “The Dynamics of African-Maya Interaction in Colonial Yucatan and Guatemala.” Paper to presented at the special conference, *New Directions in North American Scholarship on Afro-Mexico*, Penn State University, October

2004 “People as Property: African Slavery in Late Colonial Yucatan.” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association conference, Las Vegas, October

2003 “The Mysterious and the Invisible: Writing History in and of Colonial Yucatan.” Paper presented to the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November

2003 “Myths of the Spanish Conquest, as seen through the Kislak Conquest of Mexico Paintings.” Paper presented at the special conference, “Invasion and Transformation: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Images of the Conquest of Mexico,” University of Miami, March

2002 “Genres and Methods in the Study of Mayas and Africans of Colonial Yucatan.” Paper presented at the special conference on Sources and Methods in the Ethnohistory of Mesoamerica, UCLA, October

2002 “Agony as Entertainment: Ritual Violence and Public Executions in Spanish America.” Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Quebec City, October

2002 "Telescopes and Corkscrews: Colonial Maya Conceptions of Time." Paper presented to the Penn Humanities Forum and the Penn University Museum 20th Annual Maya Weekend, Philadelphia, April

2002 “Women’s Networks in Colonial Yucatan.” Paper presented to the Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, San Francisco, January

2001 “Mistaking the Conquest: Michael Wood’s *Conquistadors*.” Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Tucson, October

2000 “Crossing the Cultural Divide: The Extraordinary Life and Times of Gaspar Antonio Chi.” Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, London, Ontario, October

2000 “The Janus Face of Maya Identity.” Paper presented to the 50th International Congress of Americanists, Warsaw, July

2000 “Maya Ethnogenesis, 1500-1850.” Paper presented to the Latin American Studies Association, Miami, March

2000 “Caste of Characters: Race, Ethnicity, and Identity among Mayas, Blacks, and Spaniards in Eighteenth-Century Yucatan.” Paper presented to the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, January

1999 “Alterity and Ambiguity: Spanish and Maya Perceptions of Africans in Colonial Yucatan.” Paper presented to the Tenth Reunion of Mexicanists, Dallas, November

1999 “The Fallacy of Freedom: The Afro-Yucatecan Experience in the Age of Slavery.” Paper presented to the UNESCO conference on *La Ruta del Esclavo en Hispanoamérica*, San José, Costa Rica, February

1999 "Were There Afro-Yucatecans in the Colonial Period?" Paper presented to the Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, Washington DC, January

1998 "Bloodliners: Ethnicity, Class, and the Origin Mythology of Maya Lineages before and after the Conquest.” Paper presented to the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December

1998 "El Mito de Origenes y la Historia de Clases: Los Chibalob en Yucatán Colonial.” Paper presented to the IV Congreso Internacional de Mayistas, Antigua, Guatemala, August

1997 "The Identity Nexus in Late-Colonial Yucatan.” Paper presented to the Northeast American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Boston, December

1997 "Multivocality in Architecture, Image, and Native-Language Texts in Colonial Southern Mesoamerica.” Paper presented to the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, November

1997 "The Wounded Hands: Maya Representations of the Violence of Conquest and Colonization in Yucatan and Guatemala.” Paper presented to the American Society for Ethnohistory, Mexico City, November

1997 "La cultura de asentamiento en la sociedad maya del Yucatán colonial." Paper presented to the 49th International Congress of Americanists, Quito, Ecuador, July

1997 "Risky Business: The Impact of Spanish Colonialism upon Maya Gubernatorial Legitimacy.” Paper presented to the Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, New York City, January

1996 "An Historical Perspective on Culture Change in Colonial Yucatan.” Paper presented to the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November

1996 "The Runaway Slave and the Maya Postman: African-Maya Relations in Colonial Yucatan.” Paper presented to the American Society for Ethnohistory, Portland, November

1996 "Identity and Legitimacy: The Rulers and the Ruled in Colonial Yucatan.” Paper presented to the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain Councils on Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, March

1995 "'Repugnant the difference': The Roles of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Love in Personal Relations in Colonial Yucatan." Paper presented to the Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, Chicago, January

1994 "To Live and Die in the Yucatec Maya World: The Indigenous Testament as a Useful Ethnohistorical Source.” Paper presented to the American Society for Ethnohistory, Tempe, November

1994 "Yucatec Maya Responses to 'Modernization': the Colonial Period.” Paper presented to the 48th International Congress of Americanists, Stockholm/Uppsala, Sweden, July

1994 "'This Change of Rulers': Maya Views of the Conquest of Yucatan.” Paper presented to the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, Fort Worth, February

1993 "'He wished it in vain': Subordination and Resistance Among Maya Women in Colonial Yucatan.” Paper presented to the American Society for Ethnohistory, Bloomington, November

1992 "Between Stone Mounds: The Maya Perspective on the Intracolonial Frontier." Paper presented to the Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, Washington DC, December

1992 "Protection, Permission, and Prohibition: Maya Sexuality in Postconquest Yucatan." Paper presented to the American Society for Ethnohistory, Salt Lake City, November

1991 "Gender and Status in Postconquest Maya Society." Paper presented to the American Society for Ethnohistory, Tulsa, November

1991 "Maya Cultural Persistence: The Evidence of Notarial Documents in Colonial Yucatec.” Paper presented to the 47th International Congress of Americanists, New Orleans, July

1991 "Format and Interpretation: The Maya Testaments of Ixil, Yucatan." Paper presented to the 9th International Symposium of the Latin American Indian Literatures Association, Quito, Ecuador, June

**Conference Panel Commentaries**

2017 on the special conference Maya Peoples Making History, at Georgetown University and the Mexican Cultural Institute, Washington DC, September

2013 on two panels at the ASE meeting, New Orleans, September

2013 on the panel “New Branches on the Family Tree: Tales of Kith & Kin in Colonial Spanish America” at the CLAH/AHA meeting, New York City, January

2012 on two panels at the ASE meeting, Springfield, MO, October

2011 on the panel “Choice and Consequence in Central American Slaves’ Lives” at the Southern Historical Association meeting, Baltimore, October

2011 on the panel “The Many Conquests of Mexico” at the CLAH/AHA meeting, Boston, January

2010 on the roundtable “What is the New Conquest History?” at the ASE meeting, Ottawa, October

2010 introduction to the documentary film Ruins at the Film Festival, AHA meeting, San Diego, January

2009 on the panel, “Global Perspectives and Local Understandings in Historical Narratives about the Conquest of Mexico,” at the CLAH/AHA meeting, New York, January

2008 on the panel “Indian Conquistadors: Native Peoples in the Conquests of Mesoamerica,” and on the panel “The Past in the Present: Indigenous Peoples and Commemoration in North, Central, and South America,” at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Eugene, November

2006 on the panel “Making Sense of the Other in New Spain” at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Williamsburg, November

2003 on the panel “New Approaches to African Ethnicity, Identity and Culture in Spanish America” at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Riverside, November

2001 on the panel “Rituals of Gender and Power in Colonial Mexico” at the CLAH/AHA meeting, Boston, January (prepared but not delivered)

2000 on the “Ethnicity” panel at A Country Unlike Any Other?: New Perspectives on History in Yucatán, Yale University, November

2000 on the panel “Indians and Slaves in New Granada and Quito, 16th to 18th Centuries” at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, London, Ontario, October

2000 on the panel “Indigenous Merchants in Sixteenth-Century Mesoamerica” at the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies meeting, Santa Fe, January

1999 on the panel “Making Do: Native Mesoamerican and Colonial/National-Era Christianity” at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Mashantucket, October

1998 on the panel “Spatial Connections: New Explorations of Yucatec Maya Culture, Colonial and Modern” at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Minneapolis, November

1997 on the panel "Interethnic Interaction in Colonial Mexico and Guatemala" at the meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Mexico City, November

1996 on the panel "Gender and Race across Colonial New Spain" at the meeting of the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain Councils on Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, March

**Conferences Organized**

2021-2022 Steering Committee member for grant application and 18 months of seminar events, Sawyer Seminar funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, on “Transition, Containment, Transformation: A Comparative Approach to Architecture and Contagion in Early Modern Cities”

2021 Organized the full-day online symposium on “Ethnohistory and Afrohistory at the Ends/Center of the World: Belize & Its Neighbors,” April

2019 Co-chair of the Planning and Program Committee for the annual meeting

of the American Society for Ethnohistory, University Park (Penn State), September

2017 Organized the Inaugural Latin American Studies Symposium (combined with the

TePaske Seminar) at Penn State University, on Early Urban Transatlanticism, April

2011 Co-organized a special conference, the Second Annual Yucatan/PA Roundtable, Penn

State University, October

2007 Organized a special conference, the First Annual Yucatan/PA Roundtable, Penn State University, October

2004 Co-organized a special conference, New Directions in North American Scholarship on Afro-Mexico, Penn State University, October

**Conference Panels Organized**

2019 Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, Chicago, January

2016 American Society for Ethnohistory, Nashville, November

2012 International Congress of Americanists, Vienna, July

2010 American Society for Ethnohistory, Ottawa, October

2009 International Congress of Americanists, Mexico City, July

2007 American Society for Ethnohistory, Tulsa, November; co-organized a series of six panels on Colonial Mesoamerica

2005 Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, Seattle, January

2002 American Society for Ethnohistory, Quebec City, October

2001 American Society for Ethnohistory, Tucson, October

2001 Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, Boston, January

2000 American Society for Ethnohistory, Ontario, October

2000 International Congress of Americanists, Warsaw, July

1998 American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December

1998 American Society for Ethnohistory, Minneapolis, November

1997 Northeast American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Boston, December

1997 American Society for Ethnohistory, Mexico City, November

1996 American Society for Ethnohistory, Portland, November

1994 American Society for Ethnohistory, Tempe, November

1994 Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, Fort Worth, February

1992 Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, Washington, December

1992 American Society for Ethnohistory, Salt Lake City, November

WORK IN PROGRESS

**Book Projects**

* *The Caye* or *The Invention of Colonialism* [a monograph on the early history of Belize, in progress; possibly to be the third volume in a trilogy on colonial-era Yucatan peninsula].
* *The Lives and Deeds of the Lieutenant Nun*. With Miguel Martínez [book project in progress, intended but not yet contracted for *Latin American Originals* series].
* *On Elton*. In the *Opinionated Guides* series. New York: Oxford University Press [book project in progress, contract signed August 2022].
* *Latin America in Colonial Times* (with Kris Lane). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press [3nd edition in progress for 2024 publication].
* *Relación de las cosas de Yucatán, por fray Diego de Landa*. Editor, with John F. Chuchiak

[Facsimile and Spanish-language edition, a parallel to 2023’s *The Friar and the Maya*]. Mexico City: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México [forthcoming].

**Articles and Papers**

* “Pandemics, Politics, and the Persistence of the Spanish Conquest,” essay to be published in Portuguese in Brazil [details TBA]
* “The Maya of Colonial Yucatan” (with Mark Christensen), in *Oxford Handbook of the Maya* (Oxford University Press, submitted March 2021, volume forthcoming); and “Colonial Yucatec Maya Literature” (with Mark Christensen), in *Handbook of Middle American Indians*, revised volume on Literatures [written 2005; under contract with University of Texas Press 2003-2013; now in limbo]
* “A Guide to Written Colonial Maya, including a Colonial Maya-English Dictionary” [incomplete manuscript, used as a teaching tool since 2001, in progress]

TEACHING

**Classes Offered**

* Professor & Sparks Professor, Pennsylvania State University, 2004-present:
  + *survey*: “The Atlantic World in Early Modern Times”; “World History (since 1500)”; “Colonial Latin American History”
  + *advanced*: “Encounters (in the Sixteenth Century)”; “Colonial Voices: Spaniards, Africans, and Native Americans”; “Empires” (Honors course, taught with Garrett Fagan)\*; “The Conquistadors”; “The End of the World” (Honors course, taught with Amara Solari)\*; “Maya History”
  + *graduate*: “Latin American Social History, 1500-1900”; “Ethnohistory: Colonial Mesoamerican Societies”; “Ethnohistory and Afrohistory: Colonial Latin American Societies”; “Ethnohistory, Colonial and Modern Eras”; “Maya, Nahuatl, and Paleography”; “Maya History”; “Colonial Latin American History; “Modern Latin American History”; “Early Modern Iberia and the Americas” (taught with Bradford Bouley); “Empire and Society in Latin America”
* Associate Professor, Pennsylvania State University, 1998-2004:
  + *survey*: “The Atlantic World in Early Modern Times”
  + *intermediate*: “Culture, Race, and Social Structure in Colonial Latin America”
  + *advanced*: “The Conquests of Mexico and Yucatan”; “Social History of Mexico”; “Maya History”; “Culture and Conquest in Spanish America”; “Empires”
  + *graduate*: “Colonial Latin American Social History”; “Marriage and Society in Colonial Mexico”; “Race and Gender in Latin America”; “An Introduction to Nahuatl and Maya”; “Nahuatl and Paleography”; “Seven Myths of the Spanish Conquest”; “Cohesion and Dissent in Latin American Societies, Sixteenth to Nineteenth Centuries”
* Assistant Professor, Boston College, 1995-98:
  + *survey*: "Europe and the Americas"
  + *intermediate*: "Culture, Ethnicity and Social Structure in Colonial Latin America,” revised as “Race, Culture, and Social Structure in Colonial Latin America”
  + *advanced*: "A Social History of Mexico"; "The Study & Writing of History: The Conquests of Mexico & Peru"; "Latin American History through Film, Music, and Literature"
  + *graduate*: "Race, Gender, and Identity in Colonial Latin America"
* Assistant Professor, Southwestern University, 1993-95:
  + *survey*: "World Civilizations"
  + *intermediate*: "Culture, Ethnicity, and Social Structure in Colonial Latin America"
  + *advanced*: "A Social History of Mexico"; "From Pyramids to Persecution: A 2,000-Year History of the Maya"; "Race, Rank and Revolt in Modern Latin America"; "Gender and Sexuality in Latin America"
* Teaching Assistant/Associate, UCLA, 1988-90:
  + "Latin American Social History"; "Latin America: Reform and Revolution"; "Central America: The Struggle for Change"; "Central America and Mexico"

*\*”Empires” and “The End of the World” both supported by Collaborative Teaching Grants from Penn State’s Institute for the Arts and Humanities*

**PhD Dissertations Directed (and Placement of Graduates)**

* Scott Doebler, “Arboreal Apogees: Maya, Spanish, and English Ecologies in Early Modern Yucatan and Guatemala, 1517-1717.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2022. Winner of the 2023 ASEH Rachel Carson Prize for Best Dissertation.
  + Dr. Doebler is two-year Visiting Assistant Professor at Pomona College (from Fall 2023).
* Katherine Godfrey, “Matrilineality and Empire: Indigenous Kinship Networks and Gendered Mobility in Early Modern Colombia.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2022.
  + Dr. Godfrey is Post-Doctoral Assistant Teaching Professor at Penn State.
* Samantha Billing, “Indigenous Identity on the Edge of Empire: Diplomacy and Destruction in Colonial Central America.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2021.
  + Dr. Billing was a post-doctoral fellow at Emory University (2022-23) and is now a tenure-track assistant professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
* Megan McDonie, “In the Shadow of the Volcano: Volcanic Landscapes, Indigenous Knowledge, and Cultural Exchange in Early Modern Mesoamerica.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2020.
  + Dr. McDonie is a tenure-track assistant professor at the University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley.
* Christopher Valesey, “Managing the Herd: Nahuas, Animals, and Colonialism in Sixteenth-Century New Spain.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2019.
  + Dr. Valesey is an assistant professor of History and Practice at Ball State University.
* Scott Cave, “Communication and the Social History of Contact in the Spanish Atlantic, 1341-1602.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2018.
  + Dr. Cave is Research Associate for *La Florida: The Interactive Digital Archive of the Americas*.
* Rebekah Martin, “Ritual Medicine in a Colonial Society: Inquisitional Encounters in Yucatan and the Southern Gulf Coast, 1620-1820.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2016.
  + Dr. Martin is an independent scholar in Monterrey, CA.
* Spencer Delbridge, “Mexican Genesis: Religion, Race, and the Politics of Origins in Nineteenth-Century Yucatán.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2013.
  + Dr. Delbridge has designed and developed community engagement and violence prevention programs at university, county, and regional levels in three states, and is currently creating a statewide Student Safety and Prevention System for the Oregon Department of Education.
* Mark Christensen, “Nahua and Maya Catholicisms.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2010.
  + Dr. Christensen is a tenured full professor at Brigham Young University. His dissertation was published as *Nahua and Maya Catholicisms* by Stanford University Press in 2013, and he has since published four additional books: *Translated Christianities: Nahuatl and Maya Religious Texts* (Penn State Univ. Press, 2014); *Native Wills from the Colonial Americas* (co-editor, University of Utah Press, 2015); *The Teabo Manuscript: Maya Christian Copybooks, Chilam Balams, and Native Text Production in Yucatán* (University of Texas Press, 2016); and *Return to Ixil* (University of Colorado Press, 2019, co-authored with Matthew Restall).
* Robert Schwaller, “Defining Difference in Early New Spain.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2010.
  + Dr. Schwaller is a tenured full professor at the University of Kansas. His dissertation-based monograph, *Géneros de Gente in Early Colonial Mexico: Defining Racial Difference*, was published in 2016 by the University of Oklahoma Press; and *The History of the New World: Girolamo Benzoni’s Historia del Mondo Nuovo* (with Jana Byars) came out in 2017 with Penn State University Press.
* Mark Lentz, “Assassination in Yucatan: Yucatecans Before the Law.” PhD dissertation, History, Tulane University (co-director with Susan Schroeder), 2009.
  + Dr. Lentz is a tenured associate professor at Utah Valley University. His dissertation-based monograph, *Murder in Mérida*, was published in 2018 by the University of New Mexico Press.
* Jake Frederick, “The Landscape of Discontent: Community and Conflict in Papantla, Veracruz, 1750-1800.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2005.
  + Dr. Frederick is a tenured full professor and former department chair at Lawrence University. His dissertation-based monograph, *Riot!*, was published in 2016 by Sussex Academic Press; and his *Spanish Dollars and Sister Republics: The Money That Made Mexico and the United States* (with Tatiana Seijas) was published months later by Rowman & Littlefield. The two books earned him a 2017 Excellence in Scholarship Award from Lawrence University.
* Ed Osowski, “Saints of the Republic: Nahua Religious Obligations in Central Mexico, 1692-1810.” PhD dissertation, History, Penn State, 2002.
  + Dr. Osowski is professor of history at John Abbott College in Montreal. His dissertation was published as *Indigenous Miracles* by University of Arizona Press in 2010; his *Mexican History: A Primary Source Reader* came out with Westview the previous year.

**MAs Directed**

* Samantha Davis, MA, Latin American History & Art History, Penn State, 2019
* Scott Doebler, MA, Latin American History & Latin American Studies, Penn State, 2018
* Megan McDonie, MA, Latin American History & Latin American Studies, Penn State, 2015
* Aisling McIntyre, MA, Latin American History & Latin American Studies, Penn State, 2013
* Rebekah Martin, MA, Colonial Latin American History & Latin American Studies, Penn State, 2012
* Alicia Shatley, MA, Colonial Latin American History, Penn State, 2010 (thesis: “’By Two Hundred Lashes’: Women, Bigamy, and the Holy Office in 18th Century Mexico”)
* Rebekah Nicholson, MA, Colonial Latin American History, Penn State, 2009 (thesis: “Haitian Auxiliary Troops in Yucatan: A Comparative Context”)
* Matthew F. Padrón, MA, Colonial Latin American History, Penn State, 2008 (thesis: “Pursuing a Trail of Blood: The Failure of Spanish Conquest Policies against Maroon Communities in New Spain”)
* Spencer Delbridge, MA, Colonial Latin American History, Penn State, 2007 (thesis: “Maya Memory in the Colonial Period”)
* Iris M. Cowher, MA, Latin American History, Penn State, 2001 (thesis: “Cárdenas’s Gamble? The Politics and Diplomacy Behind the Mexican President’s Decision to Nationalize the Oil Industry in 1938”)

**Doctoral Committee Membership**

* [History] Chair or membership on other doctoral committees, 1998-2023, in History at Penn State (unless otherwise indicated; names in italics are currently active students; graduated advisees listed above): *Travis Meyer* (co-advisor); *Micaela Wiehe* (advisor); *Samantha Davis* (advisor); *Nathan Earle* (co-advisor); *Francesco Lacopo; Seonghek Kang; Christopher Thrasher; Joseph Bienko*; *A. J. Pérez*; *Héctor Linares González*; *Federico Peñate Dominguez* (Universidad Complutense de Madrid); Paul Relstab (MA, left 2014); Laurent Cases (2016)*;* Jeffrey Horton (2016); Alicia Shatley (2012); Matthew Padrón (2011); Jana Byars (2006); Alexander Krivonosov; Valentina Cesco; Matthew Isham; Michael Tuttle; Adam Rogers; Gregory Murry; Philip Hnatkovich; Jennifer Davis; Amy Mitchell-Cook; Michael Smith; Ann Hubbard; Christine Rivas (History, Carleton University, 2008).
* [Other disciplines] Membership on other doctoral committees, 1998-2023, in departments other than History at Penn State (unless otherwise indicated; *names in italics are currently active students*): Richard George (Anthropology, 2020); Bianca Gentil (Anthropology, 2020); Emily Kate (Anthropology, 2021); Eric Dyrdahl (Anthropology, 2016); Gregory Luna (Anthropology, 2012); Aurelio López (Anthropology, 2010); Erick Rochette (Anthropology, 2009); Matthew Rockmore (Anthropology, 2008); Amy Kovak (Anthropology, 2006); Zachary Nelson (Anthropology, 2005); Gerardo Gutiérrez (Anthropology, 2002); Jay Silverstein (Anthropology, 2000); Peter Koby (Geography); Seth Dixon (Geography); Todd Heibel (Geography, 2005); Ricardo Andrade (Spanish, 2022); Sofía Villareal (Spanish); María Inclán (Political Science); Renae Mitchell (Comparative Literature); Germán Campos-Muñóz (Comparative Literature); Quentin Youngberg (Comparative Literature, 2006); Nadia Martínez-Carrillo (Communications); Ismael Quiñones Valdivia (Communications & English, 2023); *Timothy Betz* (History & Art History, Lehigh University); Geoffrey Wallace (Geography, McGill University, 2020), Benjamin Earwicker (Languages & Cultures, University of Otago, NZ, 2011).

SERVICE & OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Editorial: Journals**

* Senior Co-Editor, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 2017-2022
* Senior Co-Editor, *Ethnohistory*, 2007-16
* Book Review Editor, *Ethnohistory*, 1997-2006
* Associate Editor, *Ethnohistory*, 2003-07, 2016-19
* Editorial Board Member, *Violence & History*, 2021-26
* Editorial Board Member, *Renaissance Quarterly*, 2021-24
* Editorial Board Member, *The Americas*, 2010-18
* Editorial Board Member, *Mesoamérica*, 2001-09
* Editorial Board Member, *Ethnohistory*, 2000-04
* Contributing Editor/Columnist, *LA View* (Los Angeles, weekly), 1989-96
* General or Book Review Editor, *UCLA Historical Journal*, 1988-92
* Editor-in-chief, Worcester College student magazine, Oxford University, 1984-86

**Editorial: Book Series**

* *Latin American Originals*. Series editor and founder (in 2007). *LAO* is a book series of brief editions of primary sources on Colonial Latin America, published by Penn State

University Press [19 volumes in print, 6 more in development].

* *Cambridge Latin American Studies*. Series co-editor (with Kris Lane) (since 2015). *CLAS* is a prestigious and well-established series of monographs on Latin American topics, published by Cambridge University Press.
* *Critical Latin America*, Brill. Editorial board member (since 2018).

**Manuscript and Promotion Reviews**

* Formal book proposal, manuscript, article, and fellowship application reviews written (since 1996) for:
  + American Academy (Berlin)
  + American Council of Learned Societies
  + American Historical Review
  + American Philosophical Society
  + Ancient Mesoamerica
  + Antropología (INAH, Mexico)
  + Arizona State University
  + Bedford Books & Bedford/St.Martin’s
  + Bloomsbury Academic
  + Brandeis University Press
  + Cambridge University Press
  + Colonial Latin American Historical Review
  + Colonial Latin American Review
  + Cornell University Press
  + Duke University Press
  + Estudios Mexicanos/Mexican Studies
  + Ethnohistory journal
  + Fronteras de la Historia (Colombia)
  + Hackett Pub. Co.
  + Hispanic American Historical Review
  + The Historical Journal (UK)
  + Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton)
  + John Carter Brown Library
  + Journal of Early Modern History
  + Journal of Latin American Studies
  + Journal of Military History
  + Journal of Social History
  + Journal of the Hist. of Sexuality
  + Library of Congress’s Kluge Center
  + Mesoamérica (Guatemala)
  + National Endowment for the Humanities
  + Oxford University Press
  + Prentice Hall
  + Radical History Review
  + Revista Mexicana del Caribe
  + Routledge
  + Secuencia (Mexico)
  + The Seventeenth Century (journal)
  + Signos Históricos
  + Smithsonian Institution Press
  + Social Sciences Research Council
  + Stanford University Press
  + Temas Antropológicas
  + Terrae Incognitae
  + The Americas
  + The Art Bulletin
  + Trashumante México
  + University of Arizona Press
  + University of Chicago Press
  + University of Georgia Press
  + University of Kentucky
  + University of London Press
  + University of Minnesota Press
  + University of New Mexico Press
  + University of North Carolina Press
  + University of Notre Dame Press
  + University of Oklahoma Press
  + University Press of Colorado
  + University Press of Florida
  + William & Mary Quarterly
* Dust-jacket blurbs written for 33 books published by 16 university presses and 3 trade presses in the US and UK (since 2002) (17 since 2016).
* Formal evaluations written for promotion committees at 56 institutions in Australia, Canada, the UK, and the US (since 1996).

**Professional (External) Committees**

* President, American Society for Ethnohistory (elected 2016, president 2017-18, presidential triumvirate 2016-19)
* Presidential nominee, Conference on Latin American History [CLAH] (of the American Historical Association [AHA]) (2014 and 2015; not elected at 2015 and 2016 meetings)
* Chair, Mexican History Book Prize committee, Conference on Latin American History [CLAH] (of the American Historical Association [AHA]), for award at 2012 meeting (appointed)
* James Alexander Robertson Memorial Prize Committee (best HAHR article), Conference on Latin American History [CLAH] (of the American Historical Association [AHA]), for award at 2009 meeting (appointed)
* Chair, Lewis Hanke Dissertation Research Award Committee, CLAH (of the AHA), for award at 2005 meeting (appointed)
* Chair, Howard Cline Prize Committee, CLAH (of the AHA), for award at 2002 meeting (appointed)
* Prize Committee (best article), CLAH (of the AHA), for award at 2000 meeting (appointed)
* Program Committee, CLAH (of the AHA), for 1999 meeting (appointed)
* General Committee, Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies (RMCLAS), 1996-2001 (elected)
* Chair, Dissertation Prize Committee, New England Council on Latin American Studies (NECLAS), 1996 (appointed)
* Boston College representative to the Boston Area Consortium on Latin America (BACLA), 1996-98 (appointed)
* Affiliate of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 1996-98 (appointed)

**Professional Committees (Penn State University Service)**

* University Level:
  + Latin American Studies committee (1999-present, Chair and Director 1999-

2011, 2012-13, 2014-present; founder of LiLACS [Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies] and co-director, 2008-16)

* + Mellon-funded Sawyer Seminar steering committee, Arts & Architecture and Liberal Arts colleges (2020-22)
  + Faculty Selection committee, Schreyer Honors College (2003, 2005)
  + Faculty Senate & Senate Library committee (2010-11)
  + Penn State Press Board (2010-13)
* College (Liberal Arts):
  + College Graduate Research Committee (2012-13, 2014-17)
  + College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2016-18)
  + Latinx Studies Search and Steering Committee (2016)
  + Weiss Search Committee (2011-12)
* Departmental (History):
  + Director of Graduate Studies (2005-08)
  + Promotion and Tenure committee (2000-01, 2002-03, 2006-07, 2008-11, 2014-15; Chair 2004-05, 2010-11, and 2020-21)
  + Full Professor Promotion Committee (2009-11, 2017-19, 2020-21; Chair 2022-23)
  + Policy Committee (2015-16)
  + Graduate Placement committee (2001-03, 2005-10)
  + Graduate Studies committee (1999-2000, 2003-08)
  + Graduate Evaluation & Awards committee (1998-2001, 2005-08)
  + Graduate Recruitment & Admissions committee (1998-99, 2005-09, 2011-13)
  + Latin American Search committee (Chair, 2014-15)
  + Latin American and Latino Studies search committee (Chair 2007-08)
  + Borderlands Search Committee (2005-06)
  + Early Modern Europeanist Search committee (2004-05)
  + Africanist Search committee (1999-2000)
  + Chair of 12 PhD committees and Chair of 13 MA committees (History, since 1999), and member of 29 other doctoral committees (named above, since 1999)

Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association; American Historical Association; American Society for Ethnohistory; Associates of the John Carter Brown Library; Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction; Hakluyt Society; Latin American Studies Association; Mid-Atlantic Council on Latin American Studies; New England Council on Latin American Studies; Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies *[not all current]*

Languages

Spoken: Spanish, French

Read (varying levels): Yucatec Maya, Nahuatl, Latin, Portuguese

Taught: Yucatec Maya (colonial, read, introductory), Nahuatl (colonial, read, introductory),

Spanish paleography (16th to 18th centuries, introductory)