

Education

- Ph.D.** **Latin American History**
The University of Connecticut, 1993
Dissertation: "Criminal Sexuality in Central Mexico, 1750-1850"
- M.A.** **History**
The University of Connecticut, 1986
- B.A.** **History, Latin American Studies, Spanish**
Fairfield University, Cum Laude, 1984

Doctoral Examination Fields

Latin America to 1825; Latin America since 1808; Europe in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries; the Inquisition in Latin America

Positions held

- 2019-present **Director, Study Abroad and Faculty Enrichment**, Western Michigan University
- 2016-2018 **Director, Study Abroad**, Western Michigan University
- 2017-present **Professor Emeritus**, Department of History, The University of Scranton
- 2011-2016 **Professor**, Department of History, The University of Scranton
- 2005-2011 **Associate Professor**, Department of History, The University of Scranton
- 2002-2010 **Director**, Latin American Studies, The University of Scranton
- 2000-2005 **Assistant Professor**, Department of History, The University of Scranton

Teaching

Fields

Colonial and Modern Latin America; Mexican History; Gender in Latin America; Church in Latin America; Slavery in Latin America; Modern European History; Historiography and the Historian's Craft.

Experience

- “Colonial Latin America,” Western Michigan University, 2018.
- “Colonial Latin American History,” The University of Scranton, 2000-2016.
- “Modern Latin American History,” The University of Scranton, 2001-2016.
- “The African Experience in Latin America, 1500-1900,” The University of Scranton, 2004-2016.
- “Family and Gender in Latin America,” The University of Scranton, 2003-2016.
- “Religion and Society in Latin America,” The University of Scranton, 2002-2016.
- “Seminar in Mexican History,” The University of Scranton, 2001-2016.
- “The Craft of the Historian,” The University of Scranton, 2005-2016.
- “Women, Race, and Religion in Latin America,” The Schemel Forum, The University of Scranton, Spring, 2015.
- “Freshman Seminar,” The University of Scranton, 2004.
- “Europe: 1815-Present,” The University of Scranton, 2001.
- “Europe: 1300-1815,” The University of Scranton, 2000.
- “Historia de México,” Colegio Americano, Mexico City, 1994-2000.
- “Twentieth-Century Mexico in Latin American Perspective,” The University of Minnesota (Cemanahuac Educational Community in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico), 1996-99.
- “Modern Mexico: The Century after Independence,” The University of Calgary (Study Abroad Program in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico), 1997.
- “Mexico: Roots and Traditions to Independence,” The University of Calgary (Study Abroad Program in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico), 1996.
- “Mexico in the Twentieth Century,” The University of Minnesota (Cemanahuac Educational Community in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico), 1995-96.
- “Latin America During the National Period,” The University of Connecticut at Stamford, 1993.
- “Modern Europe,” The University of Connecticut at Stamford, 1993.
- “Modern Europe,” The University of Connecticut at Storrs, 1991.
- “Roots of Western Experience to 1500,” The University of Connecticut at Avery Point, 1989.
- “Study Skills: Critical Reading and Writing,” The University of Connecticut, 1986, 1987.

Awards/Grants

- Co-author, “Sustaining Natural Ecosystems: A WMU Service-Learning Program Abroad.” WMU Sustainability Grant [supplies for project in Guatemala], 2019. \$1,750.
- Co-author, “CIEE Passport Caravan at WMU.” CIEE [100 free passports to high-need students], 2018. \$11,000.
- Co-author, “Measuring Intercultural Competence of WMU Study Abroad Students.” Western Michigan Assessment Fellows Grant, 2017.” \$4,000.
- Catholic Press Association 3rd Place, Category of “History” for co-edited 2009 Orbis Book publication, *Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretative Essays from Conquest to Present*.
- Provost’s Award for Excellence in Advancing Global Learning, University of Scranton, 2009.
- Luso-American Foundation Scholarship (Program in Portuguese), University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, 2007.
- Catholic Press Association 1st Place, Category of “Reference Work” for co-edited 2006 Orbis Book publication, *Religion in Latin America: A Documentary History*.
- “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers,” 2006.
- Internal Research Grants, University of Scranton, 2001-2009.
- Faculty-Directed Student Summer Program (Mexico City), 2001; (Scranton), 2007.
- Search Associates International School Teacher of the Year, 1998-1999.
- The Donald B. Hoffman Graduate Scholarship Award, Phi Alpha Theta, 1991.
- The Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere, American Historical Association, 1991.
- Fulbright-Hays Foundation Fellowship to Mexico, 1989-90.
- U.S. Department of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for 1987-88 (Guatemala).
- U.S. Department of Education Title VI Fellowship for Intensive Language Study, 1986 (Spain).

Publications

Books

- (with Walter J. Petry) *Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretive Essays from Conquest to Present* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, October, 2009). Pp. Xxii, 298. Maps. Tables. Notes. Index. [ISBN: 978-1-57075-850-8]
- *Vida y muerte de una cultura regional: La hacienda de Bledos en las memorias de Octaviano Cabrera Ipiña* (San Luis Potosí: Colegio de San Luis Potosí; Archivo Histórico del Estado de San Luis Potosí, 2007). Pp. 648. Maps. Illustrations. Tables. Notes. Photographs. Bibliography. Index. [ISBN: 970-762-025-0]
- (with Walter J. Petry) *Religion in Latin America: A Documentary History* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2006). Pp. Xxiv, 423. Maps. Tables. Notes. Index. [ISBN: 978-157-075-5]
- *El Ramo de Penales del Archivo Judicial del Tribunal Superior de Justicia* (Mexico: Instituto Mora Press, 1993). Pp. 142 pp. Tables. Notes. [ISBN: 968-638-299-2]

Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

- "Incestuous Natures: Consensual and Forced Relations in Mexico, 1740-1854" (Chapter 8). In *Sexuality and the Unnatural in Colonial Latin America*, Zeb Tortorici, ed. (Oakland: University of California Press, 2016), 162-187.
- "The Inquisition and Prohibited Sexual Artwork in Late Colonial Mexico." *Colonial Latin American Review* 24:3 (2015), 421-436.
- "Temporary Transgressions, Unspeakable Acts: Male Sodomy in Late-Colonial Mexico, 1744-1843." *Colonial Latin American Historical Review* 17:4 (Fall 2008, © 2012): 329-359.
- (with Thomas A. Guiler) "Braceros and Bureaucracy: Mexican Guest Workers on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad During the 1940s." *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 76:4 (Fall 2009): 422-469.
- (with Walter J. Petry) "Introduction: Five Hundred Years of Evangelizing Latin America." In Lee M. Penyak and Walter J. Petry, eds. *Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretive Essays from Conquest to Present*. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2009), 1-14.
- (with Walter J. Petry) "The Right to Appropriate, The Duty to Evangelize: Spain and the Conquest of the New World." In Lee M. Penyak and Walter J. Petry, eds. *Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretive Essays from Conquest to Present*. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2009), 15-50.
- (with Pilar García-Fabregat) "Manuel D. Asúnsolo y su paso por la revolución mexicana." *Revista de Historia de América* 136 (2005): 77-101.
- "Obstetrics and the Emergence of Women in Mexico's Medical Establishment." *The Americas* 60:1 (July 2003): 59-85.

- (with Verónica Vallejo) “Expectations of Love in Troubled Mexican Marriages During the Late-Colonial and Early-National Periods.” *The Historian* 65:3 (Spring 2003): 563-586.
- “Midwives and Legal Medicine in Mexico, 1740-1846.” *Journal of Hispanic Higher Education*. 1:3 (July 2002): 251-266.
- (with Pamela Duray) “Oral History and Problematic Questions Promote Issues-Centered Education.” *The Social Studies*. 90:2 (March/April 1999): 68-71.
- “Safe Harbors and Compulsory Custody: *Casas de Depósito* in Mexico, 1750-1865.” *Hispanic American Historical Review*. 79:1 (February 1999): 83-99.
- (with Pamela Duray) “Past Meets Present: A Small Mexican Town as Classroom.” *Social Education*. 60:7 (November/December 1996): 402-406.
- “Más que Sólo la Destrucción de la Leyenda Negra: Un Vistazo a los Estudios Actuales Sobre la Inquisición Española.” *Cuadernos Para la Historia de la Evangelización en América Latina*. 4 (1989): 77-86.
- “Ríos Montt and Guatemala’s Military: The Politics of Puppetry.” *Revista de Historia de América*. 108 (July-December 1989): 131-147.

Encyclopedia Entries

- (with Walter J. Petry) “Roman Catholicism in Latin America” in *Encyclopedia of Latin American Religions*, edited by Gooren, Henri P. (Switzerland: Springer International Publishing, 2019), pp. 1374-1388. (ISBN: 978-331-908-956-0)
- (with Zeb Tortorici) “Sins Against Nature in Colonial Latin America” in *Global Encyclopedia of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) History*, edited by Chiang, Howard. (Farmington Hills, MI: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2019): III: 1494-1501. (ISBN: 978-068-432-553-8)
- “Cristero Rebellion (1927-1929)” in *Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics, Vol. I*, edited by Domenico, Roy P. and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport and London: Greenwood Press, 2006), pp. 150-152.
- “Father Miguel Hidalgo (1753-1811)” in *Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics, Vol. I*, edited by Domenico, Roy P. and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport and London: Greenwood Press, 2006), pp. 268-269.

Book Reviews

- *Local Church, Global Church: Catholic Activism in Latin America from Rerum novarum to Vatican II*. By Stephen J.C. Andes and Julia G. Young, eds. Reviewed in *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 4 (2017): 729-732.
- *Religious Transformations in the Early Modern Americas*. By Stephanie Kirk and Sarah Rivett, eds., Reviewed in *The Catholic Historical Review* 102:2 (Spring 2016): 437-439.

- *Mothers Making Latin America: Gender, Households, and Politics Since 1825*. By Erin E. O'Connor, Reviewed in *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 40:2 (2015): 315-317.
- *Object and Apparition: Envisioning the Christian Divine in the Colonial Andes*. By Maya Stanfield-Mazzi, Reviewed in *Canadian Journal of History* 50:1 (Spring-Summer, 2015): 188-190.
- *Violent Delights, Violent Ends: Sex, Race, & Honor in Colonial Cartagena de Indias*. By Nicole von Germeten. Reviewed in *The Americas* 71:2 (October 2014): 357-358.
- *Gender and the Negotiation of Daily Life in Mexico, 1750-1856*. By Sonya Lipsett-Rivera. Reviewed in *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*, 29:2 (Summer 2013): 545-548.
- *New Worlds: A Religious History of Latin America*. By John Lynch. Reviewed in *Journal of World History*, 24:2 (June 2013): 451-453.
- *Religious Pluralism, Democracy, and the Catholic Church in Latin America*. By Frances Hagopian, ed. Reviewed in *Journal of Church and State*, 52:4 (Autumn 2010): 740-743.
- *All Can Be Saved: Religious Tolerance and Salvation in the Iberian Atlantic World*. By Stuart B. Schwartz. Reviewed in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, 20:16 (May 17, 2010): 27.
- *The Imagined Underworld: Sex, Crime, and Vice in Porfirian Mexico City*. By James Alex Garza. Reviewed in *The Hispanic American Historical Review* 89:2 (May 2009): 370-71.
- *Conversion of a Continent: Contemporary Religious Change in Latin America*. By Timothy J. Steigenga and Edward L. Cleary, eds. Reviewed in *Journal of Church and State*, 50:2 (Autumn 2008): 595-597.
- *Problems in Modern Latin American History: Sources and Interpretations*. By John Charles Chasteen and James A. Wood, eds. Reviewed in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, 15:26 (September 26, 2005): 54.
- *Simón Bolívar: Liberation and Disappointment*. By David Bushnell. Reviewed in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, 14:20 (July 12, 2004): 41.
- *State and Society in Spanish America during the Age of Revolution*. By Victor M. Uribe-Uran, ed. Reviewed in *The Americas* 59:1 (July 2002): 124-125.
- *Born in Blood and Fire: A Concise History of Latin America*. By John Charles Chasteen. Reviewed in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, 12:12 (March 25, 2002): 46.
- *Colonial Lives: Documents on Latin American History, 1550-1850*. By Richard Boyer and Geoffrey Spurling, eds. Reviewed in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, 11:14 (April 23, 2001): 52.
- *Mexico's Hidden Revolution: The Catholic Church in Law and Politics Since 1929*. By Peter Lester Reich. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review*, 23:4 (October 1997): 420.

Professional Presentations/Chair/Discussant

- “Perspective, Preparation, and Protocols: Explaining International Crisis Planning to Families and Administrators.” NAFSA Region V. Milwaukee, WI, 2019.
- (with Sarah Reid) "Getting the Most Out of Terra Dotta's Study Abroad Software: Workflow and Process Efficiency for Faculty-Led Programs." Michigan Association of International Educators. Grand Rapids, MI, 2019.
- (with Joseph Rasich) “Serving High-Need Students in Study Abroad.” NAFSA Region V. Schaumburg, IL, 2018.
- (with Ryan Rounds) “Measuring Intercultural Competency of WMU Study Abroad Students.” Assessment in Action Conference. Western Michigan University, 2018.
- (with Korey Force) “A Participatory Approach for Designing Strategies to Promote Diversity: A Case Study in Communication and Study Abroad.” Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters. Kalamazoo, MI, 2017.
- “Sex Crime in Late Colonial Mexico City.” National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies, Baton Rouge, LA, 2011.
- “The Core Set of Iberian Assumptions and the Conquest of America.” American Academy of Religion, Montreal, 2009.
- "Stirring and Suppressing Emotions: Lust in Late Colonial Mexico." Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, NM, 2009.
- “The Inquisition and Prohibited Sexual Artwork in Late Colonial Mexico.” American Historical Association/Conference on Latin American History/Committee on Lesbian and Gay History, New York, 2009.
- (with Thomas Guiler) “Mexican Guest Workers on the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroads During the 1940’s.” Phi Alpha Theta Pennsylvania Regional Conference, Ursinus College, 2008.
- “Militant Spanish Catholicism and the Conquest.” National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies, Baton Rouge, LA, 2008.
- “You Want Me to Wear What? Experiences as a Foreigner in Mexican Archives.” Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Scranton, PA, 2007.
- Chair and Discussant. “Oral Histories, Local Archives and Original Scholarship.” *Alive to the Call: Women of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1880-1935*, Scranton, PA, 2007.
- “Along for the Ride: General Manuel D. Asúnsolo and the Mexican Revolution.” National Association of Hispanic & Latino Studies, Baton Rouge, LA, 2007.
- (with Walter J. Petry) “The Church, Slavery, and Afro-Christian Culture in Latin America,” Sponsored by Black Studies, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, 2006.

- “Violencia hacia las mujeres: Visión histórica y actual,” Sponsored by The Gender Project and the Department of Psychology, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, 2005.
- “Teen Realities: Political, Social, and Cultural Issues Facing Mexican Youth,” Sponsored by Latin American Studies and the Department of History, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, 2005.
- “Documenting Spousal Abuse in Mexico City, 1750-1850,” Research Seminar Series. University of Scranton, Scranton, PA, 2005.
- “Midwives and Scientific Birthing in 20th-Century Mexico.” National Association of Hispanic & Latino Studies, Houston, TX, 2004.
- “Interpersonal Relations in Mexican Society: Gender Stereotypes and the Extended Family.” Sponsored by Latin American Studies and the Department of History, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, 2003.
- Chair and Discussant. “Panel on Hispanic Catholicism.” *American Catholic Historical Association*, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA, 2003.
- (with Verónica Vallejo) “Domestic Violence in Colonial Mexico.” Phi Alpha Theta New Jersey Regional Conference, Caldwell College, 2002.
- “Women in Mexico’s Medical Establishment during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.” The History of Science Society, Denver, CO. 2001.
- “La obstetricia en México y el surgimiento de la mujer en la medicina profesional, siglos XIX-XX.” PHTV: Public Television (www.potencialhumanotv.com), Mexico City, 2001.
- “Expert Medical Testimony by Mexican Midwives, 1740-1850.” National Association of Hispanic & Latino Studies, Houston, TX, 2001.
- “Writing History to Suit the Government: Porfirio Díaz and Mexican Historiography in the Twentieth Century.” Humanities Institute, College of Arts and Sciences. Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, 1999.
- “The History of Modern Mexico through Murals.” Conference on Linking International Students through the Model United Nations. Flint Educational Community, Flint, MI, 1998.
- “The Oral History Project: Curriculum Integration through Field-Study Excursions.” National Conference for the Social Studies, Cincinnati, OH, 1997.
- “Foreign Language Study Across the College Curriculum: Spanish Documents that Place Modern Europe in Latin American Perspective.” Conference on Europe: Unity and Diversity. The University of Connecticut and Marianapolis Preparatory School, Thompson, CT, 1997.
- “Protecting and Punishing Deviant Women: The *Casa de Depósito* in Mexico, 1750-1820.” Conference on Latin American History, American Historical Association, San Francisco, CA, 1994.

Select University Service/Professional Development (Western Michigan University)

- Overseas Security Advisor Council. “Travel Safety and Security.” Lexington, KY, 2019.
- NAFSA Management Development Program (Workshop). Evanston, IL, 2019.
- Fellow of Global Citizenship Alliance. Workshop participant, Mondsee, Austria, 2019.
- Overseas Travel Safety, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Conference. Chicago, 2019.
- FORUM Workshop on “Health, Safety, Security, & Risk Management. Seattle, WA, 2017
- FORUM Workshop on “The Clery Act, Title IX, VAWA & Related Obligations for Education Abroad.” Dayton, OH, 2016.
- LBGT Advisory Committee
- Gilman official university advisor.
- Senior Leadership/HIGE 2018+ (Haenicke Institute for Global Education)
- CHHS International Committee
- Collaborative Risk/Opportunity Management (CROM), Team 1
- Signature Program Advisory Board (alternate)
- Signature Pathway Champion
- Global and Languages Learning Committee
- Phi Beta Kappa (Members in Course Committee)
- Broncos First (Professional Learning Community), 2016-2018
- Assessment Fellows Group
- German Study Abroad Selection Committee
- Japanese Study Abroad Selection Committee
- HIGE Diversity Council
- Nihon Passport Committee
- Success at WMU Task Force Group 1: Key Informant and Interview Volunteer
- Passport Acceptance Agent
- Search Committees (requested to participate by top administrators): Search for V.P. of Diversity and Inclusion.
- Medallion Scholarship Observer/Evaluator, 2018

Select University Service (University of Scranton)

- History Department (student advisor, Open Houses, search committees, active participant in meetings)
- Member of Latin American Studies and frequent director, 2002-2016
- Member of Women's Studies and occasional steering committee member, 2001-2016
- CAS subcommittee on assessment, 2014-2016
- Member of faculty gay-straight alliance, 2005-2016
- Faculty Handbook Committee, 2014-2016
- Handbook subcommittee member for interdisciplinarity, 2014-2016
- Faculty senator and alternate senator, elected sporadically between 2002-2010
- Phi Beta Kappa advisory key-holders committee, 2008-2009
- Faculty participant in Special Jesuit Liberal Arts (Honors) Program, 2001-2004
- Board member of Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, 2005-2006
- CAS Faculty Advisor, 2003-2004
- Honors Program Council, 2001-2007
- Truman scholarship committee, 2006
- Faculty-Directed Student Summer Research Program, 2001, 2008
- Middle States committee on library and learning resources, 2003
- Translator and twice co-director of 4 Faculty/Staff 10-day trips to El Salvador, 2001-2005
- Fulbright Screening Committee, 2001

Professional Affiliations/Associations

Alpha Mu Gamma, The University of Scranton

Alpha Sigma Nu, Fairfield University

NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Frequent Member

Phi Alpha Theta, Fairfield University

Phi Beta Kappa, The University of Connecticut

American Historical Association, Frequent Member

Conference on Latin American History, Frequent Member

Midwest Association for Latin American Studies, Life Member

Michigan Association of International Educators, Member

Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Life Member

Languages

English Native speaker

Spanish Near-native proficiency

Contact Information

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