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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Environmental Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, August 2022
Dissertation: “The Colonial New Deal: Hurricanes, Land Reform, and Organized Labor in Puerto Rico, 1928-1952”
Advisor: Paul Sutter
Certificate: Environmental Justice

M.A., Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 2016
Thesis: “Defending ‘*Un Pedacito de la Soberanía Nacional*’: Land Conservation and National Sovereignty in Costa Rica”

B.A., Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2010

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Geography & Environmental Studies, 2024-2026

Instructor of History, 2023-2024

Willamette University, Salem, Oregon

Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Humanities, 2022-2023

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

“Striking for Public Power: Workers, Energy and the Nationalization of Puerto Rico’s Electrical Grid, 1933-1941,” *Journal of Political Ecology*, Volume 31, Issue 1, (May 2024).

“Building a Puerto Rico ‘Better Than the One We Lost’: Hurricane San Felipe II and the Puerto Rican New Deal,” *Environment and History*, Volume 29, Issue 3, (August 2023).

Editor-Reviewed Articles

“Confronting Colonial Capitalism,” Review Essay on *The Battle for Paradise*, by Naomi Klein, and *Policing Life and Death*, by Marisol LeBrón, *New Labor Forum*, Volume 29, Issue 1, (Winter 2020).

“Puerto Rico Needs Public Power, Not More Disastrous Privatization,” *Jacobin*, (Sept. 27, 2022)

In Progress

Book Manuscript: *How Strikes, Storms, and Sugarcane Made the Puerto Rican New Deal*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

New Mexico State University

GEOG 1150, "Introduction to Environmental Studies" (forthcoming)

HIST 400, "Special Topics: Nature and Society" (forthcoming)

HIST 1140, "World History II" (forthcoming)

HIST 300, "Climate, Disease, and Disasters: Introduction to Environmental History"

HIST 311, "Colonial Latin America"

ENGL 1110, "Composition 1"

Willamette University

HIST 131, "Climate and Disaster History in Latin America" (twice)

HIST 199, "Imagining Sustainable Futures: An Introduction to Environmental Humanities" (twice)

HIST 342, "US Environmental History"

IDS 299, "Land, Work, and the Pursuit of Environmental Justice"

University of Colorado Boulder

WRTG 1150, "First-Year Writing and Rhetoric," (11 times)

ENVS 1000, "Introduction to Environmental Studies," (TA, twice)

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2021	Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$38,000)
2021	Center for Humanities and the Arts Dissertation Fellowship, University of Colorado Boulder (\$26,330 - Declined)
2020	Research Grant, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute
2020, 2019	Beverly Sears Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Colorado Boulder
2020, 2018	Graduate Student Research Grant, Environmental Studies Program, University of Colorado Boulder
2019	Graduate Student Grant, Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder
2015	Summer Field Research Grant, Tinker Foundation
2014-2016	Tuition Scholarship and Research Fellowship, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University

AWARDS

- 2023 Finalist, Gutman Prize for Outstanding Dissertation in U.S. Labor and Working-Class History
- 2020 Ray Hauser Award for Best Grant Proposal – Beverly Sears Graduate Student Grant Program, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2015 Richard E. Greenleaf Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in Social Sciences by a Latin American Studies Student, Tulane University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2024 “Rebuilding Puerto Rico: Hurricanes, Food and Energy Systems, and the Uses of Environmental History” (April 24), Las Cruces, New Mexico, New Mexico State University
- 2024 “Working and Striking in Twentieth Century Puerto Rico” (April 11), Las Cruces, New Mexico, New Mexico State University
- 2023 “Building a Puerto Rico ‘Better Than the One We Lost’: Hurricane San Felipe II and the Puerto Rican New Deal” (October 31), Las Cruces, New Mexico, New Mexico State University
- 2023 “The Pursuit of Public Power: Labor, Energy, and the Nationalization of Puerto Rico’s Electrical Grid” (April 12), Salem, Oregon, Willamette University
- 2022 “Striking for Public Power: Workers, Energy and the Nationalization of Puerto Rico’s Electrical Grid, 1933-1941,” Annual Conference of EHJustice: The Network for Global Justice and the Environmental Humanities (November 3), Aarhus, Denmark
- 2019 “Learning from Disaster History: Global Perspectives,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference [Roundtable Participant] (April 13), Columbus, Ohio
- 2018 “The Colonial New Deal: Hurricanes, Economic Decolonization, and Puerto Rican Independence, 1928-1936,” University of Colorado Boulder (Nov. 13), Boulder, Colorado
- 2017 “Puerto Rico: In the Wake of Maria and Colonialism,” Naropa University [Event Organizer and Discussant] (April 19), Boulder, Colorado

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2018 “Energy and Power in an American Colony.” Radio Journalism Segment with Diana Dorman on *The Brink*, Boulder, CO: KGNU, June 5, 2018.

ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2014-Present Instructor & Volunteer, Camp Tabonuco, Jayuya, Puerto Rico
- 2019-2021 Graduate Student Social Committee, Environmental Studies, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2020 Lead Coordinator, Prospective Students Weekend, Environmental Studies, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2014-2015 Paper Selection Committee, LAGO Graduate Student Conference, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University

SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in Spanish

REFERENCES

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