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EDUCATION

Brown University

Ph.D., American Studies, 2011

M.A., American Studies, 2004

Dissertation: “Anxieties of Empire: Class, Race, Nation, and the Roots of the Anti-Neoliberal Globalization Movement in the U.S. and Mexico, 1987-2003”

Committee Members: Evelyn Hu-Dehart (chair), Paul Buhle, Anthony Bogues

University of Colorado

M.A., History, 2002

Master’s Thesis: “A Home on the Range?: Andean Sheep Herders in Peru and the U.S. West, 1970-1995”

Thesis Advisor: Julie Greene

University of Minnesota

B.A., Cultural History: Research and Publication

Summa cum laude

Winner, George D. Green American History Research Prize (Best senior thesis, Department of History)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor

Crime and Justice Studies

Affiliate, Black Studies

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (2013-present)

Certified Inside-Out instructor (prison education)

Affiliated Researcher

Laboratorio Sobre Activismos y Alternativas De Base, based in the *Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales (IIS) y el Centro de Investigaciones Interdisciplinarias en Ciencias y Humanidades (CEIICH)*

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (2021)

Lecturer

Committee on Degrees in History and Literature

Harvard University (2010-2013)

Visiting Scholar
Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America
Brown University (2010-2013)

Brown / Wheaton (MA) Faculty Fellow
Department of History
Wheaton College (Spring 2009)

Co-founder and Coordinator
Rhode Island Solidarity School
(Bilingual community/popular education program) (2010-2017)

Union organizer
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Providence, RI (2005)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Grounding Global Justice: Race, Class, and Grassroots Globalism in the U.S. and Mexico.
(Oakland: University of California Press, 2023) (Author).

- A version of chapter 5 won Honorable Mention for the Emory Elliott award. See “Honors” section for details.

Jobs with Justice: 25 Years, 25 Voices. (San Francisco: PM Press, 2013) (Editor)

- Favorably reviewed in *Labor Studies Journal*, *Labor Notes*, *Labor and Working-Class History Association*, *Progressive Populist*, and *Popular Resistance*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Coalition Building in the Age of Trump? Lessons from the Solidarity School,” in *Labor in Twenty-First Century Boston: The Fight for Economic Justice*. Aviva Chomsky and Steve Striffler, editors. (Haymarket Press, 2021, pp. 61-71)

“Anti-Colonial Anti-Intervention: Puerto Rican *Independentismo* and the U.S. ‘Anti-Intervention’ Left in Reagan-Era Boston.” *Journal of Transnational American Studies*. 9, 1 (2018): 93-118.

“Tradition and Transition: Neoliberal Multiculturalism and the Containment of Indigenous Insurgency in Southern Mexico in the 1990s.” *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*. 13, 1 (2018): 22-46.

“José Soler: A Life Working at the Intersections of Nationalism, Internationalism, and Working-Class Radicalism.” *Radical History Review*. No. 128 (2017): 62-76.

“Black Lives Matter and Bridge-Building: Labor Education for a ‘New Jim Crow’ Era.” *Labor Studies Journal*. 41, 1 (2016): 36-66.

- Winner of the 2016 *Labor Studies Journal* “Best Article” award

“Ode to the American Century: Ambivalent Americanism and the Founding of the Jobs with Justice Coalition.” *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*. 12, 3 (Sept. 2015), 53-74.

“International Government and Nongovernmental Organization Responses.” *The New Face of American Poverty: A Reference Guide to the Great Recession*. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2014), 570-578.

“Capturing the Stories of the ‘Permanent Coalition,’” in Eric Larson, ed. *Jobs with Justice: 25 Years, 25 Voices*. (San Francisco: PM Press, 2013), 1-6.

Book Reviews

Review of *No Man’s Land: Jamaican Guestworkers in America and the Global History of Deportable Labor*, by Cindy Hahamovitch (*International Review of Social History*, Vol. 58, Number 2, August 2013)

Review of *Playing Bigger than You Are: A Life in Organizing*, by Stewart Acuff (*Labor Studies Journal*, Vol. 38, Number 2, June 2013)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Covid, Cannabis, and Redemptive Racial Capitalism: Possibilities for Racial and Economic Justice in a ‘Colorblind’ Age,” forthcoming in Steve Striffler, ed. *Covid-19 and the Working Class* (book manuscript accepted for publication by University of Illinois Press)

“U.S. Solidarity with Latin America and the Caribbean.” In *Encyclopedia of the American Left*. 3rd edition. (Oxford, U.K.: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

“Jobs with Justice.” In *Encyclopedia of the American Left*. 3rd edition. (Oxford, U.K.: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

“‘Work in the Shadows’: Globalization and Inequality in the Late Twentieth Century U.S.” (Invited submission from the Labor and Working-Class History Association, a peer-reviewed “Thematic Essay” to be published on the association’s “Teaching Labor Society” web site.)

Manuscripts in Progress

Urban Solidarity Economies: Cooperative Economics and Urban Space in the U.S. and Mexico (Project in research stage)

GRANTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, College of Arts and Sciences Publication Subvention Grant (\$1500) (2023)

Oral History Project Grant, Hagley Center for the History of Business Technology and Society at the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington Delaware (\$4100) (2022)

- *Race and Resilience: Social and Technological Innovation in the History of Cooperative Home Care Associates*

Sociological Initiatives Foundation (\$20,000) (2021) (principal investigator)

- *Worker-owned Cooperatives for the Formerly Incarcerated: Avenues to Racial and Economic Justice?*

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, College of Arts and Sciences Research Development Grant (\$2,000) (2021)

- *Cooperation and Crisis: Race, Resilience, and Cooperative Businesses in Mexico*

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Community and Research Partnership Fellow (2020)

- *Out of the Shadows? Worker Cooperatives and Economic Mobility for the Formerly Incarcerated*

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Community-Engaged Research Grant (\$10,000) (2019-20)

- *Working in the Shadows: Race, Immigration, and Mass Incarceration in Rhode Island*

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant (\$2,000) (2019-20)

- *Gendered Forms of Statecraft in Mexico*

Rhode Island Foundation, Community Partnership Grant (principal investigator) (\$10,000) (2018-19)

- *Working in the Shadows: Incarceration, Race, and Work in Rhode Island*

Labor Research Action Network, Young Scholars Award (\$3000) (2018-19)

- *Working in the Shadows: Race, Immigration, and Mass Incarceration in 'Creative Economies'*

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Provost Fellow (\$7000) (2018)

- *Grounding Anti-Globalization: Race, Class, and Grassroots Globalism in the U.S. and Mexico, 1987-2003*

Harvard University Native American Program, Classroom Enrichment Grant (\$500) (2012)

Harvard University Gay and Lesbian Caucus, Open Gate Research Grant (\$2000) (2012)

American Studies Association, Community Partnership Grant (\$3000) (2010-11)

Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America (Brown University), Solidarity School grant (2011)

Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America (Brown University), Dissertation Fellow (2008-2010)

Brown University Center for Latin American Studies, research travel grant (2007-08)

Southern California Historical Society, research grant, (2007-08)

University of Colorado, Department of History Bean Fellowship for Graduate Research (2001)

University of Colorado, Beverly Sears Graduate Student Grant (2001)

HONORS

“Teaching Labor Society” award, Labor and Working-Class History Association (2024)

Honorable Mention for Emory Elliott award for best paper presented at the International American Studies Association world conference (2019)

Winner of *Labor Studies Journal* “Best Article” award “Black Lives Matter and Bridge-Building: Labor Education for a ‘New Jim Crow’ Era” (2016)

Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University (2012)

UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC LECTURES

Book talk, “Grounding Global Justice,” University of California Davis, co-sponsored by the Hemispheric Institute on the Americas and the Global Affairs division, Davis (CA), March 8, 2024

“Las tensiones de la transformación: límites y oportunidades del cooperativismo en Estados Unidos y México,” El Instituto Politécnico Nacional, Centro de Investigaciones Económicas, Administrativas y Sociales, Mexico City, Dec. 13, 2023.

Book talk, “Grounding Global Justice,” co-presenter with Diana K. Johnson (California State University – San Bernadino), LAWCHA Book talk online event series, Dec. 8, 2023.

“Cooperativas Urbanas frente a Sistemas de Encarcelamiento y Control Colonial,” Campo Urbano, Huerta Roma Verde, Mexico City, July 26, 2023

“Creando Autonomia Alimentaria,” in-class lecture, Ambientes Alimentarios y Redes Agroalimentarias 2023-1, National Autonomous University of Mexico, May 16, 2023

Closing Remarks, *Defiant Spirits* exhibition, Brown University's John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage (Nov. 3, 2021) (Invitation declined) (For comments on Brito’s award-winning series, *Tus Pasos Se Perdieron con el Paisaje/Your Steps Were Lost in the Landscape.*)

“La Cooperación Frente la Crisis Sanitaria: Personas antes Encarceladas Creando Negocios Cooperativos en los EE.UU.,” National Autonomous University of Mexico (Oct. 2021) [virtual] (in Spanish)

“Colorblind Anti-Corporatism: Race and the 1999 World Trade Organization Protests,” St. Mary’s College (March 2019)

“Re-considering the 1999 World Trade Organization Protests: Situating Seattle in an Age of Neoliberal Multiculturalism,” Smith College, Social Movements Working Group (Oct. 2018)

“Neoliberalism and Indigenous Movements: Oaxaca in a Hemispheric Context,” Brown University, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (April 2016)

“Multiculturalismo Neoliberal y La Contención de Movimientos Indígenas en Oaxaca en los 90,” Welte Institute of Oaxacan Studies (Oaxaca, Mexico, Oct. 2015)

“Union-Community Coalitions: Jobs with Justice in Theoretical Perspective” (SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, Dec. 2014)

Taller: Racismo, Inmigración, y la Policía (*Workshop: Racism, Immigration, and the Police*) (Comité en Acción, English for Action organization, March 2014)

Jobs with Justice 25th Anniversary Book Celebration (Boston, Oct. 2013)

“Free Trade, Foreign Coffee, and National Security,” Massachusetts State House “D.R.E.A.M. University” (April 2012)

“Neoliberalism and the Global Coffee Industry” (Municipal Hall, Zaragoza, Oax., July 2011)

“Neoliberalism and the Global Coffee Industry” (*Los de Abajo* Coffee Cooperative, Oaxaca, July 2011)

Organizer, “Oaxaca, Justice, and Democracy Tour” (southern California, March 2011)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“Estadio Azteca and the 2026 World Cup in Mexico.” North American Congress on Latin America web magazine, Sept. 15, 2023, <https://nacla.org/activists-protest-estadio-azteca-and-2026-world-cup>.

Kendall Johnson, Eric Larson, Trisha Oliver, David-Allen Sumner Sr., and Tunji Yerima. “Worker-owned Cooperatives for Formerly Incarcerated People: Avenues to Racial and Economic Justice.” (Dec. 2022). Report published in print and distributed at community events in New England (USA). Report is also published electronically at breakthecyclecooperativehub.org. The report was the result of a year of Participatory Action Research between 2021-2022.

“Working in the Shadows: Jobs and the Struggle to Survive after Prison.” Report co-authored with Robert Clay, Ronald Doyle, Dameon Rougas, Jeffrey Santos, and Sylvia Tellado, 2019.

Preface to Dan Georgianna, *Together We Are Better: The First 50 Years of the UMASS Faculty Federation*, 2018.

“Exclusive – Oaxaca in Crisis: An Interview with Victoria Tenopala Juárez.” *Latin American Perspectives* blog, August 30, 2016, <http://laperspectives.blogspot.com/2016/08/exclusive-oaxaca-in-crisis-interview.html#more>

“Life after the Massacre: A View from Oaxaca.” North American Congress on Latin America web magazine, June 26, 2016, <https://nacla.org/news/2016/06/28/life-after-massacre-view-oaxaca>

“In Oaxaca, Teachers won’t Give up the Fight.” North American Congress on Latin America web magazine, Dec. 1, 2015, <https://nacla.org/news/2015/12/01/oaxaca-teachers-won't-give-fight>

SELECTED RECENT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Conference Presentations

“Laboring Sovereignty: Class, Nation, and the Origins of Food Sovereignty,” American Sociological Association (Aug. 2020)

“Out of the Shadows? Worker Cooperatives and Economic Mobility for the Formerly Incarcerated,” Engaged Scholarship Symposium (Univ. of Mass. Dartmouth, Feb. 2020)

“Populism, Immigration, and ‘Ambivalent Americanism’ in Recent U.S. History,” American Historical Association (New York, January 2020)

“The Origins of Food Sovereignty: Mexican Peasant Movements and the Global Politics of Food,” Northeast Council of Latin American Studies (New London, CT, Nov. 2019)

“Colorblind Anti-Corporatism: Race, Trumpism, and the 1999 World Trade Organization Protests,” International American Studies Association conference (Universidad de Alcalá – Instituto Franklin, Spain, July 2019)

“Immigration, Trade, and the Origins of the Anti-Globalization Movements of the 1990s,” Northeast American Studies Association (Fitchburg State University, MA, June 2019)

“Neoliberal Multiculturalism and the Suppression of Indigenous Insurgency in 1990s-era Mexico.” Latin American Studies Association (Boston, May 2019)

- *Paper delivered in Spanish.*

“Whiteness, ‘Ambivalent Americanism,’ and the Origins of the Anti-Globalization Movements of the 1990s.” American Historical Association (Chicago, Jan. 2019)

- *Panel broadcast on CSPAN-3*

“Colorblind Anti-Corporatism: Globalization Politics and the Consolidation of Colorblind Racial Regimes.” American Sociological Association (Philadelphia, Aug. 2018)

“The Politics of ‘Grounding’ Anti-Globalization in the U.S. and Mexico.” Society for the Study of Social Problems (Philadelphia, Aug. 2018)

“‘Where was the Color in Seattle?’ Neoliberal Multiculturalism and Colorblind Racism in the 1999 World Trade Organization Protests.” Critical Ethnic Studies Association (Vancouver, June 2018)

“Grassroots Globalism? Whiteness, Populism, and Working-Class Resistance in the 1999 World Trade Organization Protests.” Working Class Studies Association (SUNY-Stonybrook, June 2018)

“Working in the Shadows: Race, Immigration, and Mass Incarceration in ‘Creative Economies.’” Labor Research Action Network (Vanderbilt University, May 2018)

“Colorblind Racism and Social Movements: WTO Protests and ‘Colorblind Anti-Corporate’ Discourse.” *Mobilizations* Conference. (San Diego State University, May 2018)

“Grassroots Globalism: Class and the Politics of ‘Grounding’ Anti-Globalization.” *Mobilizations* Conference (San Diego State University, May 2017)

“Union Education: Spurring Coalition-Building in the Age of Trump?,” *Boston Labor Conference* (UMASS-Boston, April 2017) (Note: Program lists the paper co-presented with Jeffrey Santos, but Santos was unable to work on presentation or attend the conference)

“Neoliberal Multiculturalism in Oaxaca: Indigenous Social Movements and the Politics of Tradition and Transition,” Latin American Studies Association conference (Lima, Peru, April 2017)

- *Paper delivered in Spanish.*

“‘Black Lives Matter and All Lives Matter’: Unions and ‘Evasive Engagement’ with the Movement for Black Lives,” Cultural Studies Association Conference (Philadelphia, June 2016)

“Indigenous Political Prisoners and Neoliberal Rule in Mexico,” Justice Studies Association conference (Bridgewater State University, May 2015)

“Multiculturalismo, Comunalidad y Contrainsurgencia: Luchas Popular-Comunitarias y Poder Neoliberal,” *Primer Congreso de la Comunalidad* (Puebla, Mexico, Oct. 2015)

“Disaster Development: Hurricanes, Multiculturalism, and Neoliberal Sustainability in Southern Mexico,” American Studies Association (Toronto, Nov. 2015)

“Unions, Bridge-Builders, and #BlackLivesMatter: Labor Education after Ferguson,” United Association for Labor Education (Orlando, April 2015)

“Slow Violence and Policing Pleasures: Neoliberal Intimacy and Indigenous Autonomy in Post-NAFTA Southern Mexico,” American Studies Association (Los Angeles, Nov. 2014)

A Tale of Two Protests: Did “Anti-Globalization” Stunt International Solidarity?,” Empire and Solidarity conference (University of New Orleans, Oct. 2014)

“Neo-Magonismo and the Neoliberal Self in Oaxaca: Examining the Political Pamphlets of the Popular Indigenous Council of Oaxaca - Ricardo Flores Magón,” Illustrating Anarchy and Revolution: Mexican Legacies of Global Change conference (University of Texas-Austin, Feb. 2014)

“From Ethnic Enclave to Black-Brown Boston: Anti-Colonial Nationalism and *El Colectivo Puertorriqueño* in the late Cold War,” Southern History Association conference (Nov. 2013)

“Ode to the American Century: Ambivalent Americanism and Jobs with Justice,” Social Science History Association conference (Chicago, Nov. 2013)

“Community Education and Universities: Histories and Possibilities,” Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life Conference (New York, Oct. 2012)

“Dissent in the Diaspora: *La Alternativa* and Immigrant Anti-Colonialism in the Reagan Era,” Protest on the Page Conference (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sept. 2012)

“A ‘Rainbow’ or Urban Re-segregation? The ‘Pledge of Resistance’ and the Emergence of the Central America Solidarity Movement in Boston, 1977-1987,” *Talking Shop* colloquium (Harvard University, April 2012)

“Decline and Dissent: The U.S. Labor Left and National Decline in the 1980s,” U.S. Intellectual History Conference (Graduate Center of the City University of New York, Nov. 2011)

“‘Another Vietnam’: Labor, Latina/os, and Central America Solidarity in New England in the 1980s,” American Studies Association Conference (Baltimore, Nov. 2011)

“Family, Country, and Foreign Competition: National Narratives and Union Reform in the 1980s,” New England American Studies Association Conference (Plimoth Plantation, Oct. 2011)

“Becoming *Globalifóbicos*: Neoliberalism, Nationalism, and the Founding of the Popular Indigenous Council of Oaxaca - Ricardo Flores Magón (CIPO-RFM),” Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas (Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 2011)

“Labor and the Limits of Populism: Race, Identity, and Union Reform in the 1980s and 1990s,” Critical Ethnic Studies conference (University of California-Riverside March 2011)

“Did Multiculturalism Menace?” *Talking Shop* colloquium (Harvard University, April 2011)

“Competition, the Third World, and an ‘America in Decline’: Jobs with Justice in the Reagan Era,” American Studies Association (San Antonio, Nov. 2010)

“From Anti-Intervention to Anti-Globalization: Anxieties of Empire, Class, and Nation in the U.S. and Mexico, 1980s-2000s,” Empire and Solidarity Conference (University of New Orleans, Oct. 2010)

“Articulating Class and Confronting Culture: The Political Discourses of the Oaxacan Popular Left in the 1990s,” Futuros: the Fifth Transatlantic Congress (Brown University, April 2010)

“Identity, Indigeneity, and Class in post-NAFTA Oaxaca, Mexico,” NAFTA at 15 conference (Sorbonne University, April 2010)

“Race, Class, and Oaxaca: *Magonismo* in the 1990s,” American Studies Association (Washington, D.C., Nov. 2009)

“A Home on the Range?: Andean Workers in Peru and Colorado, 1975-2000,” Social Science History Association Conference (2003)

“A Less-than-Shining Path: Andean Workers, International Migration, and Politics in Peru, 1980-1995,” Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference (University of Colorado, April 2002)

“Opportunity or Exclusion?: Peruvian Migrants and Political Exclusion in the U.S. West, 1970-2000,” Global Diasporas and the United States Conference (Florida Atlantic University, Nov. 2002)

Panel Chair/Discussant

Chair, “The Talking City: Labor, Landscapes, and Gender in Industrializing Lowell, Massachusetts,” Organization of American Historians conference (Boston, 2022)

Discussant, “Connections to Employment: Precarious, Tenuous and Difficult Situations,” Labor and Employment Relations Association (Chicago [virtual], January 2021)

Discussant, “Identidad indígena, educación pública, y resistencia en el contexto del neoliberalismo espacios de visibilidad e invisibilidad,” Latin American Studies Association (Guadalajara [virtual], May 2020)

- *Discussion in Spanish*

Chair, “Organizing, Direct Action, and Strikes Post-Janus,” American Sociological Association (New York, August 2019)

Chair, “Neoliberal Multiculturalism in Mexico: Contradictory Forms of Inclusion and Dispossession,” Latin American Studies Association conference (Boston, May 2019)

Chair, “Movimientos Sociales y Sociedad Civil en México,” Latin American Studies Association conference (Lima, Peru, April 2017)

Chair, “Race, Political Prisoners, and Colonial Control in the Neoliberal Americas,” Justice Studies Association conference (Bridgewater State University, May 2015)

“International Solidarity and the Legacies of Empire: The U.S., Southern Mexico, and the Politics of Liberation,” academic/activist roundtable discussion, Critical Ethnic Studies Conference (University of California-Riverside, March 2011)

Multinational Indigenous Video Conference, Plimoth Plantation (New England American Studies Association Conference, Nov. 2011)

Commenter, “The Queer(d) Body as Citizen and Other,” Fifth Annual Brown University Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference (Brown University, Nov. 2010)

Panel Organizer

“Neoliberal Multiculturalism in Mexico: Contradictory Forms of Inclusion and Dispossession,” Latin American Studies Association conference (Boston, May 2019)

Co-organizer, “Displacements: Race, Gentrification, and Colonialism in Puerto Rico and the Diaspora,” Other Knowledges/*Otros Saberes* Pre-Conference to LASA meetings (Boston, May 2019)

“Race, Political Prisoners, and Colonial Control in the Neoliberal Americas,” Justice Studies Association conference (Bridgewater State University, May 2015)

“International Solidarity and the Legacies of Empire: The U.S., Southern Mexico, and the Politics of Liberation,” academic/activist roundtable discussion, Critical Ethnic Studies Conference (University of California-Riverside, April 2011)

“Hemispheric Solidarities: Alternative Globalizations in the Americas,” four-part speaker series, Harvard University, Spring 2012

Multinational Indigenous Video Conference, Plimoth Plantation (New England American Studies Association Conference, Nov. 2011)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Labor Research Action Network Projects Committee (2018-present)

United Association for Labor Education, Popular Education Committee (2015-2019)

Latin American Studies Association *Otros Saberes* / Other Knowledges Committee (2018-2020)

Labor Research Action Network New Scholars Committee (2018-2023)

International Conference on Penal Abolition, Conference Organizing Committee (New Bedford, Mass., 2017)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Studies Association

Labor and Working-Class History Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish (evaluated as “superior/distinguished,” “with components of a fluent speaker”); English (fluent)