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## EDUCATION

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

- PhD Latin American History, expected May 2026.
- Masters of Arts in Latin American Studies, May 2007  
Thesis: “The Politics of Migration in the 2006 Mexican Presidential Elections”
- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Minor in Spanish, Magna Cum Laude December 2004

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Director**, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona, 2011-present.

- Director of Graduate & Undergraduate Studies
- Graduate student advisor
- Instructor for LAS 195, 348, 354, 498 & 405/505.
- Admissions committee co-chair
- Scholarship committee co-chair
- Grants Administrator (Current: US Department of Education Title VI, FLAS & UISFL, US State Department SUSI Program, Tinker Foundation)
- Faculty Liaison (140 Affiliates of LAS)
- Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Coordinator
- Tinker Field Research Grant committee chair
- Co-Chair of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Undergraduate Council
- Founding Board Member of the Tucson Cine Mexico Film Festival

**Program Coordinator**, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona, 2007-2011.

- Director of K-12 Outreach Activities including workshops, field studies, resource lending library, speaker’s bureau and curriculum materials (see Workshops below).
- Distinguished speakers and lecture series organizer for CLAS.
- Foreign Language Area Fellowships (FLAS) Coordinator
- Departmental committee member for admissions, curriculum, scholarships, field research grants, hiring, CLAS council for the arts.
- Official Conference Organizer (see conferences below)
- Webmaster for CLAS <http://las.arizona.edu> and department listserv manager.
- Grant writing/reporting (see Grants Awarded below)
- Courses taught/facilitated: LAS 195A, LAS 495 and Colloquium Seminar
- Internship/Independent Study Coordinator for LAS MA and BA students
- Mexico Field Trips and Field Study Coordinator
- Primary contact for inter-departmental collaboration with Anthropology, Art, Business, History, Law, Mexican American Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Political Science, Public Administration, Public Health, Sociology, Spanish and Portuguese, and Women’s Studies

- Community contact for information, resources and collaboration with the general public, Arizona State Museum, Borderlands Theater, Borderlinks, Latin American Area Network, La Voz Newspaper, Temple of Music and Art and the Tucson Museum of Art.
- Co-Director of the Moral Geographies Winter Session Field Study to Mexico 2016
- Coordinator for Video Production Workshops in Latin America (Mexico 2010, 2011)

**Research Assistant**, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona, 2005-2007

- Performed independent research on various projects at Director's discretion.
- Assisted in grant writing/submission; coordinated (advertised, hosted and organized) guest lecturers.
- Assisted with conference organization and staging for various events (see conferences)
- Led faculty and student trips to US-Mexico border area (2 faculty and 2 student trips)
- Audio/visual technical coordinator for many events.
- Content Management System web design and maintenance specialist.
- Temporarily performed duties of assistant to student coordinator (registered students for courses; managed student applications etc.).

**Research Specialist**, Office of Economic Development, University of Arizona, 2005

- Coordinated steering committees for Inter-American Initiative, Guadalajara Program and Department of Homeland Security Grant Exploratory Group.
- Arranged for gubernatorial mission to Chile, including professional meetings, logistics and briefing materials.
- Conducted market research and completed reports on complimentary industry clusters of Europe and North America.

**Archeologist and Assistant Facility Manager**, Western Archeological and Conservation Center, Tucson, AZ, 2001-2004.

- Conducted archeological surveys in Saguaro, Tumacacori and Grand Canyon National Parks.
- Entered information into databanks using: Arcview GIS, ASMIS and Excel.
- Archived photographs, field data and artifacts.
- Curated and preserved artifacts.
- Conducted tours of the facility for the public and visiting archeologists.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- *Uncharted Terrains: New Directions in Border Research Methodologies, Ethics & Practice*. Co-edited with Anna O'leary & Scott Whiteford, University of Arizona Press 2013.
- *The Social and Economic Costs of Trump's Border Wall*. Voices of Mexico Magazine, edited by the Center for North American Studies (CISAN) at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Issue 102 Autumn-Winter 2016-2017, pgs. 24-28.

## **FILM PRODUCTION**

- *US Immigration Policy: Linking the Past to Present*. Documentary Film Co-Directed with Lisa Falk & Tadeo Pfister, University of Arizona Center for Latin American Studies, 2016

- *In the Americas with David Yetman*. Production Assistant & Sound Engineer for Episodes on the Missions of Father Kino and Ecuador & the Galapagos. Arizona Public Media 2017.

## INVITED LECTURES

- *The US & Mexico's War on Drugs*. LAS 150: Modern Latin America Course (annually since 2014), LAS 348 Drug & Oil Fortunes of South America (annually since 2015), LAS 364 Human Rights in Latin America (annually since 2016).
- *Drugs, Violence and Migration from Mexico*. University of Arizona Humanities Seminar Series, UA Poetry Center, November 2017.
- *The Social and Economic Costs of Trump's Border Wall*. Center for Latin American Studies Lecture Series, with Scott Whiteford & Margaret Wilder, October 2017.
- *Security Challenges Along the US-Mexico Border*. United States Air Force, Southern Command, Davis Monthan Air Force Base, May 2017.
- *US Immigration Policy: Linking Past to Present*. Film Screening and Lecture, Tucson Chinese Cultural Center April 2016.
- *If You're Dead Your Dirty: Mexico's War on Drugs*. Graduate Club of Tucson, August 2015.
- *Ayotzinapa and the Missing 43*. UA Mexican & Chicano Student Club (MeCHA) April 2014.

## GRANT COLLABORATIONS

- U.S. Department of Education Title VI *National Resource Center for Latin American Studies* (2011-2014, 2018-2021, 2022-2025)
- U.S. Department of Education *Foreign Language Area Studies FLAS* (2011-2014, 2018-2021, 2022-2025)
- Tinker Foundation Grant for *Graduate Student Field Research* (2007-2008, 2010-2011, 2013-2015, 2018-2023)
- U.S. Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages (UISFL) Brazil Studies Program (2016-2018) & Central American Studies (2021-2023)
- U.S. Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages (UISFL) Central American Studies Program (2020-2022)
- Confluencer for Creative Inquiry, Provost Investment Fund Grant for Borderlab Fellows & Mentors (2021-2023)
- Arizona Humanities Council Grant for the Immigration Policy History Film (2016)
- U.S. Department of Education Title VI *National Resource Center for Latin American Studies* (2010-2014)
- U.S. Department of Education *Foreign Language Area Studies FLAS* (2010-2014)
- Confluencer for Creative Inquiry *Directors Fund* (2014 & 2016)
- National Endowment for the Humanities *Summer Field Institute on Border Studies for K-12 Educators* (2011-2012)
- Arizona Humanities Council Grant for the *Borderlands Film Series* (2011)

- University of Arizona Community Connections Grant (2011)
- Ford Foundation Mexico Office Grant for Research on *Violence and Immigration Along the US- Mexico Border* (2010-2011)
- Tinker Foundation Grant for *Graduate Student Field Research* (2007-2008 & 2010-2011)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Center for Excellence in Border Security (2008-2010)
- Ford Foundation New York Office Grant for *No Vale la Vida Conference on Death and Migration* (2008)

## **COURSES, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS and EVENTS ORGANIZED**

- LAS 195A: An Introduction to the US-Mexico Border: From Separation to Integration
- LAS 354: Drugs & Violence in Mexico
- LAS 355: Politics of Latin American from an Interdisciplinary Perspective
- LAS 395: Field Study of the US-Mexico Border Region
- LAS 405/505: Sabores de Mexico from Farm to Table
- Tucson Cine Mexico Film Festival (March 2007-2020)
- Tucson Annual Brazilian Week (September 2009-2017)
- Annual Tinker Symposium on Graduate Student Field Research 2005-2022.
- Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Annual Conference (2005, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021)
- Borderlands Theater Post-Performance Discussion Panels (2012 & 2015)
- Migration Research Dialogue Lecture Series (2009-2014)
- Transborder Human Development in the AZ-Sonora Region Conference (2010-2011)
- UISFL Project Directors Meeting and Symposium on Global Water Issues (March 2011)
- Hi-Def Video Production Workshop in Oaxaca for UA Students and Faculty (July 2011)
- Sonoran Field Study for Educators (2008-2011)
- Frontera Summer Internship for Border Health Scholars (2011)
- Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Symposium at the Arizona State Museum (2011)
- Reflections on the Borderlands by High school students Exhibit/Symposium at the Arizona State Museum (2010)
- Border Research Ethics and Methodologies Conference (April 2010)
- Border Research Ethics and Methodologies Workshop II (October 2009)
- Border Research Ethics and Methodologies Workshop I (April 2009)
- Arizona-Sonora Border Field Visit for Undergraduate Students (May 2008)
- Raul H. Castro Documentary Premier and Panel Discussion (May 2008)
- President Alejandro Toledo (Peru 2001-2006), Public Lecture and Private Luncheon (April 2008).
- *¿No Vale la Vida Nada?: Political and Cultural Intersections of death and migration along the U.S.-Mexico Border* (March 2008).
- U.S.-Mexico Border States Conference on Filmmaking, Economic Development and Intellectual Property Rights (March 2008).
- International Water History Symposium (March 2008)
- Coloquio internacional sobre migración y derecho en Altar, Sonora, Mexico (International Colloquium on Migration and Legal Rights, February 2008)
- Celebracion Latinoamerica (Arts and Culture Festival 2006)
- K-12 Educator Workshops (2006-2016):

- Understanding the Mexican Education System
- Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers from Latin America and the Middle East
- Oil and Water: Natural Resource Conflict in Latin America and the Middle East
- Cuban Art, Culture and Coffee
- Desde la tierra adentro: Cultural Traditions of the Camino Real
- Drought and Climate Change along the US-Mexico Border
- Teaching Latin America Through Film
- Posadas y Pozole: an intro to Mexican Culture
- Frida Khalo and Beyond: Mexican Artists
- Mexican Murals and History
- Dia de los Muertos and other Mexican Traditions
- Dictators, Despots and Democrats of the Americas
- Analyzing News and Views in the Classroom: Media in Latin America

## HONORS and AWARDS

- Invited Election Observer Mexico City Constituent Assembly 2016
- University of Arizona Staff Excellence Award 2016
- Center for Latin American Studies Certificate of Appreciation 2007, 2010, 2014, 2019
- Tinker Foundation Research Field Grant, 2006
- Office of Economic Development Excellence in Service Award, 2006
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Dean's List, 2000-2004
- Full Tuition Scholarships (4 years) at the University of Arizona; UofA Achievement and Spirit of Discovery Awards.
- Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key Honor Society Member

## SKILLS

- **Languages:** Fluent in Spanish; Intermediate Portuguese. Have been contracted as translator and vehicle operator/tour guide in Mexico.
- **Computers:** Content Management System (CMS) Web design and maintenance; Microsoft Windows: Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher; Final Cut Pro; ArcView GIS, Lotus Notes.
- **Archival Credentials:** Archivos General de La Nacion, Secreteria de Relaciones Exteriores Acervo, Secreteria de Defensa Biblioteca y Archivo, Archivo de la Universidad de Sonora.
- **University of Arizona Systems and Procedures:** UAccess, UAnalytics, D2L/BrightSpace, Trellis, FSO, and P-Card reconciliation.
- **Grant Writing:** Co-authored two Title VI Department of Education, Tinker Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities and Foreign Language Area Studies grants.
- **Audio/Visual Equipment Oversight:** Acted as official AV technician for CLAS.
- **Newsletter & Listserv Management:** Experience with listserv management and electronic publicity.
- **High Occupancy Vehicle Training:** Certified to operate all University of Arizona vehicles.
- **Photography:** Digital still photos and DSLR video recording.

## **ACTIVITIES and SERVICE**

- **Travel in Latin America**, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay. Numerous visits to most of the regions of Mexico, especially throughout the North and areas surrounding Mexico City. Various excursions throughout the Southern Cone during a student exchange in Buenos Aires.
- **Interests and Clubs:** Latin American Studies Student Organization (LASSO), former secretary, current Staff Contact; Environmental Activism; Outdoor Activities including hiking, biking and kayaking, Wilderness First Aid Training.
- **Service:** Highland Vista Neighborhood Association Secretary & Board Member; Public Lands Interpretive Association (PLIA) President Board of Directors; Las Cumbres Tijuana Community Center & Library Donation Coordinator; Youth Baseball & Basketball Coach; PTA Member; Volunteer with the Samaritans of Southern Arizona