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EDUCATION

- 2021 (Exp.) Duke University, Ph.D., History
Dissertation: *Revolution in the Sheets: The Politics of Sex, Sexuality, and the Family in the Mexican Left*
Committee: Jocelyn Olcott (Chair), Pete Sigal, Barry Carr, Ara Wilson
Certificates in Feminist Studies and Latin American & Caribbean Studies
- 2017 Duke University, M.A., History
- 2014 University of Pennsylvania, B.A., History
Summa Cum Laude with Departmental Honors and Phi Beta Kappa

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 “Todos/as Somos 41: The Dance of the Forty-One from Homosexual Reappropriation to Transgender Representation in Mexico, 1945-2001.” *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 28:1 (January 2019): 66-95.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2019 American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) Fellow
- 2016 Edward H. Moseley Paper Award, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS)
- 2015, 2016 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2014 Janice Bond Award, The Pan American Association of Philadelphia
- 2014 Jose Miguel Oviedo Paper Award, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 Phi Beta Kappa Thesis Award
- 2014 Nels Andrew Cleven Founder’s Prize, Phi Alpha Theta
- 2013 Martin Wolfe Paper Prize, University of Pennsylvania

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2019 SSRC-Mellon Mays Proposal Writing and Dissertation Development Seminar (PWDDS)
- 2018 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (DDRA), U.S. Dept. of Education
- 2017 Mellon Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Original Sources, Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR)
- 2017 CLAGS Fellowship Award, CLAGS: The Center for LGBTQ Studies, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2017 Travel and Research Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
- 2016 Tamiment Library Travel Grant, Center for the United States and the Cold War, New York University
- 2016 Richard E. Greenleaf Visiting Library Scholar, Latin American and Iberian Institute (LAI), University of New Mexico
- 2016 – 2018 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, SSRC-Mellon Mays

Internal

- 2017 James B. Duke International Research Fellowship, Duke University

- 2017 Human Rights Research Grant, Duke University Human Rights Center
 2017 Mellon Foundation Field Research Grant, Duke University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)
 2016 Tinker Field Research Grant, Duke CLACS
 2015, 2017 Anne Firor Scott Research Award, Duke University
 2015, 2016 Mellon Conference Travel Grant, Duke CLACS
 2015 Tuition Fellowship, School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University
 2014 – 2016 Dean’s Graduate Fellowship, Duke University
 2014 – 2019 History Department Graduate Fellowship, Duke University
 2013 – 2014 Andrew W. Mellon Humanities Forum Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
 2012 – 2014 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

CONFERENCES & PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2019 Panel Organizer, “Scandalous Soundbites: Journalism and Media Archives in Twentieth-Century Latin America.” Annual Meeting of the Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
 2015 Panel Co-Organizer, “Fantasies of the Flesh: Histories of Gender, Race, and Sexuality.” 50th Annual Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA).
 2016 Executive Organizing Committee, “Where I fare well, there is my home’: Migration, Past and Present.” Graduate History Conference, Duke University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “We Must End Tolerance Here: Miguel Aroche Parra, Scandalous Media Homophobia, and Archiving Intolerance in the 1980s Mexican Left.” American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) National Conference
 2018 “La oveja rosada de la familia socialista: Homosexualidad y las divisiones entre la izquierda mexicana durante los años 1980.” XV Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de México.
 2018 “The Carrier of the Syndrome of Death: Homosexuality, HIV/AIDS, and Leftist Sexual Politics in Mexico.” 38th Annual Conference of the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association (ILASSA).
 2017 “Las Sombras de los Cuarenta y Uno.” REDMUGEN: Coloquio Internacional de Historia de las Mujeres y de Género en México.
 2017 “Cold War Conduct and Bad Behavior in the Mexican Communist Party, 1954-1958.” 64th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS).
 2016 “The Afterlives of the Famous 41.” 50th Annual Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA).
 2016 “Boys Gone Wilde: Homophobia and the Scandal of the Famous 41.” 63rd Annual Conference of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS).
 2015 “Take a Seat: Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue on Latin American Gender Quotas.” UNC- Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies Conference.
 2015 “El Paraíso de las Mujeres: Women’s Suffrage in Ecuador, 1895-1929.” Tulane University Latin American Graduate Organization (LAGO) Conference.
 2014 “World War II on the Equator: Gender, Antifascism, and Democracy in Ecuador’s May Revolution of 1944.” Penn Humanities Forum.

INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

- 2019 “50 Shades of Red: Sexual Diversity and the Limits of Tolerance in the Mexican Left.” CLACS: The Center for LGBTQ Studies, City University of New York

- 2018 “Cincuenta Sombras de Rojo: Diversidad Sexual y los Límites de la Tolerancia en la Izquierda Mexicana.” Seminario Permanente de Historia Contemporánea y del Tiempo Presente en México, Instituto de Investigaciones Dr. José María Luis Mora-CIESAS
- 2017 “Imagining Socialismo Sin Sexismo: Visualizing Gender, Erasing Sexuality, and Constructing Militancy in the Mexican Communist Party.” University of New Mexico Latin American and Iberian Institute. Listen here: <https://soundcloud.com/unmlai/robert-franco-imagining-socialismo-sin-sexismo-constructing-militancy-in-mexican-communist-party>

TEACHING

- 2017 Teaching Assistant, HIST112/SXL116: *Sexual Pleasure in the Modern World*, Duke University
- 2014 – 2021 Candidate in the Certificate in College Teaching Program, Duke University

SERVICE

- 2018 International Observer, Mexican Federal Elections, National Electoral Institute of Mexico (INE)
- 2018 Steering Committee, History Department Graduate Student Mentoring Initiative
- 2017 Site Coordinator, Duke Engage in San Francisco: Supporting Homeless LGBTQ Youth, Larkin Street Youth Services and At The Crossroads
- 2015 – 2017 Graduate Resident, Housing and Residence Life (HRL), Duke University
- 2015 – 2017 Student Coordinator, Latin American Intersectionalities Working Group, Consortium on Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2014 – 2017 Volunteer Judge, National History Day, N.C. Office of Archives and History
- 2014 – 2018 Alumni Interviewer, Office of Admissions, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 – 2015 Graduate-Faculty Liaison, Department of History, Duke University
- 2014 – 2015 Graduate Coordinator, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Duke University

LANGUAGES

- Spanish – Fluent (Reading, Writing, and Speaking)
- Portuguese – Proficient (Reading, Writing); Basic (Speaking)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) | Latin American Studies Association (LASA) |
| American Historical Association (AHA) | Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS) |
| Conference on Latin American History (CLAH) | Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) |
| Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History (CLGBTH) | Mellon Mays |
| Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association (LACS) | Phi Beta Kappa |
| | Phi Alpha Theta |