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## EDUCATION

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- 2014 – Duke University, Ph.D., History  
Dissertation: *Revolution in the Sheets: The Politics of Sexuality and Tolerance in the Mexican Left, 1971-2001*  
Committee: Jocelyn Olcott (Chair), Pete Sigal, Barry Carr, Ara Wilson, Anna Krylova  
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* & *Phi Beta Kappa*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- 2021 “Seropedagogy: Teaching the Global History of HIV/AIDS” (Under review)
- 2020 “Por un socialismo sin sexismo: el movimiento de liberación homosexual y el Partido Comunista Mexicano.” *Memoria: revista de crítica militante* (Forthcoming)
- 2020 “Transgressing Che: Irina Layevska Echeverría Gaitán, Disability Politics, and Transgendering the New Man in Mexico, 1964-2001.” *Radical History Review* 136 (January 2020): 75-97.
- 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

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- 2020 Honorable Mention, Audre Lorde Prize, Committee on LGBT History (CLGBTH)
- 2019 American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) Fellow
- 2016 Edward H. Moseley Paper Award, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS)

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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### External

- 2020 Silas Palmer Research Fellowship, Hoover Institution Library & Archives, Stanford University
- 2019 Provost Predoctoral Fellowship for Excellence through Diversity, University of Pennsylvania
- 2019 Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies Dissertation Fellowship, UC San Diego School of Global Policy & Strategy (*Declined*)
- 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 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, SSRC-Mellon Mays

**Internal**

- 2019 Dissertation Research Travel Award, Duke University
- 2019 Brown-Nagin Graduate Fellowship, Duke University
- 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 Anne Firor Scott Research Award, Duke University
- 2015 Tuition Fellowship, School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University
- 2014 Dean's Graduate Fellowship, Duke University

**CONFERENCES & PANELS ORGANIZED**

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

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2019 "Preserving Prejudice: Archives and Sexual Politics in Mexico." The Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA) Conference.
- 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." 38<sup>th</sup> 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." 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS).
- 2016 "The Afterlives of the Famous 41." 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA).
- 2016 "Boys Gone Wilde: Homophobia and the Scandal of the Famous 41." 63<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS & LECTURES**

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- 2020 (Upcoming) “A Trial of Testimony: Transgender Militancy and the Allegation of Gender Betrayal in Mexico’s Zapatista Army of National Liberation (EZLN).” Alice Paul Center for Research on Gender, Sexuality & Women, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2020 (Upcoming) “Expelling Contagion: Sexual Diversity and Gender Dissidence in Mexico’s Revolutionary Left.” Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies, University of Toronto
- 2019 “A Tale of Two Expulsions: Mario Rivas, Irina Layevska Echeverría Gaitán, and Subversive Sexualities in the Mexican Left.” Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 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/unmlaii/robert-franco-imagining-socialismo-sin-sexismo-constructing-militancy-in-mexican-communist-party>

## **TEACHING**

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- 2019 Teaching Assistant, A&S101: Inquiry and Research Across Disciplines
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, HIST112/SXL116: Sexual Pleasure in the Modern World
- 2014 Candidate in the Certificate in College Teaching Program

## **SERVICE**

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- 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 – 2019 Volunteer Judge, National History Day, N.C. Office of Archives and History
- 2014 – 2019 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**

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- 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) | Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History (CLGBTH)              |
| American Historical Association (AHA)                         | Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association (LACS) |
| Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)                   | Latin American Studies Association (LASA)  |
|   | Rocky Mountain Council for Latin   |

American Studies (RMCLAS)  
Southeastern Council of Latin American  
Studies (SECOLAS)