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Education

Ph.D. in History, expected August 2011, University of California, San Diego
Major Field: Colonial Latin America
First Minor Field: Latin America in the National Period
Second Minor Field: U.S.-Latin American Relations

C. Phil. in History, December 2007, University of California, San Diego

M.A. in History, December 2007, University of California, San Diego

B.A. in International Relations, December 2003, El Colegio de México, Mexico

Ph.D. Dissertation

Title: "Empire, Reform, and Corruption: José de Gálvez and Political Culture in Bourbon Mexico, 1759-1787"

José de Gálvez, visitor-general of New Spain and then head of the Spanish colonial office, was the principal state agent behind Bourbon Spain's efforts to modernize its colonial policies in the eighteenth century. Gálvez is a challenging subject of study for the historian concerned with corruption, since his bureaucratic career reveals a telling paradox. To our eyes and those of his contemporaries his style of governance was nepotistic. Gálvez became renowned for appointing family members, friends, and people from his hometown to offices in the colonial administration. Conversely, he fought hard against corruption at the local levels of the Spanish American bureaucracy. My dissertation explains this contradiction by showing how nepotism and patronage became necessary instruments of governance for Gálvez in a political context in which many (Spanish Americans *and* Spaniards alike) stood against reform. In all, my research illuminates our understanding of political culture in late colonial Mexico.

Dissertation Committee: Eric Van Young (Advisor), Christine Hünefeldt, Michael Monteón, Everard Meade, and David Mares.

Fellowships and Grants

2009-2010 Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego

2004-2009 UC MEXUS-CONACYT Doctoral Fellowship, The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States / Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (Mexico)

- 2007-2009 UC MEXUS Dissertation Research Grant, The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States
- 2007-2008 UC Pacific Rim Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship, Pacific Rim Research Program, University of California
- Dissertation Research Grant, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, University of California, San Diego
- Travel Grant, Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies, University of California, San Diego
- Summer 2006 Pre-dissertation Research Travel Grant, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, University of California, San Diego
- Travel funds for pre-dissertation research, Department of History, University of California, San Diego

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

LING 1CX *Analysis of Spanish*

- Beginner to intermediate language course, Department of Linguistics, University of California, San Diego, Winter Quarter 2011 (present)
- Primary instructor of one section of Spanish grammar under the program and coordination of Alicia Muñoz Sánchez.

LING 1DX *Analysis of Spanish*

- Intermediate language course, Department of Linguistics, University of California, San Diego, Fall Quarter 2010
- Primary instructor of two sections of Spanish grammar.

Guest Lecturer

“The Coloniality of Politics,” two-hour session of LATI 200 *Core Seminar on Interdisciplinary Research and Methodology in Latin American Studies*

- Team-taught graduate seminar, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, University of California, San Diego, 24 Nov. 2009 (Fall Quarter)
- Devoted one hour to the topic of state-society relations in colonial Latin America, and the second hour to writing successful research grant applications

Lecturer

HILA 102 *Latin America in the Twentieth Century*

- Upper-division undergraduate course, Department of History, University of California, San Diego, Spring Quarter 2009
- Designed and taught original course that followed the economic developments, political changes, social conditions, and international relations of Latin America throughout the twentieth century while paying special attention to the issue of inequality.
- Assigned readings such as Florencia Mallon’s *Courage Tastes of Blood: The Mapuche Community of Nicolás Ailío and the Chilean State, 1906-2001* (2005); Thomas E. Skidmore’s and Peter H. Smith’s, *Modern Latin America*, 6th (2005); Robin Kirk’s *More Terrible Than Death: Drugs, Violence, and*

America's War in Colombia (2003); and Alma Guillermoprieto's *Looking for History: Dispatches from Latin America* (2002).

Research Experience

- Winter 2009 Dissertation research in archives and libraries in Mexico City (Mexico)
- 2007-2008 Dissertation research in archives and libraries in Lima (Peru), Sucre (Bolivia), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Madrid, Seville, and Valladolid (Spain)
- Summer 2006 Pre-dissertation research in archives in Mexico City (Mexico) and Seville (Spain)
- 2003-2004 Research Assistant, El Colegio de México (Mexico)
- Researched for Jean François Prud'homme (General Academic Coordinator) on topics such as democracy, governance, and participatory budgeting in Brazil; federal elections in Mexico; North American (Mexico-USA-Canada) political parties. Performed diverse administrative tasks.
 - Organized the personal archive of Sergio Aguayo

List of Publications (Book Contributions)

2009. "El *socio incómodo* del ministro. La carrera burocrática del comerciante Pedro Antonio de Cossío en Nueva España durante la era Gálvez (1765-1787)." In *De la Colonia al Estado Moderno. Ruptura, cambios y continuidades*. José Alfredo Uribe Salas and Abel Padilla Jacobo, eds. Morelia, Mich., Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo-CONACYT, 427-442.
2006. "El nacionalismo en Puerto Rico: fracasos y adaptación exitosa." In *Ibero-Americana Pragensia, Supplementum 18. Caribe/Caribes: Criollización y procesos de cambio*. Josef Opatrný, ed. Prague, Charles University of Prague-Karolinum Press, 145-166.
2005. "La posición de México ante la invasión estadounidense a República Dominicana." In *Sociedades locales y culturas en tránsito en el Caribe español*. María Teresa Cortés Zavala, ed. Morelia, Mich., Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, 139-161.

Conference Presentations and Original Work

2011. "The Constant Lawyer: A Bureaucratic Career under the Shadow of Gálvez (1762-1806)," 58th Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, NM (April 6-9, forthcoming).
- "The History of the Panama Canal: An Imperial/Latin American Counterpoint," 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Pacific Division, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA (June 12-16, forthcoming).
2010. "All the Minister's Men: The Origins of José de Gálvez's Networks of Patronage, 1765-1771," 13th Meeting of Historians from Mexico, the United States, and Canada, Querétaro, Qro., Mexico (October 29).
- "Country Taken Over: Political Corruption in Argentina during the Age of Carlos Menem," 9th Annual Graduate Student Conference, Latin American & Caribbean Studies Center, Stony Brook University, New York City, NY (April 9).

- “Political Culture and Corruption: José de Gálvez’s Reforms in Bourbon Mexico, 1765-1787,”
Conference at the Seminar Series of the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of
California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA (February 3). Podcast available at
<http://usmex.ucsd.edu/assets/024/11185.mp3>
2009. “El *socio incómodo* del ministro. La carrera burocrática del comerciante Pedro Antonio de Cossío
en Nueva España durante la era Gálvez (1765-1787).” 4th National Meeting of Mexican M.A. and
Ph.D. Students of History, Morelia, Mich., Mexico (June 23).
2007. “The ‘Democratic Triangle’ Muñoz-Figueroes-Betancourt against Dictatorships in Latin America,
1945-1965.” Unpublished manuscript submitted for the approval of second minor field, 122 pp.,
Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego.
2006. “El nacionalismo en Puerto Rico: fracasos y adaptación exitosa.” 52nd International Congress of
Americanists, Seville, Spain (July 19).
2003. “El nacionalismo en Puerto Rico: fracasos y adaptación exitosa.” B.A. Dissertation, El Colegio de
México, Mexico, 257 pp. Examination Committee: Marco Palacios (Advisor), Lorenzo Meyer,
and Francisco Gil Villegas.

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association, 2006
Latin American Studies Association, 2009
Conference on Latin America History, 2010
Coordinating Council for Women in History, 2010
Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, 2010

Languages

Spanish	Native speaker
English	Highly proficient (fluent speaking, reading, and writing)
French	Proficient (fluent reading and basic writing)