

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Education

2007 PhD, Spanish (minor in History), University of Wisconsin-Madison
1996 MA, Spanish, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1993 BA, Spanish, University of Oregon

Positions

2016- Associate Professor, University of Iowa,
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

2008-2016 Assistant Professor, University of Iowa,
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Awards

2017 Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize, Modern Language Association, Honorable Mention
for *Alva Ixtlilxochitl's Native Archive and the Circulation of Knowledge in Colonial
Mexico* (2016)
2014 Collegiate Teaching Award, University of Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Memberships

Modern Language Association
Latin American Studies Association
American Society for Ethnohistory
Renaissance Society of America

TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

1. Selected Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Spanish American Cultures (Spanish)
Colonial Spanish American Literature (Spanish)
Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and Her Contemporaries (Spanish)
Visual Cultures in Colonial Spanish America (Spanish)
Introduction to Latin American Studies (English)
Narratives of the Conquest of Mexico (English)

2. Selected Graduate Courses

Crossing Borders Seminar: Writing Conquest and Empire (English)
Colonial Spanish American Literature (Spanish)

3. Graduate students supervised

Degree	Obj. Student	Years	Outcome
PhD	Braeden Jones	2013-present	ABD, Dissertation: "Adaptation and Appropriation of Colonial Latin American Pictorial Traditions in Contemporary Comics About Conquest"
MA	Stacey Alex	2013-14	MA (May '14); in PhD program at Ohio State
MA	Christian Supiot	2013-14	MA (May '14); in PhD program at Ohio State
MA	Jessica Rutherford	2009-10	MA (May '10); PhD, Ohio State, 2018

4. Other Training and Contributions to Instructional Programs

2018	Design 4 Online training course, participant; re-design "Intro to Lat Am Studies"
2015-16	Faculty Learning Community on Online Teaching and Learning, Faculty Lead
2010-18	Designed and taught three TILE courses
2010-11	TILE ("Transform, Interact, Learn, Engage") summer institute participant and fellow during inaugural year of TILE instruction at the University of Iowa

SCHOLARSHIP

1. Publications - Refereed

Books:

Alva Ixtlilxochitl's Native Archive and the Circulation of Knowledge in Colonial Mexico. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 2016.

Reviewed in *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 18.1 (spring 2017);

The American Archivist (spring/summer 2017);

The American Historical Review 122.3 (June 2017);

Hispanic American Historical Review 97.3 (August 2017);

Journal of Interdisciplinary History 48.1 (summer 2017);

Confluencia 33.1 (fall 2017);

Journal of World History 8.3/4 (December 2017);

Hispanófila 181 (December 2017);

Revista de Estudios Hispánicos 52.1 (March 2018)

Isis 109.2 (June 2018); and

Early American Literature 53.2 (summer 2018).

Networks of Imperialism and Sovereignty: Native Epistles to Carlos V and Felipe II (in progress)

Editions:

History of the Chichimeca Nation: Don Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl's Seventeenth-Century Chronicle of Ancient Mexico, co-edited and translated Amber Brian, Bradley Benton, Peter B. Villella, and Pablo García Loaeza (forthcoming, fall 2019, University of Oklahoma Press; supported by NEH grant)

Historia de la nación chichimeca, co-edited by Pablo García Loaeza, Amber Brian, Bradley Benton, and Peter B. Villella (forthcoming, Secretaría de Cultura, Cien de México series)

The Native Conquistador: Alva Ixtlilxochitl's Account of the Conquest of New Spain, co-edited and translated by Amber Brian, Bradley Benton, and Pablo García Loaeza. (Penn State University Press for the Latin American Originals series, 2015)

Reviewed in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 97.1 (February 2017);

The Americas 74.2 (April 2017)

Edited Volume:

Cambridge Transitions in Colonial Latin American Literature, co-edited with Rocío Quispe-Agnoli, part of series *Cambridge Transitions in Latin American Literature*, edited by Mónica Szurmuk (in progress, Cambridge University Press)

Articles and chapters:

"Sahagún's 1585 *Relación de la conquista de esta Nueva España*: Revising the Narrative of the Conquest" (in progress)

"Prescott's Legacy: The Conquest of Mexico, Viewed from the U.S" (in progress)

"Colonial Archives on the Move: Mexican Manuscripts Read Out of Context" (*Hispanic Review*, 86.2 (2018): 145-166.

"Shifting Identities: Mestizo Historiography and the Representation of Chichimecs." In *To Be Indio in Colonial Spanish America*, ed. Mónica Díaz. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2017. 143-166.

"Don Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxóchitl (ca. 1578-1650)." In *Narradores indígenas y mestizos de México y Perú, siglos XVI y XVII*, eds. Margarita Zamora and Rocío Cortés. Lima, Peru: Centro de Estudios Literarios Antonio Cornejo Polar, 2016. 85-109.

"Alva Ixtlilxochitl and the Guadalupe Legend: The Question of Authorship." In *Indigenous Historiography in Colonial Mexico: Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl and His Legacy*, eds. Jongsoo Lee and Galen Brokaw. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2016. 235-256.

"The Original Alva Ixtlilxochitl Manuscripts at Cambridge University." *Colonial Latin American Review* 23.1 (2014): 84-101.

"The Alva Ixtlilxochitl Brothers and the Nahua Intellectual Community." In *Texcoco: Pre-Hispanic and Colonial Perspectives*, eds. Jongsoo Lee and Galen Brokaw. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2014. 201-218.

"Don Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl's Narratives of the Conquest of Mexico: Historical Discourses and the Colonial Subject." In *The Conquest All Over Again: Nahuas and Zapotecs Thinking, Writing, and Painting Spanish Colonialism*, ed. Susan Schroeder. East Sussex, United Kingdom: Sussex Academic Press, 2010. 124-143.

Reviews:

Book review, *Infrastructures of Race: Concentration and Biopolitics in Colonial Mexico* by Daniel Nemser. Austin: University of Texas Press (2017) in *Revista de Estudios Hispánicos* (forthcoming, June 2019)

Book review, *The Death of Aztec Tenochtitlan, The Life of Mexico City* by Barbara E. Mundy. Austin: University of Texas Press (2015) in *Hispanic American Historical Review* (forthcoming)

Book review, *The Teabo Manuscript: Maya Christian Copybooks, Chilam Balams, and Native Text Production in Yucatan* by Mark Christensen. Austin: University of Texas Press (2016) in *American Historical Review* (forthcoming)

Book review, *Native Wills from the Colonial Americas: Dead Giveaways in a New World*, edited by Mark Christensen and Jonathan Truitt. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press (2016) in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 98.2 (May 2018): 306-307.

Book review, *Diálogos con Quetzalcóatl: humanismo, etnografía y ciencia (1492-1577)* by Jaime Marroquín Arredondo. Madrid: Iberoamericana; Frankfurt: Vervuert (2014) in *Revista de estudios hispánicos* 50.3 (October 2016): 769-771.

Book review, *Miradas a la cultura del libro en Puebla: bibliotecas, tipógrafos, grabadores, libreros y ediciones en la época colonial*, edited by Marina Garone Gravier. Puebla, Mexico: Gobierno de Puebla; Mexico City, Mexico: Educación y Cultura; Mexico City, Mexico: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (2012) in *Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing News* 24.3 (2015): 15-16.

Book review, *Creole Subjects in the Colonial Americas: Empires, Texts, Identities*, edited by Ralph Bauer and José Antonio Mazzotti. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press (2009) in *Latin American Literary Review* 3.47 (2010): 121-124.

2. Grants Funded

External

- 2014-17 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Scholarly Editions and Translations Grant, for project "Rise of the Chichimeca: Translation of Don Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl's History of Ancient Mexico" (\$248,678) (Amber Brian, PI)
- 2013 William Reese Company Scholarship for California Rare Book School (\$995)
- 2007 Mellon-Funded Visiting Research Fellowship at Newberry Library, for project "Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl and the Circulation of Native Knowledge" (\$4,770)
- 2003 University of Wisconsin-Madison Vilas Travel Fellowship, for travel to Cambridge University for archival research (\$600)
- 2002 Title VI FLAS (University of Wisconsin-Madison) for intermediate Classical and Colonial Nahuatl at Yale University (\$5,400)
- 1999 Title VI FLAS (University of Wisconsin-Madison) for beginning Classical and Colonial Nahuatl at Yale University (\$5,000)

Internal

- 2017 CLAS Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank (DSHB) Faculty Scholar, for project "Networks of Imperialism and Sovereignty: Native Epistles to King Charles I and King Philip II" (\$2,500)
- 2013 Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Interdisciplinary Research Grant, for collaborative project "A Native Perspective on the Conquest of Mexico: Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl's *Thirteenth Relation*" (\$6,000)
- 2012 University of Iowa Arts and Humanities Initiative award, for project "Colonial Economy of Letters" (\$7,500)

3. Invited Talks

- 2019 - Invited speaker. "Nuevos asedios a la Conquista de México: 1519-2019." Conference organized by Pablo García Loaeza and Héctor Costilla Martínez. Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla. Puebla, Mexico. 7-8 November.
- 2019 - Invited speaker. "Writing Global History." Workshop organized by Paula Findlen, Caroline Winterer, and Alexander Statman. Stanford University. Palo Alto, California. May 3-4.
- 2017 - "Conquest Accounts, Native Knowledge, and the Trope of Authenticity." Symposium on Indigenous Knowledge and the Making of Colonial Latin America. The Getty Center. Los Angeles, California. December 8-10.
- 2016 - "Writing and Reading Colonial Mexican History." Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. December 2.
- 2016 - Respondent for symposium, "Mestizo Chronicles: Sources, Readers, Orientations." John Carter Brown Library, Brown University. Providence, RI. February 13.
- 2016 - "Translating History: The Case of don Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl. Translation Talks @ Iowa Lecture Series. University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA. February 10.
- 2015 - Speaker for roundtable discussion of Kathleen Myers's exhibit "In the Shadow of Cortés: From Veracruz to Mexico City." Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI. April 15.
- 2012 - "From the Chichimecs to Cortés: Mestizo Historiography and Indian Subjectivities." An Interdisciplinary Symposium on "Indian" Identities in Colonial Latin America. Georgia State University. Atlanta, Georgia. September 21-22.
- 2010 - "The Ixtlilxochitl Brothers and the Texcoca Intellectual Tradition." Reconciling Portraits of Pre-Hispanic Mexico: Texcoco and Current Aztec Studies. University of North Texas. Denton, Texas. April 16-17.
- 2007 - "Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl and the Circulation of Native Knowledge." European and New World Forms of Knowledge in Colonial Spanish America Workshop. Newberry Library. Chicago, Illinois. July 23-August 3.

4. Presentations at Major Conferences

- 2019 - "Transitions in Colonial Latin American Literature (1492-1810): The Foundations of a Tradition Viewed Through a New Lens." Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Boston, Massachusetts. May 24-27.
- 2018 - "El legado de Prescott: La conquista de México vista desde EEUU." XV Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de México. Guadalajara, Mexico. October 17-20.
- 2018 - "Sahagún's 1585 *Relación de la conquista de esta Nueva España*: Revising the Narrative of the Conquest." Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Barcelona, Spain. May 22-26.

- 2017 - "Colonial Archives on the Move: The Recontextualization and Resignification of Native-Authoried Mexican Manuscripts." The Mid-America Conference on Hispanic Literatures. St. Louis, Missouri. October 26-28.
- 2017 - "El palimpsesto nativo: Alva Ixtlilxóchitl, Gómara y la escritura de la conquista." Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Lima, Perú. April 29-May 1.
- 2017 - "Native History, Its Sources, and the Writing of the Conquest: Alva Ixtlilxochitl and Gómara." Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies. Salt Lake City, Utah. April 5-8.
- 2016 - "Inca Garcilaso and Alva Ixtlilxochitl: Indians and Mestizos Translating Native History." Translation and Transmission in the Early Americas. College Park, Maryland. June 2-5.
- 2015 - "Letters to Felipe II: Native Epistolary and the Negotiation for Power." Latin American Studies Association International Congress. San Juan, Puerto Rico. May 27-30.
- 2015 - "Recalling the Native Past in the Colonial Present: don Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl and the Representation of Collective Memory." Northeastern Group of Nahuatl Studies Conference. New Haven, CT. May 8-9.
- 2015 - "Native Networks; Or, Six Degrees of Alva Ixtlilxochitl." Modern Language Association Convention. Vancouver, BC, Canada. January 10-12.
- 2014 - "Mestizo Historiography and Renaissance Humanism." Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting." New York, New York. March 27-29.
- 2014 - Roundable participant, "A Look at the Newberry's Collection: Maps and Manuscripts in Colonial Studies." Modern Language Association Convention. Chicago, Illinois. January 9-12.
- 2013 - "Chichimecs and Mestizo Historiography." American Society for Ethnohistory Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. Sept 11-15.
- 2013 - "Sigüenza and the Indians: Reading Creole Discourse in the Archives." Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Washington, DC May 29-June 1.
- 2012 - "Cortés and the Indian Conquistadors the Century after the Conquest." Latin American Studies Association International Congress. San Francisco, California. May 23-26.
- 2011 - "BSMS 374, the Alva Ixtlilxochitl Manuscripts at Cambridge University." American Society for Ethnohistory Conference. Pasadena, California. October 19-22.
- 2011 - "Guadalupe, and the Emergence of an Icon in Seventeenth-Century Mexico." Modern Language Association Convention. Los Angeles, California. January 6-9.
- 2010 - "Livy of Anahuac: Don Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl and the Texcoca Intellectual Tradition." Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Toronto, Canada. October 7-10.
- 2010 - "Barbarism and the Spanish Frontier: Chichimecs and the Limits of Empire." Third Early American Ibero/Anglo Summit: Early American Borderlands. Flagler College. St. Augustine, Florida. May 12-15.

- 2009 - "Negotiating the Dual Society: Creole, Mestizo, and the Two Republics." Mid-American Conference on Hispanic Literature. University of Kansas. Lawrence, Kansas. November 6-8.
- 2008 – "Making the Native Archive: The Genealogy of Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl's Nahua Library." Modern Language Association Convention. San Francisco, California. December 27-30.
- 2007 – "The Transatlantic Circulation of Native Knowledge: Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl and Eighteenth-Century Historiography." Mid-American Conference on Hispanic Literature. Madison, Wisconsin. October 4-6.
- 2007 – "Don Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl's Narratives of the Conquest: Historical Discourses and the Colonial Subject." Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Montréal, Canada. September 6-8.

5. Other Conference Participation

- 2017 Panel organizer for Latin American Studies Association International Congress (2018, Barcelona). Panel titled "Reframing the Conquest of Mexico: Alternative Histories and Literacies."
- 2012 Panel organizer for Latin American Studies Association International Congress (2013, Washington, DC). Panel titled "Reading in the Archives and Re-Approaching the Colonial Canon"
- 2010 Panel organizer for Latin American Studies Association International Congress (2010, Toronto). Panel titled "Intellectuals at the Margins: Nahua letrados in Colonial Mexico"

SERVICE

1. Profession

- 2018- Handbook of Latin American Studies, Library of Congress Hispanic Division, Contributing Editor, Latin American Colonial Literature
- 2017 Proposal reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
- Manuscript reviewer of articles submitted to: *Memoria Americana, Cuadernos de Etnohistoria* (Buenos Aires, Argentina) (2017); *Ethnohistory* (2016); *Latin American Research Review* (2016); *Revista de Estudios Hispánicos* (2016); *Hispanic Review* (2015); *Bulletin of Hispanic Studies* (2013); *Philological Quarterly* (2012).

Manuscript reviewer of book submitted to: Arizona Center for Renaissance and Medieval Studies (ACRMS) (2018).

2. University of Iowa, Department of Spanish and Portuguese

- 2018-19 Graduate Committee, Coordinator for Literature
Manual of Operations and Procedures Committee [ad hoc]
Third-Year Review of TT Colleague Committee
- 2017 (F) Portuguese Task Force Committee
- 2016-17 Undergraduate Committee
- 2015-17 Director of Undergraduate Studies

2015-17 Executive Committee
 2015-17 Curriculum Committee
 2014-15 Unit representative, Faculty Assembly
 Search Committee, Latino/a Studies position
 Lecturer Review Committee
 Curriculum Committee
 2013-14 Unit representative, Faculty Assembly
 Minute-taker, department meetings
 2012-13 Curriculum Committee
 Unit representative, Faculty Assembly
 Minute-taker, department meetings
 Search Committee, Lecturer positions
 2011-12 Department co-liaison, HCL LLC
 2010-11 Honors Advisor
 Department co-liaison, Hispanic Culture and Language Living Learning Community
 (HCL LLC)
 2009-10 Honors Advisor
 Curriculum Committee
 2008-09 Honors Advisor

3. University of Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2018 (F) CLAS General Education Curriculum Committee
 2017-2020 CLAS Teaching Awards Committee
 2016-present Newberry Library Renaissance Consortium, University of Iowa Committee
 2016-present Treasurer, Alpha of Iowa chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
 2016-present Track Coordinator, Latin American Studies, International Studies Major
 2014-present Steering Committee, American Indian Native Studies Program
 2013-15 CLAS Information Technology Committee
 2012-13 Secretary, Faculty Assembly

4. University of Iowa

2016-present Director, Latin American Studies Program
 2016-present International Programs and Centers Steering Committee
 2015-18 Academic Technologies Advisory Council
 2015-18 International Business Certificate Advisory Committee
 2015-16; 18- Mentor, Early Career Academy
 2014-16 Learning Spaces Advisory Committee
 2014-18 Fulbright U.S. Student Program Faculty Review Committee
 2008-present Steering Committee, Latin American Studies Program