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## I. PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D.                    **University of California, Berkeley**  
History, 2013
- Dissertation: “From Contraband Capital to Border City: Matamoros, 1746-1848”
- Committee: Margaret Chowning (Chair, History), Brian DeLay (History), Alex Saragoza (Ethnic Studies)
- M.A.                    **University of California, Berkeley**  
History, 2006
- B.A.                    **University of California, Berkeley**  
with high honors in History, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 2005

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Latin America, Mexico (esp. 19<sup>th</sup> century), North American Borderlands, Chicano/Latino history, Political Economy, Port Studies, History of Contraband, Transnationalism, and U.S. Imperialism.

Current research project explores the history of Mexico’s Northeastern borderlands, specifically the maritime port and border city of Matamoros, Tamaulipas. The project embraces new interdisciplinary and transnational frameworks, and examines the ways in which the region’s development had a much wider impact on national Mexican immigration, trade, and diplomatic policies than previously recognized.

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015-present            **California State University, Northridge**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Chicana/o Studies
- 2014-2015              **New Mexico State University**  
Assistant Professor, Department of History
- 2013-2014              **University of Puget Sound**  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History

- 2012, 2007            **University of California, Berkeley**  
Graduate Student Instructor, Department of History
- 2004-2005            **University of California, Berkeley**  
Undergraduate Student Instructor, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

## **II. TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS AND DIRECT INSTITUTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

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### **A. COURSES TAUGHT AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE**

- a. CHS 245: History of the Americas
- b. CHS 345: History of the Mexican Peoples

### **B. COURSES TAUGHT AT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY**

- a. History 311V: Colonial Latin America
- b. History 354/552: Modern Mexico
- c. History 356/557: The Mexican Revolution
- d. History 400/500: North American Borderlands

### **C. COURSES TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND**

- a. History 280: Colonial Latin America
- b. History 281: Modern Latin America
- c. History 383: Contested Terrain: Conflict Along the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands
- d. History 384: Transnational Latin America

### **D. COURSES TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY**

- a. History 103: Contested Terrain: Violence Along the U.S.-Mexico Border
- b. History 127AC: History of California
- c. History 8B: Modern Latin America
- d. Interdisciplinary Studies 130: Health and Medical Ethics

### **E. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS & TRAINING**

- a. 2016 CSUN eLearning Institute
- b. Participated in a Spring 2016 New Faculty Learning Community through Faculty Development
- c. Spring 2016 Faculty Retreat
- d. CSU Preventing Discrimination and Harassment Online Course, December 10, 2015
- e. CSU Data Security & Privacy Online Course, December 10, 2015
- f. EDU Eliminate Campus Sexual Violence Online Course, December 10, 2015

### **F. TEACHING GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- a. Delta Zeta Professor of the Month
- b. 2016 CSUN eLearning Grant

### III. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF STUDY

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#### A. PUBLICATIONS

##### Book

*Writing Literature Reviews: A Guide for Students of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, with Jose L. Galvan (In press, Routledge).

##### Refereed Journal Articles

Melisa C. Galván, “Contraband in New Spain’s Northeastern Maritime Borderlands: The Ports of Refugio and New Orleans, 1794-1824” (In Review and Resubmit phase with *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History*).

Guan, S., A., Tyutina, S., Galvan, M., Bhavsar, G., Grote, K., & Knotts, G. “‘I have made peace with the fact that teaching is a process.’ The Effects of a First-Year Faculty Learning Community on Practice” (Under review, submitted to *About Campus* September 2016).

##### Refereed Articles in Edited Collections

Melisa C. Galván, “U.S.-Mexico Relations during the Establishment of the American Consulate in Matamoros, Mexico: 1826-1842” *Supplementary Studies in Rio Grande Valley History*, Edited by Milo Kearney, Antonio Zavaleta, and Anthony K. Knopp (Accepted and forthcoming Spring 2017, University of Texas at Brownsville and The Texas Center for Border and Transnational Studies).

“Contraband Trade in Matamoros, Mexico and its Impact on the Northern Mexican Economy during the 1820s,” in *Continuing Studies in Rio Grande Valley History*, Ed. Milo Kearney, Antonio Zavaleta, and Anthony K. Knopp (Brownsville: University of Texas at Brownsville and The Texas Center for Border and Transnational Studies, 2011).

##### Encyclopedia Entries

“Reconquista.” In *Encyclopedia of the Atlantic World, 1400-1900: Europe, Africa, and the Americas in an Age of Exploration, Trade, and Empires*, ed. David Head (Accepted and forthcoming 2018, ABC-Clio).

#### B. PEER REVIEWER

##### Book Reviews

Reviewed Barry M. Robinson, *The Mark of Rebels: Indios Fronterizos and Mexican Independence* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2016) for *Choice Magazine* (Accepted and forthcoming 2017, American Library Association).

#### C. RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016	CSUN College of Humanities Faculty Fellowship
2016	CSUN Probationary Faculty Research Support Program Grant
2014	NMSU College of Arts and Sciences Research Mini-Grant

2014	NMSU College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant
2012-2013	U.C. Berkeley Department of History Dissertation Year Fellowship
2005-2012	University of California Chancellor's Fellowship
2010-2011	Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, Visiting Scholar
2010	U.C. Berkeley Graduate Division Normative Time Fellowship
2008-2009	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Scholar
2008-2010	Dissertation Research Grant, University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States
2007	UC Berkeley Department of History Summer Pre-Prospectus Fellowship

#### **D. ACADEMIC CONFERENCES (REFEREED)**

April 2016	“Teaching Chicano History from Both Sides of the Border,” Annual Meeting of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Denver, CO.
March 2016	Co-panel convener and presenter, “A Land of Merchantmen and Murder Crosses: Trading Networks and Contraband Smuggling in Matamoros, Mexico, 1820-1848,” Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, NM.
May 2015	“Economic Modernization, Culture, and Illicit Trade Networks in the Port of Matamoros, Mexico, 1826-1848.” Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Puerto Rico.
May 2013	Panel convener and presenter, “The Port Cities of Latin America: Regional Development and Global Ties from the Colonial to the National Era.” Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, D.C.
June 2012	“From Contraband Capital to Border City: Trade, Politics, and Culture in the Development of the Port of Matamoros, 1746-1848.” Presented at the Port City Lives: Mobilities, Networks, and Encounters Conference, Liverpool, England.
February 2011	“Maintaining Neutrality Through Consular Diplomacy: U.S.-Mexican Relations in Matamoros, 1826-1842.” Presented at XXXI Annual ILASSA Student Conference, University of Texas, Austin.

#### **E. OTHER TALKS, COLLOQUIA, AND PRESENTATIONS**

October 2016	Presenter, VII Coloquio Internacional del Noreste Mexicano y Texas, <i>Violencia: significados y desafíos</i> , Auditorio del Museo de Historia Mexicana, Monterrey, N.L., October 2016.
February 2016	Invited Speaker, “Remapping the Borders of Borderlands History: Contraband Smuggling and Trading Networks Along Mexico’s Gulf Coast,” James M. Dolliver NEH Humanities Professorship Project on Borders and the Making of Trans-American Studies, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA.
October 2015	Invited Speaker, “A Land of Merchantmen and Murder Crosses: Trading Networks and Contraband Smuggling in Matamoros, Mexico, 1820-1848,” Conference on Caribbean and Atlantic Studies, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

- May 2015 Invited participant, The Bancroft Seminar on Latino and Borderlands History. One of the primary goals of this seminar is to provide constructive feedback on work in progress. The seminar's 20 faculty participants will be drawn from Stanford, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and UC Santa Cruz.
- October 2014 Invited participant, "Contraband, the Port of Refugio, and Enterprising Trade Reforms, 1794-1824." Southwest Seminar on Colonial Latin American History, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ.
- April 2013 "A Land of Merchantmen and Murder Crosses: Legal Trading Networks in Matamoros, 1825-1848." Presented at the Newberry Library Seminar on Borderlands and Latino Studies, Chicago, IL.
- March 2012 "The Role of Contraband in the Shifting Trade Networks of the (Unofficial) Port of Refugio, 1794-1824." Presented to the Latin American Studies Working Group, Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley.
- September 2009 "U.S.-Mexican Relations in Matamoros, Mexico: 1826-1842." Presented at the Fourth Annual Colloquium on Northeast Mexico and Texas, University of Texas, Brownsville.

#### **F. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association (AHA)  
 Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)  
 Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)  
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA)  
 Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS)  
 National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS)  
 Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS)

### **IV. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY**

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#### DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

- 2015-present M.A. Program Committee, Department of Chicana/o Studies, California State University, Northridge.
- October 2016 Coordinator/Organizer, "Borrando la Frontera/Erasing the Border," Public Presentation, California State University, Northridge, October 26, 2016.
- April 2016 Coordinator/Organizer, "War Without End and the Disobeying Signs of Central American Survival in Diaspora: On Literature, Death, and Other Warring Matters," Public Presentation, California State University, Northridge, April 27, 2016. Sponsored by the Department of Chicana/o Studies, Civil Discourse and Social Change, and the Center for the Study of the Peoples of the Americas.
- March 2016 Coordinator/Speaker, "Graduate School Workshop," Public Presentation, California State University, Northridge, March 3, 2016. Sponsored by the Department of Chicana/o Studies and the College of Humanities.

#### COLLEGE COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

- 2016 College of Humanities City National Bank Fundraising Committee.
- Spring 2016 College of Humanities Research Fellow Committee, California State University, Northridge.
- 2016-present Faculty Mentor, Mellon Foundation HSI Pathways to the Professoriate Program, California State University, Northridge.

#### UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES AND INITIATIVES

- 2016-present Department International Liaison
- 2016-present Campus Fee Advisory Committee
- 2016-present Executive Committee Member and Faculty Mentor, Mellon Foundation HSI Pathways to the Professoriate Program, California State University, Northridge.
- 2016-present Faculty Member, GE Social Justice Path, California State University, Northridge.
- 2016-present Faculty Member, Civil Discourse and Social Change, California State University, Northridge.
- 2016-present LMS Affinity Group, California State University, Northridge.

#### OTHER VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Sep. 2016 Volunteer, President's Picnic, California State University, Northridge, September 1, 2016.
- Sep. 2016 Interviewee, "Latinas in the Field of History Project." P.I.'s: Theresa Alfaro-Velcamp (Sonoma State University) and Myrna Santiago (Saint Mary's College).
- 2016-present Councilor, Phi Beta Kappa Alumni of Southern California. Elected position.
- May 2016 Participant, "2016 Conference on Américo Paredes: Border Narratives and the Folklore of Greater Mexico," Cal State LA, May 6-7, 2016.
- May 2016 Volunteer, Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund Imagine Gala.
- 2016 Interviewee, "El Popo News Online." Conducted by Ricardo Zenon.
- April 2016 Invited presenter, "Graduate School Information Workshop," Public Presentation, California State University, Northridge, April 20, 2016. Hosted by EOP/TRIO Student Support Services.
- April 2016 Presenter, "Surviving Your First Year of College: Strategies for a Successful Transition from High School to College," Public Presentation, Mecha de CSUN Raza Youth Conference, California State University, Northridge, April 16, 2016.
- October 2016 Interviewee, "CHS 390: Alternative Press," October 13, 2015.

#### **IV. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE PRIOR TO CSUN**

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- 2014-2015 Research Grants Review Committee (Arts and Humanities). The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States – UC MEXUS. University of California, Riverside.

- 2014-2015 Strategic Planning Committee, Center for Latin American and Border Studies, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM.
- 2014-2015 Public History Program Committee, Department of History, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM.
- 2014-2015 Participant, U.S.-Mexico Border Research Working Group. Co-sponsored by the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, and the University of Texas at El Paso.
- 2014-2015 Participant, Team Mentoring Program, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM.
- 2014 Participant, Diversity in Higher Education Professional Development Workshop. University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA.
- 2009 Conference Planning Committee, Fourth Annual Colloquium on Northeast Mexico and Texas, University of Texas, Brownsville.
- August 2009 Invited broadcast television interview guest, “Con sentido común,” hosted by Ernesto Velarde-Danache on Mexican television station Televisa. One-hour program.
- June 2009 “The United States Consulate in Matamoros Prior to 1848.” Invited keynote speaker, United States Consulate General Matamoros, Matamoros, Mexico.
- April 2009 “Uncovering the Past through Archival Documents and Artifacts: A Personal Account of How a Student of History Became a Historian-Scholar.” Invited speaker, Phi Alpha Theta Annual Address, University of Texas, Brownsville.
- 2006-2008 Chair, Latin American History Working Group, University of California, Berkeley.
- October 2007 “California’s Mexican Heritage.” Invited speaker, Hispanic Heritage Celebration, The United States Mint, San Francisco, CA.