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**EMPLOYMENT:**

September 1994-2000 Assistant Professor, Department of History,  
American University  
April 2000-present Associate Professor of History, American University

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Madison, Department of  
History, 1995  
M.A. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Madison, Department of  
History., October 1988  
B.A. OBERLIN COLLEGE, Oberlin, OH  
Religion and Theology, May 1982, summa cum laude

**AWARDS, HONORS, and RESEARCH GRANTS**

CAS Mellon Teaching Grant, American University (with Dr. April Shelford), 2006  
CAS Mellon Research Grants, American University 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2007  
Alice Paul Award for Life-long Achievement in the Advancement for Women, American  
University, Women and Politics Institute, 2006  
CAS Dean's Nominee for University-wide Teaching Award 2005, 2006, 2007  
Faculty Senate Research Award, American University, 2001  
Award for Outstanding Teaching in the General Education Program, American  
University, 2001  
Office of GLBTA Award for Outstanding Faculty Member, American University 2001  
Distinguished Faculty Award from the Offices of Multicultural Affairs and International  
Student Services, American University, 1999  
Junior Faculty Grant, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, 1998  
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers, Duke  
University. Seminar Topic: Nationalism and National Identities, Summer 1996  
Junior Faculty Research Grant, The American University, 1994  
University of Wisconsin Graduate School Fellowship, 1992-93  
University of Wisconsin Award for Best Teaching Assistant University-wide, 1992  
Jacob Javits Fellowship, 1988-92  
W.A.R.F. Fellow, University of Wisconsin, 1987-88

**PUBLICATIONS:**

"Portable Roots: Latin New Yorker Community Building and the Meanings of Women's Return Migration in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1960-2000", forthcoming in Caribbean Studies, accepted for publication, December 2008

"Artful Narration: Puerto Rican Women Return Migrants' Life Stories" The Journal of Women's History, forthcoming. Accepted for publication, May 2008

"Courtroom Tales of Sex and Honor: Rape and Rapto in Nineteenth Century Puerto Rico" in Sueann Caulfield, Sarah Chambers, and Lara Putnam, eds., Honor, Status, and the Law in Modern Latin America (Durham: Duke University Press, 2005)

"La raza y lo respetable: la politica de la ciudadanía, la moralidad, y las identidades raciales en el Puerto Rico decimonónico" Op.Cit.: Revista historica de la Universidad de Puerto Rico 16(2005): 99-135.

Imposing Decency: The Politics of Sexuality and Race in Puerto Rico, 1870-1920 (Durham: Duke University Press, 2000).

"Prostitution, Popular Intellectuals, and the Making of Working-Class Political Culture in Turn-of-the-Century Puerto Rico, " in Caribbean Political Thought, volume of the "Caribbean Intellectual Traditions" series, edited by Glen Richards, forthcoming from University of West Indies Press.

"Love in the Tropics: Marriage, Divorce, and the Construction of 'Benevolent Colonialism' in Puerto Rico, 1898-1910", in Gilbert M. Joseph, Catherine C. LeGrand, and Ricardo D. Salvatore, eds., Close Encounters of Empire: Writing the Cultural History of U.S.-Latin American Relations, (Durham: Duke University Press, 1998).

"Free Love and Domesticity: Sexuality and the Shaping of Working-Class Feminism in Puerto Rico, 1900-1915" in Aldo Lauria Santiago and Aviva Chomsky, eds., Identity and Struggle at the Margins of the Nation-State: The Making of the Laboring Peoples of Central America and the Hispanic Caribbean, (Durham: Duke University Press, 1998).

"Decency and Democracy: The Politics of Prostitution in Ponce, Puerto Rico, 1890-1900," Feminist Studies, 23:3 (Fall 1997)

"Gender, Generation, and Honor in Colonial Mexican History" Radical History Review 53 (1992): 81-89.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS:**

Book Manuscript: We Are Left Without A Father Here: Transnational Domesticity, Colonial Populism, and Puerto Rican Labor Migration, 1930-1965

Articles: The Romance of Revolution: Anti-politics and Disillusionment in Ex-Revolutionary Cubans Life Histories

A Moving Target: The Meaning of Race in Nuyorican Return Migrants Life Stories, San Juan, 1960-2000

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of, The Myth of Jose Marti by Lillian Guerra, for The Journal of Social History (2006)

Review of Women, Creole Identity, and Intellectual Life in Early Twentieth-Century Puerto Rico by Magali Roy-Fequiere for Hispanic American Historical Review (2005)

Review of The Company They Kept: Migrants and the Politics of Gender in Caribbean Costa Rica, 1870-1960, by Lara Putnam, Caribbean Studies (2004)

Review of Reproducing Empire: Race, Sex, Science, and U.S. Imperialism in Puerto Rico, by Laura Briggs, The Americas 60:2 (October 2003)

Review of What It Means to Be a Man, by Rafael Ramirez, New West Indian Review 75:1&2 (2001)

Review of Puerto Rican Women and Work: Bridges in Transnational Labor, edited by Altagracia Ortiz Journal of International Labor and Working-Class History, (2001).

Review of The Gendered Worlds of Latin American Women Workers, edited by John French and Daniel James, Journal of International Labor and Working-Class History (2001)

Review of Puerto Rico: An Interpretive History From Pre-Colombian Times to 1900 By Olga Jimenez de Wagenheim, The Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History [e-journal] (2000)

Review of Shaping the Discourse on Space: Charity and its Wards in 19<sup>th</sup> Century San Juan, Puerto Rico, by Teresita Martinez-Vergne, The Hispanic American Historical Review 80:3 (August 2000)

Review of Género y trabajo: La industria de la aguja en Puerto Rico y el caribe hispánico, edited by Carmen Baerga, in The West Indian Review 73: 1&2 (1999).

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

“Gender and the Racial Construction of Mexicans and Puerto Ricans: Views from the Rural, Mid-Twentieth Century U.S. Midwest” Seminar on Migration, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2008

“Carrying My Roots With Me: Puerto Rican Identities and the Meanings of Women’s Return Migration to Puerto Rico, San Juan 1960-2000” Seminar on Urban History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2008

“An International History of Women and Gender in Latin American History” Clendinen Conference on the History of Women, American University, March 2008

“Whispering Around the Edges: Puerto Ricans’ Historical Conversations about Race from Ponce to New York and Back Again” Arturo Schomburg lecture on Race and Puerto Ricanness, Taller Puertorriqueño, Philadelphia, PA, February 2008

Discussant, panel on the History of Childhood in the Americas, American Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, October 2007

“Bregando the Beet Fields: Post-War Puerto Rican Masculinity, Domesticity, Migration and Colonial Populism” Brown Bag Lunch series, American University History Department, October 2006

Discussant, panel on Caribbean Currents in Turn of the Century United States, Organization of American Historians, Washington DC, April 2006

“A Moving Target: Shifting Meanings of Race in San Juan-Based Nuyorican Life History Narratives” at Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 2006

Plenary Speaker for University of Connecticut’s Gender and History Series. “Boricuas in the Beet Fields: Masculinity, Puerto Rican Labor Migration, and Colonial Populism, 1950”, October 2005

“Gender, Colonial Populist Politics, and the Making of a Puerto Rican Diaspora in the Rural 1950’s U.S. Midwest”, June 2005, Berkshire International Conference on Women’s History, Los Angeles, CA

Plenary Speaker for University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign’s Annual International Women’s History Conference: “Ways of Talking Sex in Court: The Meanings of Coercion and Pleasure, Rape and Rapto in Courtroom Representations of Heterosexual Sexuality in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Puerto Rico”, March, 2005

- Latina/o Studies Program, UIUC. "The Romance of Revolutionary Memories: Radical Cuban Emigres' Life Histories", March 2005
- Latin American Studies Department Round Table, UIUC. "So What Kind of Roots Have I Got?: Generational Meanings of Return Migration to San Juan Puerto Rico, 1960-2000", March 2005
- "Race, Gender and Imperialism in Brazil, Cuba, and Puerto Rico", invited lecture for Women in the Americas seminar, February 2005, University of Maryland, College Park
- Commentator on Panel, "Doing Ethnography Desde la Patria" October, 2004 Puerto Rican Studies Association, New York City
- "Free Speech in the Classroom?" Plenary Session, January, 2004 Ann Ferren Teaching Conference, American University
- "Portable Roots: Community Building and The Meanings of Return Migration in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1960-2000" Oral History Association, Washington, DC October 2003
- Commentator on panel, "Transnational Sexuality", SSRC Conference, "Sexual Worlds, Political Cultures", Washington DC, October 2003
- Commentator on panel, "Criminology, Gender, and Race in Cuba and Brazil", Conference on The Body and the Body Politic in Latin America" University of Maryland, College Park, April 2003
- "They Put Me with the Blacks, But I'm Puerto Rican!": Identity Struggles and Emigration to the United States, 1930-1960" Association of Caribbean Historians, San Juan, April 2003.
- "The Romance of Disillusion: Anti-Politics in Cuban Émigré's Life Stories" Conference on Memories of Critical Moments, Emory University, March 2003
- Commentator on panel, "Rethinking the City in the Americas." Latin American Studies Association, Dallas, March 2003
- "Storytelling in the Courtroom: Narrative Structure and Symbolic Meaning in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Puerto Rican Accounts of Rapto and Rape" , American Historical Association, January 2003
- "Revolutionary Love: Commitment and Disillusion in Recent Cuban Émigré's Life Stories" Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC September, 2001

“Questioning Stories: Historians, Passion, and Uncertainty”, invited talk for AU’s Phi Alpha Theta chapter, April 2001

Commentator on panel “Comparative Perspectives on Sexuality, Popular Culture, and Politics: A Latin American Assessment”, Conference on Gender and Women’s History in Post-Revolutionary Mexico, Yale University, May 2001

“A Comparative Look at Gender, Labor, and the State in Twentieth-Century Chile and Puerto Rico”. Invited Lecture, New York University, December 2000

“Respectability and the Meanings of Slavery in turn-of-the-century Puerto Rico”, Invited Lecture, New York University, November 2000

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Historical Association  
Committee on Latin American History  
Association of Caribbean Historians  
Caribbean Studies Association  
Latin American Studies Association  
Puerto Rican Studies Association  
Oral History Association

**LANGUAGES:** Fluent in Spanish, proficient in French