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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, California State University, Northridge, 2018-present
Assistant Professor, California State University, Northridge, 2013-2018
Postdoctoral Fellow, Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West, 2012-2013

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Southern California, History, 2012
M.A. University of Southern California, History, 2009
B. A. La Sierra University, History, 2000, Magna cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Imperial Metropolis: Los Angeles, Mexico, and the Borderlands of American Empire, 1865-1941 David J. Weber Series in New Borderlands History, University of North Carolina Press, September 2019.

- Co-winner, Kenneth Jackson Award for Best Book, Urban History Association, 2020.
- Named finalist, David J. Weber Prize, Western History Association, 2020.

Refereed Articles

"Los Angeles," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia,* Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

"American Empire and the Landscapes of Los Angeles," *Boom California*, January 2020. https://boomcalifornia.org/2020/01/09/american-empire-and-the-landscapes-of-los-angeles/

"Destiny of the West: The International Pacific Highway and the Pacific Borderlands, 1929-1957," *Western Historical Quarterly* (Fall 2015): 11-33.

"The Contested Nexus of Los Angeles Koreatown: Capital Restructuring, Gentrification, and Displacement," with Kyeyoung Park, *Amerasia Journal* (February 2009): 127-150.

Articles and Public Scholarship

"How Latin America Built L.A.: Excavating the Century of Economic Domination Beneath the 2022 Summit of the Americas," *Zócalo Public Square* (June 6, 2022). https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/2022/06/06/how-latin-america-built-los-angeles/ideas/essay/

"Roads and Walls in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands," Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association Blog, October 2019.

https://anzasablog.wordpress.com/2019/10/28/roads-and-walls-in-the-u-s-mexico-borderlands/

"Roads and Walls in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands," University of North Carolina Press Blog, September 2019. https://uncpressblog.com/2019/09/18/jessica-m-kim-roads-and-walls-in-the-u-s-mexico-borderlands/

"Why Trump's Wall will Fail," University of North Carolina Press Blog, September 2019. https://uncpressblog.com/2019/09/09/jessica-m-kim-why-trumps-wall-will-fail/

"Teaching California History Roundtable," *California History* (November 2018): 8-21.

"Filming *Pro-Patria:* On the Road from Los Angeles to Mexico City," Borderlands History Blog, April 2017. https://borderlandshistory.org/2017/04/03/filming-pro-patria-on-the-road-from-los-angeles-to-mexico-city/

"Map Room: The Contours of Los Angeles and the 1932 Olympics," *California History*, (Summer 2015): 2-3.

"Foodscapes," in *Form and Landscape: Southern California Edison and the Los Angeles Basin, 1940-1990,* digital and print exhibition, Huntington Library, part of Pacific Standard Time Presents: Modern Architecture in L.A.: an initiative of the Getty, 2014. http://pstpedison.com/kim.html

Book Reviews

Review, *Contracting Freedom: Race, Empire, and U.S. Guestworker Programs,* by Maria L. Quintana, in *Passport: Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Review,* forthcoming.

Review, *Barrio America: How Latino Immigrants Saved the American City*, by A. K. Sandoval-Strausz, in *Journal of American Ethnic History,* forthcoming.

Review, *In Pursuit of Utopia: Los Angeles in the Great Depression,* by Errol Wayne Stevens, in *Pacific Historical Review,* forthcoming.

Review, *Urban Lowlands: A History of Neighborhoods, Poverty, and Planning,* by Steven T. Moga, in *Pacific Historical Review*, 2022.

Review, *Chicago on the Make: Power and Inequality in a Modern City,* by Andrew J. Diamond, in *Pacific Historical Review,* 2021.

Review, *Frontiers in the Gilded Age: Adventure, Capitalism, and Dispossession from Southern African to the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1880-1917*, by Andrew Offenburger, in *Diplomatic History*, 2021.

Review, *Migrant Longing: Letter Writing Across the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands,* by Miroslava Chávez-García, in *California History,* Fall 2019.

Review, *Making Black Los Angeles: Class, Gender, and Community, 1850-1917*, by Marne L. Campbell, in *Pacific Historical Review,* Summer 2018.

Review, *Where Texas Meets the Sea: Corpus Christi and Its History* by Alan Lessoff, in *Pacific Historical Review,* October 2016.

Review**,** *Before L.A.: Race, Space and Municipal Power in Los Angeles, 1781-1894* by David Samuel Torres-Rouff and *Freedom's Frontier: California and the Struggle over Unfree Labor, Emancipation, and Reconstruction* by Stacey L. Smith, in *Reviews in American History*, September 2015.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Summer Research Fellowship, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUN, 2014-2022

Polished Apple Teaching Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring, CSUN, 2019

Research Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUN, 2017

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award, CSUN, 2015-2016

NEH Fellowship, "Bridging National Borders in North America," at the Newberry Library, 2014

New Faculty Research Award, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUN, 2013-2014

Dissertation Research Award, USC-Huntington Institute on California and the West, 2011

Dissertation Research Award, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2011

Haynes Foundation Research Fellow, Huntington Library, 2010

Dissertation Research Award, Historical Society of Southern California, 2010

Kelterborn Merit Award, University of Southern California, 2009-2010

Roberta Foulke Research Fellowship, University of Southern California, 2008, 2010, 2011

College Graduate Merit Fellowship, University of Southern California, 2006-2012

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

Book Talk: Imperial Metropolis, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, part of the series "Retos históricos y actuales del norte de México y el sur-oeste de Estados Unidos," June

2021.

Book Talk: Imperial Metropolis, Autry National Center, March 2021.

Book Talk: Imperial Metropolis, Chicano Studies Center, UCLA, May 2020 (rescheduled due to COVID-19).

"Los Angeles, Empire, and Urban Landscapes," keynote address, American Studies Research Symposium, California State University, Fullerton, April 2020.

Book Talk: Imperial Metropolis, Ontario Museum of Art and History, November 2019.

Book Talk: Imperial Metropolis, Huntington -USC Institute on California and the West/Huntington Library, November 2019.

Book Talk: Imperial Metropolis, Museum of the San Fernando Valley, 2018.

"The Visual Legacy of the Mexican Revolution," Museum of Latin American Art, June 2015.

"In Conversation with Jessica Kim," Huntington Library, November 2014.

Academic Conferences

"Los Angeles: Roundtable," presenter, Organization of American Historians, panel accepted, April 2023.

"International Intrigue and Political Violence in the age of Pan-Americanism," discussant, Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association, November 2021.

"American Empire and the Landscapes of Los Angeles," paper presented, Organization of American Historians, April 2021.

"Los Angeles: Investment," paper presented, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 2021.

"Transnational Latin American Politics in the 20th-Century United States West," discussant, Western History Association, October 2020.

"Enduring, Negotiating, Interrogating Liminality: Migrants and Immigrants at the Border, in Detention, and in Agricultural Labor since 1882," discussant, Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association, August 2020.

"Memorialization, Display, and the Archive: Mobilizing Alternative Racial Futures," discussant, American Studies Association, November 2019.

"Fiestas, Performance, and Resistance in Mexican American Communities," discussant, Western History Association, October 2019.

"Zines to Tap Water: Reimagining the History Classroom," discussant, American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch Meeting, August 2019.

"Form and Landscape: Los Angeles and Digital History," paper presented, Western History Association, November 2017.

"'A Hard and Desperate Fight': Race, Masculinity, and Private Property in the Los Angeles-Mexico Borderlands," paper presented, Western Association of Women Historians, April 2017.

"Water on the Border: Transnational and Environmental Perspectives on the History of the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands," discussant, Western History Association, October 2016.

"Californio Dreams: A Century of Exporting Fantasies and Utopias," panel organizer and paper presented, American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, August 2016.

"One Hundred Years Since Columbus," conference organizer and paper presented, Huntington Library, June 2016.

"New Mexico, 1916: Villa and the Impact of the Mexican Revolution on US History and Historiography," paper presented, Organization of American Historians, April 2016.

"'A Place of Great Importance': American Expansionism, Mexican Investments, and Los Angeles, 1829-1885," paper presented, Western History Association, October 2015.

"Is There a Los Angeles School of Western History?" roundtable with Virginia Scharff, Stephen Aron, William Deverell, John Mack Faragher, and Kelly Lytle Hernandez, Western History Association, October 2014.

"The City of Los Angeles vs. the Government of Mexico," paper presented, American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, August 2014.

"Teaching Sustainability through Digital Los Angeles," panel organizer and paper presented, National Council on Public History, March 2014.

"From Spanish Past to Pacific Future: Region, Identity, and Tourism along the California and Mexico Pacific Coast, 1920-1957," paper presented, Western History Association, October 2013.

"Good Feelings and Commercial Ties: Forging Angeleno-Mexican Partnerships, 1874-1910," paper presented, Newberry Library Borderlands and Latino Studies Seminar, September 2013.

"Destiny of the West: Tourism, Leisure, and Reconnecting the Western Hemisphere," paper presented, Latin American Studies Association, May 2012.

"The Walrus, the Fox, and the Desert: City, Region, and Empire in Los Angeles and Mexico, 1898-1944," paper presented, Western History Association, October 2011.

"Fortune and Misfortune in the Los Angeles-Mexico Borderlands, 1902-1920," paper presented, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, June 2010.

"Imperial Los Angeles: Exploring the City's Global Past, 1890-1930," paper presented, Tepoztlán Institute for Transnational History of the Americas Annual Conference, July 2009.

"Culture of Conquest: Panama, U.S. Travel Narratives, and Imagining a White Colonial Utopia, 1904-1914," paper presented, Huntington-USC Institute for California and the West, May 2008.

"The Contested Nexus of Los Angeles Koreatown: Bohemianization as a Step to Capital Restructuring," paper presented with Kyeyoung Park, PhD, Association of Asian American Studies Annual Conference, 2005.

Guest Lectures and Teaching Presentations

Book Talk: *Imperial Metropolis*, History Department, California State University, Los Angeles, September 2022.

Book Talk: *Imperial Metropolis*, History Department, USC, Spring 2020 and 2021.

"Los Angeles and Mexico," UCLA Chicano Studies Department, February 2020.

"Graduate School and Beyond," Getty Multicultural Internship Program, July 2019.

"California and the Nation," UCLA History and Geography Project, July and October 2017.

"Los Angeles: 1848-1920," UCLA History and Geography Project, July 2015.

"The U.S. West and Mexico," Huntington Library, August 2015.

Interviews

Book Interview: Imperial Metropolis, long-form interview, New Books West/New Books Podcast, September 2021.

"Imagined Wests," *Artbound* television series, KCET, August 2021.

"Borderlands," *Lost LA* television series, KCET, October 2017.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP PROJECTS

Producer and researcher, *Western Edition Podcast*, Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West, 2021-present.

Social and digital media coordinator, Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West, 2018-present.

Contributor, *Past Due: Report and Recommendations of the Los Angeles Mayor's Office Civic Memory Working Group*, 2021.
https://civicmemory.la/

Member, City of Los Angeles Mayoral Commission on Civic Memory, 2019-2021.

Faculty Advisor, "Black Pobladores: The Founding of Los Angeles and its African Roots," an exhibit produced in partnership with CSUN students and El Pueblo Historical Monument, City of Los Angeles, 2015-2016.

Project Manager and Curator, "Form and Landscape: Southern California Edison and the Los Angeles Basin, 1940-1990," a digital exhibit produced in partnership with the Huntington Library and the Getty Foundation, 2012-2013.

Contributor, "Los Angeles and Water: In Commemoration of the Los Angeles Aqueduct," primary source collection, 2012-2013.

Postdoctoral Associate, AHA-NEH Atlantic and Pacific Worlds Community College Seminar, 2012-2013.

Historical Advisor, Education Department, Museum of Latin American Art,
"An Introduction to Latin American History," art and history installation, 2012-2013,
"MoLAA in the Classroom," curriculum development, 2010-2013.

Coordinator, "Things I'd Like to Know about Los Angeles," day-long public forum on future trends in the study of Los Angeles, 2012.

Professional Development Instructor, Pasadena Unified School District, 2012
Topic: Teaching U.S. History (part of a NEH Teaching American History grant).

Archival Assistant, Western Manuscripts Collection, Huntington Library, 2009-2010.

Archival Assistant, Regional Special Collections, University of Southern California, 2007.

TEACHING

California State University, Northridge

History 271 United States Since 1865
History 371 Questions in American History Since the Civil War
History 396 Digital History
History 433 Public History
History 486A History of Los Angeles
History 481 Modern American Borders

History 488 California
History 494 Internship Program
History 497 Tourism and the American Past
History 498 Narrating the Past for the Present
History 548 History and Memory
History 594 Graduate Internship Program
History 596 Graduate Introduction to Public History

California State University, Los Angeles
History 459 Sexuality in the Americas
History 488 California History
History 489 History of Los Angeles

Pepperdine University
History 304 History of the American Peoples
History 326 California History

SERVICE

To the Discipline
Ray Allen Billington Book Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2023-2024
Program Committee, Western History Association, 2022-2023
Local Resource Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2022-2023
Program reviewer, American Studies Department, California State University, Fullerton, 2022
Advisory Board, H-CA, 2021-
Council, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, 2018-2021
Editorial Board, *Pacific Historical Review,* 2015-2021
Campus Liaison, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Annual Conference, 2017

Reviewer
Public Historian, 2022
University of Nebraska Press, 2021
Diplomatic History, 2020
Pacific Historical Review, 2019
Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 2019
University of Arizona Press, 2017
California History, 2016-2019
Southern California Quarterly, 2016
Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 2016
Journal of Latin American Studies, 2015

To the University and Department
Senator, Faculty Senate, CSUN 2021-2023
Member, Student Success Workgroup, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUN, 2019-2020
Member, Academic Policy Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUN, 2019

Member, Climate Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUN, 2018-2019
Mentor, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUN, 2017-2018
Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, History Department, CSUN
Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee, History Department, CSUN
Member, California Studies Committee, CSUN, 2015-
Member, Center for Southern California Studies, CSUN, 2015-
Member, Whitsett Committee, 2013-

REFERENCES

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