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### **Professional Interests**

Modern Latin America  
Colombia  
Drug History  
US-Latin American Relations  
Cold War

### **Employment**

September 2020- present	Associate Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University. Affiliated Faculty, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Northwestern University.
August 2014 — 2020	Assistant Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University. Affiliated Faculty, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Northwestern University (courtesy appointment as of October 2019).
Summer 2009	Instructor, Department of History, New York University.
Fall 2006 – Spring 2009	Teaching Assistant, Department of History, New York University.

### **Education**

2005-2012	New York University (NYC, USA), Ph.D. Latin American and Caribbean History. Graduation: January 28, 2013.
2003-2004	Universidad de la Cordillera (La Paz, Bolivia), M.A., Social Science, emphasis in Anthropology. Thesis approved: Summer 2009.
1994-1999	Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana (Medellín, Colombia), B.A., Social Communication/Journalism. Graduation: March 10, 2000.

**Academic Publications****Books:**

1. *Marijuana Boom: The Rise and Fall of Colombia's First Drug Paradise* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2020).
  - Honorable Mention in Social Science and Humanities, Fundación Alejandro Ángel Escobar National Book Awards 2021.
  - Reviews have appeared in English and Spanish in: *The American Historical Review*, *The Americas*, *Latin American Research Review*, *The Hispanic American Historical Review*, *Diplomatic History*, *Drug Policy*, *The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs*, *International Criminal Justice*, *Global Politics*, *Agricultural History*, *European Review of Latin America*, *NACLA*, *Trashumante*, *Estudios Colombianos*, *Historia Agraria de América Latina*, *Maguaré*.

**Edited volumes:**

2. Co-edited with Ricardo López-Pedrerros, *Histories of Solitude: Colombia, 1820s-1970s* (New York: Routledge, 2024).
3. Co-edited with Ricardo López-Pedrerros, *Histories of Perplexity: Colombia, 1970s-2010s* (New York: Routledge, 2024).

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:**

4. "The Drug Wars in Colombia" in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*, published online on September 28, 2020.
5. "'Legalización o represión:' How a Debate in Colombia Steered the Fate of the 'War on Drugs'" in *The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs* 33:1 (Spring 2019): 88-112.
6. "Hurricane Winds: Vallenato Music and Marijuana Traffic in Colombia's First Illegal Drugs Boom" in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 95:1 (February 2015): 71-102.
7. "A Trafficker's Paradise: The 'War on Drugs' and the New Cold War in Colombia" in *Revista Contemporánea* 1:1 (2010): 159-177.

**Solicited Essays and Book Chapters:**

8. "Frank Safford: Obituary," *Hispanic American Historical Review* 104: 2 (May 2024): 307-311.
9. "[Editorial Note: Historia doble de la coca](#)," *Boletín OPCA* 17 (August 2020), Department of Anthropology, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.
10. "El eje guajiro: Nazis, contrabandistas y diplomáticos durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, Riohacha, 1940-1943" in *Pensamiento Poscolonial. Cambio social y relaciones subalternas en América Latina* edited by Ricardo Oviedo (Pasto, Colombia: Universidad de Nariño, 2014).

**Book Reviews:**

11. "Brian Burke, *Social Exchange: Barter as Economic and Cultural Activism in Medellín, Colombia*. (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2022) in *The International Review of Social History* (forthcoming).

12. “Benjamin Breen, *The Age of Intoxication: Origins of the Global Drug Trade* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019)” in *The Americas* 78:2 (April 2021).
13. “James D. Henderson, *Colombia’s Narcotics Nightmare: How the Drug Trade Destroyed Peace* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland and Company, 2015)” in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 97:3 (August 2017).
14. “Gabriela Polit Dueñas, *Narrating Narcos: Culiacán and Medellín* (Pittsburg: University of Pittsburg Press, 2013)” in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 95:4 (November 2015).

#### Translations to Spanish:

15. (By Felipe Escobar) *El boom de la marihuana: Auge y caída del primer paraíso de las drogas en Colombia* (Bogotá: Crítica and Ediciones Uniandes, 2022)—originally published as *Marijuana Boom* by UC Press (2020).
16. (By Manuela Gómez) “Vallenato y tráfico de marihuana en el Caribe colombiano” in *América Latina en la guerra contra las drogas: Una mirada multidimensional a un fenómeno global* edited by Giovanni Molano Cruz (Bogotá: IEPRI-Universidad Nacional de Colombia y Friedrich Ebert Stiftung FESCOL, 2021)—originally published as “Hurricane Winds” in *HAHR* (2015).

#### **Work in Progress**

##### Books:

17. *The Hippie Mafia: A Countercultural History of Drug Traffic in the Caribbean*.

##### Solicited Book Chapters:

18. “Geografías de la ilegalidad: Regionalismo y estereotipos mediáticos en los orígenes de la ‘guerra contra las drogas’ en Colombia” for *Historias de lo Político*, Volume 4: *Ilusiones nacionales y disputas por el orden*, edited by Ingrid Bolívar, Francisco Ortega, Franz Hensel, and Margarita Garrido (Banco de la República, Universidad del Rosario, Universidad Nacional de Colombia and Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga).

##### Compilations:

19. *Las cartas de Riohacha: Archivo confidencial del viceconsulado de los Estados Unidos en La Guajira durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial*.

#### **Public History**

##### Solicited Essays:

20. “Las trabas de la guerra: Marihuana y violencia de Estado,” *Segundo Informe, Comisión Histórica del Conflicto Armado y sus Víctimas, CHCV* (Bogotá, Colombia: Unidad de Implementación del Acuerdo de Paz, Oficina del Alto Comisionado para la Paz, Presidencia de la República, January, 2025).

Edited Volumes:

21. Co-edited with Forrest Hylton and Lucila Choque, *La 'guerra del gas' contada por las mujeres* (El Alto, Bolivia: Centro de Promoción de la Mujer Gregoria Apaza, 2004).
22. *Gas, debate nacional* (La Paz, Bolivia: Semanario Pulso, 2003).

Newspaper and Magazine Articles (selected):

23. "Rompimos un paradigma para contar las cosas al revés': Ana Luisa Ramírez," *El Espectador*, June 16, 2024.
24. "Colombia e Israel, una historia íntima," *El Magazín Cultural de El Espectador*, November 12, 2023.
25. "Marimberos y parranderos," *Universo Centro* #124, October 2021.
26. "Marijuana Fueled Colombian Drug Trade Before Cocaine Was King," *The Conversation*, published online on August 4, 2020.
27. "'Muchas de las tácticas de contrainsurgencia [de la supremacía blanca] comparten una historia con Colombia': Kathleen Belew," *El Espectador*, July 29, 2020.
28. "'En esa mezcla de guerra y marketing, la democracia está en peligro': Alexander L. Fattal," *El Espectador*, September 27, 2019.
29. "La venganza guajira," *Universo Centro* #101, October 2018—movie review of *Pájaros de Verano* (*Birds of Passage*), directed by Ciro Guerra y Cristina Gallego and long-listed nominee for the Best Foreign Language Film, Oscars 2019.
30. "'Colombia fue un pionero mundial en procesos de paz': Robert Karl," *El Espectador*, June 11, 2018.
31. "Med & Rec: Un tour humeante por el mundo de la marihuana legal de Colorado," *Universo Centro* #83, February 2017.
32. "Generation War," *NACLA: Report of the Americas*, published online on October 18, 2016.
33. "'El discurso de los derechos humanos habla de la derrota de la izquierda': Lesley Gill," *El Espectador*, October 16, 2016.
34. "Narcos by Netflix: Car Bombing Drug War History," *NACLA: Report of the Americas* 48:2 (July 2016).
35. "'La clase media no nos va a llevar al paraíso': Ricardo López," *El Espectador*, September 19, 2015.
36. "'Con o sin FARC, el narcotráfico seguirá vivito y coleando': Eduardo Sáenz Rovner," *El Espectador*, January 24, 2015.
37. "'La agricultura campesina es central para la paz de Colombia': Nazih Richani," *El Espectador*, October 12, 2014.
38. "'Plan Colombia cambió a las FARC': Noam Chomsky," *El Espectador*, July 26, 2014—co-authored with Forrest Hylton.
39. "'La historia de Colombia no es la de Cuba': Charles Bergquist," *El Espectador*, June 1, 2014.
40. "Colombia and Ecuador: A Clash of Two Plans," *NACLA: Report of the Americas* 42:4 (June 2009).

Podcasts, Interviews, and Webinars (selected):

41. "[Colombia, the U.S., and the War on Drugs](#)," podcast *The Road to Now*, November 4, 2024, hosted by Benjamin Sawyer.
42. "[Historias de soledad y perplejidad](#)" with Ricardo López-Pedrerros in HISTORIAS (in Spanish), August 19, 2024, hosted by Carmen Soliz.
43. "[Histories of Solitude and Perplexity](#)," with Ricardo López-Pedrerros in *New Books on Latin American Studies, New Books Network Podcast*, July 22, 2024, hosted by Alejandra Bronfman.
44. "[El primer paraíso de las drogas en Colombia](#)," reportage by Fernando Salamanca in *Cambio*, November 5, 2022.
45. "[La bonanza de la marihuana contribuyó a la formación del Estado colombiano](#)," interview by Camilo Andrés Garzón in *La Silla Académica*, October 23, 2022.
46. "[La marihuana más allá de la guerra contra las drogas](#)," podcast #1 by Professor Adrián Restrepo for *Instituto de Estudios Políticos, Universidad de Antioquia*, Medellín, October 4, 2022.
47. "El boom de la marihuana. Conversación entre Lina Britto y Pablo Zuleta," *podcast CESED Uniandes*, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, September 21, 2022.
48. "[El boom de la marihuana en Colombia](#)," podcast by Marcela Vallejo for *Jardines y laberintos #3, Vist Projects*, September 15, 2022.
49. "[El boom de la marihuana: Una mirada histórica en la discusión actual de la legalización de las Drogas](#)," podcast by Alfonso Buitrago for *El Arranque, charlas de domingo in El Colombiano*, digital edition, August 28, 2022.
50. "['El Estado debe ser árbitro y jugador en la nueva bonanza de la marihuana': Lina Britto](#)," interview by David Efrén Ortega in *Diario Criterio*, August 23, 2022.
51. "[Lina Britto revive la bonanza marimbera con 'El boom de la marihuana'](#)," radio-interview by Carlos Castro Arias in *Caracol Radio* morning news, August 23, 2022.
52. "[El boom de la marihuana en Colombia](#)," video-interview by Elber Gutiérrez in *El Espectador in YouTube*, uploaded on August 19, 2022.
53. "The Blossoming of the Colombian Green Leaf: An Interview with marijuana Boom Author Dr. Lina Britto," interview by Gabriel Leão in *Lay it Out Magazine*, issue 6, June-July 2022.
54. "Marimberos y parranderos," interview in *10AM Hoy por Hoy, Caracol Radio*, broadcasted on November 30, 2021.
55. "La historia olvidada de la marihuana en Colombia," interview in *El Espectador*, November 16, 2021.
56. "El boom marihuanero en Colombia," *Historias Podcast* (Spanish edition), Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, SECOLAS, Episode #145, November 13, 2021.
57. "De la bonanza marimbera a la bonanza medicinal," *Webinar CESED*, Centro de Estudios sobre Seguridad y Drogas, Universidad de los Andes, August 14, 2021.
58. "Plan Colombia y la elephantiasis del aparato represivo del Estado," *#ClasealaCalle Webinar*, Facultad de Historia y Geografía, Universidad de los Andes, May 20, 2021.
59. "Social Protests in Colombia," *Historias Podcast* (English edition), Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, SECOLAS, Episode #134, May 12, 2021.
60. "[Narcotrafficking, Statemaking, and Inequality: Experiences from Mexico and Colombia](#)," with Dawn Paley (author of *Drug War Capitalism*), *Building Sustainable Futures: Global*

*Challenges and Possibilities Webinar*, Buffet Institute for Global Affairs, May 4, 2021.

61. "Marijuana and Masculinity: Colombia's First Drug Boom," *The Violence Takes Place Podcast Series*, NORIA Mexico and Central America Program, Episode #5, December 14, 2020.
62. "Marijuana Boom" in *New Books on Latin American Studies*, *New Books Network Podcast*, April 15, 2020, hosted by Lisette Varón Carvajal.
63. "Coffee and Cannabis," with Casey Lurtz in *Ottoman History Podcast*, Episode #326, July 20, 2017.
64. "La historia olvidada de la marihuana en Colombia," Noticias UNAL, Radio Universidad Nacional de Colombia, broadcasted on August 23, 2016.

### **Creative Work**

#### **Documentary Film:**

65. Director and producer of [\*Warrior Spirits: Histories of Wayuu Resistance\*](#) (Bogotá: Universidad de los Andes, 38min., Wayuunaiki and Spanish, English subtitles, HD, 2014).

#### **Dance Theater Play:**

66. Audio and video contributor of historical context and analysis for [\*GRASS\*](#), multimedia dance theater play about turf and cannabis in a larger American story of environmental and social ills. Produced by *The Seldoms*, choreograph by Carrie Hanson, premiered on October 14, 15, and 16, 2021 at The Dance Center, Columbia College, Chicago.

### **Awards, Honors, and Fellowships**

#### **Pre-Doctoral:**

- Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and Charlotte Newcombe Foundation, 2011-2012.
- Drugs, Security, and Democracy Fellowship, DSD, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Open Society Foundation, Universidad de los Andes (Colombia), and International Development Research Center (Canada), 2011-2012.
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) and Andrew Mellon Foundation, 2011-2012 (declined).
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Andrew Mellon Foundation and Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University, 2011-2012 (declined).
- International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), 2009-2010.
- Summer Predoctoral Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University, 2008.
- Doris M. Ohlsen Travel/Research Award for Latin American, Caribbean, and Spanish Scholarship, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University, 2007.
- Tinker Foundation Summer Fellowship, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, CLACS, New York University, Summers 2006, and 2007.
- MacCracken Fellowship for Doctoral Studies, New York University, Fall 2005.

- Best Student Work, Premios CIPA, Círculo de Periodistas de Antioquia (Guild of Journalists of Antioquia), 2000, for *Bahía tomada*, honor's thesis in Journalism.

### Post-Doctoral

- Honorable Mention in Social Science and Humanities, Fundación Alejandro Ángel Escobar's National Book Awards 2021 for *Marijuana Boom* (UCP, 2020).
- Kaplan Faculty Fellowship, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University, academic year 2021-2022.
- Travel Grant, Vanderbilt University Library and Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), Vanderbilt University, Fall 2019.
- Publication Subvention Grant, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University, March 14, 2019, for *Marijuana Boom* (University of California Press, 2020).
- Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2013-2014, 2016-2017.
- Honorable Mention, Martin Diskin Dissertation Award, Latin American Studies Association (LASA), and OXFAM America, 2014.

### Professional Talks

#### Book Talks for *Histories of Solitude* and *Histories of Perplexity*:

- Book presentations, *Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, LASA*, Bogotá, June 12, 2024.
- Book presentation, Latin American Studies Program, *Western Washington University*, May 2, 2024.

#### Book Talks for *Marijuana Boom/El boom de la marihuana*:

- V Simposio de Historia y Patrimonio del Magdalena Grande, *Centro Cultural Banco de la República*, Santa Marta, Colombia, September 6, 2024.
- Oiga Mire Lea Literary Festival, *Biblioteca Departamental del Valle del Cauca*, Cali, Colombia, September 3, 2024.
- The Latin American History Speaker Series, Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, CLAIS, *Yale University*, New Haven, CT, October 28, 2022.
- Book launch, moderated by Daniel Pacheco (*La Silla Vacía*), Facultad de Ciencias Sociales-Universidad de los Andes and Editorial Crítica-Grupo Planeta, Bogotá, August 18, 2022.
- XXIII Cátedra Manuel María Madiedo, *Universidad de Cartagena*, Cartagena, August 16, 2022.
- Virtual Seminar "Drugs, Pharmaceuticals and Addiction" for Building Global Research Networks in Medical History Workshop Series, International Center for Drug Policy Studies, *Shanghai University*, Webinar, November 11, 2021.
- Virtual Seminar "Imágenes sociales del desarraigo," *Colegio Mexicano de Sociología, COLMES* and *Federación Colombiana de Sociología*, Webinar, May 21, 2021.

- Center for Latin American Studies and Pardee School of Global Studies, *Boston University*, Webinar, March 25, 2021.
- Second Latin American Forum, Latin American Studies Program, *Western Washington University*, Webinar, March 4, 2021.
- Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, *New York University*, Webinar, February 3, 2021.
- Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare Seminar Series, *University of Strathclyde* (Glasgow, Scotland), Webinar, January 26, 2021.
- Conversation with Latin American Authors, Global Affairs and Hemispheric Institute on the Americas, *University of California-Davis*, and Center for Latin American Studies, *Stanford University*, Webinar, December 2, 2020.
- Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, Wilson Center for Humanities and Art and the Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power and History, *University of Georgia*, Webinar, October 23, 2020.
- Edward Kremers Seminar in the History of Pharmacy and Drugs, School of Pharmacy at *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, and *American Institute of the History of Pharmacy*, AIHP, Webinar, May 28, 2020.
- Global Lunchbox Series, Center for International and Area Studies, *Northwestern University*, Evanston, January 24, 2020.
- Colombian Studies Group, *City University of New York, CUNY-Hunter College*, New York City, October 17, 2019.

Others (selected):

- Chair, “Biographies as Histories of Latin America: Knowledge Production, Politics, and Subjectivities during the Twentieth Century,” *Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, LASA*, Bogotá, June 14, 2024.
- “‘A Beautiful Death:’ The Life, Work and Killing of Dr. Héctor Abad Gómez,” in “Biographies as Histories of Latin America: Knowledge, Politics, and Subjectivities during the 20th Century,” *American Historical Association Annual Conference, AHA*, online sessions, February 24, 2022.
- Discussant, “Mafalda Global: Una conversación con Isabella Cosse,” Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, Latinx Digital Media Lab, and Department of Spanish and Portuguese, *Northwestern University*, Webinar, April 28, 2021.
- “Cocaine History as Cultural History: Medellín as Case Study” in Where has the ‘Cultural Turn’ taken Latin American History?, *Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, SECOLAS, Annual Meeting, Cyberspace*, April 17, 2021.
- “Disciplinary Mestizaje: Medicine, Literature and Ethnography in the Work of Manuel Zapata Olivella,” Andean Cultures and Histories Lunch Talks, *Northwestern University*, Evanston IL, February 21, 2020
- “Manuel Zapata Olivella: Medicine, Oral History, and Healing Democracy in Colombia,” Lunch Talks Series, Center for Latin American Studies, CLAS, *Vanderbilt University*, Nashville, TN, November 14, 2019.
- “The Colombian Puzzle: Or How the Coffee Republic Turned into a Cocaine Nightmare,”



*Sarah Lawrence College*, Yonkers, NY, October 14, 2019.

- Discussant, “Guerrilla Marketing: Counterinsurgency and Capitalism in Colombia, Book Review,” *Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, May 25, 2019.
- “On Methods and Sources: Lessons from Colombia” in *The New Drug History and U.S. Foreign Policy: Perspectives and Methodologies* organized by The Alcohol and Drug History Society, *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, January 4, 2019.
- “I Come from the Mountain, a chapter in progress,” Brown Bag Lunch Sessions, Department of History, *University of Illinois at Chicago*, Chicago, September 5, 2018.
- “Historia de la producción y el tráfico de drogas en América Latina,” Centro de Estudios sobre Seguridad y Drogas, CESED, *Universidad de los Andes*, Bogotá-Popayán, Colombia, July 16, 2018.
- “The Origins of Narcotrafficking: Mexico and Colombia in Comparative Perspective,” Latin American Studies Program at Boston University, and David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University, *Harvard University*, Cambridge, MA., November 17, 2017.
- “Exploring U.S. Intelligence Agencies in 20th-century Latin America,” *Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Lima, Peru, April 29, 2017.
- “Marijuana and the Origins of the US-Colombia Drug Connection,” Tuesday Seminar Series, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, *Harvard University*, Cambridge, MA., April 18, 2017.
- Organizer and chair, “Iterations of State Formation. The Former Gran Colombia in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” Gran Colombia Studies Committee Panel, *Conference on Latin American History*, CLAH, and *American Historical Association*, Denver, CO., January 6, 2017.
- “La historia olvidada de la marihuana en Colombia: Auge y declive de nuestra primera bonanza de las drogas (The Forgotten History of Marijuana in Colombia" Boom and Bust of Our First Drug Bonanza),” Social History Research Group Conference Series, Department of History, *Universidad de Antioquia*, Medellin, Colombia, August 25, and 26, 2016.
- “Studying Narcos: A Critical Reading of the Scholarship on Drugs in Colombia” in “The Nation of Regions Revisited: Colombian Historiography from Republicanism to Cocaine,” *Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, New York City, May 28, 2016.
- Chair, “Interculturalidad y extractivismo en La Guajira, Colombia,” *Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, New York City, May 27, 2016.
- “The Political Geography of Marijuana Eradication in Colombia” in “Environmental Histories of the War on Drugs: The Politics of Herbicides in Historical Perspective,” *American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA., April 2, 2016.
- “Extractive Imaginaries: The Guajira in the Colombian Nation” in “Historical Conflicts and the Prospects for Peace in Colombia Conference,” Center for Latin American Studies, *Vanderbilt University*, Nashville, TN., March 25, 2016.
- With Forrest Hylton, “War and Peace in Colombia. A Historical Perspective,” Institute for the Humanities, *University of Illinois at Chicago*, Chicago, IL., March 11, 2016.

- “Community of Crooks: World War II in a Caribbean Borderland,” Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center Work in Progress Workshop, *Northwestern University*, Evanston, IL., November 17, 2015.
- “Marijuana, Modernization, and State Formation in Colombia,” Center for Latin American Studies, *University of Chicago*, Chicago, November 9, 2015.
- “Banana, Cotton, and Marijuana: Modernization and Colombia’s First Drugs Boom” in “Land, Memory and Justice: Challenges for Peace in Colombia Conference,” Department of History, *University of Toronto*, Toronto, Canada, October 2-3, 2015.
- “*Legalización o represión:*” Colombia’s Debate on Marijuana Legalization as the Last Nail in President Carter’s Decriminalization Agenda,” in “Panel 75: Cold War Drug Politics,” *Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting*, Arlington, VA., June 27, 2015.
- With Forrest Hylton, “Counterinsurgency, Organized Crime, and State Formation in Colombia,” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, Champaign, IL., March 12, 2015.
- “The War on Drugs as Counter-Insurgency in Colombia’s First Narcotics Boom,” Buffett Institute Faculty & Fellows Colloquium, *Northwestern University*, Evanston, IL., February 27, 2015.
- “Plague of Snitches: Masculine Honor, the War on Drugs, and the Rule of Violence in Colombia’s Drug Trade, 1970s” in “Leadership, Power, and Masculinity International Conference,” *University of London/Institute in Paris, ULiP, and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne*, Paris, France, September 5-6, 2014.
- “Two Peninsulas: The “War on Drugs” as Counter-Insurgency in Colombia, 1977-1982,” *Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, May 21-24, 2014.
- “Illegal Drugs in the Americas,” Spring Lecture Series, Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies, CLAIS, *Yale University*, New Haven, CT., April 10, 2014.
- “The Mafia Wars: U.S-Colombian Relations and the New Cold War,” *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C., January 2-5, 2014.
- “Narcotics Diplomacy and the New Cold War in the Caribbean,” *Harvard Academy Dinner Talks*, Cambridge, MA., November 19, 2013.
- “Marimba: breve historia oral de la bonanza de la marihuana en La Guajira, Colombia, 1970s,” *II Encuentro Nacional de Historia Oral* (Second National Conference on Oral History), Bogotá, Colombia, August 26-28, 2010.
- “Soy Parrandero y Qué: Vallenato Music and Cultural Transformations of the Marijuana Boom in La Guajira, Colombia, 1970s,” in “Sensitive Territories International Conference,” *National Museum of Brazil and Federal University of Rio de Janeiro*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 14 - 16, 2009.

### **Leave of Absence**

- Kaplan Faculty Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University, 2021-2022.
- Academy Scholar Fellowship, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies and

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2016-2017.

### **Professional Affiliations**

- American Historical Association (AHA)
- Conference of Latin American History (CLAH)
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

### **Professional Service**

- Secretary Gran Colombia Studies, regional committee for the Conference on Latin American History, CLAH, and American Historical Association, AHA, 2015-2016.
- Chair Gran Colombia Studies, regional committee for the Conference on Latin American History, CLAH, and American Historical Association, AHA, 2016-2017.

### **Teaching and Service at Northwestern**

#### Areas of Graduate and Undergraduate Teaching:

Modern Latin American History (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries)

Contemporary Latin America

Drug History

Oral History

Caribbean History

Andean History

#### Courses and Curriculum Development:

HIST 102. *Contemporary Latin America in Historical Perspective*, first-year seminar, Department of History.

HUM 210. *Drugs: Culture, History, Politics*, Kaplan Scholars Course with Ana Arjona (Dept. Political Science) and Mark Hauser (Dept. Anthropology/Archeology), Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities.

HIST 292/103. *Watching Narcos: History as Entertainment*, mid-level approaches to history seminar, Department of History.

HIST 300. *Making Drugs in the Americas*, upper-level lecture class, Department of History.

HIST 300. *Cannabis: Global History*, upper-level lecture class, Department of History.

HIST 370. *Music and Nation in Latin America*, upper-level lecture class, Department of History.

HIST 393. *Oral History and the Archives of Terror in Latin America*, approaches to history seminar, Department of History.

HIST 395. *The Archives of Terror in Latin America*, research seminar, Department of History.

HIST 420-2. *Modern Latin America: Field Seminar*, graduate seminar, Department of History.

HIST 492. *The Caribbean in World History*, graduate seminar, Department of History.

HIST 492. *Histories of Colombia*, graduate seminar, Department of History.

Undergraduate Student Tutorials and Advising:

- HIST 398: *Honors Thesis*, “Crime, Community and Labor: Colombians in the United States and the Stigma of Drug Trafficking, 1965-1995.”
  - **Student:** Laura Isabel (Laurisa) Sastoque, major in History and Creative Writing, expected to graduate summer 2023.
  - **Period:** AY 2022-2023.
- HIST 399: *Honors Thesis*, “‘Buscando la salida menos dolorosa al conflicto:’ The Internal Dynamics of the FARC and the Future of Peace in Colombia.”
  - **Student:** Gabriel Levine-Drizin, major in International Studies and History, graduated summer 2018.
  - **Period:** AY 2017-2018.
- HIST 399: *Latin American Music Theory*.
  - **Student:** Jacqueline Ovalle, major in the Department of Music, graduated summer 2016.
  - **Period:** Spring 2016.
- Faculty Advisor, *Department of History*, spring and fall 2015, and fall 2017.
- Faculty advisor, *OLA (Organization of Latin American Students)*, undergraduate student organization, 2015-2016.
- Guest instructor, Kellogg School of Management, training session on Colombian history for GIM2019: *Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in Emerging Markets, Colombia and Mexico*, Professor Linda Darragh, February 16, 2019.
- Guest instructor, *Global Engagement Studies Institute*, pre-departure training session on Bolivian history, June 15, 2016.
- Guest speaker, ‘*Colombia es pasión*’: *A Talk on Contemporary Colombia in Historical Perspective*, organized by La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, November 18, 2014.

Graduate Advising:Dissertation Committees and PhD Exams (in alphabetical order):

- Felipe Cole, Latin American History, Department of History: co-adviser, dissertation committee member, and general field exam evaluator.
- Elsa de la Rosa, Latin American History, Department of History: dissertation committee member, and general field exam evaluator.
- Emily Kamm, Latin American History, Department of History: dissertation committee member, and general field exam evaluator.
- Roberto Katrandjiyski, Department of Spanish and Portuguese: dissertation committee member, and general field exam evaluator.
- Daniel Ospina, Latin American History, Department of History: adviser, dissertation committee member, and general field exam evaluator.
- Maria Camila Palacio, Department of Spanish and Portuguese: dissertation committee member, and general field exam evaluator.
- Jayson Maurice Porter, Latin American History, Department of History: dissertation committee member, and general field and specialization field exams evaluator.

- Christian Vásquez, Department of Spanish and Portuguese: dissertation committee member, and general field exam evaluator.
- Rita Marie Velasco, Latin American History, Department of History: dissertation committee member, and general field and specialization field exams evaluator.

PhD Exams (in alphabetical order):

- Semiu Adegbenle, African History, Department of History: minor field exam evaluator.
- Aaron Wilford, African History, Department of History: minor field exam evaluator.
- Teresa Alvarado-Patlán, U.S. History, Department of History: minor field exam evaluator.
- Emiliano Aguilar, U.S. History, Department of History: minor field exam evaluator.
- Max Lewontin, U.S. History, Department of History: minor field exam evaluator.
- Aaron Wilford, African History, Department of History: minor field exam evaluator.

Events:

- Organizer: *Safford Symposium*, October 6, 2023. Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, Harris Hall 108.
  - **Guest speakers:** Andrés Guhl, Universidad de los Andes; Ana María Otero, University of York; Marcelo Bucheli, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Víctor Uribe-Urán, Florida International University; Rafael Acevedo, Universidad de Cartagena; Ricardo Rivadeneira, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá; Brodwyn Fischer, University of Chicago; Ann Twinam, University of Texas at Austin; Carlos Dávila, Universidad de los Andes; Marco Palacios, Colegio de México.
  - **Co-sponsors:** Department of History, Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Andean Histories and Cultures, and Center for International and Area Studies.
- Co-organizer with Leonardo Gil, María Camila Palacios, Christian Vásquez and Sofía Sánchez (graduate students, Department of Spanish and Portuguese) and Mariana Charry and Daniel Ospina (graduate students, Department of History): *Colombia's Truth Commission Dialogues*, AY 2022-2023, various venues.
  - **Guest Speakers:** Jacqueline Castillo, member of Colombian social justice group Mothers of False Positives, MAFAPO; and Bernardo Rey and Nube Sandoval, founders of Center for Theater Research, CENIT.
  - **Date and Place:** November 14, 2022, Crowe Hall 1-132, and Harris Hall 108.
  - **Co-sponsors:** Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, Department of History, Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Department of Performance Studies, Department of Theater-Program in Dance, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Humanities Council, Andean Histories and Cultures Working Group.
- Organizer: *Levantados de la selva*, una conversación sobre los mitos de la coca con Estefanía Ciro, January 19, 2021. Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program.

- **Guest speakers:** Estefanía Ciro, Historian and sociologist, Colombia's Truth Commission research team.
- Organizer: *The Lost War. A Conversation with Award-Winning Photographer Carlos Villalón*, January 11, 2021. Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program.
  - **Guest speakers:** Carlos Villalón, Chilean photojournalist.
- Organizer: *A Class that Does (Not) Matter: Rethinking Cold War Latin America from the Middle*, November 30, 2020, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program.
  - **Guest speakers:** Ricardo López-Pedrerros, Dept. History, Western Washington University.
- Co-organizer with Joaquín M. Chávez (associate professor, Department of History, University of Illinois at Chicago): *Crisis in Venezuela. Historical Perspectives and Potential Solutions*, March 1, 2018, Student Center, University of Illinois at Chicago.
  - **Guest speakers:** Alejandro Velasco, Dept. History and Gallanti School, New York University; Verónica Zubillaga, Dept. Behavioral Science and Technologies, Universidad Simón Bolívar, Caracas, Venezuela; and David Smilde, Dept. Sociology, Tulane University.
  - **Co-sponsors:** Department of History, Chabraja Center, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, and Buffet Center, Northwestern University; Department of History and Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago; and Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Chicago.
- Organizer: *Cultural Survival and Land Dispossession. A Photographic Essay on the Sioux and Embera People of North and South America*, November 1, 2017, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, and Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, Northwestern University.
  - **Guest speaker:** Alexandra McNichols-Torroledo, photojournalist.
- Organizer: *Evidence, Memory and Human Rights. Colombia's War Through the Lenses of Photojournalism*, April 12, 2016, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, Northwestern University.
  - **Guest speaker:** Stephen Ferry, American photojournalist.
- Co-organizer with Forrest Hylton (visiting professor, Department of History, Northwestern University): *Bridges of memory. Documentary Film Screening*, March 2, 2015, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, Chabraja Center of Historical Studies, Center for African American History, and Department of Radio/Television/Film, Northwestern University.
  - **Guest speakers and movies:** Marcus Rediker, University of Pittsburg, producer of *Ghosts of Amistad: In the Footsteps of the Rebels* (2014); and Lina Britto and Forrest Hylton, Northwestern University, producers and directors of *Warrior Spirits: Histories of Wayuu Resistance* (2014).

Service:

- Director of the Kaplan Scholars Program, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, 2024-2025.

- Director of Graduate Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, 2020-2021, and 2022-2023.
- Faculty Editor, Department of History's Newsletter, 2022-2023.
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, faculty steering committee member since 2018 to present.
- Nicolas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, faculty committee member, 2018-2020.
- Faculty Adviser, Department of History, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2022.