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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL

2019–2025      Ph.D. in History

- Dissertation: “Weather Soundings: Vernacular Meteorology in Spain and Mexico during the Little Ice Age (ca. 1475–1715)”
- Committee: Dr. Lydia Barnett (Chair), Dr. Paul Ramírez, Dr. Edward Muir

**Wheaton College**, Wheaton, IL

2015–2017      MA in History of Christianity with distinction

**DePaul University**, Chicago, IL

2012–2015      BA in History, *summa cum laude*

### ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

2023              Conference Organizer, The Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies, Multidisciplinary Graduate Conference in Premodern Studies

2022              Lead Graduate Teaching Assistant, Northwestern History Department, History 379/Global Health 309 | Biomedicine and World History

2021–2022      Doctoral Colloquium Coordinator, Northwestern Science in Human Culture Program, [Schedule Program](#) for fall, winter, and spring

2017              Conference Coordinator, Wheaton College, Inheritance Graduate Student Conference

2016              Graduate Student Representative, Meeting of the Hispanic Theological Initiative, San Antonio, TX

2015–2016      Exhibit Curator and Research Intern, Frances Willard Historical Association, Evanston, IL

### TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025–2026      Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Chabreja Center for Historical Studies

**Graduate Student Instructor, Northwestern University**

2023              History 262 | Pirates, Guns, and Empires

2022              History 379/Global Health 309 | Biomedicine and World History

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| 2022  | History 250   Global History: The Modern World  |
| 2021  | History 200   Europe in the Medieval and Early Modern World   |
| 2021  | History 201   Europe in the Modern World  |
| <b>Guest Lecturer and Research Assistant, Wheaton College</b> |   |
| 2018  | “Catholicism and the Age of Discovery,” Guest Lecturer for BITH 581   The Reformation   |
| 2016–2017   | Paleography research and historiography, for McNutt, “Interpretations of Genesis 1-2 among the Protestant Reformers” in <i>Since the Beginning</i> (2018) |

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

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| 2024      | International Conference Travel Grant for the 2024 SCS Toronto Meeting, Buffett Institute for Global Affairs |
| 2024      | Travel Grant for the 2024 HSS Annual Meeting, National Science Foundation                                    |
| 2023      | Environment, Culture, and Society Research Grant, Northwestern University                                    |
| 2023      | Henry Binford Prize Awarded to a team of teaching assistants, Northwestern History Department                |
| 2023      | Hochstein Fellowship, Northwestern History Department  |
| 2023      | Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern The Graduate School  |
| 2020      | Alseth Grant for Language Training, Northwestern History Department  |
| 2019      | Mellon Cluster Fellowship, Northwestern Science in Human Culture   |
| 2017      | Kantzer Award in Christian History and Theology, Wheaton College   |
| 2016      | Graduate Student Poster Prize, Wheaton College   |
| 2015      | Runner-up of the National Albert Clark Award, Theta Alpha Kappa  |
| 2015      | Outstanding Achievement, Scholastic Excellence, DePaul University  |
| 2013–2015 | Dean’s List Award, DePaul University   |

## PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

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| 2024 | “Sites of Weather Knowledge: Mexican <i>Posas</i> during the Little Ice Age,” History of Science Society, Merida, Mexico            |
| 2024 | “Sites of Weather Control: Spanish <i>Esconjuraderos</i> during the Little Ice Age,” The Sixteenth Century Society, Toronto, Canada |
| 2021 | “The Shape of Water: Recreating the Spatio-Cultural History of Lisbon’s   |

Early Modern *Bluespaces*,” Ohio State University’s Graduate Student Symposium: *Modalities of Premodern Media*, Columbus, OH

- 2021 “‘Strange and Wonderful Things’: The Cosmology of Pedro Mexía in the *Silva de varia lección* (1540–1551),” Newberry Library’s Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conference: Affective Spaces, Chicago, IL
- 2019 “Wonder and Evil: A Spanish Tale of the Early Modern Self,” American Society of Church History, Chicago, IL
- 2018 “Exile and Honey: The Eschatological Message of Casiodoro de Reina’s *Biblia del Oso*,” American Catholic Historical Association, Washington D.C.
- 2017 “Faith and War: The Lazarists During the Great War (Revisited)” American Catholic Historical Association, Denver, CO
- 2016 “Wondrous Becoming: The Poet-Explorer in Alonso de Ercilla’s *La Araucana*,” Wheaton College Graduate Student History Conference, Wheaton, IL
- 2016 “Faith and War: The Lazarists During the Great War,” American Society of Church History, Edmonton, Canada

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 “Recreating Lisbon’s Blue History: Water, Disaster, and Transformation in Early Modern Waterscapes,” *eJournal of Portuguese History* (under review)
- 2017 “Faith and War: The Lazarists During the Great War,” *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa* 41, No. 2 (2017): 21–43
- 2016 “The Fellowship of the Rope,” *#MyWheaton Blog*, online, 2 December 2016
- 2015 “The Room Is So Still,” *National Council on Public History*, online, 8 October 2015

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & AFFILIATIONS

- 2023 Spanish Paleography, The Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies, Summer intensive course in early modern Spanish handwriting
- Member: History of Science Society  
The Sixteenth Century Society  
American Catholic Historical Association  
Renaissance Society of America

## LANGUAGES

Spanish: fluent                      Portuguese: reading                      French: reading