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### **Education**

- Ph.D. Candidate (A.B.D.) in Latin American History, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA  
Minor fields in Medieval and Early Modern Global History and Latin American Studies
- 2015 MA Latin American and Medieval Iberian History, Penn State University, State College, PA
- 2013 BA History and Spanish, Minors in Anthropology and the Honors Program, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA (Magna Cum Laude, Department Honors, University Honors)

### **External Grants and Fellowships**

- 2017 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship  
American Philosophical Society Library Research Fellowship  
Friends of the Princeton University Library Research Grant, Princeton University  
International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council  
CLIR-Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities in Original Sources  
John Carter Brown Library Short-Term Fellowship, Brown University (*Declined*)  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Kaqchikel Mayan, Tulane University  
Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, Science, Technology, and Society Program
- 2016 Mendel Fellowship, Lilly Library, Indiana University  
American Historical Association Conference Travel Funding  
Mountains and Sacred Landscapes Conference Travel Funding, The International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, and The India and China Institute  
James R. Scobie Pre-Dissertation Research Award, Conference of Latin American History  
Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Kaqchikel Mayan, Tulane University
- 2015 American Society for Ethnohistory Conference Travel Funding  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Kaqchikel Mayan, Tulane University  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Yucatec Mayan, Duke University (*Declined*)

### **University Grants and Fellowships**

- 2017 Whiting Indigenous Knowledge Student Research Award, ICIK (Interinstitutional Center for Indigenous Knowledge), Penn State University  
Latin American Studies Research Award, Latin American Studies Program, Penn State University  
Junior Scholar Fellowship, Committee for Early Modern Studies, Penn State University (*Declined*)
- 2016 RGSO Dissertation Support Award, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State University

- Latin American Studies Research Award, Latin American Studies Program, Penn State University  
2015 Latin American Studies Research Award, Latin American Studies Program, Penn State University  
2012 Gundaker/Summers Enrichment Grant, Susquehanna University

### **Department Grants and Fellowships**

- 2016 Conference Travel Grant Award, History Department, Penn State University  
McCourtney Pre-Dissertation Research Award, History Department, Penn State University  
2015 Conference Travel Grant Award, History Department, Penn State University  
Stitzer Seed Grant, History Department, Penn State University  
2014 Conference Travel Grant Award, History Department, Penn State University  
Pencak Seed Grant, History Department, Penn State University  
2013 Conference Travel Support, History Department, Penn State University  
2012 Medical Humanities Department Funding, Susquehanna University

### **Book Reviews**

- 2018 “The Death of Aztec Tenochtitlan, the Life of Mexico City,” by Barbara E. Mundy, *Itinerario (Forthcoming)*  
2018 “An Aqueous Territory: Sailor Geographies and New Granada’s Transimperial Greater Caribbean World” By Ernesto Bassi, *Mesoamerica (Forthcoming)*

### **Conference Presentations**

- 2017 “In the Heart of the Mountain: Kaqchikel Maya and Spanish Interpretations of the Volcán de Fuego in Early Colonial Guatemala, Mountains and Sacred Landscapes Conference,” The New School, New York  
“Ring of Fire: The Volcán de Pacaya and the Relocation of Guatemala City,” 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Penn State Latin American Studies Symposium and 2017 TePaske Seminar,” Penn State University  
“Diabolical Neighbors: The Eruption of the Volcán de Fuego and the Construction of Guatemala City,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Salt Lake City, Utah  
2016 “Redefining *Dhimmi*: The Creation of Legal Identities during the Arian, Islamic, and Catholic Conquests of the Iberian Peninsula between 589-1284,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
“Interdisciplinary Methodologies for Studying Volcanoes, Science, and Culture in Colonial Mexico and Guatemala,” Roundtable Discussant, Committee for Early Modern Studies Roundtable on Research Methods, Penn State University  
2015 “The Secret of the Smoke: Popocatépetl and Iztaccíhuatl in the Sixteenth-Century Landscape of Tenochtitlán,” American Society for Ethnohistory (ASE) Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada  
“*Gallos Degollados*: Secrecy, Materiality, and Idolatry in Late Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth-Century Oaxaca, Mexico,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS), Tucson, Arizona  
2014 “*Sortilegos, Sacrificios, and Libros Antiguos*: Shaping Zapotec Identity through *Maestros de Idolatría* in Eighteenth-Century Oaxaca, Mexico,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS), Durango, Colorado

- 2013 “Un Buen Católico: An Early Eighteenth-Century Examination of the Impacts of Religious Conflict on the Presence of the Catholic Church in Oaxaca, Mexico,” Rocky Mountain Council For Latin American Studies (RMCLAS) Santa Fe, NM

### **Awards and Honors**

- 2017 Liberal Arts External Funding Incentive Award  
Anne M. Richards Award for Best A.B.D. Research Paper, Penn State History Department,  
“*Creating the Queche: The Collision between Catholic Orthodoxy and Zapotec Ritual in Oaxaca, Mexico, 1665-1718*”
- 2016 Second Place, Ann M. Richards Award for Best Pre-A.B.D. Research Paper, Penn State History Department  
“*Thinking the “Unthinkable:” The Role of Catholicism and Voodoo in the Formation of the Haitian Nation, 1625-1805*”
- 2015 E-Tu Sen Sun Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student
- 2013 Gerald Gordon/Wm. A. Russ Award for Achievement in History, Department of History, Susquehanna University  
Outstanding Student in Spanish, Department of Modern Languages, Susquehanna University  
Kumar Award for Outstanding Promise in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology/Sociology, Susquehanna University

### **Professional Experience**

- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Penn State University, World History II
- 2015- Editorial Assistant for *Ethnohistory* Journal, *Latin American Originals Book Series*  
2017 (Penn State University Press) and *Cambridge Latin America Series* (Cambridge University Press)
- 2015 Research Assistant, Penn State University
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Western Heritage II, Penn State University  
Research Assistant, Penn State University
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, American Civilization Since 1877, Penn State University
- 2011 Intern, Archives at Lancasterhistory.org, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

### **Guest Lectures**

- 2017 “The Age of Revolution: France and Haiti (Saint-Domingue)” World History II, 1500 to Present, Penn State University
- 2016 “Classic Period Ceramic Production,” Art History, Maya Art and Architecture, Penn State University

### **Relevant Language/Study Abroad Experience**

- 2017 Oxlajuj Aj Mayan Language Institute for Kaqchikel Mayan, held in Antigua, Guatemala, run through Tulane University (Advanced Level)
- 2016 Oxlajuj Aj Mayan Language Institute for Kaqchikel Mayan, held in Antigua, Guatemala, run through Tulane University (Intermediate Level)
- 2015 Oxlajuj Aj Mayan Language Institute for Kaqchikel Mayan held in Antigua, Guatemala, run through Tulane University (Beginner Level)

- 2012 Oaxaca Summer Institute XIV Fellow, Oaxaca, Mexico
- 2011 Center for Cross-Cultural Studies, Fall Semester Semi-Integrated Program, Seville, Spain
- 2010 Peruvian Culture and Society, Susquehanna University Go Short Program, Lima, Cuzco, and Urubamba, Peru

**University Service**

- 2016 Graduate Student Chaperone for Penn State Honors Program Trip to Cartagena, Ibagué, Murillo, and Bogotá, Colombia (Part of an Honors Program Course on Education in Brazil and Colombia)
- 2015-2016 History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) Executive Committee, Vice President
- 2014-2015 History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) Executive Committee, Secretary

**Languages**

- Spanish - advanced reading, writing, and speaking - language exam passed Fall 2013
- Spanish (16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries) - intermediate paleography
- Portuguese – intermediate reading, writing, and speaking, completed Portuguese III Fall 2015
- Kaqchikel Mayan – advanced reading, writing, and speaking
- Nahuatl – Basic reading