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EDUCATION

Ph. D., Borderlands History, University of Texas at El Paso, November 2016

Dissertation: “Birth Control on the Border: Race, Gender, Religion and Class in the Making of the Birth Control Movement, El Paso, Texas, 1937–1973”

Awarded Outstanding Dissertation for the College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at El Paso, 2016–2017

M.A., Borderlands History, University of Texas at El Paso, 2011

Certificate in Women and Gender Studies, University of Texas at El Paso, 2011

B.A., Liberal Arts, Major History, Minor Raza Studies, San Francisco State University, 2007, Cum Laude

De Anza Community College, 2001–2004

Positions

Assistant Professor, Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) and History University of Iowa, August 2018–Present

Courses created, “Introduction to Gender, Women’s and Sexuality Studies” as well as “History of Social Justice Movements.” Both classes are taught through an intersectional lens focusing on the relational connections between race, gender, sexuality, sex, class, citizenship, and ability to see how power is produced historically in the United States. Additionally, led the social media and internet committee that focuses on updating the department of GWSS website and maintaining social media presence on various on-line platforms.

Adjunct Instructor, Race and Resistance Studies and Sociology San Francisco State University, Spring 2018 and 2013

Taught one course titled “Women, Race and Class” based on Angela Davis’s foundational text by the same name. By focusing on the history of racial formation in women’s lives as a central theme in U.S. history, students are asked to be critical of the general narrative of traditional American history taught in the K-12 education system. Taught a second course titled “History of Mexican Migration” in the department of Sociology, critically analyzing political concepts, processes and constructions of power that center the history of Mexican migration regarding American ideals, institutions, and laws.

PUBLICATIONS

“A View from Northern Mexico: Abortions Before Roe v. Wade,” *The Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, (forthcoming, May 2023).

“Espanta Cigüeñas: Race and Abortion in the U.S-Mexico Borderlands,” *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, (forthcoming, August 2023). Winner of the 2023 Catharine Stimpson Prize for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship.

Co-Authored with Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz, “‘The term ‘Life’ should return to us’: Learning from Latin America’s Green Wave,” *Women and Language*, (forthcoming).

Co-Authored with Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz, “Chapter 48: Reproductive Justice in the Heartland: Mothering, Maternal Care, and Race in Twenty-First Century Iowa,” in *Maternal Theory: The Essential Readings*, eds. Andrea O’Reilly. Ontario: Demeter Press, 2021.

“Birth Control, Border Control: The Movement for Contraception in El Paso, Texas 1936–1940.” *Pacific Historical Review*; 90, 3 (2021): 314–344. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1525/phr.2021.90.3.314>. Winner of the 2022 Western History Association’s Jensen-Miller Prize for best article in the field of women and gender history.

“Birth Control on the Border: Betty Mary Smith Goetting, Margaret Sanger, and the Fight for Birth Control, El Paso, Texas 1937,” *PASSWORD*, Volume 58, no.3, (2014): 109–114.

Works in-Progress

“Fighting for Control: Power, Reproductive Care, and Race in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands,” manuscript. Under Contract with University of North Carolina Press.

Reproductive Justice in the Heartland, Edited Volume.

“‘You Will Not Replace Us’: Depopulation, Reproductive Control, and the End of Democracy in America,” article.

“‘Dangerous Abortions’ in the Years Before *Roe*: Women, Abortion Provision, Media, and the Law in the Mexico-U.S. Borderlands,” article.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Tiny You: A Western History of the Anti-Abortion Movement* by Jennifer Holland. *Pacific Historical Review* (forthcoming).

Review of *Chicanas Movidas: New Narratives of Activism and Feminism in the Movement Era*. Edited by Dionne Espinoza, María Eugenia Cotera, and Maylei Blackwell. *Pacific Historical Review*, 88, no. 3 (2018): 472-473.

Review of *Fevered Measures: Public Health and Race at the Texas-Mexico border, 1848–1942* by John McKiernan-González. *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 16, no.3 (2015) [doi:10.1353/cch.2015.0036](https://doi.org/10.1353/cch.2015.0036).

AWARDS/GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Diversity Fellowship 2022-2023 (\$50,000)

NEH Summer Institute: Philosophical Perspectives on Care (summer 2022)

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship 2021-2022 (\$60,000)

James N. Murray Faculty Award, University of Iowa, 2021

Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere, American Historical Association, 2020.

Book Ends Book Manuscript Completion Award, 2020-2021.

Old Gold Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa, July 2020-July2021 (\$6,000)

Boston Medical Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine at Harvard for 2019-2020 (\$4,900)

Schlesinger Library Research Grant, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, June 2017–July 2018 (\$3,000)

Diana Natalicio Dissertation Fellowship, University of Texas at El Paso, August–December 2016 (\$10,000)

Frank B. Cotton Trust Scholarship, University of Texas at El Paso, August–December 2016 (\$1,000)

Trennert-Iverson Scholarship, Western History Association, September 2015 (\$500)

American Association of University Women Dissertation Completion Fellowship, AAUW, July 2015–June 2016 (\$20,000)

Fellowship Incentive Award, University of Texas at El Paso, September 2015 (\$5,000)

Dodson Research Grant, University of Texas at El Paso, August 2014 (\$2,700)

Harper Award, University of Texas at El Paso, May 2014 (\$2,000)

Student General Property Graduate Scholarship, University of Texas at El Paso, August 2014 (\$2,500)

President’s Graduate Student Travel Award, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, August 2013, (\$200)

Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Texas at El Paso, July 2014 (\$1,000)

CONFERENCES, PAPERS PRESENTED, AND INVITED TALKS

“1973: A History from the Margins,” Shear Colbert Symposium Lecture, Marshalltown Community College, April 2023. [invited]

“Abortionists in the Borderlands,” University of North Carolina-Asheville, April 2023. [invited]

“Before Roe, After Dobbs: What the Last Two Centuries Can Tell Us About Abortion Politics Today,” Roundtable, Organization of American Historians, April 2023. [accepted]

“Seeking Abortions: Ads, Guides, and Community Networks,” panel, Organization of American Historians, April 2023. [accepted]

““From Out of the Shadows’ Silver Anniversary: Celebrating Vicki Ruiz’s Leadership and Legacy,” organizer and panelist, Texas State Historical Association Conference, March 2023. [accepted]

“Commemorating Fifty Years of *Roe*: A History of Abortion,” John Hopkins University, March 2023. [accepted]

“Engaging Policymakers and the Public on US–Mexico Border and Migration History,” panel, American Historical Association, January 2023. [accepted]

“The History of Reproductive Rights in Global Perspective,” Roundtable, American Historical Association, January 2023. [accepted]

“La Margaret Sanger of the Borderlands: Guadalupe Arizpe de la Vega, Contraception, and Mexico’s Maquiladora System” Lecture, Reproductive Justice Research Network, Cambridge, UK, November 2022. [invited]

“Puerto Rico, Greater Mexico and Latina Reproductive Justice in the US,” Panelist, Part of From Small Beginnings and Eugenic Legacies in Across Latin America, UC Santa Barbara, October 2022. [invited]

“In the Years Before *Roe*: Abortion in the Mexico-U.S. Borderlands,” Lecture, University of Georgia, October 2022. [invited]

“Rooted in History: Abortion, Law and American Health Care in Context,” Panelist, Yale Medical School, September 2022. [invited]

“Reproductive Justice Now!: A Historical Approach,” Iowa State University, Keynote Address, April 2022.

“La Margaret Sanger of the Border: Reproductive Healthcare in Northern Mexico,” American Historical Association Conference, Paper, January 2022.

“Immigration, Labor, and Overpopulation: Reproductive Control and Race in the 20th-Century Mexico–Texas Borderlands,” American Historical Association Conference Panel, Organizer, January 2022.

“‘Battling Mexico’s Growth’: Population Control and Contraception in the late 20th Century Borderlands,” University of Texas at El Paso, November 2021. [invited]

“In the Days Before *Roe*: Abortion in the Mexico-U.S. Borderlands,” Northern Arizona University, October 2021. [invited]

“Eugenics and the Southern Border,” panel for [The Anti-Eugenics Project](#): Legacies/Reckoning/Futures, September 27, 2021. [invited]

“Abortion in the Borderlands,” Immigration and History, Middlebury College, July 2021. [invited]

“You Will Not Replace Us”: Depopulation, Reproductive Control, and the End of Democracy in America,” Conference Paper, *Our Pluralistic Future: Fighting for Democracy* panel at the Organization of American Historians Conference, April 2021.

“Before *Roe*: Abortion in the Mexico-U.S. Borderlands,” Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, March 2021. [invited]

“Reproductive Justice & Self-Determination: Chicana Health Activism in the Texas-Mexico Borderlands,” for “Reverse Keynote Discussion of *Reproduction on the Reservation: Pregnancy*,

Childbirth, and Colonialism in the Long Twentieth Century (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2019) by Brianna Theobald” at *Critical Conversations on Reproductive Health/Care: Past, Present, and Future*, Institute of the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. February 2021. [invited]

“Planned Parenthood of El Paso: Race, Immigration, and the History of the Birth Control Movement in the Borderlands,” Immigration and History, Middlebury College, January 2021. [invited]

“Producing Populations: History and Public Health in the Latinx community,” Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Conference, Podcast conference panel, Chair and Organizer, October 2020.

“Reproductive Justice in the Borderlands: Chicanas and Healthcare Activism, 1968-Present,” Keynote address, Reproductive Justice Conference, Carleton College, June 16, 2020 [invited].

“Battling Mexico’s Growth”: Race, Class, and Reproductive Healthcare in Northern Mexico,” Conference Paper, American Association for the History of Medicine, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 2020 [Cancelled due to Covid-19].

“Planned Parenthood of El Paso: Race and the History of the Birth Control Movement in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands,” Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, February 2020 [invited].

“Institutionalizing Reproductive Justice: Chicanas and Healthcare in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands,” The Diversity Seminar, University of Iowa, February 2020.

“Feminist Men?: Racial and Gendered Crossing in the Proliferation of Contraceptive Technologies,” Conference Paper, National Women’s Studies Association, San Francisco, California, November 2019.

“Transgressive Bodies: Racialized Reproduction in the Late Twentieth Century,” Organizer, Panel, Conference Paper, National Women’s Studies Association, San Francisco, California, November 2019.

“You Will Not Replace Us”: At the Intersections of Population Control, Human Reproduction, and White Genocide in the U.S., Conference Paper, Cultural Formations of the Alt-Right Symposium, University of Michigan, September 2019. [Invited]

“Espanta Cigüeñas: Abortion Doctors in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico,” Paper, Latin American Studies Association, Boston, Massachusetts, May 2019.

“Conference: From Protest to Politics: Women’s Movements and Strengthening Democracies,” Presentation, Invited, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy and the Department of Global Gender and Sexuality Studies, Buffalo University, April 2019. [Invited]

“The History and Politics of Reproductive Freedom,” Organizer, Panel, Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2019.

“Before Roe v. Wade: Reproductive Freedom in Northern Mexico’s Borderlands,” Paper, Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2019.

“Racializing Birth Control in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands,” Paper, Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, February–March 2019.

“‘Knock on Every Door’: How Pharmaceutical Companies and Planned Parenthood Brought Birth Control to the Border,” Paper Presented, Latina/o Studies Organization, Washington D.C., July 2018.

“Latinx Embodiments: Gender, Sexuality, Disability, Immigration, Health and Reproduction across the Long Twentieth Century,” Organizer, Panel, Latina/o Studies Organization, Washington D.C., July 2018.

“Latinx Reproduction in the Age of Trump: Pedagogies of Resistance,” Organizer, Roundtable, American Studies Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 2017.

“Creating Inclusivity in Historical Archives: A Roundtable on Gender and Race in Oral Histories,” Roundtable, Western History Association Conference, San Diego, California, November 2017.

“Reproduction on the Border: Oral Histories and Women on the Margins,” Paper Presented, Berkshire Conference, Hempstead, New York, June 2017.

“Borderlands and Frontier Studies Committee Meeting: Bordering on Belonging: Sex, States, and Gender/Queer Identities in North American Frontiers,” Organizer, Roundtable, American Historical Association Conference, Denver, Colorado, January 2017.

“Blogging on Borders: A Roundtable on Digital Humanities as a Tool for Dialogue at the US-Mexico Line,” Roundtable, American Historical Association Conference, Denver, Colorado, January, 2017.

“Nosotras No Mas Calladitas’: Birth Control and Ethnic Mexicanas Along the U.S.-Mexico Border,” Paper, Presented at the Latina/o Studies Association Conference, Pasadena, California, July 2016.

“What’s in a Number? Women, Birth Control, and Reproductive Health,” Paper, Presented at the European Social Science History Conference, Valencia, Spain, April 2016.

“Illegal Methods: Abortion and the State on the U.S.-Mexico Border,” Paper, Presented at UTEP Borderlands History Conference, El Paso, Texas, November 2015.

“Overpopulation: The Expansion of Birth Control Clinics in El Paso, Texas 1950–1970,” Paper, Presented at Western History Association, Portland Oregon, October 2015.

“Women and Health in the West,” Organizer, Panel, Western History Association, Portland, Oregon, October 2015.

“Public Health and Overpopulation: The Expansion of Birth Control Clinics in El Paso, Texas 1950–1970,” Paper, Presented at Western Association of Women Historians Conference, Sacramento, California, May 2015.

“Emerging Chicana and Latina Historiography in the American West,” Organizer, Panel, Western Association of Women Historians Conference, Sacramento, California, May 2015.

“‘Race Suicide’ and Birth Control: Race, Class, Religion and Gender in El Paso, 1937–1940,” Paper, Presented at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Denver, Colorado, August 2013.

“Centuries of Controversy: Birth Control Politics in America,” Paper, Presented at Women's History Month Conference 2012, University of Texas at El Paso, March 2012.

“Women of a Better Race: Birth Control and the Mother’s Health Center in El Paso, Texas, 1937–1940,” Paper, Presented at The Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Seattle, Washington, August 2011.

Op-eds, Professional Blogs, Podcasts, and other Media

Op-eds:

Co-authored with Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz, “Opinion: Rulings ensure further cruelty from restricting abortion care,” *Des Moines Register*, June 24, 2022.

(<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/columnists/iowa-view/2022/06/24/supreme-court-roe-wade-ruling-abortion-restrictions-inflict-cruelty/7713334001/>)

“Before Roe v. Wade, U.S. residents sought safer abortions in Mexico: Transnational networks have long helped pregnant people navigate treatment options,” *Washington Post*. September 3, 2021.

(<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/09/03/before-roe-v-wade-us-residents-sought-safer-abortion-mexico/>)

“Opinion: A transnational approach to abortion in the Borderland,” *El Paso Matters*, September 2, 2021.

(<https://elpasomatters.org/2021/09/02/opinion-a-transnational-approach-to-abortion-in-the-borderland/>)

Co-Authored with Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz, “An abortion ban? Now, of all times? Iowa Republican lawmakers are showing they don't value life,” *Des Moines Register*, June 8, 2020.

(<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/columnists/iowa-view/2020/06/08/iowa-republicans-abortion-ban-proves-they-do-not-value-life/3172577001/>)

“When the ‘Back Alley’ was safe and south of the border,” *Rewire.News*, January 22, 2019.

(<https://rewire.news/article/2019/01/22/back-alley-safe-south-border/>)

Co-Authored with Lauren McIvor Thompson, “The Trump administration’s assault on contraception: A misguided policy will hurt women — and increase abortions.” *Washington Post*, June 18, 2019.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2018/06/18/the-trump-administrations-assault-on-contraception/?utm_term=.ffdf5ce3b77e

Professional Blogs:

Founding Contributor, *Borderlands History*, Initiated in 2012. The blog is a public space to discuss borderlands history, methodology, theory, and contemporary news. Contributions range from “Notes” on professional conferences to interviews with major scholars in the fields of borderland, Chicano/a, Latino/a, women, and Western History. <http://borderlandshistory.org/>

Co-creator and faculty advisor for *Tell Magazine: A Digital Community for Feminist Inquiry*. A peer-reviewed, graduate student-led blog for feminist analysis and thought at the University of Iowa. (2021)

<https://gwsstellmagazine.sites.uiowa.edu/>

“A Return to the Abortion Handbook?,” *Nursing Clio*, September 1, 2022.

(<https://nursingclio.org/2022/09/01/a-return-to-the-abortion-handbook/>)

“Interrogating Our White Supremacist Present: A Roundtable on Global Histories of Racial Supremacy and Reproductive Control,” *Notches*, March 22, 2022. (<https://notchesblog.com/2022/03/22/interrogating-our-white-supremacist-present-a-roundtable-on-global-histories-of-racial-supremacy-and-reproductive-control-part-1/>)

“In the Service of White Supremacy: Immigration and Reproductive Violence,” *Notches Blog*, December 8, 2020. (<https://notchesblog.com/2020/12/08/in-the-service-of-white-supremacy-immigration-and-reproductive-violence/>)

“Reproductive Freedom along the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands,” *Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings Brief*. <https://scholars.org/contribution/reproductive-freedom-along-us-mexico-borderlands> (November 28, 2018).

Podcasts:

“[Abortion: The Body Politic, Part 5](#),” The Katie Couric Podcast, July 7, 2022.

“[Women’s Reproductive Health post-Roe](#),” Scholar’s Circle, May 15, 2022.

“[Conversation Six: History of Abortion](#),” with Lauren McIvor Thompson, 2022.

“[2.9 Reproductive Justice Post Roe](#),” IAPHS Podcast, February 17, 2022.

“[Histories of racism and reproductive freedom at the US-Mexico border](#),” *Cuerpa Política*, February 3, 2022

“[Roe v. Wade is likely to be overturned by US Supreme Court](#),” Scholars’ Circle, September 18, 2021.

“[Cross-Border Abortion Care](#),” *In the Thick*, September 14, 2021.

“[Latino/a Studies: Latinx Faculty at University of Iowa](#),” *Imagining Latinidades*, March 2020.

Other Media (Radio, Television, and Newspapers):

“[Abortion at the polls and in the past](#),” *Talk of Iowa on IPR*, October 24, 2022.

“[For some California Latinos, the abortion debate was not a ‘real conversation’ — until now](#),” *Sacramento Bee*, October 22, 2022.

“[Abortion rights in Iowa has not always been a political hot button issue](#),” *Iowa Public Radio (IPR)*, October 10, 2022.

“[Are Latino voters really moving right? The end of Roe may muddy the picture](#),” *The Guardian*, August 17, 2022.

“[Experts weigh in as Iowa awaits 24-hour waiting period ruling](#),” *WeAreIowa*, July 8, 2022.

“[State abortion bans will push people ‘deeper into poverty,’ professor says](#),” *Marketplace Money Report*, June 28, 2022.

“[Abortion News Ripples Through the Borderlands](#),” *El Paso Matters*, May 23, 2022.

“[Canada, Mexico brace for influx of Americans seeking abortions](#),” *The Hill*, May 15, 2022.

“Abortions in Mexico? If Roe v. Wade is overturned, women will still have options,” *USA Today*, April 27, 2022.

“Crossing borders for abortions before Roe v. Wade,” *National Public Radio (NPR)*, October 6, 2021.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-director of the Reproductive Justice and Maternal Health Obermann Working Group at the University of Iowa (2019-2022).

Program Committee, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 2022-2023

Program Committee, Texas State Historical Association Conference, 2021-2023

Program Committee, Western History Association, 2020-2021

Peer-Reviewer

- Oxford University
- *Journal of Modern European History*
- *Journal of Women's History*
- *Native American and Indigenous Studies Journal*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Latin American Studies Association, Member, 2018–Present

Organization of American Historians, Member, 2017–Present

National Women's Studies Association, 2017–Present

Latina/o Studies Association, Member, 2016–Present

American Studies Association, Member, 2016–Present

Western Historical Association, Member, 2014–Present

American Historical Association, Member, 2014–Present

Western Association of Women Historians, 2014–Present

Texas Historical Association, Member, 2011–Present