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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

PUBLICATIONS

"Birth Control, Border Control: The Movement for Contraception in El Paso, Texas 1936–1940" *Pacific Historical Review* (accepted).

"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.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Fevered Measures: Public health and race at the Texas-Mexico border, 1848–1942 by John McKiernan-González (review)." *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 16, no. 3 (2015).

"Chicanas Movidas: New Narratives of Activism and Feminism in the Movement Era. Edited by Dionne Espinoza, María Eugenia Cotera, and Maylei Blackwell (review)." *Pacific Historical Review* (accepted).

PEER-REVIEWER

Oxford University

Journal of Modern European History

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 in order 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

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 with regard to American ideals, institutions, and laws.

Lead Assistant for H-Borderlands
University of Texas at El Paso, 2014–2015 and 2008–2009

Managed, edited, and disseminated weekly updates of border news, academic grants and fellowships announcements for an on-line research guide, website, and listserv dedicated to borderland news and academic research.

Adjunct Instructor, Ethnic Studies
San Francisco State University, Spring 2013

Taught one course titled “People of Color in U.S. History” focusing on U.S. history specifically through the lens of race and gender. By focusing on racial formation 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 “Race, Ethnicity and Power” critically analyzing political concepts, processes and constructions of power that center race and ethnicity within a comparative analysis of American culture, institutions, and laws.

Director of History Tutoring Center
University of Texas at El Paso, 2010–2012

Assisted undergraduate students, individually and in groups, with concerns about historical content, historical concepts, and writing skills related to US and World history courses. Designed and facilitated large workshops on historical writing and reading as well as preparing for exams and editing history papers.

PROFESSIONAL BLOG, OP-EDS, PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Founding Contributor, Borderlands History, Initiated in 2012. The blog is not attached to any institution or private entity, but seeks to be a public space to discuss borderlands history, methodology, theory, and contemporary news. We focus on the U.S.-Mexico border in particular, but highlight borderlands regions around the globe. Contributions range from “Notes” on professional conferences to interviews with major scholars in the fields of borderland, Chicano/a, Latino/a, women’s, and Western History.

<http://borderlandshistory.org/>

Co-Authored, Lina-Maria Murillo and Lauren McIvor Thompson, “The Trump administration’s assault on contraception: A misguided policy will hurt women — and increase abortions.” *Washington Post*. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2018/06/18/the-trump-administrations-assault-on-contraception/?utm_term=.ffdf5ce3b77e (June 18, 2018)

Lina-Maria Murillo, “When the ‘Back Alley’ was safe and south of the border,” *Rewire. News* <https://rewire.news/article/2019/01/22/back-alley-safe-south-border/> (January 22, 2019)

AWARDS

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, Pacifica 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 AND PAPERS PRESENTED

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

“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. [Accepted]

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

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

“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, Chicago, Illinois, November 2017.

“Creating Inclusivity in Historical Archives: A Roundtable on Gender and Race in Oral Histories,” Roundtable, Western History Association, 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Committee Member, “Women’s March,” FilmScene, Iowa City, Iowa, November 2017-April 2018.

Discussant, “The U.S.-Mexico Border in Context,” Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa, December 6, 2018.

Scholars Strategy Network, Brief, “Reproductive Freedom along the U.S.-Mexico Border,” <https://scholars.org/scholar/lina-maria-murillo> [accessed March 3, 2019]

Discussant, “Birthright,” Film, University of Iowa, November, 2018.

Discussant, “The Wall,” Film Scene, Iowa City, Iowa, October, 2018.

Contributor and Creator, “Women’s Reproductive Health and Rights Collection,” Oral History Collection, Oral History Institute, University of Texas at El Paso, 2015–Present.

Organizer, “Catching Babies” documentary film premiere, panel discussion: “Midwifery and Women’s Reproduction on the Border”, the University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, October 2011.

Lead interviewer, "YWCA Centennial Celebration" Oral Histories Project. El Paso, Texas, 2008–2009.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Latin American Studies Association, Member, 2018–Present

Organization of American Historians, Member, 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

LANGUAGES

Speak, read, and write Spanish fluently.