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Assistant Professor, Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies and History

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Higher Education

- 2016 Ph. D., Borderlands History, University of Texas at El Paso,
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
- 2011 M.A., Borderlands History, University of Texas at El Paso
- 2011 Certificate in Women and Gender Studies, University of Texas at El Paso,
- 2007 B.A. Liberal Arts, Major History, Minor Raza Studies, San Francisco State University, 2007, Cum Laude
- 2004 De Anza Community College

Professional and Academic Positions

- 2018-Present *Assistant Professor*, Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) and History
University of Iowa
- 2018 *Adjunct Instructor*, Race and Resistance Studies and Sociology, San Francisco State
University
- 2008–2009 *Lead Assistant for H-Borderlands*, University of Texas at El Paso
- 2014–2015
- 2013 *Adjunct Instructor*, Ethnic Studies, San Francisco State University

Honors, Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- 2021-2022 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) fellowship (\$60,000)
- 2021 James N. Murray Faculty Award, University of Iowa
- 2021 Humanities for the Public Good + Liberating Structures: Course Design Microgrant,
Obermann Center, University of Iowa (\$1,500)
- 2020 Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere, American
Historical Association. (\$500)
- 2020-2021 Book Ends Book Manuscript Completion Award, University of Iowa
- 2020-2021 Old Gold Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa
- 2019-2020 Boston Medical Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine, Harvard University (\$5,000)
- 2017-2018 Schlesinger Library Research Grant, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard
University (\$5,000)

Professional Membership/Service

- 2021-2023 Program Committee for 2023 Berkshire Conference of Women, Genders and Sexualities
- 2020-2023 Program Committee for the 2023 Conference, Texas State Historical Association
- 2020-2021 Program Committee for 2021 Conference, Western History Association
- 2019-2022 Co-director of the Reproductive Justice and Maternal Health Obermann Working Group at
the University of Iowa
- 2020 Native American and Indigenous Studies Journal--Reviewer
- 2020 Journal of Women's History—Reviewer
- 2019 Oxford University

2018 Journal of Modern European History
2019–Present National Women’s Studies Association
2018–Present Latin American Studies Association, Member.
2017–Present Organization of American Historians, Member.
2016–Present Latina/o Studies Association.
2016–Present American Studies Association, Member.
2014–Present Western Historical Association, Member.
2014–Present American Historical Association, Member.
2014–Present Western Association of Women Historians.
2011–Present Texas Historical Association, Member.

CLAS Service

2018-2020 Iowa Edge Mentor
2019-2020 Digital Scholarship and Publishing Studio's Faculty Committee
2020 “Addressing Equity in the Classroom” CLAS webinar
2020 Stories on Innovation in Online Teaching
2020 “[A Conversation About Online Teaching Strategies](#),” Obermann Center

Department Service

2018-2021 GWSS website and social media coordinator
2018-2019 Undergraduate Student Committee--History
2019-2021 Hawkeye History Corps Advisor
2019 GWSS SWOT committee for five-year plan

SCHOLARSHIP

Refereed Articles

1. Murillo, Lina-Maria. “Espanta Cigüeñas: Race and Abortion in the U.S-Mexico Borderlands,” *Signs*, (accepted).
2. Murillo, Lina-Maria. (2021). “Birth Control, Border Control: The Movement for Contraception in El Paso, Texas 1936–1940.” *Pacific Historical Review*; 90 (3): 314–344. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1525/phr.2021.90.3.314>
3. Murillo, Lina-Maria. (2014). “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: 109–114.

Book Chapters

1. Murillo, Lina-Maria and 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.

Book Reviews

1. Murillo, L. (2019) [Review: *Chicana Movidias: New Narratives of Activism and Feminism in the Movement Era* edited By Dionne Espinoza, María Eugenia Cotera, and Maylei

- Blackwell.] *Pacific Historical Review* 88 (3): 472–473.
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1525/phr.2019.88.3.472>
2. Murillo, L. (2015). [Review of the book *Fevered Measures: Public health and race at the Texas-Mexico border, 1848–1942*, by John McKiernan-González]. *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 16(3), [doi:10.1353/cch.2015.0036](https://doi.org/10.1353/cch.2015.0036).

Publications in-Progress

- Book* *Fighting for Control: Power, Reproductive Care, and Race in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands*, manuscript. (under review with University of Carolina Press)
- Book* *Reproductive Justice in the Heartland*, edited volume.
- Articles* “You Will Not Replace Us”: Depopulation, Reproductive Control, and the End of Democracy in America.”
- Chapter* “Dangerous Abortions” in the Years Before *Roe*: Women, Abortion Provision, Media, and the Law in the Mexico-U.S. Borderlands

Op-Eds, Professional Blogs, and Public Scholarship

Op-Eds

- 2021 Lina-Maria Murillo, “Before *Roe v. Wade*, U.S. residents sought safer abortions in Mexico: Transnational networks have long helped pregnant people navigate treatment options,” *Washington Post*. (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/09/03/before-roe-v-wade-us-residents-sought-safer-abortion-mexico/>)
- 2020 Lina-Maria Murillo, “In the Service of White Supremacy: Immigration and Reproductive Violence,” *Notches Blog*. (<https://notchesblog.com/2020/12/08/in-the-service-of-white-supremacy-immigration-and-reproductive-violence/>)
- 2020 Co-Authored, Lina-Maria Murillo and Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz, “An abortion ban? Now, of all times? Iowa Republican lawmakers are showing they don't value life,” *Des Moines Register*. (<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/columnists/iowa-view/2020/06/08/iowa-republicans-abortion-ban-proves-they-do-not-value-life/3172577001/>)
- 2019 Co-Authored, Lina-Maria Murillo and Michael K. Bess, “Racismo y justicia en la ficción histórica de *Watchmen*,” *ECOS: Blog de la División de Historia del CIDE*, <http://ecos.cide.edu/racismo-y-justicia-en-la-ficcion-historica-de-watchmen/>
- 2019 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/>
- 2018 Lina-Maria Murillo, “Reproductive Freedom along the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands,” *Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings Brief*. <https://scholars.org/contribution/reproductive-freedom-along-us-mexico-borderlands>
- 2018 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

Professional Blogs

- 2020 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. <https://gwsstellmagazine.sites.uiowa.edu/>
- 2012 Founding contributor and co-editor, *Borderlands History*. 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/>

Public Scholarship

- 2021 Humanities Advisory Team: Standup Speak Out ([About — Stand UP Speak OUT](#))
- 2021 Interview: In the Thick ([Cross-Border Abortion Care](#))
- 2021 Interview: Scholars’ Circle ([ROE V WADE IS LIKELY TO BE OVERTURNED BY US SUPREME COURT](#))

Conferences, Papers Presented, and Invited Talks

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

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

“Abortion in the 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].

“Latino/a Studies: Latinx Faculty at University of Iowa,” Imagining Latinidades, <https://podcast.imagininglatinidades.com/>, Podcast interview, March 2020 [invited].

“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, 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.