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I. POSITION

Assistant Professor
History Department
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II. EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, CA: Doctor of Philosophy, May 2001
Major Field: Colonial Latin American History
Minor Field: History of Science
Interdisciplinary Field: Geography
Dissertation Title: "The Art of Pharmacy in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Mexico"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Margaret Chowning

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC: Master of Arts, December 1994
Major Field: Early Modern European History; Spain and Colonial Latin America.
Master's Thesis Title: "Making Sense of the Other: Theories of Amerindian Origins in Spanish Chronicles of the Late Sixteenth-Century"
Thesis Advisor: Professor Lloyd Kramer

Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI: Bachelor of Arts, June 1990
Majors: Biology, History
Minor: International and Area Studies-Western Europe

III. FELLOWSHIPS

ACLS/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellowship, 2004-2005 for research and revision of manuscript for publication.

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Fellowship, Faculty Development Program, San Diego State University, for archival research support, June-August, 2002.

Humanities Diversity Dissertation Fellowship for dissertation write-up support, January-December 2000.

Mellon Foundation Write-Up Year Fellowship for dissertation write-up support, September 1999-May 2000.

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Prospectus Fellowship for preliminary dissertation research at National Archive in Mexico City, June-August 1997.

IV. GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Post-Graduate:

Faculty Development Program Award, Faculty Development Program, San Diego State University, for library and archival research support, June 2003.

Program for Cultural Cooperation Between the Spanish Ministry of Culture and American Universities grant to support research at the Archive of the Indies in Seville, and the Archive of the Royal Botanical Garden, the Museum of Natural Sciences, the Royal Library, and the National Historic Archive in Madrid, Spain, June-August, 2001.

Graduate:

Humanities Research Grant from the University of California, Berkeley, for dissertation research at the National Archive in Mexico City, July-August 1999.

Humanities Research Grant from the University of California, Berkeley, for dissertation research at the Archive of the Indies in Seville, Spain, September-December 1998.

University Block Grant from the History Department at the University of California, Berkeley, for dissertation research at the Archive of the Indies in Seville, Spain, September-December 1998.

Program for Cultural Cooperation Between the Spanish Ministry of Culture and American Universities grant to support dissertation research at the Archive of the Indies in Seville, Spain, September-December 1998.

1997 Power Grant Program for Graduate Student Summer Field Research to support pre-dissertation research at the National Archive in Mexico City, June-August, 1997.

University Block Grant from the History Department at the University of California, Berkeley to fund summer paleography course taken at the Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois, July-August 1996.

Tinker-Mellon Foundation Travel Research Award for pre-dissertation research at the Archive of the Indies in Seville, Spain, June 1994.

Program for Cultural Cooperation Between the Spanish Ministry of Culture and American Universities grant to supplement travel expenses for pre-dissertation research at the Archive of the Indies in Seville, Spain, June 1994.

Undergraduate:

Heyl Scholarship providing 4 years of full tuition at Kalamazoo College; awarded to high school students demonstrating high achievement in the natural sciences.

National Science Foundation grant for research in marine biology at the University of Georgia Marine Institute, Winter, 1990.

V. TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

History Department, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA. Assistant Professor of Latin American History, August 2001-present. Courses taught: Pre-Contact and Colonial Latin American History, Colonial Mexican History, The Writing of History, The Historian's Craft, World History to 1500, The Definition of Race in Latin America, Seminar in Historical Methods.

History Department, University of California, Berkeley, CA. Graduate Student Instructor, History 103, "Modernity, Science, and the Definition of Race in Latin America, 1492 to Present," Spring 1999.

Designed and taught senior seminar which examined the history of science and technology within the context of imperialism and the emergence of modern culture and their influence on the development of racist ideologies from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries in Latin America

History Department, University of California, Berkeley, CA. Graduate Student Instructor, History 101, Spring 1998. Taught a thesis-writing seminar for senior history majors at Berkeley. Topics spanned both colonial and modern Latin American history, and covered the geographical regions of Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

History Department, University of California, Berkeley, CA. Graduate Student Instructor, History 8A, "Colonial Latin America," Fall 1996 and Fall 1997.

History Department, University of California, Berkeley, CA. Graduate Student Instructor, History 8B, "Modern Latin America," Spring 1997.

Office of History of Science and Technology, University of California, Berkeley CA. Research Assistant, Spring 1996. Performed a variety of tasks for a research project in early modern French history of science under the direction of Professor Roger Hahn.

History Department, University of California, Berkeley, CA. Course Reader, History 141A, "Social History of Latin America," Fall 1995.

History Department, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. Teaching Assistant, History 11, "Western Civilization to 1648," Fall 1993 and Spring 1994.

El Cuarto Año Alternative High School, Association House of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Teacher and Counselor, October 1990 to August 1992. Taught math and science at an Alternative High School/GED program for inner-city high school dropouts of Chicago's West Side as part of a neighborhood social service agency; tutored students extensively; aided students in obtaining financial aid and other government services; carried out formal and informal counseling, needs assessment, and referrals; wrote and developed math and science curricula; participated in hiring processes for new program employees; performed administrative duties such as budget planning, proposal and grant writing, ordering laboratory equipment, recruiting students, coordinating parent-teacher conferences, and organizing field trips and college visitations.

VI. PAPER PRESENTATIONS

"Rise of the West-plus' Meets 'Add Women and Stir': Gender and Latin America in the World Historical Narrative," Discussant for Panel, "Incorporating Latin American Women into the World History Curriculum," World History Association 15th Annual International Conference, California State University, Long Beach, CA, June 22-25, 2006. Paper was presented in my absence (due to illness) by panel Chair, Professor Ross Dunn.

"Ginger's World Odyssey: A Case of Economic Botany in the Spanish Empire," presented at the UC World History Workshop, University of California, San Diego, CA, May 7-8, 2005.

"The Science of Spices: Empiricism and Economic Botany in the Early Spanish Empire," presented at the USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute conference "Plants and Insects in the Early Modern World," San Marino, CA, April 28-30, 2005.

"The Science of Spices: Empiricism, Economic Botany and Entrepreneurialism in the Spanish Empire," presented at the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, Charleston, SC, March 10-13, 2005.

“The Pacific Spice Trade in the Spanish Empire: The ‘Resurrection’ of a Columbian Legend,” presented at the conference “Spain’s Legacy in the Pacific,” Maritime Museum of San Diego, San Diego, CA, September 24-26, 2004.

“Research, Development, and Empire: State Support of Science in Spain and Spanish America, Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries,” presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Dallas, TX, March 27-29, 2002.

“Research and Development in the Colonies: The *Relaciones geográficas* and the Search for Indigenous Drugs, 16th-18th Centuries,” presented at the History of Science Society annual meeting, Milwaukee, WI, November 7-10, 2002.

“Imperial Power and the Search for ‘Miracle Cures’ in Eighteenth-Century Spain and Spanish America,” presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Washington, DC, September 6-8, 2001.

“The Revolution in Pharmacy in Seventeenth-Century Mexico,” presented for the Colloquium Series of the Office of History of Science and Technology, University of California, Berkeley, CA, October 23, 2000.

“From Public Piety to Public Health: The Role of the Apothecary in Eighteenth-Century Mexico,” presented at the West Coast Network for the History of the Health Sciences Conference, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, March 10, 2000.

“Theories of Amerindian Origins in the Justification of Spanish Colonization,” presented at the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies Conference, Chapel Hill, NC, March 9-11, 1995.

“Descendants of the Old World: Indians and Their Origins in Spanish Chronicles of the Late Sixteenth Century,” presented at the Erasmus Seminar, “The Atlantic World in the Age of Expansion: Migration,” College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, February 20-25, 1995.

VII. PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress

The Craft of Medicine in Colonial Mexico: The Art and Science of the Apothecary (I am currently preparing the manuscript for submission to a publisher).

Edited Works

Bleichmar, Daniela, Paula De Vos, Kristin Huffine, and Kevin Sheehan, eds. *Science in the Spanish and Portuguese Empires, 1500-1800. 1800*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, forthcoming 2008.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“From Herbs to Alchemy: Medical Theory and Pharmaceutical Practice in Seventeenth-Century Mexico” *Journal of Spanish Cultural Studies* Special Issue: “Science in Translation: The Commerce of Facts and Artifacts in the Transatlantic Worlds,” July 2007 (forthcoming).

“Natural History and the Pursuit of Empire in Eighteenth-Century Spain” *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, Volume 40, Issue 2, January 2007, 209-239.

“The Science of Spices: Empiricism and Economic Botany in the Early Spanish Empire,” *Journal of World History*, Volume 17, Issue 4, December 2006, pp. 399-427.

“Research, Development, and Empire: State Support of Science in the Later Spanish Empire,” *Colonial Latin American Review*, Volume 15, Issue 1, June 2006, pp. 55-79.

“A Taste for Spices: Spanish Efforts at Spice Production in the Philippines,” *Mains'l Haul: A Journal of Pacific Maritime History*, Volume 41, Issue 4 and Volume 42, Issue 1, Fall 2005/Winter 2006, pp. 33-42.

“The Apothecary in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Mexico: Historiography and Case Studies in Medical Regulation, Charity, and Science” *Colonial Latin American Historical Review* Volume 13, Number 3, Summer 2004.

Contributions to Edited Works

“The Rare, the Singular, and the Extraordinary: Natural History and the Collection of Curiosities in the Spanish Empire” in Daniela Bleichmar, Paula De Vos, Kristin Huffine, and Kevin Sheehan, eds. *Science in the Spanish and Portuguese Empires, 1500-1800. 1800*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, forthcoming 2008.

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

"An Herbal El Dorado: The Quest for Botanical Wealth in the Spanish Empire" *Endeavour* Volume 27, Issue 3, September 2003, pp. 117-121.

Contributions to Reference Works

“Medicine” in *Iberia and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*. 3 Vols. Edited by J. Michael Francis. Santa Barbara and Oxford: ABC-Clio, 2005.

“Enlightenment - Spanish America” in *Iberia and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*. 3 Vols. Edited by J. Michael Francis. Santa Barbara and Oxford: ABC-Clio, 2005.

"Medicine and Popular Healing Practices in Colonial Mexico" in John Herrick and Paul Stuart, eds. *Encyclopedia of Social Welfare History*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2004.

Book Reviews

Londa Schiebinger and Claudia Swan, eds., *Colonial Botany: Science, Commerce and Politics in the Early Modern World*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005. Reviewed in *Nuncias: Journal of the History of Science*.

Experiencing Nature: The Spanish American Empire and the Early Scientific Revolution. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2006. Reviewed in *Bulletin of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies* (forthcoming).

Miguel de Asúa and Roger French, *A New World of Animals: Early Modern Europeans on the Creatures of Iberian America*. Aldershot, U.K.: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2006. Reviewed in *Medical History* (forthcoming, 2007).

David Carrasco, Lindsay Jones, and Scott Sessions, eds. *Mesoamerica's Classic Heritage: From Teotihuacán to the Aztecs*. Boulder, CO: University Press of Colorado, 2002. Review in *Journal of San Diego History* (forthcoming).

VIII. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Member of Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award committee which “honors teachers of history who taught, guided, and inspired their students in a way that changed their lives,” American Historical Association, three-year term, 2005-2008.

Chair of Scholarship Committee, History Department, San Diego State University, Fall 2003-present.

Member of Search Committee for tenure-track position in "South American history," History Department, San Diego State University, Fall/Spring 2002-03.

Member of Graduate Studies Committee, History Department, San Diego State University, Fall 2003-present.

Member of Scholarship Committee, History Department, San Diego State University, Spring 2002-2003.

Member of Search Committee for tenure-track position in "Colonialism, Postcolonialism, Decolonization", History Department, San Diego State University, Fall 2001.

Co-founder and organizing member of interdisciplinary Working Group entitled "Iberian-American Studies" funded through the Townsend Center for the Humanities at the University of California, Berkeley, 1997-2001.

Member of the Berkeley History of Science Journal Club, 1995-2001.

Participant selected to attend the International Summer School in History of Science entitled "The Ends of Natural Philosophy in the Scientific Revolution," sponsored by the Center for the History of Science at the University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy, September 12-20, 1996.

Participant selected to attend the Summer Institute in the Spanish and Hispanic-American Archival Sciences, a paleography course for scholars studying Spain and the Hispanic World, at the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies in Chicago, Illinois, June 24-August 3, 1996.

Member of the Duke-UNC Working Group on Latin American Studies entitled "History, Narrative, and Ideology in the Americas," September 1994-August 1995.

Member of Steering Committee for the UNC Project for Historical Education, an educational resource project promoting greater communication between graduate students, professors and public school teachers of North Carolina, August 1993- May 1994.

IX. ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the American Historical Association, September 1998-present.

Member of the Latin American Studies Association, September 1998-present.

Member of the American Association of History of Medicine, September 2000-present.

Member of History of Science Society, August 1997-present.

Member of the American Association for the History of Pharmacy, 2002-present.