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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of Chicago, 2012  
M.A., Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois-Urbana  
Champaign, 2006  
M.S., Counseling Psychology, Indiana University-Bloomington, 2004  
B.A., Psychology, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez, 2000

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

<i>Associate Professor University Library (tenured)</i> and <i>Librarian of Latin American and Caribbean Studies</i> University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall 2019-present
<i>Associate Professor Spanish and Portuguese</i> (0% Appointment) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall 2019-present
<i>Associate Professor Recreation, Sport,</i> & <i>Tourism (0% Appointment)</i> University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall 2019-present
<i>Assistant Professor University Library (tenure track)</i> and <i>Librarian of Latin American and Caribbean Studies</i> University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall 2012-Spring 2019
<i>Assistant Professor Spanish and Portuguese</i> (0% Appointment) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Spring 2015-Spring 2019
<i>Assistant Professor Recreation, Sport,</i> & <i>Tourism (0% Appointment)</i>	Spring 2013-Spring 2019

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Research Associate and Lecturer*  
*History and Latin American Studies*  
Knox College

Summer 2011-Fall 2012

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cultural & Political History; Popular Culture; Nationalism & National Identity; Imperialism and Colonialism; U.S.-Latin American Relations, Sport and the Olympic Movement; Religion and Religiosity, Iberian and Latin American Historical Genealogy and Family History.

## BOOKS

*Las cartas de la familia del conde de Montemar: Los Carrillo de Albornoz y sus intercambios familiares entre España y América, 1761-1799.* (in preparation).

*Religious Games: The YMCA, Sport, and Imperial Statecraft in Cuba and Puerto Rico, 1898-1950s.* (in preparation)

[\*La colonia soberana: Deporte olímpico, identidad nacional y relaciones internacionales en Puerto Rico.\*](#) Buenos Aires: Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales, 2020.

With César Torres, editors. [\*Olimpismo: The Olympic Movement in the Making of Latin America and the Caribbean.\*](#) Arkansas Sport, Culture, and Society. Fayetteville, Arkansas: The University of Arkansas Press, 2020.

[\*The Sovereign Colony: Olympic Sport, National Identity, and International Politics in Puerto Rico.\*](#) Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2016. (Winner of the **2017 José Toribio Medina Award**)

## ACADEMIC ARTICLES

“El legajo 2295: Sublevación y parentelas en Puerto Rico en 1711.” (in preparation)

“Dispensa, endogamia y milicia: Reconstruyendo la genealogía de algunas familias de Aguada, Puerto Rico. Siglos XVII y XVIII.” *Hereditas: Revista de Genealogía Puertorriqueña* (forthcoming 2021).

[“Sports in Latin America and the Caribbean.”](#) In *Oxford Bibliographies in Latin American Studies*. Ed. Ben Vinson. New York: Oxford University Press, April 22, 2020.

With Silvia Escanilla Huerta. "Cartas para la historia: El epistolario de los Carrillo de Albornoz y Bravo de Lagunas, condes de Montemar, en el ocaso del imperio español en América, 1761-1799." *Revista de Historia de América* No. 158 (enero-julio 2020): 404-420.

"Genetic Genealogy for the Study of Puerto Rican, Spanish, and Portuguese Family History: Lessons from the Sotomayor, Colón, and Pereiras." *Journal of Genealogy and Family History* 3, 1 (2019): 1-23.

"Los Juegos del dictador: Rafael Trujillo, el centenario dominicano y la solidaridad antillana durante los Juegos Interantillanos de la República Dominicana en 1944." *Hispania Nova* 17 (2019): 392-425.

"Linajes encontrados: Hacia una genealogía de los Sotomayor y Colón de Santiago de Moca/Aguada y sus conexiones históricas y genéticas con los Pereira de Portugal." *Hereditas: Revista de Genealogía Puertorriqueña* 19, 2 (2018): 79-112.

"The Triangle of Empire: Sport, Religion, and Imperialism in Puerto Rico's YMCA, 1898-1926." *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History* 74, 4 (October 2017): 481-512.

"Caribbean Soccer: *Hispanoamericanismo* and the Identity Politics of Fútbol in Puerto Rico, 1898-1920s." *The Latin Americanist* 61, 2 (June 2017): 193-224.

"Colonial Olympism: Puerto Rico and Jamaica's Olympic Movement in Pan-American Sport, 1930 to the 1950s," in "Historicizing the Pan-American Games," ed. César Torres and Bruce Kidd, special issue, *The International Journal of the History of Sport* 33, 1-2 (2016): 84-104.

"Operation Sport: Puerto Rico's Recreational and Political Consolidation in an Age of Modernization and Decolonization, 1950s." *Journal of Sport History* 42, 1 (Spring 2015): 59-86.

"Un parque para cada pueblo: Julio Enrique Monagas and the Politics of Sport and Recreation in Puerto Rico during the 1940s." *Caribbean Studies* 42, 2 (July-December 2014): 3-40.

"Patron Saint Festivities, Politics, and Culture: Celebrating the Colonial Nation in San Germán, Puerto Rico, 1950s." *CENTRO Journal*, 20, 2 (2008):100-125.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

"National Identity/Nationalism." In Caitlin Clarke, C. Richard King, and Synthia Sydnor, editors. *Keywords in Physical Cultural Studies: Figuring the Illinois School*. (in preparation)

"Nationalism and the Struggle for Freedom in Puerto Rico's Olympic Sport." In Antonio Sotomayor and César R. Torres, editors. *Olimpismo: The Olympic Movement in the Making of*

*Latin America and the Caribbean*. Fayetteville, Arkansas: The University of Arkansas Press, 2020, 73-94.

"Colonial Olympism: Puerto Rico and Jamaica's Olympic Movement in Pan-American Sport, 1930 to the 1950s." In Bruce Kidd and César Torres, editors, *Historicizing the Pan-American Games*. Series: Sport in the Global Society – Historical Perspectives. London: Routledge, 2016, 82-102.

"Challenges and Alternatives to Caribbean Family History and Genealogy: Archives and Sources in Puerto Rico." In Roberto Delgado, editor, *Who are We Really?: Latin American Family, Local and Micro-Regional Histories and Their Impact on Understanding Ourselves*. Papers of the 59th Annual Meeting of the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials. Salt Lake City, University of Utah, 2014. New Orleans, LA: SALALM Secretariat, Latin American Library, Tulane University, 2016, 91-115.

"The Cold War Games of a Colonial Latin American Nation: San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1966." In Heather L. Dichter and Andrew L. Johns, editors, *Diplomatic Games: Sport, Statecraft, and International Relations since 1945*. Lexington: The University Press of Kentucky, 2014, 217-249.

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"La misión de la YMCA: Protestantes y Católicos en el desarrollo de los deportes en América Latina y el Caribe." Mesa Redonda – Trânsitos culturais e o esporte no continente americano. *Seminário "Estudos Históricos do Esporte no Brasil e no Mundo"*. UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, September 24, 2020. (postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19).

"The Sovereign Colony: How the Olympic Movement helps us understand Puerto Rico." *Grand Valley State University*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 30, 2019.

"The Sovereign Colony: How the Olympic Movement helps us understand Puerto Rico." *Illinois State University*, Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, September 25, 2019.

"Race and Sport in Latin America and the Caribbean." *21st Annual Arturo A. Schomburg Symposium: Sports and Blackness: Inclusion?* Taller Puertorriqueño, Philadelphia, PA, February 27, 2017.

"A colônia soberana: Porto Rico e o Movimento Olímpico." *Sport: Laboratório de História do Esporte e do Lazer, Programa de Pós-Graduação em História Comparada*, Instituto de História, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 26, 2016.

"La colonia soberana: Puerto Rico y el Movimiento Olímpico." *Universidad de las Ciencias de la Cultura Física y el Deporte Manuel Fajardo*, La Habana, Cuba, June 8, 2016.

“The Sovereign Colony: Puerto Rico in the Olympic Movement.” *Lecture for the 2015-16 University Theme “A Nation(s) Divided?”* Sponsored by the Department of Hispanic Studies Byron S. Tucci Endowment, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois. September 28, 2015.

“Colonial Olympism in Jamaica and Puerto Rico: The Olympic Movement and Pan-American Games from 1930 to the 1950s.” *International Colloquium on Historicizing the Pan-American Games*, University of Toronto-Scarborough, Canada. April 20, 2015.

“International Politics and Olympism in the Caribbean: A Case Study.” *Dios es redondo: Sport and Society in Modern Latin America*. CLACS Summer Teacher Institute. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, July 9, 2014.

#### CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

“Olimpismo: The Olympic Movement in the Making of Latin America and the Caribbean.” *XXXVIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, Guadalajara, Mexico, May 13-16, 2020.

“New Perspectives on Puerto Rican Nationalism.” *13th Biennial Conference of the Puerto Rican Studies Association*, Rutgers University, New Brinswick, New Jersey, October 28, 2018.

“New Perspectives on Puerto Rican Nationalism,” Roundtable at the *Conference on Latin American History at the 132nd American Historical Association Conference*, Washington, DC, January 6, 2018.

“Revisiting Caribbean Populisms: New Perspectives on 1940s Cuba and Puerto Rico.” *XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, May, 2015.

“Sport, Democracy, and Power in the Spanish Caribbean and Brazil.” *XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, in Chicago, May, 2014.

“Popular Culture and Conflict in Latin America and the Caribbean.” *Conference on Latin American History at the 126th American Historical Association Conference* in Chicago, January 7, 2012.

“Sport, Culture, and Politics in Latin America and the Caribbean.” *Conference on Latin American History at the 125th American Historical Association Conference* in Boston, January 8, 2011.

#### CONFERENCE PANELS CHAIRS

“Olimpismo: The Olympic Movement in the Making of Latin America and the Caribbean.” *XXXVIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, Guadalajara, Mexico, May 13-16, 2020 (accepted, but pulled out due to COVID-19).

“New Perspectives on Puerto Rican Nationalism,” *Conference on Latin American History at the 132<sup>nd</sup> American Historical Association Conference* in Washington, D.C., 2018.

“Responding to U.S. Colonialism in Puerto Rico,” *64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies*, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 5, 2017.

#### PAPER & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“La Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes y la política de la religión y los deportes a principios del siglo XX.” Paper to be presented at the *XXXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, virtual conference, May 26-29, 2021.

“The Nationalist Movement and the Struggle for Freedom in Puerto Rico’s Olympic Sport.” *XXXVIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, Guadalajara, Mexico, May 13-16, 2020 (accepted, but pulled out due to COVID-19).

"The Sovereign Colony and Beyond: Puerto Rico and Latin America in the Olympic Movement." *XXXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, in Boston, MA, May 24, 2019.

“Playing for Freedom: Nationalism and Olympic Sport in Puerto Rican History.” *13th Biennial Conference of the Puerto Rican Studies Association*, Rutgers University, New Brinswick, New Jersey, October 28, 2018.

“One, Two, Three, Go! Building an Academic Sport Collection in the Twenty-First Century.” *Sites/Cites, Texts, and Voices in Critical Librarianship: Decolonizing Libraries and Archives. 63rd Annual Meeting of the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials*, Mexico City, Mexico, July 3, 2018.

“Old Ways and New Ways: Envisioning Special Collections in the 21st Century and Paths Forward.” *Sites/Cites, Texts, and Voices in Critical Librarianship: Decolonizing Libraries and Archives. 63rd Annual Meeting of the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials*, Mexico City, Mexico, July 2, 2018.

“Playing for Freedom: Nationalism and Olympic Sport in Puerto Rican History.” Roundtable entitled “New Perspectives on Puerto Rican Nationalism,” *Conference on Latin American History at the 132<sup>nd</sup> American Historical Association Conference* in Washington, D.C., January 6, 2018.

“Sport and the Imperial Project of Mission Work: The YMCA in Puerto Rico, 1898-1920s.” *XXXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, in Lima, Perú, April 30, 2017.

“Hacia una web del deporte latinoamericano y caribeño.” Presentation given at the *School of Library Sciences* at the Pontificia Universidad Católica, Perú. April 28, 2017.

“Protestant Sports in a Catholic Colony: The YMCA and U.S. Imperialism in Puerto Rico, 1898-1920s.” *International Conference Body and Spirit: Sport and Christianity in History*. Universidad Católica de Murcia, Murcia, Spain, October 20, 2016.

“The Nationalist Movement and Colonialism in Puerto Rico’s Olympic Sport.” *13th International Symposium for Olympic Research*, Federal University of Espírito Santo, Vitoria, Brazil, June 29, 2016.

“Caribbean Soccer: *Hispanoamericanismo* and Silencing Fútbol in Puerto Rico, 1898-1920s.” *48th Annual Meeting of the Association of Caribbean Historians*, Havana, Cuba, June 5, 2016.

“Puerto Rico y el Movimiento Olímpico.” *Primer Congreso de Investigación Olímpica, Asociación Puertorriqueña de Investigación del Deporte*, Casa Olímpica, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 20, 2016.

“Julio Enrique Monagas and Sport Populism in Puerto Rico, 1940s.” *XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 30, 2015.

“Latin American & Caribbean History at the University Library: A Discussion on Sources and Archives” *Midwest Workshop on Latin American History*, University of Illinois, April 3, 2015.

Moderator, “Negotiation and Law in Latin American History”, *Midwest Workshop on Latin American History*, University of Illinois, April 4, 2015.

“Democracy, Patronage, and Sovereignty in Puerto Rican Olympism, 1950s.” *XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, in Chicago, May, 2014.

“Challenges to Caribbean Family History and Genealogy: Archives, Sources, and Oral History in Puerto Rico.” *Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials* in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 14, 2014.

“Opening the Vault of Eighteenth Century Andean History: A Portal to the Conde de Montemar Letters at the University of Illinois’ Library (1761-1799). *Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials* in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 12, 2014.

“Operation Sport: Populist Alliances in the Modernization of Puerto Rico, 1950s.” *Conference on Latin American History* at the *128th American Historical Association Conference* in Washington, D.C., January 2, 2014.

“Sport Revolution and Populism in Puerto Rico during the 1940s.” *XXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, Washington D.C., May 30, 2013.

“Between Cold War and Colonialism: The X Central American and Caribbean Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1966.” *Conference on Latin American History at the 126th American Historical Association Conference* in Chicago, January 7, 2012.

“Los Juegos de San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1966: Colonial Olympism and Olympic Politics during the Cold War.” *Latin American History Workshop*, The University of Chicago, Illinois, September 29, 2011.

"Public Education and Insular Sport in Puerto Rico in the 1930s." *Caribbean Studies Workshop*, The University of Chicago, Illinois, February 9, 2011.

“Colonialism and Olympism: The Emergence of Puerto Rican Olympic Representation.” *Conference on Latin American History at the 125th American Historical Association Conference* in Boston, January 8, 2011.

"The State and the Olympic Movement in Puerto Rico, 1930s." *Latin American History Workshop*, The University of Chicago, Illinois, November 11, 2010.

“Modernidad e industrialización en las fiestas patronales de Puerto Rico, 1950s.” *8th Conference of the Puerto Rican Studies Association*, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2008.

“Fiestas patronales de San Germán de Auxerre: Celebrating the Colonial Nation in 1950s Puerto Rico.” *Latin American History Workshop*, The University of Chicago, Illinois, 2008.

“Patron Saint Festivities, Race, and Nation in San Germán, Puerto Rico: 1950s.” *7th Conference of the Puerto Rican Studies Association*, Ithaca, New York, 2006.

“Legitimizing the Nation: Politics, Culture, and Patron Saint Festivities in Puerto Rico, 1950s.” *XXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2006.

“San Germán’s Fiestas Patronales: The Forging of Puerto Rican National Identity, 1950s.” *Tinker Workshop for Pre-Dissertation Field Research*, Champaign, Illinois, 2005.

“Americanization and Resistance in Puerto Rico, 1898-1940s.” *29th Annual Conference of the Society for Caribbean Studies*, Newcastle Upon Tyne, England, UK, 2005.

“Winds of Change: Puerto Rico and Cuba's Nationalist Redefinitions, 1950s-1960s.” *25th Annual ILASSA Conference on Latin America*, Austin, Texas, 2005.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Elsey, Brenda and Joshua Nadel. *Futbolera: A History of Women and Sports in Latin America*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2019. Jose R. and Teresa Lozano Long Series in Latin American and Latino Art and Culture. *Journal of Sport History* (forthcoming 2021).



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Review of Antolihao, Lou. *Playing the Big Boys: Basketball, American Imperialism, and Subaltern Discourse in the Philippines*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2015. *Asian Journal of Social Sciences* 46, 1/2 (2018): 220-222.

Review of Sheinin, David M. K., Editor. *Sports Culture in Latin American History*. Pittsburg, PA: University of Pittsburg Press, 2015. *Journal of Sport History* 42, 3 (2016): 139-140.

UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP COMMENTATOR

“Puerto Rico in Crisis.” *Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, January 27, 2020.

“The Sovereign Colony: How the Olympic Movement helps us understand Puerto Rico.” *Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, September 23, 2019.

“The Olympic Movement in History.” Presentation and discussion for the *Phi Alpha Theta, History Honors Society*, February 22, 2018.

“The Conde de Montemar Letters: Opening the Vault to Andean History.” *SourceLab*, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (IPRH), April 17, 2017.

“The Sovereign Colony: Puerto Rico in the Olympic Movement.” *Department of Kinesiology Colloquium Series*, November 18, 2016.

“The Olympic Movement and Latin America at the University of Illinois Library.” Office of Advancement, University Library. November 11, 2016.

“The Sovereign Colony.” *Lunch on us at La Casa Cultural Latina*, University of Illinois, April 14, 2016.

"Belongs to not part of US." Invited panel member at the *Puerto Rican Studies Association*. April 4, 2014.

“Puerto Rico.” Invited discussion leader at the *International Coffee Hour*, Author's Corner in the Illini Union Bookstore. February 26, 2014.

“‘Operation Sport’: Puerto Rico’s Recreational and Political Consolidation in an Age of Modernization and Decolonization.” Lightning Talk, *Library Research Showcase*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

“The Rise of a Colonial Olympic Movement: Sport and Politics in 1930s Puerto Rico.” *Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Lecture Series*, University of Illinois, November 21, 2013.

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“The Politics of Education and Information in Puerto Rico.” *Graduate School of Information Sciences*, University of Illinois, April 17, 2013.

“Sport, National Identity, and Politics in Puerto Rico.” *Research Seminar*, Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism, University of Illinois, February 22, 2013.

Commentator for Prof. Lauren Derby, “Boca del Chivo: Demonic Animals and the Poetics of Deforestation in the Haitian Dominican Borderlands.” *Caribbean Studies Workshop*, University of Chicago, Illinois, March, 3 2011.

Puerto Rican Identity Roundtable. *Puerto Rican Students Association*, University of Chicago, March 3, 2009.

“Latino Experiences in Graduate School.” *Puerto Rican Students Association*, University of Chicago, February 12, 2009.

“Patron Saint Festivities and Puerto Rican Culture.” *Puerto Rican Students Association*, University of Chicago, November 25, 2008.

Commentator for Prof. Claudia Guarisco, “La Constitución de Cádiz y la Paricipación Política Popular en la Nueva España, 1808-1821. Balance y Nuevas Perspectivas.” *Latin American History Workshop*, The University of Chicago, Illinois, October 4, 2007.

#### EXHIBITS, CREATIVE WORKS, & DIGITAL HUMANITIES

“[The Digital Library of Latin American and Caribbean Sport](#)” (DLLACS).

“[The Conde de Montemar Letters, 1761-1799.](#)”

Sotomayor, Antonio. Organizer & Moderator “[Brazil and the Rio 2016 Olympics: Playing the BRIC Game](#),” Panel for the *Chai Wai Discussion Series at the International and Area Studies Library*, March 8, 2016.

Sotomayor, Antonio. “Brazil and the Olympic Movement.” *Exhibit at the University of Illinois Main Library*, March 1-31, 2016.

Thacker, Mara; **Antonio Sotomayor**, David H. Ward, Rubem B. T. Ramos, Iker García Plazaola, Paula M. Carns, Katrina L. Spencer, and Sonal M. S. Modi. “[Explore International Comics @ Illinois](#)” *Exhibit at the University of Illinois Main Library*, September 1 to 30, 2015.

Thacker, Mara; **Antonio Sotomayor**; Atoma Batoma; Rachel Suntop; and Katrina Spencer. “Migrants, Immigrants and Refugees.” Panel for the *Chai Wai Discussion Series at the International and Area Studies Library*, October 14, 2014.

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Sotomayor, Antonio, Laila Hussein, and Atoma Batoma. "What's in a Name: Cultures and Traditions of Personal Names Throughout the World." *Exhibit at the University of Illinois Main Library*, September 1-30, 2014.

Sotomayor, Antonio and Paula Carns. "Unity in Diversity: Latin America and the Caribbean at the University of Illinois' Library." *Exhibit at the University of Illinois Main Library*, September 1 to October 8, 2013.

#### RESEARCH GUIDES CURATED

"Research Guide to Latin American and Caribbean Feminist and Gender Studies," 2018.

"Indigenous Languages and Populations of Latin America," 2017.

"Research Guide to Colombia," 2017.

"Research Guide to Latin American and Caribbean Sport," 2016.

"Research Guide to Brazil," 2016.

"Research Guide to Bolivia," 2015.

"Research Guide to Peru," 2015.

#### TEACHING

*"Same Sea, Different Shores: Nationalism and Identity in the Caribbean"* Fall 2012  
Knox College

*Mellon Lecturer, "Colonial Puerto Rico under the U.S. Empire"* Autumn 2010  
The College at the University of Chicago

*Teaching Assistant, Latin American Civilizations II* Winter 2009  
The College at the University of Chicago

*Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean LAST 170* Fall 2004 - Spring 2006  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

#### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

*Steering Committee* Fall 2020-Spring 2021  
Main-Undergraduate Library Integration (MUGLI) working group  
University Library  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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University Library <i>Peer Review Committee, Spencer Keralis</i> University Library University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall 2019-May 2020
<i>Executive Committee, ex-officio</i> Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Spring 2013-present
<i>Faculty Senator</i> (representing the University Library) University Senate University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall 2019-present
<i>Search Committee, Chair</i> Collections Care Coordinator, Academic Professional Preservation, Conservation, and Digital Services University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Spring 2019-present
<i>Search Committee</i> Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor and Digital Humanities Librarian University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall 2018-Spring 2019
<i>Search Committee</i> Assistant or Associate Professor, University Library Literatures and Languages Librarian University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall 2017-Spring 2018
<i>University Athletic Board</i> (elected faculty member) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <i>Chair, Finance Committee</i>	August 2016-May 2018 August 2017-May 2018
<i>Graduate College Fellowship Board</i> Graduate College University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Spring 2016-Spring 2017
<i>Teaching and Engagement Committee</i> International and Area Studies Library University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Summer 2014-present (Chair 2015-2016)
<i>Search Committee</i> Director Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Spring 2015

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*Search Committee* Spring 2015  
Visiting Assistant Professor and Principal Cataloger  
Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Selection Committee* Spring 2015  
Tinker Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship  
Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

*Search Committee* Spring-Summer 2014  
Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor  
History Librarian and Head of the History, Philosophy and  
Newspaper Library.  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Selection Committee* Spring 2014  
Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship  
Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

*Vice President/President-Elect*  
Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials  
(SALALM) May 2020-June 2022

*Latin American Microform Project (LAMP), Executive Committee*  
Center for Research Libraries (CRL) June 2019-June 2022

*Secretary* June 2019-June 2022  
Midwest Organization of Libraries for  
Latin American Studies (MOLLAS)

*Special Collections and Archives Subcommittee, Co-Chair*  
Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American  
Library Materials (SALALM) June 2017-June 2020

*José Toribio Medina Award, (Chair 2018 & 2019)*  
Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American  
Library Materials (SALALM) June 2017- June 2020

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*Editorial Board, ex officio* June 2017-June 2020  
Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American  
Library Materials (SALALM)

*Digital Primary Resources Subcommittee, Editorial Board Member* June 2016-Present  
Co-editor for "[The Latin American and Caribbean Digital Primary Sources Database](#)"  
Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American  
Library Materials (SALALM)

*Editor for Latin America* Spring 2014-present  
H-Sport Archive Project

#### EDITORSHIP OF ACADEMIC JOURNALS

*Revista Jangada – A Journal for Brazilian Studies* (Brazil)

*Acción: Revista Cubana de la Cultura Física* (Havana, Cuba)

#### INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA

"Culture, nationalism, and politics in Puerto Rican sports." Interviewed by Marlon Bishop.  
Futuro Media (Podcast). March 6, 2020.

"*La condición de la mujer en el deporte.*" Documentary, Leonardo Solano (Director), PhD  
Candidate, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh. April  
24, 2019.

*Sports Engine* (NBC Sports). "[Olympic Participation a Source of Pride in Puerto Rico.](#)" October  
3, 2018.

*Sports Engine* (NBC Sports). "[Puerto Rico's Four Greatest Athletic Moments.](#)" September 28,  
2018.

*New Books Network.* Interviewed by Dr. Keith Rathbone, Department of Modern History,  
Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. "[The Sovereign Colony Olympic Sport, National  
Identity, and International Politics in Puerto Rico.](#)" Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press,  
2016." September 20, 2018.

*BackStory, podcast.* Interviewed by Dr. Brian Balogh, Dorothy Compton Chair, The Miller  
Center, at the University of Virginia. "[After Hurricane Maria: Independence through Sport?](#)"  
(September, 7 2018).

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*Memoria: Latin American & Caribbean Cultural Heritage Archives. Society of American Archivists.* “[Latin@ Scholar Spotlight: Dr. Antonio Sotomayor, Librarian of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.](#)” March 6, 2018.

*The John Carney Show* (St. Louis, Missouri): “On-air Interview on Puerto Rico's 2017 Status Plebiscite.” June 12, 2017.

*The News-Gazette* (Champaign, Illinois): “[The Big 10 with Jeff D'Alessio: On \[U.S.\] Relations with Cuba and Puerto Rico.](#)” October 30, 2016.

*National Public Radio (NPR) Code Switch* (Washington, D.C.) – “[How Monica Puig's Gold Medal Complicates The Argument for Puerto Rico's Statehood.](#)” August 21, 2016.

*WalletHub* – “[Rio 2016 Olympics By The Numbers. Ask The Experts: Summer Olympic Socioeconomics.](#)” July 29, 2016.

*The Ring Magazine* – “[The Rivalry](#)” (Mexico and Puerto Rico Boxing) September 16, 2015.

#### THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

*Fusaro, Bruno Seno (PhD)* August 2016-present  
Dissertation title: “Sport Mega Events Promote Social Exclusion Among Lower Income Classes on Hosting Communities.” [*Brazil*]  
Department of Recreation, Sport, and Tourism  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Campbell, Brian (PhD)* May 2016-Spring 2021  
Dissertation title: “Sporting Correspondents: African American Baseball Players in the Americas, 1910-1950.”  
Department of History  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Lugo, Mónica (PhD)* March 2017-May 2020  
Dissertation title: “Cocinando lo auténtico: La comida como patrimonio cultural en la producción discursiva puertorriqueña (Siglo XIX-XXI).”  
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Thesis title: “A Shift in International Higher Education Preferences: Analyzing Colombian Students’ Trends of Choosing the European Union as Their Destination.”  
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Thesis title: "Printing Peace: Examining Notions of Child Agency and Political Participation through Children's Periodicals in Costa Rica, 1912-1947."

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## GRANTS

Campus Research Board. "The Conde de Montemar Family Letters: Transcription and Digital Humanities." Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2020.

Dan C. Hazen Fellowship, "The Havana YMCA: Exploring the Kautz Family YMCA Archives" SALALM. 2019.

Faculty Course Development Grant, "Playing with Fire: Sport in Latin America and the Caribbean," spring 2018. Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 2017.

Research and Publication Committee Grant, "Los juegos del dictador: Rafael Leonidas Trujillo y la solidaridad antillana durante los Juegos Interantillanos de la República Dominicana en 1944." October 9-11, 2017. University Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Tinker Faculty Research Grant, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Havana, Cuba, June 4 to June 11, 2016.

Latin American Research Resources Program (LARRP), Center for Research Libraries (CRL). "Opening the Vault of Eighteenth Century Andean History: A Portal to the Conde de Montemar Letters at the University of Illinois' Library (1761-1799)." 2015.

Research and Publication Committee Grant, "The Sovereign Colony: An Index", 2015. University Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

International Acquisitions Travel Grant for travel to Cuba, 2015. University Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research, Scholars Travel Fund to present at the XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2015. Paper entitled "Julio Enrique Monagas and Sport Populism in Puerto Rico, 1940s University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



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Research and Publication Committee Grant for book publishing expenses. *The Sovereign Colony: Olympic Sport, National Identity, and International Politics in Puerto Rico*. (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2016). University Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Research and Publication Committee Grant for research at the Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico – San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2014. Project entitled “The Triangle of Empire: Sport, Religion, and Imperialism in Puerto Rico’s YMCA, 1898-1926.” University Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research, Scholars Travel Fund to present at the Conference on Latin American History at the 128th American Historical Association Conference in Washington, D.C., January 2-5, 2014. Paper entitled “Operation Sport: Populist Alliances in the Modernization of Puerto Rico, 1950s.” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Research and Publication Committee Grant for research at the Kautz Family YMCA Archives at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, 2013. Project entitled “The YMCA in Latin America: Sport, Religion, and Imperialism.” University Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research, Scholars Travel Fund to present at the XXXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington D.C., 2013. Paper entitled “Sport Revolution and Populism in Puerto Rico during the 1940s.” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Freehling Research Travel Grant for research at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C., 2010. Department of History, University of Chicago.

Freehling Research Travel Grant for research in Puerto Rico, 2009. Department of History, University of Chicago.

Mellon Summer Research Grant for research in Puerto Rico, 2009. University of Chicago.

## AWARDS

José Toribio Medina Award, 2017 for “The Sovereign Colony.” *Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American and Caribbean Library Materials* (SALALM).

Mellon Foundation/Social Sciences Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 2011-2012. *University of Chicago*.

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention, 2011-2012. *Ford Foundation*.

Mellon Prize Lectureship in Latin American History, 2010. *University of Chicago*.

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#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

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