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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in History 2008

University of California, Los Angeles
Major Fields: Modern Latin America
Colonial Latin America
United States Foreign Relations

Outside Field: International Political Economy

**California Teaching Credential, Secondary Social Studies,
Bilingual Cross-Cultural** 1996

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

Master of Arts in History 1994

University of California, Los Angeles
Areas of Concentration: United States-Latin American Relations;
Modern Latin America; Colonial Latin America

Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies 1989

University of California, Los Angeles
Areas of Concentration: History, Economics, and Political Science

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

1995. *Statistical Abstract of Latin America*. Volume 31. Los Angeles: UCLA Latin American Center Publications. Edited with James W. Wilkie and Cathy Komisaruk. 1,283 pages.

1994. *Statistical Abstract of Latin America*. Volume 30. Los Angeles: UCLA Latin American Center Publications. Edited with James W. Wilkie and Christof Anders Weber. 1,369 pages.

1992. *Statistical Abstract of Latin America*. Volume 29. Los Angeles: UCLA Latin American Center Publications. Edited with James W. Wilkie. 1,426 pages.

ARTICLES:

2007. "Exploring Gender, Class and Ethnicity in Nineteenth Century Latin America: Clorinda Matto de Turner's *Torn from the Nest*," in *World History Connected* (vol. 4, no. 3) <http://worldhistoryconnected.press.uiuc.edu/4.3/contreras.html>

2004. "[Mexican Economic Policy](#)," in *Encyclopedia of Social Welfare History in North America* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications)

2003. "United States Policy Toward Latin America Since 1945," in *Modern America Examined: A Reader*, edited by Jerry Baydo. (San Diego: National Social Science Press)

1995. "Numbers and the State: A Historical Overview of Statistical Compilation in Mexico Since Colonial Times," in *Statistical Abstract of Latin America*, Volume 31. (Los Angeles: UCLA Latin American Center Publications)

1991. Book Review of *Entrepreneurs and Politics in Twentieth Century Mexico* by Roderic A. Camp in *UCLA Historical Journal*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS:

Bankruptcy to NAFTA: Mexico's Foreign Policy Opens to the World, 1982-1994

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD:

1998- present. Professor and past Chair, Department of History, Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA. Courses taught: Comparative History of the Early Americas; Comparative History of the Modern Americas; History of Mexico.

1998- 2000. Lecturer. UCLA Extension. Course taught: The Mexican Revolution Since 1910.

1996- 1997. Adjunct Instructor of History, Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA.

Courses taught: United States History to 1865; Mexican American History; Mexican History; Comparative History of the Early Americas.

1996- 1997. Adjunct Instructor of History, El Camino College, Torrance, CA.
Course taught: History of Mexico

1995- 1996. History Teacher, Fleming Middle School, Lomita, CA. Courses taught:
World History; United States History.

1994-1995. History Teacher, Sepulveda Middle School, North Hills, CA. Courses taught:
World History; United States History.

1990-1993. Teaching Assistant, UCLA. Courses: The Mexican Revolution Since 1910; Latin America in the Twentieth Century: Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Argentina, Paraguay, Venezuela; Latin America in the 19th Century; Latin American Elitology; Latin America in the Twentieth Century: Haiti, Uruguay, Chile, Costa Rica, and Cuba; The Classic Travel Accounts of Latin America Since 1735.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES:

Keynote address delivered to the students graduating from the Migrant Scholars Leadership Program at UCLA on July 23, 2009.

““Civilization,” “Democracy,” and “the White Man’s Burden”: Ideology and U.S. Policy Toward Latin America at the turn of the Twentieth Century” a presentation delivered at the Grossmont College Literary Arts Festival, April 21, 2008.

“Bankruptcy to NAFTA: Mexico and the World in the 20th Century” a presentation delivered to UCLA students participating in the 2007 Migrant Scholars Leadership Institute, July 25, 2007.

“Gold, Glory and God: Latin America from the Conquest to the 21st Century,” keynote address delivered at the Phi Theta Kappa, Grossmont College Honor Society induction ceremony, February 2, 2007.

“Knowledge, Politics and Feminist Nuns: the Life of Sister Juana Inés de la Cruz, 1648-1695” a campus-wide multimedia lecture delivered at Southwestern College, March 23, 2007.

“Exploring Gender, Class and Ethnicity in Nineteenth Century Latin America: Clorinda Matto de Turner’s *Torn from the Nest*” presented at the World History Association Conference in Long Beach on June 23, 2006

“Riots, Rebellions and Resources: Indigenous Peoples of Latin America Confront Globalization” a campus-wide multimedia lecture delivered at Grossmont College, May 16, 2005.

“Mexico and the World Since 1982” a campus-wide multimedia lecture delivered at Grossmont College on November 29, 2004.

“NAFTA, Zapatistas and Bank Bailouts: The Forging of a New U.S.-Mexico Relationship” a multimedia lecture delivered at Pasadena City College, April 19th, 2001.

“A Revolution Swept Away: Mexico and the United States at the Crossroads of a New Era” a multimedia lecture delivered at Pasadena City College, April 19th, 2001.

“Redefining Mexican Nationalism: The 1992 Textbook Case,” delivered at the Library of Congress, Washington D.C., August 1, 2001.

“The Teaching of Latin American History in the United States” and “The Teaching of History to College Students” Presentations and round-table discussions (in Spanish) at the National School of Education in Atlacomulco, Mexico during the Grossmont College-Atlacomulco Faculty Exchange May 5-May 10, 2000.

"Mexico and the United States Since the 1980's." Presented (in Spanish) at the conference entitled "Shared Visions: PROFMEX-Guanajuato Forum on New Ideas for Mexico's Development," on April 15, 1999.

"Mexico and the United States: A Fragile Relationship." Presented (in Spanish) at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nayarit, Mexico on March 26, 1996.

"Perceptions of United States-Mexico Relations." Presented at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nayarit, Mexico on August, 10, 1995.

"Numbers and the State: A Historical Overview of Statistical Compilation in Mexico Since Colonial Times." Presented in Mexico City on April 8, 1994 at conference entitled: *La Estadística Económica en México*.

"The Development of Mexico's *Maquila* Industry." Presented in Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca, Mexico on June 23, 1990 at conference entitled: *Cycles and Trends in Twentieth-Century Mexico: A Quantitative Reinterpretation*.

AWARDS/HONORS:

Grossmont College Excellence in Teaching Award, 2005

Research Fellow at the Library of Congress' *Explorations in Empire* Research Seminar for College Teachers, 2001

UCLA Latin American Center Small Grants 1997-98, 1993-94

UCLA Program on Mexico Small Grants, 1992-93

California Graduate Fellowship 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93

UCLA President's Undergraduate Fellow, 1988-1989

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Historical Association
World History Association
Latin American Studies Association
Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies

ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

Organization of American Historians, Community College Workshop Advisory Board, 2007-present

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE:

Chairman of the Department of History, 2003- 2006
World Arts and Cultures Committee, 1999-
Distance Learning Committee, 2002- 2004
Academic Senate, 2004-2006
Educational Development and Innovation Committee, 1999-
PUENTE mentor, 1998-
SDICCCA Mentor, 2001, 2007
Schools to Careers program mentor, 1998-2000
History Department Hiring Committees, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2006 (Chaired the committees '04, '05, and '06)
Spanish Department Hiring Committee, 2008
ESL Department Hiring Committee, 2000
Dean of Humanities Hiring Committee, 1999

CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT

Course developed: History of Mexico

Courses revised: Comparative History of the Early Americas; Comparative History of the Modern Americas

As department chair, participated in the revision of our World History and U.S. History series as well as our History of California course

OTHER PRESENTATIONS AT GROSSMONT COLLEGE:

Lead discussion and film screenings every year for Grossmont College's "Living History Film and Lecture Series." Examples of films and discussions led: *The Sixth Sun: Mayan Uprising in Chiapas*; *I, the Worst of All: the Life of Sister Juana Inés de la Cruz*, *A Fight in the Fields: Cesar Chavez and the Farm-workers Struggle*"

Keynote address to graduating Latino Students, 2005.

“Redefining Mexican Nationalism: The 1992 Textbook Case,” August 18, 2001.

Master of ceremonies and speaker for Grossmont College’s Cinco de Mayo and Mexican Independence Day celebrations, every year since 2000.

Wrote and received EDIC grant to bring renowned artist Ruben Martinez to perform “Border Ballad” at Grossmont College on April 20, 2000.

Public reading of Julia Alvarez’s “Something to Declare” at the Grossmont College Creative Writing Program’s “A Celebration of World Literature” on April 27, 2000

Led, with Oscar Cañedo, a staff development presentation entitled “Latin America on the World Wide Web,” January, 2000.

Master of ceremonies at a number of campus-wide events including the Latino Graduation, and whole host of World Arts and Cultures events ranging from our Women’s History Celebration to our World Cultures celebrations.

RESEARCH TRAVEL:

Washington D.C.

Mexico: Mexico City, Jalisco, Puebla, Oaxaca, Yucatan, Quintana Roo, Sinaloa, Sonora, Hidalgo, Durango, Nuevo Leon, Guanajuato.

Spain: Spain: Madrid, Córdoba, Toledo, Granada, Mérida

LANGUAGES:

Fluent in Spanish; read Portuguese

OTHER PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Reviewer for Prentice Hall, Bedford/St. Martin’s, Oxford University Press and Routledge Press.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Served on the School Site Council for Mesa Verde Middle School, 2006, 2007

Serve on the Poway Unified School District’s Human Relations Committee, 2006-