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Academic and Administrative Positions

2023-present **Adjunct Professor**, Department of History, Michigan State University
2017-present **Professor Emeritus**, Department of History, University of Scranton
2016-2021 **Dir. Study Abroad and Faculty Enrichment**, Western Michigan University
2011-2016 **Professor**, Department of History, University of Scranton
2005-2011 **Assoc. Professor**, Department of History, University of Scranton
2002-2010 **Dir. Latin American Studies**, University of Scranton
2000-2005 **Asst. Professor**, Department of History, University of Scranton
1994-2000 **High School Social Studies Teacher/Chair**, American School Foundation
(Colegio Americano), Mexico City

Education

Ph.D. **Latin American History**
University of Connecticut, 1993
Dissertation: "Criminal Sexuality in Central Mexico, 1750-1850"

M.A. **History**
University of Connecticut, 1986

B.A. **History, Latin American Studies, Spanish**
Fairfield University, Cum Laude, 1984

Teaching

Fields

Colonial and Modern Latin America; Mexican History; Gender in Latin America; Church in Latin America; Slavery in Latin America; Modern European History; Historian's Craft.

Courses Taught

- "Latin America and the World," Michigan State University, 2023
- "Colonial Latin America," Western Michigan University, 2018.
- "Colonial Latin American History," University of Scranton, 2000-2016.
- "Modern Latin American History," University of Scranton, 2001-2016.

- “The African Experience in Latin America, 1500-1900,” University of Scranton, 2004-2016.
- “Family and Gender in Latin America,” University of Scranton, 2003-2016.
- “Religion and Society in Latin America,” University of Scranton, 2002-2016.
- “Seminar in Mexican History,” University of Scranton, 2001-2016.
- “The Craft of the Historian,” University of Scranton, 2005-2016.
- “Women, Race, and Religion in Latin America,” The Schemel Forum, University of Scranton, Spring, 2015.
- “Freshman Seminar,” University of Scranton, 2004.
- “Europe: 1815-Present,” University of Scranton, 2001.
- “Europe: 1300-1815,” University of Scranton, 2000.
- “Historia de México,” Colegio Americano, Mexico City, 1994-2000.
- “Twentieth-Century Mexico in Latin American Perspective,” University of Minnesota (Cemanahuac Educational Community in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico), 1996-99.
- “Modern Mexico: The Century after Independence,” University of Calgary (Study Abroad Program in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico), 1997.
- “Mexico: Roots and Traditions to Independence,” University of Calgary (Study Abroad Program in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico), 1996.
- “Mexico in the Twentieth Century,” University of Minnesota (Cemanahuac Educational Community in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico), 1995-96.
- “Latin America During the National Period,” University of Connecticut at Stamford, 1993.
- “Modern Europe,” University of Connecticut at Stamford, 1993.
- “Modern Europe,” University of Connecticut at Storrs, 1991.
- “Roots of Western Experience to 1500,” University of Connecticut at Avery Point, 1989.
- “Study Skills: Critical Reading and Writing,” University of Connecticut, 1986, 1987.

Publications

Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=k2W1rEeWWNYC&hl=en&oi=sra>

ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Lee-Penyak>

Books

- (with Walter J. Petry) *Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretive Essays from Conquest to Present* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, October, 2009). Pp. Xxii, 298. Maps. Tables. Notes. Index. [ISBN: 978-1-57075-850-8]
- *Vida y muerte de una cultura regional: La hacienda de Bledos en las memorias de Octaviano Cabrera Ipiña* (San Luis Potosí: Colegio de San Luis Potosí; Archivo Histórico del Estado de San Luis Potosí, 2007). Pp. 648. Maps. Illustrations. Tables. Notes. Photographs. Bibliography. Index. [ISBN: 970-762-025-0]
- (with Walter J. Petry) *Religion in Latin America: A Documentary History* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2006). Pp. Xxiv, 423. Maps. Tables. Notes. Index. [ISBN: 978-157-075-5]
- *El Ramo de Penales del Archivo Judicial del Tribunal Superior de Justicia* (Mexico: Instituto Mora Press, 1993). Pp. 142 pp. Tables. Notes. [ISBN: 968-638-299-2]

Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

- "Incestuous Natures: Consensual and Forced Relations in Mexico, 1740-1854" (Chapter 8). In *Sexuality and the Unnatural in Colonial Latin America*, Zeb Tortorici, ed. (Oakland: University of California Press, 2016), 162-187.
- "The Inquisition and Prohibited Sexual Artwork in Late Colonial Mexico." *Colonial Latin American Review* 24:3 (2015), 421-436.
- "Temporary Transgressions, Unspeakable Acts: Male Sodomy in Late-Colonial Mexico, 1744-1843." *Colonial Latin American Historical Review* 17:4 (Fall 2008, © 2012): 329-359.
- (with Thomas A. Guiler) "Braceros and Bureaucracy: Mexican Guest Workers on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad During the 1940s." *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 76:4 (Fall 2009): 422-469.
- (with Walter J. Petry) "Introduction: Five Hundred Years of Evangelizing Latin America." In Lee M. Penyak and Walter J. Petry, eds. *Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretive Essays from Conquest to Present*. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2009), 1-14.
- (with Walter J. Petry) "The Right to Appropriate, The Duty to Evangelize: Spain and the Conquest of the New World." In Lee M. Penyak and Walter J. Petry, eds. *Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretive Essays from Conquest to Present*. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2009), 15-50.
- (with Pilar García-Fabregat) "El General Manuel D. Asúnsolo y su paso por la revolución mexicana." *Revista de Historia de América* 136 (2005): 77-101.
- "Obstetrics and the Emergence of Women in Mexico's Medical Establishment." *The Americas* 60:1 (July 2003): 59-85.

- (with Verónica Vallejo) “Expectations of Love in Troubled Mexican Marriages During the Late-Colonial and Early-National Periods.” *The Historian* 65:3 (Spring 2003): 563-586.
- “Midwives and Legal Medicine in Mexico, 1740-1846.” *Journal of Hispanic Higher Education*. 1:3 (July 2002): 251-266.
- (with Pamela Duray) “Oral History and Problematic Questions Promote Issues-Centered Education.” *The Social Studies*. 90:2 (March/April 1999): 68-71.
- “Safe Harbors and Compulsory Custody: *Casas de Depósito* in Mexico, 1750-1865.” *Hispanic American Historical Review*. 79:1 (February 1999): 83-99.
- (with Pamela Duray) “Past Meets Present: A Small Mexican Town as Classroom.” *Social Education*. 60:7 (November/December 1996): 402-406.
- “Excusas válidas e inválidas ante la corte mexicana, 1756-1846.” *Extenciones* 1:1 (1994): 53-60.
- “Más que sólo la destrucción de la Leyenda Negra: Un vistazo a los estudios actuales sobre la Inquisición Española.” *Cuadernos Para la Historia de la Evangelización en América Latina*. 4 (1989): 77-86.
- “Ríos Montt and Guatemala’s Military: The Politics of Puppetry.” *Revista de Historia de América*. 108 (July-December 1989): 131-147.

Encyclopedia Entries

- (with Zeb Tortorici) “Sins Against Nature in Colonial Latin America” in *Global Encyclopedia of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) History*, edited by Chiang, Howard. (Farmington Hills, MI: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2019): III: 1494-1501. (ISBN: 978-068-432-553-8)
- (with Walter J. Petry) “Roman Catholicism in Latin America” in *Encyclopedia of Latin American Religions*, edited by Gooren, Henri P. (Switzerland: Springer International Publishing, 2019 [2016]), pp. 1374-1388. (ISBN: 978-331-908-956-0)
- “Cristero Rebellion (1927-1929)” in *Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics, Vol. I*, edited by Domenico, Roy P. and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport and London: Greenwood Press, 2006), pp. 150-152.
- “Father Miguel Hidalgo (1753-1811)” in *Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics, Vol. I*, edited by Domenico, Roy P. and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport and London: Greenwood Press, 2006), pp. 268-269.

Book Reviews

- *Mujer y poder en el siglo XIX: La vida extraordinaria de Juana Catarina Romero, cacica de Tehuantepec*. By Francie Chassen-López. Reviewed in *Historia Mexicana* LXXIII:3/291 (ene-mar. 2024). ISSN 2448-6531. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.24201/hm.v73i3,4469>.

- *Local Church, Global Church: Catholic Activism in Latin America from Rerum novarum to Vatican II.* By Stephen J.C. Andes and Julia G. Young, eds. Reviewed in *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 4 (2017): 729-732.
- *Religious Transformations in the Early Modern Americas.* By Stephanie Kirk and Sarah Rivett, eds., Reviewed in *The Catholic Historical Review* 102:2 (Spring 2016): 437-439.
- *Mothers Making Latin America: Gender, Households, and Politics Since 1825.* By Erin E. O'Connor, Reviewed in *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 40:2 (2015): 315-317.
- *Object and Apparition: Envisioning the Christian Divine in the Colonial Andes.* By Maya Stanfield-Mazzi, Reviewed in *Canadian Journal of History* 50:1 (Spring-Summer, 2015): 188-190.
- *Violent Delights, Violent Ends: Sex, Race, & Honor in Colonial Cartagena de Indias.* By Nicole von Germeten. Reviewed in *The Americas* 71:2 (October 2014): 357-358.
- *Gender and the Negotiation of Daily Life in Mexico, 1750-1856.* By Sonya Lipsett-Rivera. Reviewed in *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*, 29:2 (Summer 2013): 545-548.
- *New Worlds: A Religious History of Latin America.* By John Lynch. Reviewed in *Journal of World History*, 24:2 (June 2013): 451-453.
- *Religious Pluralism, Democracy, and the Catholic Church in Latin America.* By Frances Hagopian, ed. Reviewed in *Journal of Church and State*, 52:4 (Autumn 2010): 740-743.
- *All Can Be Saved: Religious Tolerance and Salvation in the Iberian Atlantic World.* By Stuart B. Schwartz. Reviewed in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, 20:16 (May 17, 2010): 27.
- *The Imagined Underworld: Sex, Crime, and Vice in Porfirian Mexico City.* By James Alex Garza. Reviewed in *The Hispanic American Historical Review* 89:2 (May 2009): 370-71.
- *Conversion of a Continent: Contemporary Religious Change in Latin America.* By Timothy J. Steigenga and Edward L. Cleary, eds. Reviewed in *Journal of Church and State*, 50:2 (Autumn 2008): 595-597.
- *Problems in Modern Latin American History: Sources and Interpretations.* By John Charles Chasteen and James A. Wood, eds. Reviewed in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, 15:26 (September 26, 2005): 54.
- *Simón Bolívar: Liberation and Disappointment.* By David Bushnell. Reviewed in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, 14:20 (July 12, 2004): 41.
- *State and Society in Spanish America during the Age of Revolution.* By Victor M. Uribe-Uran, ed. Reviewed in *The Americas* 59:1 (July 2002): 124-125.
- *Born in Blood and Fire: A Concise History of Latin America.* By John Charles Chasteen. Reviewed in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, 12:12 (March 25, 2002): 46.

- *Colonial Lives: Documents on Latin American History, 1550-1850*. By Richard Boyer and Geoffrey Spurling, eds. Reviewed in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, 11:14 (April 23, 2001): 52.
- *Mexico's Hidden Revolution: The Catholic Church in Law and Politics Since 1929*. By Peter Lester Reich. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review*, 23:4 (October 1997): 420.

Professional Presentations/Chair/Discussant

- “Innovative Approaches to Expanding Study Abroad Participation to Underrepresented Populations.” (poster) NAFSA 2020 National Conference. St. Louis, MO, 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19).
- “Perspective, Preparation, and Protocol: Explaining International Crisis Planning to Families and Administrators.” NAFSA Region V. Milwaukee, WI, 2019.
- "Getting the Most Out of Terra Dotta's Study Abroad Software: Workflow and Process Efficiency for Faculty-Led Programs." Michigan Association of International Educators. Grand Rapids, MI, 2019.
- “Serving High-Need Students in Study Abroad.” NAFSA Region V. Schaumburg, IL, 2018.
- “Measuring Intercultural Competency of WMU Study Abroad Students.” Assessment in Action Conference. Western Michigan University, 2018.
- “A Participatory Approach for Designing Strategies to Promote Diversity: A Case Study in Communication and Study Abroad.” Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters. Kalamazoo, MI, 2017.
- “Sex Crime in Late Colonial Mexico City.” National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies, Baton Rouge, LA, 2011.
- “The Core Set of Iberian Assumptions and the Conquest of America.” American Academy of Religion, Montreal, 2009.
- "Stirring and Suppressing Emotions: Lust in Late Colonial Mexico." Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, NM, 2009.
- “The Inquisition and Prohibited Sexual Artwork in Late Colonial Mexico.” American Historical Association/Conference on Latin American History/Committee on Lesbian and Gay History, New York, 2009.
- (with Thomas Guiler) “Mexican Guest Workers on the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroads During the 1940's.” Phi Alpha Theta Pennsylvania Regional Conference, Ursinus College, 2008.
- “Militant Spanish Catholicism and the Conquest.” National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies, Baton Rouge, LA, 2008.
- “You Want Me to Wear What? Experiences as a Foreigner in Mexican Archives.” Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Scranton, PA, 2007.

- Chair and Discussant. “Oral Histories, Local Archives and Original Scholarship.” *Alive to the Call: Women of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1880-1935*, Scranton, PA, 2007.
- “Along for the Ride: General Manuel D. Asúnsolo and the Mexican Revolution.” National Association of Hispanic & Latino Studies, Baton Rouge, LA, 2007.
- (with Walter J. Petry) “The Church, Slavery, and Afro-Christian Culture in Latin America,” Sponsored by Black Studies, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, 2006.
- “Violencia hacia las mujeres: Visión histórica y actual,” Sponsored by The Gender Project and the Department of Psychology, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, 2005.
- “Teen Realities: Political, Social, and Cultural Issues Facing Mexican Youth,” Sponsored by Latin American Studies and the Department of History, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, 2005.
- “Documenting Spousal Abuse in Mexico City, 1750-1850,” Research Seminar Series. University of Scranton, Scranton, PA, 2005.
- “Midwives and Scientific Birthing in 20th-Century Mexico.” National Association of Hispanic & Latino Studies, Houston, TX, 2004.
- “Interpersonal Relations in Mexican Society: Gender Stereotypes and the Extended Family.” Sponsored by Latin American Studies and the Department of History, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, 2003.
- Chair and Discussant. “Panel on Hispanic Catholicism.” *American Catholic Historical Association*, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA, 2003.
- (with Verónica Vallejo) “Domestic Violence in Colonial Mexico.” Phi Alpha Theta New Jersey Regional Conference, Caldwell College, 2002.
- “Women in Mexico’s Medical Establishment during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.” The History of Science Society, Denver, CO. 2001.
- “La obstetricia en México y el surgimiento de la mujer en la medicina profesional, siglos XIX-XX.” PHTV: Public Television (www.potencialhumanotv.com), Mexico City, 2001.
- “Expert Medical Testimony by Mexican Midwives, 1740-1850.” National Association of Hispanic & Latino Studies, Houston, TX, 2001.
- “Writing History to Suit the Government: Porfirio Díaz and Mexican Historiography in the Twentieth Century.” Humanities Institute, College of Arts and Sciences. Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, 1999.
- “The History of Modern Mexico through Murals.” Conference on Linking International Students through the Model United Nations. Flint Educational Community, Flint, MI, 1998.
- “The Oral History Project: Curriculum Integration through Field-Study Excursions.” National Conference for the Social Studies, Cincinnati, OH, 1997.

- “Foreign Language Study Across the College Curriculum: Spanish Documents that Place Modern Europe in Latin American Perspective.” Conference on Europe: Unity and Diversity. University of Connecticut and Marianapolis Preparatory School, Thompson, CT, 1997.
- “Protecting and Punishing Deviant Women: The *Casa de Depósito* in Mexico, 1750-1820.” Conference on Latin American History, American Historical Association, San Francisco, CA, 1994.

Awards/Grants

- Institute of International Education, American Passport Program grant (\$3,625), 25 free passports to underserved students, 2021.
- Co-author, “Sustaining Natural Ecosystems: A WMU Service-Learning Program Abroad.” WMU Sustainability Grant [supplies for project in Guatemala], 2019. \$1,750.
- Co-author, “CIEE Passport Caravan at WMU.” CIEE [100 free passports to high-need students], 2018. \$11,000.
- Co-author, “Measuring Intercultural Competence of WMU Study Abroad Students.” Western Michigan Assessment Fellows Grant, 2017.” \$4,000.
- Catholic Press Association 3rd Place, Category of “History” for co-edited 2009 Orbis Book publication, *Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretative Essays from Conquest to Present*.
- Provost’s Award for Excellence in Advancing Global Learning, University of Scranton, 2009.
- Luso-American Foundation Scholarship (Program in Portuguese), University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, 2007.
- Catholic Press Association 1st Place, Category of “Reference Work” for co-edited 2006 Orbis Book publication, *Religion in Latin America: A Documentary History*.
- “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers,” 2006.
- Internal Research Grants, University of Scranton, 2001-2009.
- Faculty-Directed Student Summer Program (Mexico City), 2001; (Scranton), 2007.
- Search Associates International School Teacher of the Year, 1998-1999.
- The Donald B. Hoffman Graduate Scholarship Award, Phi Alpha Theta, 1991.
- The Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere, American Historical Association, 1991.
- Fulbright-Hays Foundation Fellowship to Mexico, 1989-90.
- U.S. Department of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for 1987-88 (Guatemala).

- U.S. Department of Education Title VI Fellowship for Intensive Language Study, 1986 (Spain).

Select Training/Workshops/Certificate Programs Related to Study Abroad

- Webinar on “Supporting Online Students with Disabilities,” Innovative Educators, 2021.
- Campus Security Authority and Designated Official Training: Clery and Title IX, 2021.
- Global Senior Leadership Symposium, AIEA, Forum, EF, select universities, December, 2020.
- Webinar on “State of Diversity & Inclusion in International Education,” Diversity Abroad, November 19, 2020.
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion –DEI—Trainings: Diversity Education, LGBT student services, Office of Institutional Equity, Human Resources, WMU, 2019.
- Workshop on Intercultural Learning by Institute for Cross-Cultural Teaching and Learning, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 2019.
- Overseas Security Advisor Council. “Travel Safety and Security.” Lexington, KY, 2019.
- Overseas Travel Safety, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Conference. Chicago, 2019.
- NAFSA Management Development Program (Workshop). Evanston, IL, 2019.
- Fellow of “Global Citizenship Alliance.” Workshop participant, Mondsee, Austria, 2019.
- Workshops on “Mental Health and Study Abroad, “Health and Risk Management,” and “Student Selection” by FORUM, Seattle, WA, 2017.
- “The Clery Act, Title IX, and VAWA” workshop by FORUM, Dayton, Ohio, 2016.

Select University Service (Western Michigan University), 2016-2021

- “Western Cares: Helping Students in Distress” (workshop), 2021
- Haenicke Institute for Global Education (HIGE), Leaders Committees: Planning, Strategic, Operations
- HIGE Global Partnerships Symposia (frequent participant)
- International Education Committee (subcommittee of Faculty Senate), permanent member
- Diversity Awards Selection Committee
- LBGT Advisory Committee
- Gilman official university advisor
- College of Health and Human Services International Committee

- Collaborative Risk/Opportunity Management (CROM), Team 1
- Signature Program Advisory Board (Pathway champion)
- Global and Languages Learning Committee
- Phi Beta Kappa (Vice President 2018-2020, Members in Course Committee, 2017-2020)
- Broncos First (Professional Learning Community), 2016-2018
- Assessment Fellows Group
- German Study Abroad Selection Committee
- Japanese Study Abroad Selection Committee
- HIGE Diversity Council
- Nihon Passport Committee
- Passport Acceptance Agent (2018-2020)
- Search Committees V.P. of Diversity and Inclusion.
- Medallion Scholarship Observer/Evaluator, 2018

Select University Service (University of Scranton), 2000-2016

- History Department (student advisor, Open Houses, search committees)
- Member of Latin American Studies and frequent director, 2002-2016
- Member of Women's Studies and occasional steering committee member, 2001-2016
- College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) assessment subcommittee, 2014-2016
- Member of faculty gay-straight alliance, 2005-2016
- Faculty Handbook Committee, 2014-2016
- Handbook subcommittee member for interdisciplinarity, 2014-2016
- Faculty senator and alternate senator, elected sporadically between 2002-2010
- Phi Beta Kappa advisory key-holders committee, 2008-2009
- Faculty participant in Special Jesuit Liberal Arts (Honors) Program, 2001-2004
- Board member of Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, 2005-2006
- CAS Faculty Advisor, 2003-2004
- Honors Program Council, 2001-2007
- Faculty-Directed Student Summer Research Program, 2001, 2008
- Translator and thrice co-director of 4 Faculty/Staff 10-day programs to El Salvador, 2001-2005

Professional Affiliations/Associations

- Alpha Mu Gamma, University of Scranton
- Alpha Sigma Nu, Fairfield University
- American Historical Association, Frequent Member
- Conference on Latin American History, Frequent Member
- Michigan Association of International Educators, Member
- Midwest Association for Latin American Studies, Life Member
- NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Frequent Member
- Phi Alpha Theta, Fairfield University
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Connecticut (314775)
- Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Life Member

Languages

English Native speaker
Spanish Near-native proficiency
Portuguese Intermediate proficiency

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