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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Ethnic Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2018-present

Andrew W. Mellon Sawyer Seminar Postdoctoral Fellow on “Capitalism and Comparative Racialization,” The Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race, University of Washington, Seattle, 2017-2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D., American History, University of California, Davis, 2017

M.A. American History, University of California, Davis, 2014

M.A. American Studies, California State University, Fullerton, 2011

B.A. History, Women’s Studies, Global Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Ordaz, Jessica. *Policing Latino Migrants: Life Inside the El Centro Immigration Detention Facility*, In Progress.

Chapters in Edited Collections:

Ordaz, Jessica. “The Punishment Room.” In *Detained Voices/ Voces Detenidas*, edited by M. Montserrat Feu Lopez and Amanda Venta. *Forthcoming*.

Ordaz, Jessica. “Art, Activism, and Justice: Disrupting the Silence of Femicide in Ciudad Juarez.” In *New Frontier in Latin American Borderlands*, edited by Leslie G. Cecil. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing (2012): 49-58.

Journal Articles:

“Protesting Conditions Inside *El Corralon*: Immigration Detention, State Repression and Transnational Migrant Politics in El Centro, California.” *Journal of American Ethnic History: Immigration Control and Resistance: Historicizing the Present Moment*, Winter 2019, Vol. 38, Number 2.

“Controlling and Defending Mexican Reproduction in the 1970s: A (Her)story of Sterilization Abuse in California.” *Refocus: The American Papers*, California State University, Fullerton (2011): 9-26.

“Remembering and Representing Femicide in the Borderlands of Ciudad Juarez.” *Welebaethan: Journal of History*, California State University, Fullerton (2011): 153-165.

Film:

The Violence of Capital: Manufacturing Femicide. DVD. Directed by Adriana Espino and Jessica Ordaz, 2007, University of California, Santa Barbara.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, Travel Award, University of Washington, Seattle
- 2016 George E. Pozzetta Dissertation Award, The Immigration and Ethnic History Society
- 2015 President’s Graduate Student Travel Award, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Sacramento, California
- 2014 President’s Graduate Student Travel Award, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Portland, Oregon
- 2011 Best Latin American History Article, *Welebaethan Journal*, California State University, Fullerton
- 2011 Student Research Award, Graduate Forum: Diversity and Graduate Education, California State University, Fullerton

GRANTS

- 2018 Marshall T. Meyer Research Grant, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University
- 2015 University of California Humanities Research Institute, Multi-Campus Graduate Working Group
- 2015 History Department Travel and Conference Award, University California, Davis
- 2015 UC MEXUS Dissertation Research Grant
- 2014 Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Grant, The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
- 2014 History Department Research Fellowship, University California, Davis
- 2014 UC California Studies Consortium Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of California Humanities Research Institute
- 2014 Reed-Smith Research Travel Grant, University of California, Davis, History Department
- 2014 Hemispheric Institute on the Americas Research Travel Award, University of California, Davis
- 2014 UC MEXUS Small Grant for UC Students, Research and Travel Grant
- 2013 Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, University of California, Davis, Office of Graduate Studies
- 2013 Reed-Smith Research Travel Grant, University of California, Davis, History Department
- 2011 Leon & Annette Gilbert Study Abroad Scholarship, California State University, Fullerton

- 2011 College of Humanities and Social Sciences Study Abroad Travel Award, California State University, Fullerton
- 2010 Graduate Equity Fellowship, California State University, Fullerton
- 2010 Chicano/Latino Faculty and Staff Association Scholarship, California State University, Fullerton
- 2010 Associated Students Graduate Student Scholarship, California State University, Fullerton
- 2010 Emeriti Memorial Scholarship, California State University, Fullerton
- 2007 Davis-Putter Peace and Justice Grant, National
- 2007 Northern California Laborers Scholarship, Regional

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer Reviewer:

- 2019 Law and Society Review

Invited Speaker:

- 2019 "Beyond the Wall: Immigration and Human Rights Across the Americas," Worcester Polytechnical Institute, February 5, 2019.
- 2018 "The Aesthetics and Politics of the Border," Crossborder: The Aesthetics of Migration, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, November 9, 2018.
- 2018 "The Juarez Feminicides," Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc. Women of Juarez Week, CU Boulder, November 7, 2018.
- 2018 "Punishment and Policing," Histories of Racial Capitalism: Empire, Policing, and Resistance, University of Washington, Seattle Washington, November 2, 2018.
- 2017 "Spaces of Exception, Masculinity, and Testimonies of Punishment in the Imperial Valley, 1986-1994," The UC Davis Cultural Studies Colloquium, Davis, California, November 16, 2017.

Discussant:

- 2019 Immigrants and the Deportation State Panelist, "The Unmarked Grave: Migration, Detention, and Death in California's Imperial Valley," "Nativism, White Power, and Anti-Immigrant Violence in the United States," University of Chicago, Chicago IL, April 19-20, 2019.
- 2018 Session Panelist, "This Land is Your Land." ZEE JLF@Boulder, Boulder Public Library, Colorado, September 23, 2018.
- 2018 Seminar Panelist, "Border Policing, Runaway Detainees, and Labor Exploitation in California's Imperial Valley, 1945-1949." The Newberry Library Scholl Center Seminar on Borderlands and Latino/a Studies, Chicago, Illinois, February 9, 2018.
- 2017 Selected Seminar Participant, "The Functions of Immigration Detention: Forced Labor, Migrant Politics and Punishment in California's Imperial Valley, 1939-2014." The Bancroft Seminar on Latina/o History, Berkeley, California, December 8, 2017.
- 2017 Workshop Panelist, "The Detention and Deportation Regime: The Social Impacts of History, Economics, and Law." The Continuing Legal Education Seminar on Immigration: the Politics of Detention and Deportation, Seattle, Washington, November 4, 2017.

- 2016 Roundtable Panelist, "Narrating Violence and Social Movements in the Americas: The Possibilities and Challenges of Conducting Oral History." Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, California, October 12-16, 2016.

Panels Organized:

- 2015 Organizer, "Activism and Conservative Politics during the Reagan Era." Western History Association Conference, Portland, Oregon, October 21-24, 2015.

Conference Papers:

- 2017 "The Origins of the El Centro Detention Camp: Mexican Detainees, Runaways, and Laborers, 1945-1949." Paper presentation at the Conference on Latin American History, Part of the American History Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, January 5-8, 2017.
- 2016 "The Imperial Valley's Revolving Door, Immigration Detention Camp, and Bracero Reception Center." Paper presentation at the American Studies Association Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 17-20, 2016.
- 2015 "Charting a History of Immigrant Detention Centers: Privatization, Spaces of Impunity, and Activism along the U.S.-Mexico Border." Paper presentation at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Sacramento, California, August 6-8, 2015.
- 2015 "Making Invisible Carceral Spaces Visible: Activism Inside Immigrant Detention Centers Along the U.S.-Mexico Border." Paper presentation at the Western Association of Women Historians, Sacramento, California, May 14-16, 2015.
- 2015 "Resisting Immigrant Incarceration: The 1985 El Centro Detention Center Hunger Strike." Paper presentation at the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference, San Francisco, California, April 15-18, 2015.
- 2015 "Making Invisible Carceral Spaces Visible: Immigration, Detention, and Activism inside the El Centro SPC." Paper presentation at the UC Davis Gifford Center for Population Studies Migration Workshop, Davis, California, February 27, 2015.
- 2014 "Mobilizing Against Immigrant Incarceration: Spaces of Violence and Impunity and Movements of Solidarity in Southern California." Paper presentation at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Portland, Oregon, August 14-16, 2014.
- 2014 "Resisting Immigrant Incarceration: The 1985 El Centro Detention Center Hunger Strike." Paper presentation at the Imagining Latina/o Studies: Past, Present, and Future Conference, an International Latina/o Studies Conferences, Chicago, Illinois, July 17-19, 2014.
- 2014 "Resisting Immigrant Incarceration: The 1985 Hunger Strike at the El Centro Service Processing Center." Paper presented at the Midwestern Labor and Working-Class History Colloquium, Labor and Working-Class History Association, University of Illinois at Chicago, April 4-5, 2014.
- 2012 "Art, Activism, and Justice: Disrupting the Silence of Femicide in Ciudad Juarez." Paper presented at the Rethinking Power and Resistance Conference: Gender and Human Rights from Texas to the Transnational Americas, Embrey Women's Human Rights Initiative, University of Texas at Austin, October 5-6, 2012.
- 2012 "Criminalizing Latina Wombs: Immigration and Punitive Sterilization in Southern California, 1950-1979." Paper presented at the MALCS (*Mujeres Activas en Letras y*

- Cambio Social*) Summer Institute: Todos Somos Arizona: Confronting Attacks on Difference, University of California, Santa Barbara, July 22, 2012.
- 2011 “Prisons, Torture, and Neoliberalism: Zapotec Resistance to State Violence and Militarization in Loxicha, Oaxaca.” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Student Association Conference: Latin America Past and Present, California State University, Fullerton, May 14, 2011.
- 2011 “The Mayan Revival Movement in Southern California and the Search for American Authenticity.” Paper presented at the annual meeting for the California American Studies Association, California State University, Fullerton, May 6-8, 2011.
- 2011 “Controlling and Defending Mexican Reproduction in the 1970s: A (Her)story of Sterilization Abuse in California.” Paper presented at the Chicana/o Studies Alliance Symposium: Jornada-Chicana/os in Academia, California State University, Fullerton, April 9, 2011.
- 2011 “Queering the U.S.-Mexico Borderland: Sexuality and Immigration Policy at the Start of the Cold War.” Paper presented at the Gender Research Conference, CSU Fullerton, April 7, 2011.
- 2011 “Prisons, Torture, and Neoliberalism: Zapotec Resistance to State Violence and Militarization in Loxicha, Oaxaca.” Paper presentation at the Graduate Forum: Diversity in Graduate Education, California State University, Fullerton, March 21-22, 2011.
- 2010 “Controlling and Defending Mexican Reproduction in the 1970s: A (Her)story of Sterilization Abuse in California.” Paper presentation at the Immigration and Social Policy Conference: The Changing Face of America, California State University, San Jose, October 22-23, 2010.
- 2010 “Remembering and Representing Femicide in the Borderlands of Ciudad Juarez.” Paper presentation at the Latin American Borderlands Conference: New Frontiers in Race, Religion, Language, and the Arts, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas, September 30-October 2, 2010.
- 2010 “California Beautiful: Places of Oppression and Spaces of Resistance throughout the Early Twentieth Century.” Paper presentation at Significations: CSU English Graduate Student Conference, California State University, Los Angeles, April 24, 2010.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Students:

2018-2019 Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member, Melissa West (English)

University of Colorado, Boulder:

2019 ETHS 2001: Foundations of Comparative Ethnic Studies (Spring)

2019 ETHS 3671: People of Color & Social Movements (Spring)

2018 ETHS 2536: Survey of Chicana/o History & Culture (Fall)

2018 ETHS 3136: Chicana Feminisms and Knowledges (Fall)

University of California, Davis:

2017 History 169A: Mexican American History to 1910 (Reader, Spring)

2017 History 17B: History of the U.S. - Civil War to the Present (Teaching Assistant, Winter)

2016 History 1: Introduction to History (Teaching Assistant, Fall)

- 2016 History 168: Inter-American Relations (Lecturer, Summer Session)
- 2016 History 174C: U.S. History Since 1945 (Reader, Summer Session)
- 2015 History 199: Historical Research Methods (Graduate Instructor, Spring)
- 2015 History 72B: American Women and Gender, 1865 to the Present (Teaching Assistant, Spring)
- 2015 History 17B: History of the U.S. - Civil War to the Present (Teaching Assistant, Winter)
- 2015 History 165: Latin America Social Revolutions (Reader, Winter)
- 2014 History 17A: History of the United States to 1877 (Teaching Assistant, Fall)
- 2013 History 189: California History (Reader, Spring)
- 2013 History 178B: History of Race in America, 1865 to the Present (Reader, Winter)
- 2012 History 169B: Mexican American History since 1910 (Reader, Fall)

San Diego Mesa College:

- 2015 Chicana/o Studies 141A: U.S. History from a Chicana/o Perspective (Lecturer, Fall)

University of California, Irvine:

- 2012 Chicano/Latino Studies 61: Introduction to Chicano/Latino History (Lecturer, Winter)

California State University, Fullerton:

- 2012 American Studies 201: Introduction to American Studies (Lecturer, Spring)
- 2010 American Studies 201: Introduction to American Studies (Teaching Assistant, Spring)

SERVICE

Ethnic Studies Department Service:

- 2019 Graduate Methods Seminar Workshop, Department of Ethnic Studies, April 5, 2019.
- 2018-2019 Faculty Search Committee

Community Activism and Service:

- 2016-2017 UC MEXUS/CONACYT Collaborative Project, Graduate Student Team, "Humanizing Deportation: Creating a Digital Storytelling Archive"
- 2015-2016 Graduate Working Group, History Department, University of California, San Diego
- 2013-2014 Graduate Student Association Representative, History, University of California, Davis
- 2012-2017 Member, Latina/o Graduate Student Association, University of California, Davis
- 2012-2013 Mentor, Graduate Academic Achievement & Advocacy Program (GAAAP) Mentorship Program, Student Recruitment and Retention Center, University of California, Davis
- 2012-2015 Member, Women of Color Graduate Group, University of California, Davis
- 2011-2012 Co-Founder, Latina/o Graduate Student Association, California State University, Fullerton
- 2010-2011 Secretary, American Studies Student Association, California State University, Fullerton

- 2010-2011 Exhibit Research Assistant, “New Birth of Freedom: Civil War to Civil Rights in Orange County,” Center for Oral and Public History, California State University, Fullerton
- 2007-2008 Publicity Officer, El Congreso, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2007-2008 Member, Chicano/Latino Graduation Committee, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2005-2008 Member, PAZ (*Protesta y Acción Zapatista*), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2004-2008 Member, El Congreso, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2004-2008 Member, M.U.J.E.R. (*Mujeres Unidas por Justicia, Educacion, y Revolucion*) (Women United for Justice, Education, & Revolution), University of California, Santa Barbara

Editorial Boards:

- 2010-2011 Editor, American Papers: The Journal of the American Studies Student Association, California State University, Fullerton

LANGUAGES

Spanish Native speaker, writer, reader