Robert Buffington
CURRICULUM VITAE

Academic Employment
Associate Professor, Women and Gender Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, 2007 to date
Affiliations: Ethnic Studies, Latin American Studies Center, LGBTQ Studies
Graduate Appointment: History
Associate Professor, Latin American History, Bowling Green State University, 2002-2007
Affiliations: Women’s Studies, Ethnic Studies, American Culture Studies
Assistant Professor, Latin American History, Bowling Green State University, 1999-2002
Assistant Professor, Latin American History, St. John’s University (Collegeville), 1994-1999

Education

Publications
Solo Authored Books

Co-Authored Books

Co-Edited Books


Refereed Journal Articles


“Tales of Two Women: The Narrative Construal of Porfirian Reality” (written with Pablo Piccato), The Americas 55, no. 3 (January 1999), 391-424. Note: This paper won the 2000 Tibesar Prize for the best paper published in The Americas. (Co-author)


Refereed On-Line Publications

Refereed Chapters in Edited Books


Non-refereed Chapters in Edited Books, Conference Proceedings, and Reports


Short Review Essays


Louis A. Pérez, Jr., To Die in Cuba: Suicide and Society. Reviewed for The American Historical Review 111:3 (June 2006).


Carlos Alberto Garcés, El cuerpo como texto: la problemática del castigo corporal en el siglo XVIII. Reviewed for The American Historical Review 107:3 (June 2002).


**Works in Progress**

**Solo Authored Book:**

*Crime as Spectacle in Contemporary Latin America* is a book project that examines media representations of crime in contemporary Latin America with an emphasis on the role of gender and sexuality in the staging of crime for popular consumption.

**Refereed Journal Articles:**

The three future journal articles described below build on my work on the early twentieth-century Mexico City satiric penny press. I expect to publish these essays in Latin American history, cultural studies, gender studies, and/or literary studies journals within the next two or three years.

“*The People Contest the Popular: Representations of Chin-Chun-Chan in the Mexico City Penny Press.*” This article will analyze popular attitudes towards Chinese immigrants as reflected in running commentary on the most popular musical comedy of early twentieth-century Mexico, *Chin-Chun-Chan*.

“*Piropo Politics: Sexual Harassment and Male Insecurity in Early Twentieth-Century Mexico City.*” This article will examine the social meanings behind the everyday sexual harassment of women by working-class men in early twentieth-century Mexico City.
“La Suegra: Mothers-in-Law and Misogyny in the Popular Imagination, Mexico City 1900-1910.” This article will explore the potent (and dreaded) figure of the mother-in-law as represented in the satiric penny press for workers.

Papers, Presentations, Seminars and Workshops

Academic Conference Presentations

“Violencia verbal y control social. El piropo en la ciudad de México a principios del siglo veinte.” Accepted for presentation at the Primer Congreso Internacional de la Asociación Latinoamericana y Ibérica de Historia Social, Mexico City, March 23-25, 2015.


“Dancing Race and Class in Post-Revolutionary Mexico City.” Presented to the Ohio Latinamericanist Conference at Ohio State University, February 27, 2004.


**Academic Conference Participation as Chair and/or Commentator**

Chair for a panel on “La homosexualidad en la ciudad de México, 1930-2000: espacios, prácticas, e identidades,” at the XIV Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de Mexico, Chicago, IL, September 18-21, 2014.

Chair for a panel on “Gender Analysis and Interdisciplinarity,” at the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, Boulder, CO, September 5-7, 2014.


Chair for a panel on “Romanticism and Politics in the Nineteenth Century,” at the Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, April 6-11, 2011.

Chair and commentator for a panel on “Porfirian Mexico,” at the Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, April 7-11, 2010.

Chair and commentator for a panel on “Imperial Forms, Transnational Ideologies, and Local Subjectivities in the Americas,” at the Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, March 4-7, 2009.

Chair and commentator for a panel on “Thwarting Intentions: Culture, Power, and Identity in Modern Mexico,” at the Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies Annual Meeting, Flagstaff, AZ, April 9-12, 2008.


Commentator for a panel on “Honor and Political History in the Modern Period,” at the Latin American Studies Association XXIV International Congress, Dallas, TX, March 27-29, 2003.

Chair and commentator for a panel on “La prisión política en América Latina,” at the Latin American Studies Association XXIV International Congress, Dallas, TX, March 27-29, 2003.


Chair and commentator for a panel on “States and Sexualities: Gender and Social Reform in Mexico and Chile, 1900-1940,” at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 10, 1999.

Chair for panel on “Citizenship and Deviance in Latin America,” at the Conference on Latin American History Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 6, 1996.

Invited Academic Talks
“La masculinidad en crisis: don Juan y el parto pesado del amor moderno en la época porfiriana?” To be presented at the Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia (Mexico City), March 26, 2015.

“Danzón and the Transformation of Patriarchy.” Presented to the Oaxaca Field School, Oaxaca, Mexico, June 30, 2011.


“Rumbo perdido: Trangressive Journeys into Manhood, Mexico City 1900-1910” for the Crime Narratives in Modern Latin America meeting, Columbia University, May 1, 2010.


“Subjectivity, Agency, and the New History of Gender and Sexuality in Latin America,” for the Colloquium on Race, Class, and Gender in Latin American Civil Society at Ohio State University, January 30, 2004.


“Criminalidad en Tiempos de Crisis,” for Universidad del CEMA (Centro de Estudios Macroeconómicos de Argentina), Buenos Aires, August 2, 2002.

“La educación sentimental de la clase obrera en la ciudad de México, 1900-1910,” for the Universidad de General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires, June 12, 2002.


“On Male Subjectivity, Violence against Women, and a Modern Sacrificial Economy,” for the “Ciudadanías y sujectividades: la(s) esfera(s) pública(s) en América Latina” meeting at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, April 12, 2002.


“Los Jotos: Contested Visions of Homosexuality in Modern Mexico,” for the “Contested Terrains of Law, Justice, and Repression in Latin American History” colloquium, Yale University, April 25, 1997. This paper was also presented at the Pacific Coast Branch/American Historical Association Annual Conference, San Diego, California, August 8, 1998.


**Academic Roundtables**


Chair and commentator for a panel on “Efficiency versus the Public Interest: The Privatization of Prisons” at Borders and Inequality in Policy History: A National Policy History Conference, Bowling Green State University, June 2, 2000.

Workshops, Networks, Conference Organization, Seminars, etc.
Founding member of the Red de Historiadores del Delito en la Américas. This network includes historians of crime in Latin America from Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Chile, and the United States.

Member of an international research group on “Crime and Social Control in America and Europe, 1850-1950: Speeches and Institutional Practices,” 2010 to date. Based in Buenos Aires, Argentina, this research group brings together scholars from all over Europe and the Americas who do research on crime and social control.

Conference organizer for “Sexualities and Borders Symposium,” March 23-24, 2005. This two-day symposium at Bowling Green State University brought together leading regional scholars of sexualities and borders to present and discuss their latest research. The symposium also included documentary films and a live performance.

Member of the “Administration of Justice in Mexico Research Project.” This was a three-year comprehensive, interdisciplinary study of contemporary criminal justice in Mexico, 2001-2004 directed by the University of California at San Diego’s Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies.

Conference organizer for “Envisioning Local Responses to Violence Against Women,” April 2001. This conference was jointly sponsored by Bowling Green State University’s Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service, the BGSU Graduate Program in Policy History, and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Lucas County/Toledo. It provided a forum for academics, policymakers and practitioners to engage the broader theoretical issues involved in violence against women in the context of local policymaking.

Participant in the NEH Seminar on “Nation, State and Cultural Pluralism” directed by Crawford Young at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Summer 1997.


**Teaching Experience**

**University of Colorado Boulder**
American Borderlands (graduate seminar): Spring 2008
Feminist Theories (graduate seminar with Lorraine Bayard de Volo): Fall 2008
Feminist Theories (graduate seminar): Spring 2010
Gender, Race, and Class in a Global Context: Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2014
Global History of Sexuality: Fall 2007
Global Gender Issues: Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011
Latin American History since 1800: Fall 2012
Bowling Green State University
Global History of Sexuality (graduate seminar)
American Borderlands: Sex, Race, and Nation (graduate seminar with Susana Peña)
Comparative Crime and Punishment (graduate seminar)
Latin American History in Film (graduate seminar)
Latino History and Culture
Modern Latin America
Modern Mexico
Modern World
Sex and Sexuality in Latin America
Teaching College History
US-Mexico Borderlands (with Mark Hernández)

Visiting Professor at the Universidad de San Andrés (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
Temas en la historia cultural mexicana (graduate seminar): Summer 2002

St. John’s University (Collegeville, MN)
The Church in Latin America
Colonial Mexico
History of Crime and Punishment (with Cynthia Curran)
History Pro-Seminar in Latin American History
History Research Seminar
History of Sexuality (with Linda Lierheimer)
Latin American Experience
Modern Mexico
Honors Symposium
Symposium

Awards and Grants
National Awards and Grants
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow (2006-2007)
Social Science Research Council Research Associate (for Susana Peña), Sexuality Research Fellowship Program (2004-2005)
Tibesar Prize for best paper published in The Americas (2000) (see publications)
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Grant (1997)

Institutional Awards and Grants
College Scholar Award: University of Colorado Boulder, 2014-2015
LEAP (Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion) Individual Growth Grant: University of Colorado Boulder, 2012
Institute for the Study of Culture and Society Fellow: Bowling Green State University (BGSU), 2012
PCA (Partnerships for Community Action) Grant (BGSU)
CPA&PS (Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service) Grant (BGSU)
CISS (Creative Imaginings for Student Success) Grant (BGSU)
St. John’s University Advising Award for 1998-1999
MacPherson Grant for Summer Research (St. John’s University)
Dillon Grant for Summer Research (St. John’s University)

Service at the University of Colorado Boulder
Woman and Gender Studies Program
Major WGST Service Positions
Director, Women and Gender Studies Program (Summer 2011–Summer 2014)
Director of Graduate Studies, Chair of Graduate Committee, WGST (Fall 2007–)

Minor WGST Service Positions
PUEC member for Promotion and Tenure Committee (2015)
Post-Tenure Review Committee Chair, WGST (AY 2010-2011, AY 2012-2013)
WGST Search Committee Chair (Fall 2007–Spring 2008)
WGST Executive Committee (Fall 2007–)
WGST Merit Evaluation Committee (Fall 2007–)
Faculty Mentor for Deepti Misri (Fall 2008 to present), Emmanuel David (Spring 2013 to present), Katie Oliviero (Fall 2012 through Spring 2014)

College of Arts and Sciences
Major A & S Service Positions
Arts and Sciences Council Representative (Spring 2015—)
Director, Women and Gender Studies Program (Summer 2011-Summer 2014)
Director (and Co-Founder), Latin American Studies Center (Fall 2010–Summer 2011)

Minor A & S Service Positions
ASC Grievance Committee (Spring 2015—)
Internal Reviewer for Medieval and Early Modern Studies Program (Spring 2009)
PUEC Committee Member for Instructor Reappointment, Farrand RAP (Fall 2013)
History Department Search Committee Member (Fall 2012–Spring 2013)
Arts and Sciences Council Space Planning Committee (Spring 2010)
Steering Committee, Latin American Studies Center (Fall 2009–)

CU Campus
Major CU Campus Service Positions
Honors Council Representative (Fall 2007–Spring 2011)
Study Abroad Committee (Fall 2009–)

Minor CU Campus Service Positions
Honors Council Subcommittee to select Honors Fellow (Spring 2010)
Ben Brown Scholarship Committee, Study Abroad (Fall 2013–)

CU System
University Faculty Council, GLBTI Committee (2008–2010)
**Professional Memberships**
- Conference on Latin American History
- Latin American Studies Association
- Rocky Mountain Latin American Studies Association
- Fulbright Association
- Phi Beta Kappa

**Professional Service**

**External program reviews:**
- Women’s and Gender Studies Program, University of Oklahoma (2011)
- Gender Studies Program, University of Utah (2009)

**Tenure and Promotion external reviews:**
- Boise State University, University of Texas at Dallas, University of Alabama, Butler University, Stonybrook University, Indiana University, University of Missouri at St. Louis, University of Minnesota, York University, The Citadel, Bradley University, Franklin and Marshall University, Humboldt University.

**Book manuscript reviews:**

**Article manuscript reviews:**

**Editorial Boards:**
- Frontiers: *A Journal of Women’s Studies*
- Politics & Gender

**Fellowship proposal and grant reviews:**

**Prize Committees:**
- Ligia Parra Jahn Award for the Rocky Mountain Latin American Studies Association (2010)