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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Associate Professor** Department of History, Claremont Graduate University, *July 2015 – present*  
**Assistant Professor**, Department of History, University of Wyoming, *August 2009 – 2015*  
**Affiliate Assistant Professor**, Global and Area Studies Program, University of Wyoming, *October 2010 – present*  
**Visiting Lecturer**, Asian American Studies, University of California Los Angeles, *Fall 2008*  
**Carolina Postdoctoral Scholar**, Department of History, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, *2006 – 2008*  
**Teaching Associate**, Department of History, University of California Los Angeles, *2004-2005*  
**Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, University of California Los Angeles, *2001-2002*

## EDUCATION

**Doctorate of Philosophy**, *September 2006*, University of California at Los Angeles, Department of History, United States Field  
*Dissertation Title*: Intra-Colonial Lives: Puerto Rican and Filipino sugar plantation recruits to Hawai'i, 1900 to 1940, *Committee members*: Professor Henry Yu (Chair), Professor Robin Derby, Professor Lucy Burns

**Master of Arts**, *December 2002*, University of California at Los Angeles, Department of History, United States Field

**Bachelor of Arts**, *June 1997*, University of California at Davis: History major, Asian American Studies minor, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa  
*Undergraduate Honors Thesis*: Legacies of Nativism and Colonialism: A Study of the 1935 Repatriation Act of Pilipinos in the United States, *Advisor*: Professor Lorena Oropeza

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

**Islanders in the Empire: Filipino and Puerto Rican Laborers in Hawai'i**, University of Illinois Press, The Asian American Experience Series, 2014

### *Academic Articles*

**“Historical Migration revealed through a Case of Autosomal Dominant Alzheimer’s Disease,”** co-authored with John Ringman, M.D., *The Puerto Rico Health Sciences Journal*, *September 2019*

**The S.S. Mongolia Incident: Medical Politics and Filipino Colonial Migration in Hawai'i**, *Pacific Historical Review*, Volume 82, Issue 2, May 2013

**Tenuous Colonial Leadership: Filipino and Puerto Rican local community ethnic mediators in Hawai'i, 1900-1940**, *Transnational Crossroads: Remapping the Americas and the Pacific*, edited by Camilla Fojas and Rudy Gueverra, Jr., Borderlands and Transcultural Studies series, University of Nebraska Press, 2012

**Bridging Indigenous and Immigrant Struggles: A Case Study of American Sāmoa**, *American Quarterly*, September 2010

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## **Book Reviews**

**Gateway State** by Sarah Miller-Davenport, *Hawaiian Journal of History*, 2020

**Beyond Hawaii: Native Labor in the Pacific World** by Gregory Rosenthal, *Pacific Historical Review*, 2019

**The Burden of White Supremacy** by David Atkinson, *Journal of American History*, 2018

**Building Filipino Hawai'i** by Roderick Labrador, *Journal of Asian American Studies*, 2016

**Sovereign Sugar** by Carol MacLennan, *American Historical Review*, 2015

**Little Manila Is in the Heart** by Dawn Mabalon, *Journal of American History*, 2014

**Cultures of Commemoration** by Keith Camacho, *Journal of World History*, 2012

**Pacific Gibraltar** by William Michael Morgan, *Hawaiian Journal of History*, 2012

**Model-Minority Imperialisms** by Victor Bascara, *MELUS*, Spring 2009

## **Works in Progress**

**Balancing the Tides: Marine Practices in American Sāmoa**, University of Hawai'i Press

\*selected for Mellon Foundation Sustainable History Monograph Pilot to publish 100 scholarly history books on the environment through new digital-publishing software

*Status*: copyedits completed September 9, 2019, waiting for page proofs

*Timeline*: online PDF publication projected November 2019, paper copy publication, November 2020

**"American Island Empire,"** *Cambridge History of America and the World*, synthesis essay in a three volume series

*Length*: 8,500 words

*Status*: Final revisions accepted in May 2019, waiting for page proofs

*Timeline*: projected publication, 2020

**"The History of Liminality: Filipin@ American third spaces of being within the U.S. empire,"**

*Filipinx American Studies: A Critical Registry of Terms*, Fordham University Press, state-of-the-field essay for histories of Filipinx Studies

*Length*: 2,500 words

*Status*: final revisions submitted March 2019, waiting for page proofs

*Timeline*: projected publication, 2020

## **TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**"UC Davis Asian American Studies: From Past Accomplishments to A Bright Future,"**

featured speaker for the 50th anniversary of UC Davis Asian American Studies, *November 2019*

**"The U.S. Empire in the Pacific and Caribbean,"** Invited Speaker for the Sovereignty in the Caribbean speaker series, Penn State, *April 2019*

**"Art, Migration, and Political Activism: Caribbean and Pacific Islander Migrants in the Pacific,"**

Roundtable panelist, Center for Latin@ and Latin American Studies Symposium on Justice, University of Oregon, *March 2018*

**Pacific Wage War: Divergent Labor Standards and Minimum Wage issues in American Sāmoa,** Labor and Working-Class History Association conference, *June 2017*

**The Devolution of Marine Sanctuary Development in American Sāmoa,** American Society of Environmental Historians conference, *March 2017*

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**Linkages and Divergences Across U.S. Colonialisms: A Case Study of American Sāmoa and Hawai'i**, American History Association- Pacific Coast Branch conference, *August 2016*

**Islanders in the Empire**, Book talk at UC San Diego, *May 2016*

**Launching Critical Filipin@ Studies and Engaging the Project of Asian American Studies**, Association for Asian American Studies Conference, *April 2016*

**Trans-National Filipinos in the Borderland of Hawai'i: Author/Critic Roundtable on New Books**, Association for Asian American Studies Conference, *April 2015*

**third spaces of being/transient space/multiple positionalities**, Plenary Session Speaker for Philippine and Filipino Studies: 40 Years Hence: An International Conference in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary of the Center for Philippine Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, *April 2015*

**Intra-Colonial Filipino Labor Petitions and Protests in the US Territory of Hawai'i**, Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas small conference, *November 2014*

**Clash of Empire: Conflicting Labor Recruitment Desires and Policies within U.S. colonial governance**, American Studies Association conference, *November 2014*

**Common Subjectivities: American Sāmoan and Pacific Islander Labor Migrant Experiences under U.S rule, 1900 to the present**, Wyoming Institute for the Humanities, *May 2014*

**Islanders in the Empire: Filipino and Puerto Rican Laborers in Hawai'i, 1900-1940**, History Department, University of California at San Diego, *January 2014*

**Comparative Connectivities: Rethinking Inter-Asian Linkages**, The Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, *October 2013*

**Mobile U.S. Colonials: Filipino Experiences in the Pacific**, American Studies Department, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, *November 2012*

**Angry Little Brown Brothers: Similarities and Differences of U.S. Colonials in the Pacific and the Caribbean**, American Studies Association Conference, *November 2012*

**Tasting Identities: Food Practices of Puerto Ricans in Hawai'i**, American Studies Association Conference, *October 2011*

**Doctoring the Filipino mobility problem: Colonial controversies surrounding the S.S. Mongolia, 1910-1911**, Association for Asian American Studies Conference, *May 2011*

**Roundtable Panelist**, Ethnic Studies in the U.S. Heartland: Challenges and Possibilities, Critical Ethnic Studies Conference, UC Riverside, *March 2011*

**Roundtable Panelist**, Special Issues in the World: Alternative Contact: Indigeneity, Globalism, and American Studies, American Studies Association, *November 2010*

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**Tenuous Colonial Leadership: Filipino and Puerto Rican local community ethnic mediators in Hawai'i, 1900-1940**, Association for Asian American Studies Conference, *April 2009*

**Neither Citizens nor Foreigners: Filipino and Puerto Rican sugar plantation workers in Hawai'i, 1900 – 1940**, Department of History, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, *February 2009*

**Invisible Wards of the U.S.: Filipino and Puerto Rican sugar plantation workers in Hawai'i**, American Studies Association Convention, *October 2008*

**Neither Citizens nor Foreigners: Filipino Sugar Plantation Workers in Hawai'i, 1900-1940**, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Ethnic Studies colloquia, *October 2008*

**Intra-Colonial Mobility and Individual Choice: The failure of Puerto Rican and the success of Filipino flow in and out of Hawai'i**, Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, *March 2008*

**U.S. Colonial Experiences: Filipino and Puerto Rican Labor Migrants to Hawai'i, 1900-1940**, Arizona State University Asian Pacific American Studies Program, *February 2008*

**Negotiating Colonial Worlds: Local Community Leaders Working for Filipino and Puerto Rican Laborers in Hawai'i, 1900-1940**, UNC Chapel Hill Department of History, *September 2007*

**Neither Citizen nor Alien: The Impact of Political-Legal Status on Labor in Hawai'i, 1900 to 1940**, North Carolina Triangle-wide Labor and Civil Rights Working Group, *April 2007*

**Intra-Colonial Negotiations: Puerto Rican and Filipino labor and migration experiences in Hawai'i from 1900 – 1940**, Institute for African American Research, Rac-ing Research, Researching Race Seminar, UNC Chapel Hill, *March 2007*

**Re-visioning the U.S. Immigrant Experience: Social Stigmas, Personal Stories and Global Contexts**, Project for Historical Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, *February 2007*

**Colonial Challenges: Puerto Rican and Filipino Labor Complaints in Hawai'i, 1900 to 1940**, International Conference on the Hawaii Filipino Centennial, *December 2006*

**Filipino Experiences in Hawai'i: 1900 to 1940**, Filipino American National Historical Society Conference, *June 2006*

**Makeshift Mediators: Local Filipino and Puerto Rican leaders in Hawai'i from 1900 to 1940**, Latin American Studies Association Conference, *March 2006*

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

**Claremont Colleges Diversity and Inclusion Teaching Award**, 2019

**Inaugural Best Book in History Award**, Filipino Studies Caucus, Association for Asian American Studies, 2018

**International Travel Grant**, University of Wyoming, 2014-2015

**Individual Research Fellowship**, Wyoming Institute for the Humanities, 2014-2015

**Basic Research Grant**, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Wyoming, 2014-2015

**Manuscript Subvention**, University of Wyoming Office of Research and University of Wyoming Department of History, 2013

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**NEH Summer Seminar**, Rethinking Immigration, UCLA, 2011  
**EOC/AAAS Junior Faculty Development Workshop**, Penn State, 2011  
**Teaching and Research Grant**, American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, 2010  
**Travel Grant for Humanities Matter! conference**, Wyoming Humanities Council, 2009  
**Postdoctoral Award for Research Excellence**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007-2008

## DEPARTMENT/SAH SERVICE

- Faculty advisor for Phi Alpha Theta, History Honors society, 2016 to present
- Faculty advisor for the Oral History Collection, 2017 to the present
- Guest speaker for History theory course, *Fall 2016, 2017, 2018*
- Guest speaker for Cultural Studies Writing Workshop course, *April 2016, May 2018*

### Ph.D. Exam Administrator, Major Field

Jeffrey Griffith, *Fall 2017*  
Hilary Blum, *Spring 2020*  
Kaitlyn Bylard, *Spring 2020*

### Ph.D. Exam Administrator, Minor Field

Lukas Gunderson, *Spring 2017*  
Hye Ok Park, *Fall 2017*  
Julianne Johnson, *Spring 2018*  
Michael Pesses, *Fall 2018*  
Joseph Ramirez, *Spring 2019*  
Sherman Keith Rice, *Spring 2019*  
Jocelyn Sorenson  
Stephen Reed  
Mercedes Gonzalez-Ontanon  
Katherine Ahn

### Ph.D. Committee Chair

Elwing Gonzales, *Fall 2017*  
Jeffrey Griffith, *Spring 2019*  
Hye Ok Park, *Summer 2019*  
Lara Kolinchak, *proposal defended Fall 2018*

### Ph.D. Committee Member

JungJa Yu, *Fall 2018*  
Bethany Burns, *Summer 2019*  
Julianne Johnson, *proposal defended Spring 2019*  
Michael Pesses, *proposal defended Spring 2019*  
Kerri Dean, *proposal defended Fall 2019*  
Jeff Shearer  
Sherman Keith Rice  
Davina Warden

### M.A. Thesis Chair

Ricardo Aponte, *Summer 2017*  
Hilary Blum, *Spring 2017*  
Natalie Rocha, *Spring 2019*  
Andrew Rodriguez, *Fall 2019*  
Diana Nightengale, *Summer 2020*

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## M.A. Thesis Reader

Grayson Hough, *Spring 2017*  
Adrian Noone, *Summer 2019*  
Federick De La Paz, *Fall 2019*  
Michelle Hanh  
Sonia Espinoza

## CGU SERVICE

- Affirmative Action and Diversity Committee, chair, *2019-present*
- Nominating Committee for Dr. David Cressy, *2019*
- Tenure and Promotion Nominating Committee for Matthew Bowman, *2019*
- Search Committee Member, Howard W. Hunter Chair of Mormon Studies, *Spring 2019*
- Sponsored Dr. Maythee Rojas for a class visit, *Spring 2019*
- Community Representative for Title IX case, *Spring 2018*
- Affirmative Action and Diversity Committee, member, *2017-2020*
- Participated in SAH Cultural Studies search campus visits, *Spring 2018*
- Participated in CGU President's dinner for strategic planning, *Summer 2017*
- Affirmative Action and Diversity Committee, sabbatical replacement, *2016-2017*
- Sponsored Dr. Kiristina Sailiata for an on-campus talk, *November 2017*
- Sponsored Dr. Naomi Park for an on-campus talk, *October 2016*
- Sponsored Dr. Ketih Camacho for an on-campus talk, *May 2016*
- Presentation for CGU Board of Trustees, *March 2016*

## CONSORTIUM SERVICE

- Member of the Native American Indigenous Studies Working Group, *2018 to the present*
- Introduced Dr. Dean Saranillio for the Pacific Basin Institute "Decolonizing the Pacific" series, *Spring 2019*
- Participant in Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies search, *Spring 2018*
- Library Active Print Advisory Task Force, CGU representative, *Spring 2017*
- Advised four KGI students on interviewing and surveying techniques, *Fall 2016*
- Participant in Intercollegiate Feminist Center, *Spring 2016 to present*

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Pacific Coast Branch-American Historical Association Program Committee, *2017 to present*
- Chair for two panels, PCB-AHA annual meeting, *2019*
- Chair for two panels and one roundtable, PCB-AHA annual meeting, *2018*
- Participant in Women's History Workshop, UCLA, *Spring 2018*
- Association for Asian American Studies Book Prize committee, *2017*
- Academic advisor for *Finding Your Roots with Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*, *2017*
- Academic advisor for Latino NPR program of Puerto Ricans in Hawai'i, *2017*
- Academic advisor for Philippine American war documentary, *2017*
- Manuscript Reviewer for *American Quarterly*, *American Historical Review*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Amerasia Journal*, *Philippine Studies*, *MELUS*, *University of Illinois Press*, *University of Missouri Press*, *University of Washington Press*
- Commentator for panel on "Intersecting Empires: Accumulation, Labor, and Possibilities of Solidarity in the Pacific World," at Labor and Working-Class History association panel, *June 2017*
- Founding member for Critical Filipin@ Studies Journal, *2016*

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- Member of the Association for Asian American Studies, American Studies Association, Organization of American Historians, Labor and Working-Class History Association, American Historical Association, American Society of Environmental Historians, Native and American Indian Studies Association
- Chair and commentator for Filipino/Latino intersection panel, Association for Asian American Studies, *April 2014*
- Panelist for “Getting Experience and Money: Internship, Fellowships, and Grant-Writing for Beginners,” University of Wyoming Brownbag Series, *January 2013*
- Panelist for NEH America’s Historical and Cultural Organizations (AHCO) Grant Panel, *2012*
- Comparative and trans-colonialisms roundtable panelist, Association for Asian American Studies, *2009*
- Program Committee member, Labor and Working-Class History Association, *2007-2008*
- Professionalization workshop panelist, East of California caucus, Association for Asian American Studies, *2008*
- Panel Moderator for “Race and the Environment,” Institute for African American Research conference, *2007*