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Education

Ph.D. History, University of Pittsburgh Certificate in Latin American Studies (in progress)	expected: 2029
M.A. History, University of Pittsburgh	2025
Graduate Course in Higher Education Teaching (no degree), Universidad de Panamá	2021
M.A. Urban Studies, Universitat de Barcelona	2018
B.A. Architecture, Isthmus: Escuela de Arquitectura y Diseño	2015

Fellowships and Grants

World History Center Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (2025-2026)
Field Research Grant (for Panama and the US), Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh (Summer 2025)
Field Research Grant (for Panama and the US), Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh (Summer 2024)
Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh (2023-2024)
Research Fellowship, Centro de Investigaciones Históricas Antropológicas y Culturales (CIHAC AIP) (September 2021 – February 2022)

Conferences and Presentations

Conference papers:

“Reinterpreting Anti-Imperialism: Antifascism, Inter-American Cooperation, and the Panamanian Housing Crisis of World War II,” Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Conference, Arlington, 26-28 June 2025.
“Tenants against Fascism: Popular Struggles for Housing in World War II Panama,” Three Rivers Graduate History Conference, Pittsburgh, 14-15 March 2025.

Invited talks:

“Inquilinos contra el fascismo: Antiimperialismo, democracia y luchas populares por la vivienda en Panamá, 1941-1947,” Jornadas Académicas, CIHAC-AIP, 3 July 2025, Panama City, Panama.

“Los orígenes del Parque de Santa Ana,” Festival Urbanamá, 20-22 May 2022, Panama City, Panama.

“La producción del espacio público en Panamá, 1878-1890,” Public Presentation of Research Results, CIHAC AIP, 4 May 2022, Panama City, Panama.

Panel organization:

“Pulling in the Colossus: New Perspectives on US Intervention in Latin America,” panel for the SHAFR Annual Conference, Arlington, 26-28 June 2025.

Teaching

University of Pittsburgh:

HIST 0501 Modern Latin America (Teaching Assistant, Spring 2025)

HIST 0612 American Capitalism (Teaching Assistant, Fall 2024)

Universidad de Panamá:

PLAN 4321 Urban Planning (Primary Instructor, Summer 2021)

DIS 2311 Architectural Design II (Primary Instructor, Summer 2020)

Professional Affiliations

Associate Researcher at Panama’s Centro de Investigaciones Históricas Antropológicas y Culturales (CIHAC AIP)

Member of The Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)

Member of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

Service to the Field

President, GSO History Department, University of Pittsburgh (2025-2026)

Graduate Committee Representative, GSO History Department, University of Pittsburgh (2024-2025)

Organizing Committee, 26th Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference, University of Pittsburgh (2024)

Grant Reviewer, Centro de Investigaciones Históricas Antropológicas y Culturales (2023)

Languages

Spanish / English / Italian