

MICHEL GOBAT
Curriculum Vitae

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of Chicago	1998
M.A. History, University of Chicago	1991
Lic. History, English Literature, and Linguistics, University of Zurich (Switzerland)	1989

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

University of Pittsburgh, Department of History, Professor of History	2019-
University of Pittsburgh, Department of History, Associate Professor of History	2016-2019
University of Iowa, Department of History, Associate Professor of History	2005-2015
University of Pittsburgh, Department of History, Visiting Associate Professor of History	2014-15
University of Iowa, Department of History, Assistant Professor of History	1999-2005
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science, Lecturer	Spring 1998
Harvard University, Committee on Degrees in History & Literature, Teaching Fellow	1995-97
Harvard University, Department of History, Teaching Fellow	Spring 1996
University of Chicago, Wilder House Series in Politics, History & Culture, Editorial Intern	1991-92

SHORT-TERM TEACHING ABROAD

University of Costa Rica, Visiting Professor (1 week)	2011
Bolivian Ministry of Foreign Relations, Diplomatic Academy, Visiting Professor (2 weeks)	2008
Center for Studies of Economic and Social Reality and Center for Sociological Investigations, University of San Simón, Cochabamba, Bolivia, Visiting Lecturer (2 weeks)	1993

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Empire by Invitation: William Walker and Manifest Destiny in Central America, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2018 (384 pages).

Recognition: American Historical Association, Friedrich Katz Prize for best book on Latin America and the Caribbean; Best Book Prize, Latin American Studies Association Nineteenth Century Section; A *Foreign Affairs* Best Book of 2018; Finalist, PROSE Award in North American/U.S. History, Association of American Publishers.

Confronting the American Dream: Nicaragua under U.S. Imperial Rule, Durham: Duke University Press, 2005 (373 pages; published simultaneously in paperback and hardback).

Reviewed in (among others) *American Historical Review*, *Atlantic Studies*, *Business History*, *Diplomatic History*, *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, *Hispanic-American Historical Review*, *International History Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Journal of Military History*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Mesoamérica*, *Revista Iberoamericana*.

Spanish versión: *Enfrentando el Sueño Americano: Nicaragua bajo el dominio imperial de Estados Unidos*. Translated by Frances Kinloch Tijerino. Managua: UCA-IHNCA, 2010.

Reviewed in: *Revista de la Academia de Geografía e Historia de Nicaragua* 71 (2011), 267-70; *Nuevo Amanecer Cultural* (21 August 2010).

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

¿Oligarcas revolucionarios? Repensando la participación de la élite conservadora en la Revolución

- Sandinista,” *Confidencial*, March 24, 2014.
- “The Invention of Latin America: A Transnational History of Anti-Imperialism, Democracy, and Race,” *The American Historical Review* 118:5 (2013): 1345-75 (refereed). Awarded the 2014 Vanderwood Prize, Conference on Latin American History.
- “Reconstrucción histórica de la Revolución Sandinista en Nicaragua,” *Mesoamérica* 54 (2012): 142-47 (refereed; translated by Margarita Cruz).
- “La construcción de un estado neo-colonial: el encuentro nicaragüense con la diplomacia del dólar,” *Iconos: Revista de Ciencias Sociales* 34 (2009): 53-65 (refereed).
- “Reflexiones sobre el encuentro de los nicaragüenses con el régimen filibustero de William Walker, 1855-1856.” *Revista de Historia* 20-21 (2006): 71-87.
- “‘Contra el espíritu burgués’: La élite nicaragüense ante la amenaza de la modernidad, 1918-1929,” *Revista de Historia* 13 (1999): 17-34.
- “Nicaragua perdió la partida, la ganó la oligarquía’: La élite nicaragüense y la intervención financiera de los Estados Unidos en Nicaragua, 1912-1926,” *Revista de Historia* 5-6 (1995): 58-71.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES:

- “The Idea of Latin America in the Nineteenth Century,” Agnes Lugo-Ortiz and Graciela Montaldo (eds.), *Routledge Companion to Nineteenth-Century Latin America*, Routledge Press, forthcoming.
- “The ‘Americas’ in the History of IR,” Mlada Bukovansky, Edward Keene, Maja Spanu, and Christian Reus-Smit (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of History and International Relations*, Oxford University Press, 2023: 483-498.
- “Presentación,” Víctor H. Acuña Ortega and Héctor Lindo-Fuentes, *El Salvador y Costa Rica en la construcción imperial de Estados Unidos (1850-1921)*, San Salvador, UCA editors, 2022: 9-16.
- “Central America & the United States,” Robert Holden (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Central American History*, Oxford University Press, 2020: 309-333.
- “‘Our Indian Empire’: The Transimperial Origins of U.S. Liberal Imperialism,” Kristin Hoganson and Jay Sexton (eds.), *Crossing Empires: Taking U.S. History into Transimperial Terrain*, Duke University Press, 2020: 69-92.
- “La vida cotidiana en Granada, Nicaragua, durante el régimen filibustero de William Walker, 1855-1857,” Víctor Hugo Acuña (ed.), *Filibusterismo y destino manifiesto en las Américas*, San José: Museo Histórico Cultural Juan Santamaría, 2010: 105-18.
- “Imperialistische Modernisierung und ihre Widersprüche: Das ‘feudale’ Regime der Dollardiplomatie und der US-amerikanischen Besatzung in Nicaragua, 1912-27,” Stephan Scheuzger and Peter Fleer (eds.), *Die Moderne in Lateinamerika. Zentren und Peripherien des Wandels. Festschrift für Hans Werner Tobler zum 65. Geburtstag*. Frankfurt, 2009: 341-76 (translated by P. Fleer).

BOOK REVIEWS:

A Contracorriente: A Journal on Social History and Literature in Latin America, *American Historical Review*, *Diplomatic History*, *H-Diplo Roundtable Review*, *Hispanic-American Historical Review*, *Istmo: Revista de estudios literarios y culturales centroamericanos*, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Revista de Historia*, *Revista Iberoamericana*, *The Americas*.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- Essay on “Nicaragua and the American Dream” for Katharina Vester and Michaela Hampf (eds.), *The Routledge History Handbook on the American Dream*.
- Book manuscript that surveys the history of US-Central American relations from the mid-nineteenth century to the present.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship	2013-14
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship	2008-09
Faculty Scholar Award, University of Iowa	2008-11
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship	2000-01
Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research Grant, for dissertation write-up	1995
Sawyer Doctoral Fellowship through Harvard University Trade Union Program	1996-97
MacArthur Scholar Award, through the University of Chicago, for dissertation research	1993-94

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2022, Best undergraduate course at Pitt, *The Pitt News's* 2022 “Best Of” survey, for Latin American Revolutions.
- 2019, American Historical Association, Friedrich Katz Prize for best book on Latin America and the Caribbean, for *Empire by Invitation*.
Best Book Prize, Latin American Studies Association Nineteenth-Century Section, for *Empire by Invitation*.
- 2014, Vanderwood Prize, Conference on Latin American History (best article on Latin American history in a journal other than the *Hispanic American Historical Review*), for “Invention of Latin America.”

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Carnegie Mellon University; Casa de los Tres Mundos (Granada, Nicaragua); Center for Superior Studies (CESU), University of San Simón, Cochabamba, Bolivia; Center for Studies of Economic and Social Reality (CERES), Cochabamba, Bolivia; Fordham University; Hamline University; Instituto de Historia de Nicaragua y Centroamérica; Macalester College; Massachusetts School of Law; Monroeville Public Library; New York University; Oxford University; Seminary Co-op Bookstore, Chicago; Universidad Católica (La Paz, Bolivia); Universidad de Costa Rica; Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (La Paz, Bolivia); University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; University of Chicago; University of Michigan; University of Pennsylvania; University of Pittsburgh; University of Texas at Austin.

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

American Historical Association; Central American Congress of History; Conference on Latin American History; Harvard University; Illinois Conference on Latin American Studies; International Conference on Filibusterism and Manifest Destiny in the Americas (Liberia, Costa Rica); Latin American Studies Association International Congress; New York University; North Central Council of Latin Americanists Conference; Organization of American Historians; University of Chicago; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; University of Iowa; Western Historical Association.

INTERVIEWS

- 2023, With host of podcast *Warfare*, James Rogers, on “Colonizing Nicaragua: William Walker.”
With Capitol Hill Village History & Biography Group, Washington, DC, on my book *Empire by Invitation*.
- 2020, With Prof. Brodwyn Fischer (University of Chicago), at Seminary Co-op (Chicago), on my book *Empire by Invitation*.
- 2018, With host of the TV show *Higher Education Today*, Steven Roy Goodman, Washington, D.C., on “Is the U.S. an Empire?”
- 2010, With host of the TV show *Esta Noche*, Carlos Fernando Chamorro, Managua, Nicaragua, on the Spanish edition of my first book (*Enfrentando el Sueño Americano: Nicaragua bajo el dominio*

- imperial de Estados Unidos*).
- 2010, With newspaper *El Nuevo Diario*, Managua, Nicaragua, on the Spanish edition of my first book.
- 2008, With radio station Deseo, La Paz, Bolivia, on the history of U.S. intervention in Nicaragua.
- 2007, With radio station of the Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica, on new interpretations of the Central American war against Walker's filibusters.

TEACHING

University of Pittsburgh

LECTURE-BASED COURSES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:

- HIST 501: Modern Latin America
- HIST 1585: U.S.-Latin American Relations
- HIST 1586: Latin American Revolutions

RESEARCH SEMINAR FOR HISTORY MAJORS:

- HIST 1000: Cap Stone Seminar
- HIST 1902: History Honors Seminar

GRADUATE COURSES:

- HIST 2000: Professionalization Seminar
- HIST 2012: Graduate Writing Seminar
- HIST 2023: Historical Methods and Approaches
- HIST 2043: International Social Movements
- HIST 2516: Latin American Revolutions

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Associate Editor (History), *Latin American Research Review* 2016-20
- Comité Editorial Internacional, *Anuario de Estudios Centroamericanos* 2018-
- Comité Científico, *Revista Iberoamericana* (European journal on Latin America, Spain & Portugal) 2013-
- Editorial Board, *Revista de Historia* (Costa Rica) 2012-
- Best Book Prize Committee, Latin American Studies Association Nineteenth Century Section 2020
- Correspondent, *Revista Iberoamericana* 2009-12
- Conference on Latin American History, Central American Section, Chair 2007
- Conference on Latin American History, Central American Section, Secretary 2006
- Manuscript Reviewer: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Penn State University Press, *American Historical Review*, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History*, *The Americas*, *Diplomatic History*, *Revista Iberoamericana*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*.
- Grant Reviewer: NEH, Israel Science Foundation, CIHAC/University of Costa Rica

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Historical Association
- Conference on Latin American History
- Latin American Studies Association
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

LANGUAGES

Spanish, German, French