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POSITIONS:	William & Mary	Williamsburg, VA
	Associate Professor, Department of History	2011 – present
	Director of Latin American Studies	2014 – 2017
	Assistant Professor, Department of History	2005 – 2011

Research and teaching interests include race and ethnicity, indigenous histories, human rights, liberation theology, resistance movements, modern Latin America.

EDUCATION:	University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
	Ph.D. in Latin American History	August 2005
	Columbia University	New York, NY
	Master of International Affairs, with concentrations in Human Rights and Latin American Studies	May 1996
	University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA
	Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in International Relations, with concentration in Latin American Studies	May 1990

RESEARCH and PUBLICATIONS:

Books

For Every Indio Who Falls: A History of Maya Activism in Guatemala, 1960 - 1990, University of New Mexico Press, 2010.

Winner of a 2011 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title award.

Por cada indio que cae: Una historia del activismo maya en Guatemala, 1960- 1990, translated by Sara Martínez Juan, Ediciones del Pensativo, Antigua, Guatemala, in progress.

"The Nun and the Volcano: Radical Catholicism and Revolution in Guatemala," book manuscript in progress.

Book Chapters and Articles, Peer-Reviewed

"Reclaiming a Revolution: Memory as Possibility in Urban Guatemala," in *Out of the Shadow: Revisiting the Revolution from Post-Peace Guatemala*, Julie Gibbings and Heather Vrana, eds. (University of Texas Press, 2020): 253-279.

"The Ethnic Question in Guatemala's Armed Conflict: Insights from the Detention and 'Rescue' of Emeterio Toj Medrano," in *Making the Revolution: Histories of the Latin American Left*, Kevin Young, ed. (Cambridge University Press, 2019): 240-265.

"Guatemala (Modern & National Period)," in *Oxford Bibliographies in Latin American Studies*, Ben Vinson, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019).

"Memory Offensives Where Impunity Reigns," *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development*, vol. 9, no. 2 (Summer 2018): 297-310.

"Rebellious Dignity: Remembering Maya Women and Resistance in the Guatemalan

Armed Conflict,” in *Faces of Resistance: Maya Heroes, Power, and Identity*, edited by Ashley Kistler (University of Alabama Press, 2018): 157-73.

“Dictatorship Declassified: Latin America’s ‘Archives of Terror’ and the Labors of Memory,” co-authored with Silvia Tandeciarz, *Peace Studies Journal* (December 2014): 76-98.

“Blood in Our Throats!” in *The Guatemala Reader: History, Culture, Politics*, edited by Greg Grandin, Deborah Levenson, and Elizabeth Oglesby (Duke University Press, 2011): 327-334.

“Subverting Authenticity: *Reinas Indígenas* and the Guatemalan State, 1978,” *Hispanic American Historical Review* (HAHR), vol. 89, no. 1 (Feb. 2009): 41-72. Won Kimberly S. Hanger Article “Best Article” Prize from Southern Historical Association, Latin American and Caribbean Section, 2010.

“Defending the Pueblo: Indigenous Identity and Struggles for Social Justice in Guatemala, 1970-1980,” *Social Justice*, vol. 30, no. 3 (2003): 32-47.

Other Publications, Reviews, and Contributions to Encyclopedias

Review of Jeffrey Gould, *Solidarity Under Siege: The Salvadoran Labor Movement, 1970-1990* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), for *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, forthcoming (2020).

“Maya Queens at the Microphone: Speaking Out in a Time of Repression,” *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America* (Spring 2017): 24-29.

Review of Lesley Gill, *A Century of Violence in a Red City: Popular Struggle, Counterinsurgency, and Human Rights in Colombia* (Duke University Press, 2016), for *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, vol. 14, no. 4 (December 2017): 103-105.

“Marva Cecilia Weatherborn Serrano,” in *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Franklin W. Knight, eds. (Oxford University Press/Oxford African American Studies Center, 2016) n.p.

“Guatemala: Mayas and the Civil War,” in *Modern Ethnic Conflicts*, second edition, Joseph R. Rudolph Jr., ed. (ABC-CLIO, 2015): 237-252.

Review of David Carey Jr., *I Ask for Justice: Maya Women, Dictators, and Crime in Guatemala, 1898-1944* (University of Texas Press, 2013), for *American Historical Review*, vol. 119, no 4 (Fall 2014): 1320-1321.

Review of Paul Gootenberg and Luis Reygadas, eds., *Indelible Inequalities: Insights from History, Politics, and Culture* (Duke University Press, 2010), for *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, vol. 11, no. 2 (Summer 2014): 120-122.

Argentina 1975-1980: The Making of U.S. Human Rights Policy. Digital National Security Archive Collection (accessible through ProQuest), created in collaboration with William & Mary students, Carlos Osorio of National Security Archive, and Silvia Tandeciarz, 2012.

Review of Soto Laveaga, *Jungle Laboratories: Mexican Peasants, National Projects, and*

the Making of the Pill (Duke University Press, 2009), for *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, vol. 9, no. 1 (Spring 2012): 149-151.

“American Convention on Human Rights, 1969 (Pact of San José),” in *Encyclopedia of United States – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 13-14.

“Central American Wars, 1980s,” in *Encyclopedia of United States – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 160-63.

“‘Disappeared Ones’ (*Desaparecidos*), Argentina and Chile, 1970s–1980s,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 270-71.

“Human Rights,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 463-65.

“Inter-American Commission on Human Rights,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 479.

“Inter-American Court of Human Rights,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 490.

“Inter-American Indian Institute,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 496.

“Kissinger Commission,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 538.

“Orlando Letelier de Solar,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 557.

“Romeo Lucas García,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 569-70.

“Efraín Ríos Montt,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 777-78.

“Luis Augusto Turcios Lima,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 884-85.

“United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA), 1989–1992,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 891-92.

“U.S. Policy toward Dictators,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 268-69.

“Marco Antonio Yon Sosa,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. – Latin American Relations* (CQ Press, 2012): 975-76.

**AWARDS, GRANTS
and FELLOWSHIPS:**

The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Moody Research Grant, 2020
for book manuscript research at the LBJ Presidential Library

William & Mary’s Center for the Liberal Arts Faculty Fellow, 2018-2020

Class of 1952 Distinguished Term Associate Professor of History, 2018-2020

William & Mary Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2017

Provost's award for research in Guatemala: "Maya Resistance, Repression, and the Road to Genocide"

W. Taylor Reveley, III Interdisciplinary Faculty Fellow, 2016-2019

for interdisciplinary teaching and research project: "Terror, Resistance, and Recollection in Argentina and Guatemala," with Professor Silvia Tandeciarz.

Fulbright Fellow, 2013

Fulbright-Ecuador, semester-long fellowship for comparative study of indigenous organizing and liberation theology in Ecuador and Guatemala.

2011 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title award for publication of *For Every Indio Who Falls: A History of Maya Activism in Guatemala, 1960-1990*.

Arthur P. Whitaker Book Prize, Honorable Mention, 2011

Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies, for publication of *For Every Indio Who Falls: A History of Maya Activism in Guatemala, 1960-1990*

Alumni Fellowship Award for Teaching Excellence, 2011

William & Mary Alumni Association

Faculty Fellowship Award for International Student-Faculty Research, 2011

Reves Center award, William & Mary, for declassified documents research with undergraduates in Argentina.

Faculty Interdisciplinary Initiatives Grant, 2011

Provost award, William & Mary, for collaborative work on declassified documents research with Professor Silvia Tandeciarz.

Tocqueville Seminar Fellow, Summer Institute on the Americas, 2011

Andrew Mellon Foundation fellowship for development of capstone seminar on Indigenous Americas.

Kimberly S. Hanger Article Prize, 2010

Latin American and Caribbean Section, Southern Historical Association, best article prize for "Subverting Authenticity: *Reinas Indígenas* and the Guatemalan State, 1978," *Hispanic American Historical Review*, February 2009.

AAUW American Fellowship Publication Grant, 2008

American Association of University Women fellowship for publication of *For Every Indio Who Falls: A History of Maya Activism in Guatemala, 1960-1990*.

QEP/Mellon Grant, 2008

Andrew Mellon Foundation, for development of undergraduate research course using declassified government archives.

Faculty Summer Research Grants, 2006 and 2007

William & Mary

Andrew Mellon Pre-doctoral Fellowships, 2002 and 2004
University of Pittsburgh

Peace Scholar Fellowship, 2003
US Institute of Peace

Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, 2001-2002

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), 2000-2001
University of Pittsburgh

Cole and Marty Blasier Research Scholarship, 2000
University of Pittsburgh

Center for Latin American Studies Graduate Field Research Grant, 2000
University of Pittsburgh

Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship, 1998-2000
University of Pittsburgh

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), 1995-1996
Columbia University

Pew Charitable Trusts Summer Research Fellowship, 1995, for research on nationalism and ethnic conflict in Guatemala