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EDUCATION

PhD in History, 2024

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

Dissertation: "Colonial Calamities: The Politics of Disaster Relief and Economic Development in Puerto Rico, 1898-1979"

Certificate in Advanced International Affairs, 2021

The George H.W. Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

Master of Arts in History, 2020

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

Bachelor of Arts in History, *Cum Laude*, 2017

University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, School of Interdisciplinary Programs and Community Engagement, Assistant Professor tenure track September 2024-Present

Yale University, International Security Studies, Jackson School of Global Affairs

Brady-Johnson Predoctoral Fellow September 2023- September 2024

Texas A&M University, Department of History January 2021-May 2023

Lecturer

Texas A&M University, Institute of Science, Technology and Public Policy

June 2019-July 2023

Predoctoral Research Fellow

City of College Station, Texas May 2019-August 2019

Oral History Intern

Texas A&M University, Department of History 2018-2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant

RESEARCH & TEACHING SPECIALITIES

U.S. in the World

Puerto Rico/Caribbean Studies

U.S. History Since 1865

Modern Latin America

Environmental History/Studies

Disaster Studies

International Relations

Digital Humanities

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Huracán del Norte: Disasters and U.S. Colonialism in Twentieth Century Puerto Rico
(under contract with University of Pennsylvania Press)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

With Rotem Dvir, Carol Goldsmith, and Arnold Vedlitz et. al, "The Policy Environment of Remote Patient Monitoring: Evaluating Stakeholders' Views " *International Journal of*

Healthcare, Technology, and Management 20, no. 3 (July 16, 2023): 249-275.

<https://doi.org/10.1504/IJHTM.2023.132455>

With Kang, Ki Eun, Arnold Vedlitz, Carol L. Goldsmith. "Optimism and Pessimism toward Science: A New Way to Look at the Public's Evaluations of Science and Technology Discoveries and Recommendations." *Politics and the Life Sciences* (June 27, 2023): 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.1017/pls.2023.9>.

"'Rock You Like a Hurricane': A State of the Field in Hurricane Historiography," *Florida Historical Quarterly* 100, vol. 4 (Spring 2023): 436-456.

<https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=789071>

With Rotem Dvir, Carol Goldsmith, and Arnold Vedlitz, "Local-level managers' attitudes towards natural hazards resilience: The case of Texas," *Environmental Hazards* 22, no. 3 (Nov. 9, 2022): 243-263. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17477891.2022.2141178>.

"A Tale of Two Storms: U.S. Army Disaster Relief in Puerto Rico and Texas, 1899-1900," *Journal of Advanced Military Studies* 13, no. 1 (Spring 2022): 15-36.

<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/857229>

"Hurricanes and Hegemony: A Study of American Imperialism in Puerto Rico, 1898-1940" *FCH Annals: Journal of the Florida Conference of Historians* 26 (June 2020): 77-

88. http://www.floridaconferenceofhistorians.org/uploads/1/8/2/8/18284773/fch_vol_26.pdf

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

"Government House Grog: Rum, Mercantilism, and American Empire in the Caribbean, 1933-1937," *Diplomatic History* (under review)

"Disasters and (De)colonization: Puerto Rican Hurricane Art and Using History to Imagine a Postcolonial Future," *Latinx Visions: Speculative Worlds in Latinx Literature, Art, & Performance* (Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press) (under review)

JOURNALISM/BOOK REVIEWS/POLICY BRIEFS

"The Imperial Daiquiri: A Brief History of American Empire in One Cocktail," *Perspectives Daily*, American Historical Association, June 14, 2023.

<https://www.historians.org/research-and-publications/perspectives-on-history/summer-2023/the-imperial-daiquiri-a-brief-history-of-american-empire-in-one-cocktail>.

"For Puerto Rico, apparently a disaster declaration doesn't matter," *Orlando (FL) Sentinel*, October 2, 2022. <https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/guest-commentary/os-op-disaster-declaration-ineffective-puerto-rico-20221002-urso5m47ebamliqtqkt23l7c3i-story.html>

Review of *The Continuing Storm: Learning from Katrina* (Austin, TX: University Press, 2022), by Kai Erikson and Lori Peek H-Environment, H-Net Reviews. September 2022.

<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=58122>.

Review of *Tossed to the Wind: Stories of Hurricane Maria Survivors* (Gainesville, FL: University of Florida Press, 2020), by María T. Padilla and Nancy Rosado, *Florida Historical Quarterly* 100, no. 1 (Summer 2021): 136-138.

<https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=736126>.

With Stephanie Brown, Carol Goldsmith, Lisa Halperin, Kimberly Winarski, Arnold Vedlitz. *Project Final Report: Role of Coastal Bend Organizational Stakeholders in*

Regional Recovery and Resilience Efforts (2020). Project funded by the US Department of the Treasury through the State of Texas [Award 1 RCEGR480001-01-00].
<https://hdl.handle.net/1969.1/188540>.

DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECT

“Mapping Puerto Rico’s Hurricane History, 1899-Present” Using the platform ArcGIS, my project plots each hurricane that hit Puerto Rico over the course of the last century.
<https://arcg.is/14GCjX>

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Brady-Johnson Predoctoral Fellowship in Residence, Yale University, International Security Studies at the Jackson School of Global Affairs 2023-2024

National Dissertation Year Fellowship, Harry S. Truman Library Institute, \$16,000, March 2023

Charles C. Keeble ’48 Dissertation Fellowship, Texas A&M University, \$5,000 November 2022

Co-PI Merging Colleges Grant College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University, \$2,000, May 2022

Department of History Travel to Conference Grant, Texas A&M University, \$700, November 2021

Department of History Departmental Dissertation Fellowship, Texas A&M University, \$8,000, May 2021

Harry S. Truman Library Institute Research Grant \$1,600, May 2021

Department of History Professional Development and Second Language Acquisition Grant, Texas A&M University, \$4,200, March 2020

Department of History Travel to Conference Grant, Texas A&M University, \$700, February 2020

Research Grant in History, Albritton Center for Grand Strategy \$1,000, December 2019

Department of History Travel to Conference Grant, Texas A&M University, \$700, February 2019

Pollock Award Scholarship University of Tampa Department of History \$2,000, April 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Diplomacy on Draught: A Roundtable on Alcohol and the History of U.S. Foreign Relations,” SHAFR, Toronto, Canada, June 2024 **Panel Co-Organizer**

“Redefining Relief: The Changing Idea of Disaster and the Puerto Rican New Deal, 1933-1941,” OAH, New Orleans, LA, April 2024

“Constructing Catastrophe: The 1928 Caribbean Hurricane and the Motivations of American Disaster Policy” OAH, Los Angeles, CA, March 2023

“Disastrous Dependence: The 1928 Caribbean Hurricane and the Motivations of U.S. Disaster Policy” SMH, San Diego, CA, March 2023

“Hurricane and Hegemony: U.S. Disaster Relief in Puerto Rico, 1899-1900” Deconstructing Disaster/Reconsidering Relief: Coping with Catastrophe Past and Present in Latin America and the Caribbean Symposium, Institute of Languages, Cultures and Societies School of Advanced Study, University of London, October 2022[^]

“A Commonwealth of Calamity: Hurricanes, and U.S. Colonialism in Puerto Rico” American Philosophical Society Living with Climate Change: Perspectives from the Humanities

- and Beyond Symposium, Philadelphia, PA, September 2022,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwN2JvprmyA>
- “Colonial Calamity: The 1928 Caribbean Hurricane and the Politics of U.S. Disaster Relief”
 Society for Caribbean Studies (SCS), July 2022^
- “Disastrous Dependence: The 1928 Caribbean Hurricane and the Motivations of American
 Disaster Policy” SHAFR, New Orleans, LA, June 2022 **Panel Organizer**
- “Hurricane and Hegemony: U.S. Army Disaster Relief in Puerto Rico, 1899-1900” Society for
 Military History (SMH), Ft. Worth, TX, April 2022
- Digitally Mapping Puerto Rico’s Hurricane History, 1898-Present” American Society of
 Environmental History (ASEH), Eugene, OR, March 2022,
- “A Tale of Two Storms: Progressive Era Disaster Relief in Puerto Rico and
 Texas, 1899-1900” Confronting Crisis: York University and University of Toronto
 Graduate History Conference, April 2021^
- “A Tale of Two Storms: Progressive Era Disaster Relief in Puerto Rico and Texas, 1899-1900”
 Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS) April 2021*
- “Crisis of Decision: A Roundtable Discussion on Disasters and American Power” Organization
 of American Historians (OAH) April, 2021^ **Panel Organizer**
- “Consolidating Empire: Narratives of Western Humanitarianism in the Twentieth Century”
 SHAFR June 2020* **Panel Organizer**
- “The Quest for Transparency: A History of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act 1977” The Society
 for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Arlington, VA, June 2019
- “Hurricanes and Hegemony: A Study of American Imperialism in Puerto Rico 1898-1940”
 Florida Conference of Historians (FCH), Tallahassee, FL, February 2018
- * Papers and panels accepted but conferences cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
 ^ Online Conferences

INVITED LECTURES/INTERVIEWS

- Invited Colloquium, “Baleful Bootstraps: Economic Development, Industrialization, and the
 Making of America’s Caribbean Bulwark, 1941-1952, Yale University, International
 Security Studies Colloquium, November 7, 2023
- Invited Lecture, “The War of 1898 and the Emergence of American Power,” United States Naval
 Academy, Seminar on the West in the World, November 2, 2023
- Invited Keynote Address, “Commonwealth of Calamity: Learning from Puerto Rico’s Disaster
 History,” Expand to Align: Filantropía Puerto Rico Annual Convening, San Juan, Puerto
 Rico October 18, 2023
- Interview for “Crean mapa digital que enlaza la respuesta a los huracanes en Puerto Rico y el
 colonialismo,” *El Nuevo Día* (Puerto Rico), April 22, 2023,
<https://www.elnuevodia.com/ciencia-ambiente/otros/notas/crean-mapa-digital-que-enlaza-la-respuesta-a-los-huracanes-en-puerto-rico-y-el-colonialismo/>
- Invited Webinar, “Mapping Puerto Rico’s Hurricane History, 1899-present,” Florida Digital
 Humanities Consortium Webinar Series Latin America and Caribbean Edition, April 21,
 2023. [https://urldefense.com/v3/https://youtu.be/c3-aDn3DSBw_!!KwNVnqRv!A-lfuz4GAN-alBni_yFnoDbdXhxJtdFcHhdclcy2fPI5akT8Hxg2v_JZwgyMSm3Ow9Rvll86pQ8IivQ\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://youtu.be/c3-aDn3DSBw_!!KwNVnqRv!A-lfuz4GAN-alBni_yFnoDbdXhxJtdFcHhdclcy2fPI5akT8Hxg2v_JZwgyMSm3Ow9Rvll86pQ8IivQ$)
- Invited Lecture, “The Great Galveston Hurricane of 1900 and the Origins of Texas
 Progressivism” Seminar on Texas History, Texas A&M University, October 2022
- Invited Lecture, “Puerto Rico from Capture to Commonwealth” Seminar on Inter-American
 Relations, Texas A&M University, October 2022
- Interview for “The Culture of a Disaster,” Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts Newsletter, June
 29, 2022, <http://tx.ag/IanSeavey>

Invited Lecture, “Postwar Puerto Rico” Seminar on Inter-American Relations, Texas A&M University, October 2021
Invited Lecture, “The Origins of Humanitarianism and the Red Cross” Seminar on International Development, Texas A&M University, February 2020
Invited Lecture, “The Emergence of American Power” Seminar on International Development, Texas A&M University, September 2019
Invited Lecture, “The Contours of American Empire” Seminar on American Foreign Relations, Texas A&M University, September 2019

TEACHING

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

ENST 1301 Intro to Environmental Studies (Fall 2024)

MASC 2301 Intro to Mexican American Studies (Fall 2024)

Texas A&M University

HIST 106 America 1877-Present (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)

HIST 105 America to 1877 (Fall, 2021, Fall 2022)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Member, Committee on Digital Resources and Archival Sharing, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), 2024-2026

Member, Search Committee for Accountability, Climate, Equity, and Scholarship (ACES) Faculty Fellow, Texas A&M University, Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Officer, Texas A&M History Graduate Student Organization (HGSO), Spring 2019- Spring 2021

Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG), Texas A&M University, Fall 2020-Fall 2021

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Organization of American Historians

American Historical Association

American Society for Environmental History

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Latin American Studies Association

Puerto Rican Studies Association

LANGUAGES AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES SKILLS

English- Native speaker

Spanish CERFL Levels- Reading B2, Listening B1, Speaking B2, Writing B2

A1 and A2: Basic User; B1 and B2: Independent User; C1 and C2: Proficient User

Tools- ArcGIS, VisualEyes

CMS- Omeka, WordPress