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#### EDUCATION

08/90-12/98 Ph.D. Yale University, December, 1998  
Departmental Examinations Passed: April 20, 1992

Fields: Chicano History  
History of the American West  
Women in the Third World

Dissertation Title: "In Consideration of His Being Married to a Daughter of the Land," Interethnic Marriages in California from 1820-1875

06/97 M.A. Yale University  
1988-1990 Graduate Studies, American History, University of California, Santa Barbara

1986-1988 Graduate Studies, American History, Cornell University  
1982-1986 B.A., History, California State University at Fresno

#### ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

03/04-Present Associate Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
8/97-3/04 Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, tenure track position  
8/00-6/01 Postdoctoral Fellow at Center for Chicano Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara  
8/97-8/00 Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, tenure track position  
8/94-6/95 Lecturer at the Chicano Studies Program at University of Wisconsin-Madison  
6/94-8/94 Huntington Library Fellowship  
1/94-5/94 Visiting Scholar at the Chicano Studies Program at University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1/93-6/93 Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Yale University, Women in America: The Twentieth Century  
9/92-12/92 Instructor, College Seminar, Yale University  
9/89-6/90 Teaching Assistant, University of California, Santa Barbara, General Survey Courses in American History, from the Colonial Period to the Present  
1/89-3/89 Teaching Assistant, University of California, Santa Barbara, Women in the Third World

#### EMPLOYMENT

3/04-Present Associate Professor at University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
8/97-3/04 Assistant Professor at University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
1/94-8/95 Lecturer, Chicano Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1/94 -5/94 Visiting Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison  
5/93-8/93 Assistant to George Miles, Curator of the Western American Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Created more than 200 catalog records for the Beinecke's Spanish language manuscripts collection  
8/90-5/91 Graduate Student Coordinator of Mellon and MYSRP Programs for Sara Salvide, Dean of Yale University, academic year  
5/91-8/91 Research Assistant to Professor Mario T. Garcia  
9/89-6/90 Graduate team advisor, UCSB, in the Graduate Research Mentorship Program  
8/87-8/88 Graduate Assistant to the Dean of Minority Affairs, Cornell University

## PUBLICATIONS

Married to a Daughter of the Land: Spanish-Mexican Women and Interethnic Marriage in California, 1820-1880, University of Nevada Press, March, 2007. Paperback edition, forthcoming, March, 2009

Reviewed, Michael J. Gonzalez, "This Small City will be a Mexican Paradise": Exploring the Origins of Mexican Culture in Los Angeles, 1821-1846. Southern California Quarterly, Fall 2006, vol. 88, No. 3, 369-371.

"Victoria's Secrets," in Latina Legacies, Vicki L. Ruiz, ed., University of Oxford Press, 2005

Article entry on Feliciano Arballo, forthcoming in Latinas in the United States: An Historical Encyclopedia, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press)

Article entry on the Spanish Black Legend, in Latinas in the United States: An Historical Encyclopedia, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005)

Article entry on Josefa Carrillo in Latinas in the United States: An Historical Encyclopedia, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005)

Article entry giving an overview of early settlement life for women in the Southwest in Latinas in the United States: An Historical Encyclopedia, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005)

Article entry on Spanish Mexican women in California, in Latinas in the United States: An Historical Encyclopedia, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005)

Book review of Vicki L. Ruiz's *From Out of the Shadows: Mexican Women in Twentieth-Century America*, Western Historical Quarterly, 29 no.4 (Winter 1998)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Chicana/o History, Chicano Historiography, Gender History, Borderlands History, and Multiracial Studies

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Robert Morris Award for Excellence in Scholarship, 2009

Postdoctoral Fellow at Center for Chicano Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2000-2001

Yale University Fellowship, 1991-92

Yale University Fellowship, 1990-91

IUP Graduate Latino Student Seminar, 1990

UCSB University Fellowship, 1988-89

Cornell University Fellowship, 1986-87

Outstanding graduating senior in the CSU-Fresno history department, 1986. Nominated for the Dean's Medal, 1986

## PAPERS, PANELS AND PROGRAMS

Panelist, Roundtable: Women Between Cultures in Early North America, Part II: Marriage Between Cultures in the 19th Century, 14th International Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, St. Paul MN, June 12-16, 2008

Session Chair, Women and the Settling of Frontiers, 48th Western Historical Association Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, Oct. 22-25, 2008

Member, 2009 Program Committee, Western Historical Association Conference, Denver, CO

Panelist, Women's Summit 2007: Nevada Women United Take Back the Public Agenda: Educating, Empowering, and Activating Nevadans. January 20, 2007, Alexis Park, Las Vegas, Nevada

Roundtable, Historians Who Have Made a Difference: Albert Camarillo. Annual Meeting Organization of American Historians, Washington D.C., Wednesday, April 19-Saturday, April 22, 2006

Chair, "Chicano Catholic History", at the Western History Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, Oct. 14-17, 2004

Chair, "Peopling the Fields, at the Western History Association, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Oct. 17-19, 2002

Paper to be presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians and the National Council on Public History, Washington D.C., April 11-14, 2002, entitled, "Reframing American Family Portraits: Comparative Multi-Racial Images."

Paper presented at the 116th Annual meeting of the American Historical Association, San Francisco CA, January 4-6, 2002, entitled "Loving After the War Years: Biethnic Californian Children and California Identity, 1850-90."

Member, Program Committee for the 42th Annual Conference, Western History Association, San Diego, California, Oct. 25-27, 2001.

Panelist, Symposium, "Race, Gender and Power: People of Color Along the American River," CSU-Sacramento. February 14, 2001.

Invited lecture presented at New Mexico State University, March 10, 2000

Paper presented at the 39th Annual Conference Western History Association, Portland, Oregon 6-9, 1999, entitled "'There's a Touch of Romance': The Bandini Sisters and the Construction of Post Mexican American War Californiana Identity."

Commentator, Berkshire Conference on Women's History, June 3-6, 1999

Paper presented at the 37th Annual Conference Western History Association, St. Paul, Minnesota, Oct. 15-18, 1997, entitled "He Might Have Gone Further and Found Worse, The Union Between Victoria Comicrabit and Hugo Reid."

Panelist at the Midwestern Consortium of Latino Researchers, August 8, 1994

Panelist at a Roundtable on Latina History at the Organization of American Historians, Anaheim, California, 1993

Paper presented at the Organization of American Historians, Louisville, Kentucky, 1991, entitled "Josefa Carrillo: The Myth of Romantic California."

## COMMITTEES

### System

Member of the University of Nebraska Press, Editorial Board

### University

Program Director, Latina/o Studies

Member, Vice Presidential Diversity and Inclusion Commission

Acting Director, in forming the Center for Social Justice, 2007-2009

Member of the Advisory Committee for the Director of General Education, 09/04 to the present

Member General Education Committee, 4 /99-5/00.

Member Committee for a Just and Equitable Campus, 2001 to the present

### College of Liberal Arts

Member of the Financial Aid Committee

### Department

Graduate Coordinator, 2008-2009

Member, Search Committee on Senior Native American history position, 2009

2004-2006 Graduate Admissions Committee

2001-2003 Curriculum Committee

1997-2004 Women Studies Program Committee

1997-1998 Library Committee

1998-2008 Travel Committee

1997-1998 Teaching and Awards Committee

## SERVICE

Member, Coalition for Western Women's History, Business Committee, 2004-to the present

Chair, Lorena Ledesma Memorial Dissertation Committee, Western Historians Association, 2008-2009

Manuscript reviewer, University of Arizona Press, 2003-to the present

Article reviewer, Pacific Historical Review, University of California Press

Article reviewer, Gender and History, Nottingham University, UK

Article reviewer, Journal of the History of Sexuality, University of Texas Press

Academic Advisor to Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, 2006-to the present

Academic Advisor to Sigma Delta Alpha Fraternity, 2001-to the present

Member of UNLV Planning Initiative Award, 2004-2005

Committee member of the Lerner-Scott Prize Committee, the Organization of American Historians, 2005-2006

Evaluator for the Nevada Department of Education, Title III, Immigrant Education, applications  
Panelist and organizer for the 6th Annual Hispanic Leadership Summit of Nevada, "Part of the American Fabric," Moyer Student Union, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, September 20-21, 2002.  
Speaker representing College of Liberal Arts on Academic Advising Council, September 9, 1999  
Participant at the Multicultural Student Affairs Faculty and Professional Scholar Mentoring Programs  
Panelist for the Honors College Panel Discussion entitled, "What is Multiculturalism?," November 15, 1999  
Participant at the Multicultural Student Affairs Faculty and Professional Scholar Mentoring Programs  
Participant and organizer for the Cultural Leadership Retreat, Pre-retreat orientation Friday, January 29, 1999, Retreat, February 6 -February 7, 1999.  
Participant at the College Wide Award Winners Reception, Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History. April 28, 1999  
Participant at the Hispanic Cultural Event "Evolving Traditions," at the Community College of Southern Nevada, May 2, 1999.  
Participant and speaker at the 11th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony for the 14 Latin Chamber of Commerce Career Day. Stardust Hotel and Casino, April 30th, 1999.  
Participant at a Grants Workshop sponsored by the Office of Research or Sponsored Programs, April 21, 1999  
Panelist for Dr. Colleen M. Peterson's Graduate Counseling course Oct. 7, 1999  
Participant at the Latin Chamber of Commerce and the Latino Youth Leadership Conference Committee, " 1999 Career Day Scholarship Awards  
Participant at the Hispanic Cultural Event "Evolving Traditions," at the Community College of Southern Nevada, May 2, 1999  
Participant and speaker at the 11th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony for the 14th Latin Chamber of Commerce Career Day. Stardust Hotel and Casino, April 30th, 1999  
University representative at Latino Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, September, 1997  
University representative at Dedication of Rafael Rivera Park, November 11, 1997  
University representative at the Lowdon Community Center, Community Fair, October, 1997  
Cited as academic resource by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, "Identity Crisis: American's melting pot forces the question of how we define ourselves," September 30, 1997

#### EDITORIAL BOARDS

Member, University of Nevada Press, 2001 to 2006  
Member, University of Nebraska Press, Race and Gender in the West series, 2002 to present

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Mujers Activas en Letras Y Cambios Sociales  
National Association for Chicano Studies  
Association for the Advancement of Latinos and Chicanos in Higher Education (AALCHE)  
Vice-President of UNLV Chapter

#### COMMUNITY AND STUDENT AFFILIATION

Faculty Mentor to Society of Latinos (SOL)  
Faculty Mentor to Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, (MEChA)  
Faculty Advisor to Sigma Delta Alpha (Latino fraternity)  
Faculty Advisor to the Young Latino Democrats

#### COURSES TAUGHT

History 102: US History, 1865-Present  
History 101: US History, US History to 1865  
History 110: Multicultural West  
History 444/644: Latinos in the U.S. West  
History 481: Pro-seminar  
History 495/695 Women in the U.S. West

History 726: Graduate Colloquium  
History 727: Graduate Colloquium