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Curriculum Vitae
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Employment History

2022-Present	Assistant Professor, Faculty-in-Residence, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2020-Present	Adjunct Faculty, Gavilan College
Spring 2020	Adjunct Faculty, Evergreen Valley College
2019-Present	Associate Faculty, Mission College
2019-Present	Adjunct Assistant Professor (LAT), University of New Mexico
2017	Lecturer, Dartmouth College, Native American Studies
2013-2016	Graduate Assistant, University of New Mexico, Anthropology

Educational History

2015-2019	University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM) <i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> (with distinction) Dissertation: <i>Applying Anthropology, Assembling Indigenous Community: Anthropology and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Southern Arizona</i> Committee: David Dinwoodie, Les Field (Chair), Suzanne Oakdale, and Lindsay Smith
2013-2015	University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM) <i>Master of Arts</i> , Anthropology MA Paper: "Twilight Zones of Knowledge Production: Anthropology and the Indian Claims Commission" MA Paper Advisor: Erin Debenport
2010-2012	University of California, Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, CA) <i>Bachelor of Arts</i> , Anthropology (History Minor) <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> Senior Thesis: "Fractured Sight: Viewing Bureaucratic Documents as Classification Systems and Semiotic Performances of State Power and Knowledge in Early 20 th Century California"
2008-2010	West Valley College (Saratoga, CA) <i>General Education</i>

Awards/Funding

2022	Outstanding Associate Faculty of the Year, Mission College
2022	Associate Faculty Teaching Excellence Award, Mission College
2021	Associate Faculty Service Award Nominee, Mission College

- 2021 Visiting Scholar, Institute of American Cultures, University of California Los Angeles
- 2020 William Y. and Nettie K. Adams Fund, School of Advanced Research
- 2018 UNM-Mellon Doctoral Completion Fellowship, University of New Mexico and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- 2018 Graduate Research Fellowship, Center for Regional Studies, University of New Mexico
- 2018 Friends of the Princeton University Library Research Grant, Princeton University Library
- 2018 Off-Campus Research Award, Charles Redd Center
- 2018 New Mexico Folklore Scholars Endowment, University of New Mexico
- 2018 Dissertation Studies Excellence Assistantship, University of New Mexico
- 2017 Institute for Critical Social Inquiry Summer Fellow, The New School for Social Research
- 2017 Philips Fund for Native American Research, American Philosophical Society
- 2017 Archaeological Society of New Mexico Scholarship
- 2017 Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship, Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago
- 2016 New Mexico Research Grant (General Priority), University of New Mexico
- 2016 Research Fellow, Edward H. and Rosamond R. Spicer Foundation
- 2015 Basehart-Award, Department of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico
- 2015 Randy Martin Prize for Best Student Paper, Cultural Studies Association
- 2014 Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies Summer Institute Fellowship
- 2013 Binford Fellowship, University of New Mexico
- 2012 Chancellor's Award, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2012 Dean's Award, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2012 James A. Dolkas Research Grant, Art and History Museum of Santa Cruz
- 2011 Ryan J. Hueman Endowed Scholarship, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2010 Merit Scholarship, University of California, Santa Cruz

Publications

Books

[Pre-Completion Contract] Barron, Nicholas. *Applying Anthropology, Assembling Community: The Co-Production of Social Science and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Southern Arizona*. Lincoln, University of Nebraska Press.

Edited Volumes

[Pre-Completion Contract] Barron, Nicholas, ed. *Boas in México*. Lincoln, University of Nebraska Press.

[In Press] Barron, Nicholas. "The Limits of Control: Anthropology, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and Federal Recognition in the United States." In *Evidence: The Use and Misuse of Data. Transactions of the American Philosophical Society*.

Barron, Nicholas. 2021. "We Hope That You Will Continue to Teach Us How Best to Learn: Assembling the Pascua Yaqui Tribe at the 89th Wenner-Gren International Symposium." In

[Centering the Margins of Anthropology's History](#), 14:85–122. Histories of Anthropology Annual. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Barron, Nicholas. [In Press]. “Lessons in Safe Logic: Reassessing Anthropological and Liberal Imaginings of Termination.” *Journal of Anthropological Research*.
- Barron, Nicholas. 2022. “[Alfred Kroeber's Handbook and Land Claims: Anthros, Agents, and Federal \(Un\)Acknowledgment](#).” *BEROSE*.
- Barron, Nicholas. 2022. “[Assembling 'Enduring Peoples,' Mediating Recognition: Anthropology, the Pascua Yaqui Indians, and the Co-Construction of Ideas and Politics](#).” *History and Anthropology* 33(4): 452-471.
- Barron, Nicholas. 2014. “[Agency, Ideology, and the Federal Acknowledgement Process](#).” *Nexus: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology* 22(1): 32-43.

Invited Comments in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Barron, Nicholas. 2013 “[The Shop Floor Conditions of Anthropology's Past and Present](#).” *American Anthropologist* 125: 174-176.

Magazine/Trade Publications

- Barron, Nicholas. 2020 “[Who's Zoomin' Who?: A Reflection on the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association](#).” *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 44 (1).
- Barron, Nicholas. 2019 “[Generative Texts: From Savage to Negro](#).” *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 43(1).
- Barron, Nicholas. 2019 “[Generative Texts: Beast on the Table](#).” *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 43(1).
- Barron, Nicholas, Janet Steins, Laurel Waycott. 2019 “[Introducing Generative Texts](#).” *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 43(1).
- Barron, Nicholas. 2017. “[Sketches from the 89th Wenner-Gren International Symposium](#).” *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 41 (1).
- Barron, Nicholas and Janet Steins. 2016. “Archival Developments.” *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 40 (1).
- Barron, Nicholas. 2016. “[Presentism Revisited](#).” *Bronislaw* 1(1).

Book Reviews

- Barron, Nicholas. 2022. [Review of *Disruptive Voices and the Singularity of Histories*](#), edited by Regna Darnell and Frederic W. Gleach. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 28(4): 1394-1395.
- Barron, Nicholas. 2021. [Review of *Historicizing Theories, Nations, and Identities*](#), edited by Regna Darnell and Frederic W. Gleach. *Anthropology Book Forum*.
- Barron, Nicholas. 2021. [Review of *Yaqui Indigeneity: Epistemology, Diaspora, and the Construction of Yoeme Identity*](#), by Ariel Zatarain Tumbaga. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 27(3): 715-716.

- Barron, Nicholas. 2021. Review of [*Divided Peoples: Policy, Activism, and Indigenous Identities on the U.S.-Mexico Border*](#), by Christina Leza. *Native American Indigenous Studies Association Journal* 8(1): 187-189).
- Barron, Nicholas. 2020. "[Renegades or Liberals? Recent Reflections on the Boasian Legacies in American Anthropology](#)." *History of Human Sciences* 34(3-4).
- Barron, Nicholas. 2020 [Review of *Savages, Romans, and Despots: Thinking about Others from Montaigne to Herder*](#), by Robert Launay. *History of Anthropology Review*.
- Barron, Nicholas. 2019. [Review of *The Small Shall Be Strong: A History of Lake Tahoe's Washoe Indians*](#), by Matthew S. Makley. *Native American Indigenous Studies Association Journal* 6(2).
- Barron, Nicholas. 2019. [Review of *Dynamics of Difference in Australia: Indigenous Past and Present in a Settler County*](#), by Francesca Merlan. *Social Anthropology/ Anthropologie Sociale* 27(4).
- Barron, Nicholas. 2019. [Review of *Empire's Tracks: Indigenous Nations, Chinese Workers, and the Transcontinental Railroad*](#), by Manu Karuka. *London School of Economics Review of Books*.
- Barron, Nicholas. 2018. [Review of *Archaeologists in Print: Publishing for the People*](#), by Amara Thornton. *London School of Economics Review of Books*.
- Barron, Nicholas. 2018. Review of [From New Peoples to New Nations: Aspects of Métis History and Identity from the Eighteenth to the Twenty-First Centuries](#), by Gerhard J. Ens and Joe Sawchuk. *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 42(1).
- Barron, Nicholas. 2018. Review of [A Passion of the True and Just: Felix and Lucy Kramer Cohen and the Indian New Deal](#), Alice B. Kehoe. *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 42 (1).
- Barron, Nicholas. 2017. [Review of *Indian Detours: Tourism in Native North America*](#), by Pieter Hovens and Metter van der Hoofft. *Social Anthropology/ Anthropologie Sociale* 25(2): 255-256.
- Barron, Nicholas. 2017. [Review of *Mohawk Interruptus: Political Life across the Borders of Settler States*](#), by Audra Simpson. *History of Anthropology Newsletter* 41(1).

Talks and Presentations

- ["Assembling New Pascua: The Paradoxes of Anthropological Activism."](#) Presentation at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Department of Anthropology, Las Vegas, NV 2022.
- "Lessons in Safe Logic: Reassessing Anthropological and Liberal Imaginings of Termination." Presentation at the History of Anthropology Review Workshop, Philadelphia, PA 2022.
- "Cultural Islands: The Pluralistic Politics of Anthropology." Presentation at the American Anthropology Association, Baltimore, MD 2021.
- "Anthros, Agents, and Federal (Un)Acknowledgment in Native California." Presentation at the American Anthropology Association, Baltimore, MD 2021.
- ["Recognition in Unexpected Places: The Yaqui Indians and the 89th Wenner-Gren International Symposium."](#) William Y. and Nettie K. Adams Fund Salon, School of Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM, December 8, 2020.
- ["Salvaging Anthropology, Unsettling Sovereignty."](#) Institute of American Cultures Fall Forum, University of California Los Angeles, November 18, 2020.
- ["Aren't we kind of splitting hairs?": Reframing the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Anthropology of Edward Spicer in the United States Congress."](#) Presentation at the American Philosophical Society, Evidence: The Use and Misuse of Data, Philadelphia, PA, 2020.
- "Re-Presenting the *People of Pascua*: Ethnographic Debris and Imperial Repertoires in Southern." Presentation at the American Anthropology Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2019.
- "Anthropological Rooting along Empire's Routes." Presentation at the American Society for Ethnohistory, State College, PA, 2019.

- “Assembling ‘Enduring Peoples,’ Mediating Recognition: Edward Spicer, the Pascua Yaqui Indians, and the Dialogical Construction of Politics and Ideas.” Presentation at the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, 2018.
- “Assembling Pascua Village: Indigenous Place-Making at the Intersections of Anthropology and Empire in Tucson, Arizona.” Presentation at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Los Angeles, CA, May 16-19, 2018.
- “‘We hope that you will continue to teach us how best to learn:’ The Co-production of Anthropology and Indigenous Political Formations.” Presentation at the American Anthropology Association, Washington, D.C., November May 14-18, 2017.
- “Assembling New Pascua: Imperial Formations and Anthropological Mediation in Southern Arizona.” Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM, 2017.
- “Assembling Place at the Intersections of Imperialism and Anthropology in Southern Arizona.” Presentation at the American Society for Ethnohistory, Nashville, TN, 2016.
- “Archival Maintenance in the American Southwest: Exploring the Co-production of Anthropology and Settler Colonialism on the Ground.” Presentation at The Maintainers: A Conference, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ, 2016.
- “The Spicer Legacy: Commemorating Ground Work Laid for Applied Anthropology and Supporting Modern Day Research and Practice” [presented with Scott Spicer and Guillermo Quiroga]. Presentations at the University of Arizona School of Anthropology Centennial Colloquium, Tucson, AZ, 2015.
- For the Panel, “Little Known History of the School of Anthropology”
- “Uncommon Books, Uncommon Histories: The Making of *People of Pascua*.” Presentation at the American Society for Ethnohistory, Las Vegas, NV, 2015.
- “Recapturing Anthropological Technologies: The Politics of Archives and Language Revitalization amongst Californian Indians.” Presentation at the Cultural Studies Association, Riverside, CA, 2015.
- “Ironic Encounters: ‘Expert’ Witnesses and the Indian Claims Commission.” Presentation at the Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies Summer Institute, Chicago, IL, 2014.
- “Fractured Sight: Viewing State Documents as Systems of Classification.” Presentation at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Austin, TX, 2014.

Panels Organized

- “Ethnic Studies: Passion, Purpose, and Promise.” Gavilan College, Gilroy, CA, 2020.
- “Re-Presenting Historical Legacies: A Decolonial Reckoning with Anthropology's Ruins” (co-organizer). American Anthropology Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2019.
- “Ambivalent Legacies: Movement, Public Engagement, and Ethics in Anthropology's Past and Present” (co-organizer). American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, 2018.
- “New Directions in the History of Anthropology” (co-organizer). American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., 2017.
- “Trails of Empire: Applied Science and Imperial Formations in the U.S. Southwest” (organizer). Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM, 2017.
- “Ethnohistories in the Making” (co-organizer). American Society for Ethnohistory, Las Vegas, NV, 2015.
- “Appropriation and The Archive” (chair). Cultural Studies Association, Riverside, CA, 2015.

Invited Lectures

“A.R. Radcliffe-Brown and the Rise of Structural-Functionalism.” University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, 2016.

“The Nobel Savage: Federal Acknowledgment and Systems of Classification.” University of New Mexico, 2016.

Courses Taught

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Introduction to Biological Anthropology

History of Anthropology

History of the Indigenous Peoples of the Southwest

Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion

Ethnographic Methods

Biological Anthropology Lab

Certificates

2022 ESCALA, Certificate of College Teaching Learning in Hispanic-Serving Institutions

2021 Peer Online Course Review, @One: The Online Network of Educators

2020 Certificate in Online Teaching & Design, @One: The Online Network of Educators

Institutional Services

2022 Student Leadership and Engagement Institute, Mission College

2021-Present Community of Praxis, Mission College

2021-Present Early Alert Task Force, Mission College

2021-Present Allies for Undocumented Students (Undocu-Ally) Faculty Member, Mission College

2020-Present Equity Task Force Member, Gavilan College

2020-Present Secretary, Associate Faculty Committee, Mission College

Professional Services

2022-Present Communications Director, History of Anthropology Interest Group, American Anthropology Association

2021-Present Book Reviews Editor, *Anthropology & Humanism*

2020-Present Managing Editor, *History of Anthropology Review*

2016-2020 Associate Editor, *History of Anthropology Review*

2015 Manuscript Review: *Nexus: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology*

2014 Manuscript Review: *Nexus: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology*

2014-2019 Grant Reader: Graduate and Professional Student Union, University of New Mexico

Professional Memberships

American Anthropology Association

American Society for Ethnohistory

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

Cultural Studies Association