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DEGREES: Ph.D. History, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1990
M.A. History, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1984
B.A. History, Southeastern Massachusetts University, 1982

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Fall, 2013- Present:	Professor, Ball State University
Fall, 1997:	Tenured, Ball State University
Fall, 1996:	Promoted to Associate Professor, Ball State University
Fall, 1990:	Appointed as Assistant Professor, Ball State University
1988-90:	Instructor in History, Allegheny College
1985-86:	Instructor in History, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

COURSES

History 150, "The West in the World"
History 151, "World Civilization I"
History 152, "World Civilization II"
History 324, "Selected Topics in Latin American History"
History 470, "Senior Seminar: Embodiment in the Early Modern Atlantic World, 1492-1859"
History 497, "Special Topics: A History of Animals in the Atlantic World"
History 623, "Topics in Atlantic World History: Witchcraft, Magic and Science"
History 623, "Topics in Atlantic World History: The New Natural History"

BOOKS

FORTHCOMING: Carol Blakney and Abel Alves. *The Biohistory of Feminism: How Evolution Gives Us Women Who Shape Our Cultures*. Edited by Jocelyn Bonner, M.D. and Sneha Chavali. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2025 or 2026.

The Animals of Spain: An Introduction to Imperial Perceptions and Human Interaction with Other Animals, 1492-1826. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2011.

- In *The Tame and the Wild: People and Animals after 1492* (Harvard University Press 2024, p. 14), Marcy Norton cited my work, with that of Martha Few and Zeb Tortorici, as being at the "forefront" of developing methodology for the application of historical animal studies to Latin American history.
- Recommended for "Further Reading" by Germán Vergara, "Animals in Latin American History," in the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History* (online publication May 2018), available at <http://latinamericanhistory.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199366439.001.0001/acrefore-9780199366439-e-436?rskey=SRkfNH&result=1>.

***Brutality and Benevolence: Human Ethology, Culture, and the Birth of Mexico.* Westport, Connecticut and London: Greenwood Press, 1996.**

- Reviewed in *The American Historical Review* 103:4 (October 1998); *The Hispanic American Historical Review* 78:1 (February 1998); and *The William and Mary Quarterly* 55:1 (January 1998).
- Recommended by Gregory Hanlon as one of two works published in 1996 introducing contemporary evolutionary perspectives to history. See Gregory Hanlon, “Historians and the Evolutionary Approach to Human Behavior,” in *The Cambridge Handbook of Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Behavior*, eds. Lance Workman, Will Reader and Jerome H. Barkow (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020), p. 493.

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Nature of Exploration: Interactions of Dogs, Horses, and Humans in *The General History of the Things of New Spain*,” *Terrae Incognitae: The Journal of the Society for the History of Discoveries* 57:3 (December 2025); published online August 7, 2025. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00822884.2025.2536972>.

“The Animal Question: The Anthropocene’s Hidden Foundational Debate,” *História, Ciências, Saúde—Manguinhos* 28: suppl. 1 (December 2021): 123-140. doi: [10.1590/S0104-59702021000500003](https://doi.org/10.1590/S0104-59702021000500003). Invited.

“Domestication: Coevolution,” in *Handbook of Historical Animal Studies*, ed. Brett Mizelle, Mieke Roscher, and André Krebber (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021), 37-51. Invited.

“Iberia’s Imagined Elephant: Animal Behavior through a Human Prism in the Sixteenth Century,” *Romance Notes* 60:3 (Fall/Winter 2020): 425-435. Published May 2021. Invited.

Peter Turchin, Harvey Whitehouse, Pieter François, Daniel Hoyer, **Abel Alves**, John Baines,... Liye Xie, “An Introduction to Seshat: Global History Databank,” *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 5: 1-2 (2018): 115-123, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1558/jch.39395>. Published November 6, 2020. Invited.

- Reprinted in *Studying the Religious Mind: Methodology in the Cognitive Science of Religion*, eds. Armin W. Geertz, et al. (Sheffield and Bristol, UK: Equinox Publishing, 2022): 359-370.

“Current College Syllabi Must Bridge This Divide: Teaching the Spanish Empire through Embodiment,” *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 49: 4 (Winter 2018): 1083-1088. Invited.

“Images of Animals in the Early Modern Spanish Empire,” *Bulletin of Spanish Visual Studies* 1: 1 (March 2017): 1-19. Invited.

“Giving Voice to Sentience: Nonhuman Animals and the Spanish Empire, 1492-1826,” *Pakistan Journal of Historical Studies* 1: 2 (Winter 2016): 1-33. Invited.

“The Sanctification of Nature in Marian Shrines in Catalonia: Contextualizing Human Desires in a Mediterranean Cult,” in *The Sacralization of Space and Behavior in the Early Modern World: Studies and Sources*, ed. Jennifer Mara DeSilva (Farnham, UK: Ashgate, 2015), 161-176.

“Researching a New Scholarly Field: The Case for Big History,” *Origins* 5:4 (April 2015): 12-16. Invited.

“Individuality and the Understanding of Animals in the Early Modern Spanish Empire,” in *Animals and Early Modern Identity*, ed. Pia Cuneo (Farnham, UK: Ashgate, 2014), 271-290.

- Reviewed in *TLS: The Times Literary Supplement* (January 30, 2015).

“The Animals of the Spanish Empire: Humans and Other Animals in Big History,” in *Teaching and Researching Big History: Exploring a New Scholarly Field*, ed. Leonid Grinin, David Baker, Esther Quaedackers and Andrey Korotayev (Volgograd: “Uchitel” Publishing House, 2014), 248-264.

“The Spanish Empire: Adaptive Animals in the Natural World,” *Big History*, Metanexus Institute (July 4, 2012). Available at <https://metanexus.net/spanish-empire-adaptive-animals-natural-world/>.

“Humanity’s Place in Nature, 1863-1928: Horror, Curiosity and the Expeditions of Huxley, Wallace, Blavatsky and Lovecraft,” *Theology and Science* 6:1 (February 2008): 73-88.

Carol Blakney and **Abel Alves**, “Baroque Consilience: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, Theology, Natural Philosophy, and Feminism,” *Big History*, Metanexus Institute (June 22, 2007). Available at <https://metanexus.net/baroque-consilience-sor-juana-ines-de-la-cruz/>.

“Mead: A Study in Human Culture’s Interaction with the Natural Environment and Other Animals,” *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 13:2 (Summer 2006): 151-166.

“Can We Be Awe-Inspired without Thinking Hierarchically?” *Big History*, Metanexus Institute (February 25, 2004). Available at <https://metanexus.net/can-we-be-awe-inspired-without-thinking-hierarchically/>.

“The Alpha Factor and Religion: The Display of Power and Altruism in the Sixteenth-Century Conquest of Mexico,” *Big History*, Metanexus Institute (December 17, 2003). Available at <https://metanexus.net/alpha-factor-and-religion/>.

“The Alpha Factor and the Conquest of Mexico: A Study in Ethological History,” (with contributions by Carol Blakney), *International Journal of Anthropology* 17:2 (2002): 59-75.

“Of Peanuts and Bread: Images of the Raw and the Refined in the Sixteenth-Century Conquest of New Spain,” in *Coded Encounters: Writing, Gender and Ethnicity in Colonial Latin America*, eds. F. Javier Cevallos-Candau, Jeffrey A. Cole, Nina M. Scott and Nicomedes Suárez-Araúz (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1994), 62-72.

“‘History and Historians’ at Ball State University,” *Organization of American Historians Council of Chairs Newsletter* 41 (October 1994): 14-16. Invited.

“Complicated Cosmos: Astrology and Anti-Machiavellianism in Saavedra’s *Empresas políticas*,” *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 25:1 (Spring 1994): 67-84.

“Nature and Bodies, Land and Labor: Mexico’s Colonial Legacy,” *Latin American Issues* Number 10 (1991): 1-63.

- Also available online at <https://sites.allegheeny.edu/latinamericanstudies/latin-american-issues/volume-10/>.

“History, Mexico, the United States and Humanity in the Writings of Octavio Paz,” *CLIO: A Journal of Literature, History, Philosophy of History* 20:1 (Fall 1990): 53-63.

- Reprinted in *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism*, Volume 211, eds. Thomas J. Schoenberg and Lawrence J. Trudeau (Detroit: Gale, 2009): 304-309.

“The Christian Social Organism and Social Welfare: The Case of Vives, Calvin and Loyola,” *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 20:1 (Spring 1989): 3-21.

“Europe: 1789-1848,” in *History of the World*, 3 vols., eds. John Whitney Hall and John Grayson Kirk (New York: Gallery Books, 1988), 2: 68-83.

DIGITAL PROJECTS

“Columbian Faunal Exchanges and Ecological Imperialism,” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Environmental History*, ed. Lisa Brady (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, June 20, 2025): <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780197768709/obo-9780197768709-0037.xml?rskey=n9tni6&result=1&q=columbian+faunal+exchanges#firstMatch>.

“Pets and Domesticated Animals,” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*, ed. Trevor Burnard (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, September 27, 2017; revised February 22, 2018; revised October 30, 2019; revised June 23, 2023): <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199730414/obo-9780199730414-0131.xml>.

Expert Contributor to Seshat: Global History Databank, sponsored by the Evolution Institute (2018-): <http://seshatdatabank.info/seshat-about-us/contributor-database/>.

- Acknowledged for “reviewing portions” of Peter Turchin and Daniel Hoyer, *Figuring Out the Past: The 3,495 Vital Statistics that Explain World History* (New York: Hachette Book Group, The Economist Books, 2020), xv. Reviewed “Spain: Habsburg Empire,” 192-195.
- Collaborator, the Evolution of Trade Research Working Group (2022-): <https://seshatdatabank.info/seshat-projects/evolution-of-trade/>.
 - Evoltrade Micro-Working Group Meeting (May 17-19, 2023)
Santa Fe Institute Cowan Campus (Attended virtually via Zoom)

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Madame Roland (1754-1793),” in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer, 17 vols. (Detroit: Gale Group, 2001), 13: 429-435.

“Catherine de Medici (1519-1589),” in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer, 17 vols. (Detroit: Gale Group, 2001), 10: 829-836.

“Goodall, Jane (1934-),” in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer, 17 vols. (Detroit: Gale Group, 2000), 6: 366-373.

“Glückel of Hameln (1646-1724),” in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer, 17 vols. (Detroit: Gale Group, 2000), 6: 301-305.

“Hernán Cortés,” in *Historic World Leaders*, 5 vols., eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Detroit and London: Gale Research, 1994), 2: 298-303.

“Cardinal Richelieu,” in *Historic World Leaders*, 5 vols., eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Detroit and London: Gale Research, 1994), 3: 1150-1154.

“Estévan,” in *Historic World Leaders*, 5 vols., eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Detroit and London: Gale Research, 1994), 4: 256-261.

“Juana Inés de la Cruz,” in *Historic World Leaders*, 5 vols., eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Detroit and London: Gale Research, 1994), 4: 409-413.

PAPERS PRESENTED

“Animals and Empire” Masterclass (Invited)

Animalia Summer School, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

(Online via Zoom: July 25, 2024)

Available online at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLegtL4W3lr3NKnYM8cMaI-FVy7-9yVls3>. Sponsored by [CHAM, Centro de Humanidades](#).

“Beyond the Anthropocene? Living with Today’s Troubles and All Animal Survivors.”

Global Disasters and World Society:

The Ecological Dimension of Modern World-System Crisis

(Florianopolis, Brazil/Zoom: March 26, 2024)

Carol Blakney and **Abel Alves**: “The Biohistory of Feminism.”

International Big History Association Conference

(Online via Airmeeet: July 8, 2023)

Available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CO0A3hXDnGY> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhvDdiEa9xA>.

“The Monkey’s Jug and the Elephant’s Caldron: Abandon and Restraint in the Sixteenth-Century Iberian World.”

By Invitation, Northern Early Modern Network Seminar Series

(Online Event via Zoom: February 11, 2022)

“Aping Elephants in Sixteenth-Century Iberia: Finding Animals “Good to Think,”

By Invitation, Themester 2018: “Animal/Human”

(Indiana University, Bloomington: November 15, 2018)

“Iberia’s Imagined Elephant: Efforts at a Comprehensive Natural History in the Sixteenth-Century,”

The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference

(Albuquerque: November 4, 2018)

“Images of Animals in the Early Modern Spanish Empire,”

By Invitation, Animals in Visual Hispanism: An International Symposium

(University College London: September 9, 2016).

“Nuestra Señora de la Ecología: Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth in Early Modern Catalonia,”
American Academy of Religion Midwest Regional Meeting
(Muncie, IN: April 2, 2016).

Carol Blakney and **Abel Alves**, “The Biohistory of Feminism,”
NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society Conference
(Boston: April 10, 2015).

“A History of Animals in the Atlantic World at Ball State University,”
Living with Animals Conference
(Richmond, KY: March 22, 2013).

“‘There’s a Lady Who’s Sure’: The Veneration of Nature in Marian Shrines in Catalonia,”
The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference
(Cincinnati: October 27, 2012).

“The Animals of the Spanish Empire: Humans and Other Animals in Big History,”
“Teaching and Researching Big History: Exploring a New Scholarly Field”
International Big History Association Inaugural Conference Event
(Grand Rapids, MI: August 4, 2012).

“Stewardship and Dominion: Animal Associations and Amelioration of Hierarchy in the Spanish Empire,”
Modern Language Association Annual Convention
(Seattle: January 6, 2012).

“Spain’s Sensibility: Humans and Other Animals in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World,”
Association for the Study of Literature and Environment Biennial Conference
(Bloomington, IN: June 25, 2011).

“The Animals of the Early Modern Spanish Empire: Cherished and Used,”
Animals: Past Present, and Future Conference, Michigan State University
(East Lansing: April 16, 2009).

“Animals in the Spanish Empire: A Tale of Dominance Displays and Peacemaking,”
The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference
(St. Louis: October 25, 2008).

“Mead: Human Interaction with the Natural Environment and Other Animals,”
Association for the Study of Literature and Environment Biennial Conference
(Eugene, Oregon: June 22, 2005).

“The Alpha Factor and Religion:
On the Display of Power and Altruism in the Sixteenth-Century Conquest of Mexico,”
Awe-Inspiring Experiences, UCLA Center for Governance
(Los Angeles: October 16, 2003).

“Can We Be Awe-Inspired without Thinking Hierarchically?
The Problem of Early Modern European Pantheists and Panentheists,”
Awe-Inspiring Experiences and the Saintly Life, UCLA Center for Governance
(Los Angeles: October 3, 2002).

- “A Sense of Place: Anne Conway, Verbal Leks, and Home Ranges,”
Biopolitics II, UCLA Center for Governance
(Los Angeles: March 30, 2001).
- “The Alpha Factor and the Conquest of Mexico: A Study in Ethological History,”
Dual Congress of the International Association for the Study of Human Palaeontology and
the International Association of Human Biologists
(Sun City, South Africa: June 30, 1998).
- “Serpentine Counsels and Vigilant Lions:
The Use of Animal Metaphor in Diego de Saavedra Fajardo’s Prescription for Courtly Culture,”
Fifth Annual Meeting of the Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies
(Chapel Hill: December 5, 1997).
- “The Alpha Factor and the Conquest of Mexico,”
By Invitation, Charles Cutter’s Seminar in Latin American History, Purdue University
(West Lafayette: October 25, 1995).
- “Confronting the *Curandero*:
Learned Culture and the Problem of Uniform Belief in the Writings of the Brothers Ruiz de
Alarcón,”
By Invitation of the University of Maryland Spanish and Portuguese Department
(College Park: February 1, 1995).
- “Confronting the *Curandero*:
Learned Culture and the Problem of Uniform Belief in the Writings of the Brothers Ruiz de
Alarcón,”
The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference
(Toronto: October 28, 1994).
- “Complicated Cosmos: The Art of Reading Men and Nations in Saavedra’s *Empresas políticas*,”
The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference
(Atlanta: October 23, 1992).
- “Custom and Its Legislation: From Cortés to Suárez,”
By Invitation of the Yale University History Department
(New Haven: March 5, 1992).
- “Healing the Body: Hospitals and Health-Care in Spain and New Spain,”
The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference
(St. Louis: October 27, 1990).
- “Of Peanuts and Bread:
Images of the Raw and the Refined in the Sixteenth-Century Conquest of New Spain,”
Reflections of Social Reality: Writings in Colonial Latin America
Five College Symposium honoring Lewis U. Hanke
(Amherst, MA: April 19, 1990).

“Custom and Its Legislation: From Cortés to Suárez,”
The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference
(Minneapolis: October 27, 1989).

“Antwerp: Economic Dualism in History,”
The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference
(Columbus, Ohio: October 25, 1985).

POSTER SESSIONS

Carol Blakney and **Abel Alves**, “The Biohistory of Grain,”
American Society for Environmental History and Forest History Society Joint Meeting
(St. Paul, MN: March 29- April 1, 2006).

ROUNDTABLES AND PANELS

Participant: “Honoring the Legacy of Miriam Usher Chrisman,” The Sixteenth Century Society
and Conference 50th Anniversary (St. Louis: October 17, 2019).

Invited Discussant: “New Approaches to Teaching the Spanish Empire,” The Sixteenth Century
Studies Conference (Albuquerque: November 1, 2018).

Co-chair: “Animal Studies Syllabus Swap/ The Humanities: A Subset of Animal Studies?” Living
with Animals Conference (Richmond, KY: March 22, 2013).

Commentator: “Development in South Asia,” Small Cities Conference (Muncie, IN: April 14,
2007).

Invited Participant: “Evolution, ET, and the Significance of Life in the Universe,” STARS,
Science and Transcendence Advanced Research Series (Iberostar Paraíso Maya, Playa del
Carmen, Mexico: January 11-15, 2007).

Invited Discussant: “The Rules of the Game of Politics in the Middle Ages,” UCLA Center for
Governance and UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (Los Angeles: March 1-2,
2001).

Chair: “Spanish Literature of the Sixteenth Century,” The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference
(St. Louis: December 1, 1993).

Commentator: History Section, The Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences (Terre Haute:
October 16, 1992).

Commentator: “America as a Land of Opportunity: Missionary Perspectives,” American Historical
Association (Chicago: December 30, 1991).

Chair and Commentator: “Europeans Abroad: Merchants in Worlds Old and New,” The Sixteenth
Century Studies Conference (Philadelphia: October 17, 1991).

Chair and Commentator: “Europeans and the New World,” The Sixteenth Century Studies
Conference (St. Louis: October 26, 1990).

Chair and Discussant: "The Politics of the Renaissance Body," American Comparative Literature Association Graduate Student Conference (Amherst, MA: April 17, 1988).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Nominated, Graduate Faculty Mentor Award, 2019-2020.

Honorable Mention, Distinguished New Course Award: "A History of Animals in the Atlantic World," Humane Society of the United States and Animals and Society Institute, 2011.

Diversity Associate, BSU Diversity Policy Institute, 2007-2008.

BSU Center for Peace & Conflict Studies Social Activist Award, with Carol Blakney, March 9, 2004.

BSU Center for Energy Research/Education/Service (CERES) Fellow, 2001-2002.

Lilly Library's Everett Helm Visiting Fellowship, Bloomington, Indiana, 2001.

BSU Lawhead Teaching Award in General Education, 2000.

Ball State University Special Assigned Leave with Pay, Spring 2000, Spring 2015 & Fall 2022.

University College Faculty Fellow, Spring 1999.

Member of a three-person committee asked to evaluate the theory and application of interdisciplinary studies for curriculum development at Ball State University.

BSU Office of Multicultural Affairs Hurley Goodall Distinguished Faculty Award, 1997.

Finalist, BSU Excellence in Teaching Award, 1994, 1995, 2005 & 2009.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute (Nahuatl language study as a Visiting Scholar at the University of Texas at Austin and Universidad de las Américas in Cholula), 1992.

BSU New Faculty Grant, 1991.

Allegheny College Faculty Development Grant, 1989.

Miriam Chrisman Award of the Society for Reformation Research, 1989.

Robert and Jeanne Potash Travel Grant, 1989.

University of Massachusetts Graduate Student Fellowship, 1985-1986.

BOOK REVIEWS

ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America

Spring/Summer 2024 (May 2, 2024): Marcia Stephenson, *Llamas beyond the Andes: Untold Histories of Camelids in the Modern World* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2023). Available at <https://revista.drclas.harvard.edu/a-review-of-llamas-beyond-the-andes-untold-histories-of-camelids-in-the-modern-world/>.

The American Historical Review

111:3 (June 2006): 787. Robert H. Jackson, *Missions and the Frontiers of Spanish America* (Scottsdale, AZ: Pentacle Press, 2005).

106:4 (October 2001): 1427-1428. Bernardo García Martínez and Alba González Jácome, editors. *Estudios sobre historia y ambiente en América. Volume 1, Argentina, Bolivia, México, Paraguay* (México, D.F.: Colegio de México, 1999).

The Hispanic American Historical Review

84:4 (November 2004): 734-735. Magali M. Carrera. *Imagining Identity: Race, Lineage, and the Colonial Body in Portraiture and Casta Paintings*. Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Series in Latin American and Latino Art and Culture (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2003).

74:3 (August 1994): 510-511. Margarita Zamora, *Reading Columbus* (Berkeley: U. of California Press, 1993); John B. Wolcott, *Uncovering the Real Columbus* (Huntington, W. Va.: Aegina Press, 1992).

Journal of Latin American Studies

46:3 (August 2014): 594-596. Martha Few and Zeb Tortorici, eds. *Centering Animals in Latin American History* (Durham, NC and London: Duke University Press, 2013).

Colonial Latin American Historical Review

12:2 (Spring 2003): 230-231. Stafford Poole, *Juan de Ovando: Governing the Spanish Empire in the Reign of Philip II* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2004).

3:2 (Spring 1994): 230-231. Renán Silva, *Universidad y sociedad en el nuevo reino de Granada. Contribución a un análisis histórico de la formación intelectual de la sociedad colombiana* (Bogotá: Banco de la República, 1992).

Journal of Latin American Geography

23:3 (December 2024): 279-281. Diogo de Carvalho Cabral, André Vasques Vital and Margarita Gascón, editors, *More-Than-Human Histories of Latin America and the Caribbean: Decentering the Human in Environmental History* (London: University of London Press, 2024).

FORTHCOMING: Alan P. Marcus, *Portuguese Jews and New Christians in Colonial Brazil, 1500-1822: A New Geography of the Atlantic World* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2024).

Bulletin of Spanish Studies

99:7 (January 20, 2023): Review of Books, 18-19. Ana Lucia Camphora, *Animals and Society in Brazil from the Sixteenth to Nineteenth Centuries* (Winwick: The White Horse Press, 2021).

Calíope: Journal of the Society for Renaissance and Baroque Hispanic Poetry

11:2 (2005): 160-162. Jesús Escobar, *The Plaza Mayor and the Shaping of Baroque Madrid* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004).

H-Caribbean

(August 2024) Christopher Michael Blakley. *Empire of Brutality: Enslaved People and Animals in the British Atlantic World* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2023).

H-Net Latin American History List

(January 25, 1998) Luz María Hernández Sáenz, *Learning to Heal: The Medical Profession in Colonial Mexico 1767-1831* (New York: Peter Lang, 1997).

(September 1, 1996) Richard Kagan and Geoffrey Parker, eds., *Spain, Europe and the Atlantic World: Essays in Honour of John H. Elliott* (Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press, 1995).

(June 1, 1995): Elinor G. K. Melville, *A Plague of Sheep: Environmental Consequences of the Conquest of Mexico* (Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press, 1994).

The Sixteenth Century Journal

52:1 (Spring 2021): 261-263. Alex Hidalgo, *Trail of Footprints: A History of Indigenous Maps from Viceregal Mexico* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2019).

50:4 (Winter 2019): 1265-1266. Margaret Cavendish, Duchess of Newcastle, *Poems and Fancies with the Animal Parliament*, ed. Brandie R. Siegfried. *The Other Voice in Early Modern Europe: Toronto Series 64* (Toronto and Tempe: Iter Press and Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 2018).

50:3 (Fall 2019): 977-979. Martin Austin Nesvig, *Promiscuous Power: An Unorthodox History of New Spain* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2018).

44:2 (Summer 2013): 635-636. Massimo Montanari, *Cheese, Pears, and History in a Proverb*, trans. Beth Archer Brombert (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010).

28:3 (Fall 1997): 1035-1036. David A. Howard, *Conquistador in Chains: Cabeza de Vaca and the Indians of the Americas* (Tuscaloosa: U. of Alabama Press, 1997).

28:2 (Summer 1997): 547-548. Richard Trexler, *Sex and Conquest: Gendered Violence, Political Order, and the European Conquest of the Americas* (Ithaca: Cornell U. Press, 1995).

25:2 (Summer 1994): 456-457. James C. Boyajian, *Portuguese Trade in Asia under the Habsburgs, 1580-1640* (Baltimore and London: The Johns Hopkins U. Press, 1993).

24:4 (Winter 1993): 920-921. W. W. Meissner, S.J., M.D., *Ignatius of Loyola: The Psychology of a Saint* (New Haven and London: Yale U. Press, 1992).

24:4 (Winter 1993): 921-922. Ida Altman and James Horn, eds., *"To Make America": European Emigration in the Early Modern Period* (Berkeley: U. of California Press, 1991).

24:2 (Summer 1993): 506-507. Sara T. Nalle, *God in La Mancha: Religious Reform and the People of Cuenca, 1500-1650* (Baltimore and London: The Johns Hopkins U. Press, 1992).

23:2 (Summer 1992): 377-378. James Lockhart, *Nahuas and Spaniards: Postconquest Central Mexican History and Philology* (Stanford and Los Angeles: Stanford U. Press and the UCLA Latin American Center, 1991).

22:3 (Fall 1991): 589-590. Robert Bireley, *The Counter-Reformation Prince: Anti-Machiavellianism or Catholic Statecraft in Early Modern Europe* (Chapel Hill: U. of North Carolina Press, 1990).

21:4 (Winter 1990): 711-712. Louise M. Burkhart, *The Slippery Earth: Nahua-Christian Moral Dialogue in Sixteenth-Century Mexico* (Tucson: U. of Arizona Press, 1989).

21:4 (Winter 1990): 695-696. Brendan Bradshaw and Eamon Duffy, eds., *Humanism, Reform and the Reformation: The Career of Bishop John Fisher* (Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press, 1989).

20:3 (Fall 1989): 495. A. Lynn Martin, *The Jesuit Mind: The Mentality of an Elite in Early Modern France* (Ithaca: Cornell U. Press, 1988).

Isis: Journal of the History of Science Society

97:4 (December 2006): 754-755. Rafael Angel Rodríguez Sánchez, *Introducción de la medicina moderna en España: una imagen de nuestra renovación científica (1687-1727) desde la teoría de la ciencia de Thomas S. Kuhn* (Seville: Ediciones Alfar, 2005).

ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment

15:2 (Summer 2008): 270-271. Gregory Hanlon, *Human Nature in Rural Tuscany: An Early Modern History* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007).

13:2 (Summer 2006): 259-260. Peter Hanns Reill, *Vitalizing Nature in the Enlightenment* (Berkeley: U. of California Press, 2005).

Global Food History

3:2 (2017): 209-210. Jodi Campbell. *At the First Table: Food and Social Identity in Early Modern Spain* (Lincoln and London: University of Nebraska Press, 2017).

Great Plains Research

27:2 (Fall 2017): 146-147. Diana L. Ahmad. *Success Depends on the Animals: Emigrants, Livestock, and Wild Animals on the Overland Trails, 1840-1869* (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2016).

SELECT SERVICE

Guest Co-editor, with Nicholas R. Miller of a Special Issue on “Animals and Exploration.”
FORTHCOMING: *Terrae Incognitae: The Journal of the Society for the History of Discoveries* 57:3 (December 2025).

Chairperson, Department of History, Ball State University, July 1, 2016-March 1, 2022.
Duties included supervising budgetary expenditures and the hiring of faculty and staff; composing and editing materials for annual reports, unit action plans, an academic unit review (2016-2021) and assessment reports; and dealing with faculty, staff and student grievances. I also led departmental discussions and created a committee on intersectionality and inclusive excellence to generate an overall, focused sense of mission, defining academic areas of strength in the department (e.g., global women’s and gender history, early modern global studies and Africana studies). I created an Alumni Advisory Board and increased national and international outreach through hosting workshops using the Zoom and Shindig platforms.

Assistant Chair, Department of History, Ball State University, July, 2007- January, 2012.
During 4 ½ years as assistant chair, duties included scheduling classes; assigning undergraduate teaching fellows to professors; managing these undergraduate employees; editing the department’s annual newsletter; and serving as acting chairperson in the absence of the departmental chair. I also extended the department’s community outreach through involving students in various public history projects.

Member of University and College Committees.

College Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2013-2014; 2015-2016; 2024-2025
Inclusive Excellence Committee, College of Sciences & Humanities, 2024-2025
Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Fund Advisory Committee, 2016-2022
Ball State Magazine Editorial Board Committee, 2017-2018
BSU Centennial Planning Committee, 2017-2018
Reportable Outside Activities Working Group, January-May, 2017
Dean’s Promotion and Tenure Task Force, 2013-2014
College Curriculum Committee, 2008-2009; 2011-2013 (Chair, 2011-2013)
Different Dawn Revisited (Teaching & Scholarship at BSU), February 17-18, 2006
Professional Affairs Council, 2003-2005
Teaching Evaluation Committee, 2003-2005 (Chair, 2004-2005)
Cardinal Leadership Roundtable, 2003-2004

Committee Member of the BSU Provost's "Green-2" Initiative, 2000-2001.

As a member of the provost's "Greening of the Campus" Initiative, I participated in developing strategies to make BSU a more sustainable campus, with a particular emphasis on purchasing hybrid automobiles for our university fleet.

Chair of Departmental Committees.

Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2013-2014; 2015-2016; 2024-2025

Merit and Scholarship Committee, 2023-2024

Ad Hoc Faculty Learning Community on DFW Rates, Spring-Fall 2023

Social Studies Director Search Committee, Fall 2021

Sub-Saharan African History Search Committee, Fall 2016

Student History Conference Committee, 2012-2013

Digital History Search Committee, Spring 2012

Library Committee, 1996-1997; 2003-2005

Honors and Scholarship Committee, 1997-1998

Graduate Programs Committee, 1994-1995

Undergraduate Programs Committee, 1991-1994

Faculty Advisor to the Ball State University Animal Defense League, 1996-2004.

Certified Nature Mapper, Indiana Biodiversity Initiative, 2000-2001.

In 2000, I became a certified nature mapper for the state of Indiana. As a nature mapper, I familiarized myself with the field identification of terrestrial and avian fauna in order to keep a record of the state of biodiversity in the Muncie, Indiana region.

SELECT MEDIA INTERVIEWS

The New York Times (Saturday, February 10, 2001).

Interviewed by Emily Eakin for article: "Tilling History with Biology's Tools," A15, A17.

National Public Radio.

Interviewed on the cultural meaning of myth for "Myths and Legends," *Rock & Roll America* with Richard Aquila. March 26, 1999.

Indiana Public Radio.

Interviewed by Janet Babin on *Día de los Muertos* and Mexican culture. November 2, 1998.

Global Focus, with Ken Hall, WIPB Channel 49 (local PBS affiliate):

Interview on Mexican mysticism and religious syncretism. August 2, 1995.

Panel Interview on current affairs in Mexico. April 18, 1995.

Interviewed about "Living and Lost Traditions" Exhibit. 1993-1994.

Interviewed about contemporary Mexico and the Chiapas crisis. 1993-1994.

The Meadville Tribune (Meadville, PA: vol. 106, no. 112).

Interviewed for article: "Local Eyes View Panamanian Crisis," December 21, 1989.