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VIRGINIA GARRARD BURNETT

Education	**School**	**Date Received**
Ph.D. History	Tulane University	August 1986
M.A. Latin American Studies	Tulane University New Orleans, Louisiana	August 1980
B.A. History	Centenary College Shreveport, Louisiana	May 1979 Summa Cum Laude

Professional Experience

Professor: University of Texas, 2010
Department of History
0-time appointments with Department of Religious Studies and the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies

Associate Chair Dept. of History, 2010-2014

Associate Professor: University of Texas, 2006-present
Department of History
0-time appointments with Department of Religious Studies and the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies

Director of Religious Studies Program (Interim): 2006-2007

Senior Lecturer: University of Texas, Austin, 1997-2006.
Institute of Latin American Studies and Department of History
Undergraduate advisor, honors advisor, study abroad advisor
Undergraduate courses:
lower division courses: interdisciplinary Latin America Studies survey, conquest of the New World.

Upper-division undergraduate courses: two-semester Latin American history survey; religion in Latin America, history of modern Central America lecture course, history of modern Central American research seminar, religion and society in Latin America course, honors methodology seminar, Latin America and the Cold War
Graduate courses: Central American social and political history, research and writing seminars; history of religion in Latin America, research and writing seminars, history of El Salvador research seminar, history of Guatemala through the National Police Archives

Full-time Lecturer: University of Texas, Austin, Texas, August 1990 to 1997.
Institute of Latin American Studies and Department of History
Undergraduate advisor, honors advisor.
***Undergraduate lower division courses*:** interdisciplinary Latin America Studies survey, conquest of the New World.
Upper-division undergraduate courses: two-semester Latin American history survey; religion in Latin America, history of modern Central America lecture course, history of modern Central American research seminar, honors methodology seminar.
Graduate courses*:* Central American social and political history, research and writing; history of religion in Latin America, research and writing.

Research Fellow University of Texas, Austin, Institute of Latin American Studies Austin, Texas, 1987-1990.

Visiting Assist. Professor University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas, 1989-1990.

Visiting Assist. Professor Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, 1988.

Adjunct Professor St. Edward's University and Austin Community College,Austin, Texas, 1986-1989.

Instructor Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1985-1986.

Publications
Works in Progress

Co-author, History of Modern Latin America (textbook), Oxford University Press (due for completion 2015).

Co-editor, Cambridge History of Religion in Latin America (due for completion, 2014).

Manuscript in progress: Faces of God in Latin America: The Vernacular Hermeneutics of Christianity in the Global South.

Books

Beyond The Eagle's Shadow: New Histories of Latin America's Cold War, Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2013, co-edited with Mark Atwood Lawrence and Julio Moreno.

Terror en la tierra del Espiritu Santo: Guatemala bajo General Efraín Ríos Montt, 1982-1983, translated by Ronald Flores, Guatemala, AVANCSO, 2013.

Terror in the Land of the Holy Spirit: Guatemala Under General Efraín Ríos Montt, 1982-1983. Oxford University Press, 2009.

Vivir en la Nueva Jerusalén: el protestantismo en Guatemala, translated by Ronald Flores, Guatemala: Editorial Piedra Santa, Guatemala, 2009.

On Earth as it is in Heaven: Religion in Latin America. (edited volume), Wilmington Delaware: Scholarly Resources, 2000.

A History of Protestants in Guatemala: Living in the New Jerusalem. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1998.

Virginia Garrard-Burnett and David Stoll, eds. Rethinking Protestantism in Latin America, Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1993.

James Olson and Virginia Garrard Burnett, et al eds., An Historical Dictionary of the Spanish Empire, Westport CT: Greenwood Press, 1992.

Book Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Community Culture and Control in Guatemala," in David Carey, ed. Distilling the Influence of Alcohol: *Aguardiente* in Guatemalan History, University of Florida Press, 2012.

"Christianity in Central America," in Charles Farhadian, ed., Introducing World Christianity (London: Blackwell Publishers, 2012).

"Under God's Thumb: The 1976 Guatemala Earthquake," in Lyman Johnson and Jürgen Buchenau, eds. Aftershocks : Earthquakes and Popular Politics in Latin America (Albuquerque, University of New Mexico Press, 2009).

"Like A Mighty Rushing Wind: Pentecostalism in Contemporary Latin America," in Lee Penyak and Walter Petry, Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretive Essays from the Conquest to the Twenty-first Century (Maryknoll NY: Orbis Books, 2009).

"Stop Suffering? The Iglesia Universal del Reino de Dios in the United States, " in Timothy Steigenga and Edward Cleary, eds. Conversion of a Continent: Contemporary Religious Change in Latin America (Rutgers, 2007[8]). pp. 218-238.

"Casting Out Demons in Almolonga: Ethnicity and Discourses of Modernity in a Mayan Town," in David Westerlund, ed., Global Pentecostalism and Culture (Södertörn University (Sweden) and I. Tauris Press, 2009).

"God Was Already Here: Mayan Inculturated Theology," Timothy Steigenga and Edward Cleary, ed., Resurgent Voices in Latin America: Indigenous Peoples, Political Mobilization, and Religious Change (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2004).

"Mayan Theologies and De-Westernized Christianity," in Kavita A. Pullapilly, Christianity and Native Cultures, (New York: Cross Cultural Publications, 2004).

"Inculturated Protestant Theology in Guatemala," in Viggo Mortensen, ed. Christianity and Other Religions: A Dialogue. Aarhus: University of Aarhus, Denmark, 2003 and Grand Rapids: William Eerdmans Publishing, , 2003.

"Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus: do Rios para o mundo," in André Corten, Jean-Peirre Dozon and Ari Pedro Oro, ed. Les nouveaux conquérants de la foi: L'Église universelle du royanume de Dieu (Brésil). Paris, Karthala, 2003.

"A igreja universal nos Estados Unidos," in Ari Pedro Oro, André Corten, and Jean-Pierre Dozon, editors. Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus: os novos conquistadors da fé (São Paulo: Paulinas, 2003).

"Mayan Christianity," in Jeffrey Kaplan and Bron Taylor, eds. Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature (London: The Con tinuum International Publishing Group, 2003).

"The Impact of Violence on Gender" in Krishna Kumar, ed. Women and Civil War: Impact, Organizations, and Actors. Boulder: Lynn Reiner,2001.

"Religion in Practice: Testimonies of Maya and Ladino Protestants in Contemporary Guatemala," in Gustavo Benevides,ed, Religion in Practice in Latin America. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001.

"God and Revolution: Protestant Missions in Revolutionary Guatemala," in John A. Britton, ed., Molding the Hearts and Minds: Education, Communications, and Social Change in Latin America. Wilmington, Delaware: Scholarly Resources, 1994.

"The Resacramentalization of the Profane: Government, Religion and Ethnicity in Modern Guatemala," in David Westerlund, ed. Questioning the Secular State: The Worldwide Resurgence of Religion in Politics. London: Hurst and Co., 1996.

"El protestantismo en Guatemala," in La historia general de Guatemala, Fundación para la Cultura y Desarrollo. Guatemala, 1995.

Articles and Review Essays

"De lovløses helgener," Religioner.no 04/7/2013 (translation by Hans Olav Arnesen, of "Mexico's Saints and Anti-Saints"). (Norway).

"Time and the Maya Apocalypse, 1982 and 2012," The Annex: A New Journal of Narrative and Experimental History, December 2012 (1)(1): 19-31.

"Neopentecostalism and Prosperity Theology in Latin America: A Religion for Late Capitalist Society," Iberoamericana: Nordic Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 42 (1-2) (2012): 21-35. (Norway)

"A vida abundate: a teologia de prosperidade no América Latina," História: questões & dabates:religiões: história, política e cultura na era contemporânea (55) (2011): 177-194 (actual publication date, 2012) (Brazil).

Virginia Garrard-Burnett and Carlos Garma Navarro, "Protestantism(s) and Mayan Worldviews in Chiapas and Guatemala in the Context of Civil War," Social Sciences and Missions (20 (2007): 99-116. [published Feb. 2008].

Virginia Garrard-Burnett, Sarah McKinnon, and Joseph Potter, "Adolescent Fertility and Religion in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in the Year 2000: The Role of Protestantism, Population Studies: A Journal of Demography, 62 (3) (November 2008): 289-303(15).

"Priests, Pentecostals, and Politics," Current History: A Journal of Contemporary World Affairs, (107) (706) February 2008, pp. 84-89. (commissioned piece).

"The Third Church in Latin America: Religion and Globalization in Contemporary Latin America," Latin American Research Review, Vol. 39, No. 3, October 2004.

"Charismatic Catholicism Meets Liberation Theology in El Salvador," Journal of Hispanic and Latino Theology, 2004.

The Third Church in Latin America: Religion and Globalization in Contemporary Latin America," Latin American Research Review, 39 (3) (2004): 256-269.

"Indians are Drunks and Drunks are Indians: Alcohol and Indigenismo in Guatemala, 1890-1940. Bulletin of Latin American Research, 19 (2000): 341-356.

" Rigoberta Menchú, David Stoll, and Voices from Exile by Victor Montejo: A Review Essay, (London) Times Higher Education Supplement, September 1999.

"Transnational Protestantism, a Review Essay, " Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs, 40 (1998): 117-125.

"'Greek to the Greeks and Maya to the Maya': Protestantism and Ethnic Identity Among the Maya in Guatemala and Chiapas." Ibero-Amerikanisches Archiv: Zeitschrift für Sozialwissenschaften und Geschichte, (1-2) (1999): 99-114.

"Order, Progress and Missions in Liberal Guatemala," Latin American Perspectives, 93 (24) (2) (1997): 35-55.

"Protestantism in Latin America: A Review of Recent Literature," Latin American Research Review, 12 (1) (1992): 218-230.

"El protestantismo, liberalismo, e impulso misionero: misiones evangélicas en Guatemala, 1880-1920." Mesoamerica 19(1990):13-31. Reprinted in Reflexiones del Comité Evangélica Pastoral de América Latina (Guatemala), 1992. Reprinted in Centroamerica anuario 1992 de El Centro Español de Estudios de América Latina (Spain) in 1992 and in Refexión (Guatemala) in 2000.

"Dios y revolución: el protestantismo en la época revolucionaria" Anales de la Academia de Historia e Geografia de Guatemala, 1990.

"Jerusalem Under Siege: Religion and Ethnic Change in Guatemala, 1954-1984," Texas Papers on Latin America series, Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 1989.

"Protestantism in Revolutionary Guatemala, 1944-1954," The Americas, 46(1989):205-224.

"Protestantism in Rural Guatemala, 1872-1954," Latin American Research Review 24(1989):127-142.

"Onward Christian Soldiers: Protestant Nationalism in Guatemala. SECOLAS Annals, 19(1988):85-105.

Book Reviews and Reference Books

Book Reviews

Review of René Reeves, Ladinos with Ladinos, Indians with Indians: Land, Lavor and Regional Ethnic Conflict in the Making of Guatemala. (Stanford University Press, 2006) for America Historical Review, (2009) 114 (3): 807-808.

Review of Greg Grandin's Empire's Workshop: Latin America, the United States, and the Rise of the New Imperialism, American Historical Review, Feb. 2009: 184-185.

Review of C. Mathews Samson, Re-enchanting the World: Maya Protestantism in the Guatemalan Highlands, Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, 13 (1) (2008): 255-257.

Review of Nora E. Jaffary, False Mystics: Deviant Orthodoxy in Colonial Mexico (University of Nebraska), Bulletin of Latin American Research, 27 (1) (January 2008): 129-131.

Review of Paul Hart, Bitter Harvest: The Social Transformation of Morelos, Mexico and the Origins of the Zapatista Revolution, 1849-1910. (University of New Mexico Press, 2005), American Historical Review, forthcoming but submitted in Sept. 2008.

Various entries on Central America and religion for the Oxford Encyclopedia of Christianity and the Oxford Encyclopedia of Modern History, Oxford University Press, 2006.

Book review of Juan Fonsecas, Misioneros y civilizadores: Protestantismo y modernizacíon en el Perú (1915-1930), Hispanic American Historical Review, August 2005.

Review of Lisa Baldez, Why Women Protest: Womens' Movements in Chile (Cambridge, 2002), for Extremism (UK), October 2003.

Review of John Yamoko, Protestantism in Cuba (Johns Hopkins, 2002), for Journal of Church and State, 2004.

Review of Piety, Power and Politics: Religion and Nation Formation in Guatemala 1821-1871 by Douglass Sullivan González in the Journal of Church and State, 41(1999) (2), 388.

Review of Jean-Pierre Bastian, "Protestantismo y modernidad latinoamericana: historia de unas minorias religiosas activas en America Latina, Journal of Latin American Studies, 1997.

Multiple entries for Encyclopedia of Latin American History, 5 vols. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1996.

Book review of Jean-Pierre Bastian, Le protestantisme en Amerique Latine: une approche socio-historique in the Journal of Latin American Studies (27)(1995):264.

Book review of Edward Cleary and Hannah Steward-Gambino, Conflict and Competition: The Latin American Church in a Changing Environment in the Journal of Development Studies (30) (2)(1994):520.

Book review of Carol Smith, Guatemalan Indians and the State. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1991 in The Americas.

Book review of James A. Goldston, Shattered Hope: Guatemalan Workers and the Promise of Democracy. Boulder: Westview Press, 1989 in The Americas, July 1990.

Book review of Hector Pérez Brignoli, A Brief History of Central America. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1989 in Social Science Research Quarterly 71(1990): 883.

Book review of Robert M. Carmack, ed. Harvest of Violence: The Maya Indians and the Guatemalan Crisis (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1988) in The Americas 46(1989).

Professional Reports

"Aftermath: Women and Gender Issues in Postconflict Guatemala." USAID Evaluation Highlights #70, December 2000.

"Gender and Violence in Guatemala," for Center for Development Information and Evaluation, USAID, April 2000.

"Women's Organizations in Post-Conflict Guatemala," with Alice Morton and Irma Otzoy, for Center for Development Informaiton and Evaluation, USAID, July 2000.

Conferences and Invited Lectureships

"Religion and Immigration: A Symposium," Library of Congress, Washington DC, February 2014.

"Tricksters, gods, and Global Pentecostalism," plenary lecture, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA., February 2014.

Conference organizer, "Historicizing Central American Revolutions," Lozano Long Conference, University of Texas, February 2014.

University of Oslo, 2-week lectureship on religion in Latin America, March 2013.

"Mexico's Saints and Anti-Saints," "Religious Innovation in Latin America," University of Oslo, March 2013. (Conference organizer).

American University, Religion and Violence in Latin America, two year project funded by Luce Foundation, invited consultant and contributor, 2012-2013.

Organizer and presenter, "Mexico's New Saints and Anti-Saints," workshop on "Religious Innovation in Latin America, " Oslo, Norway, March 2013.

Paper, "'I like to read about martyrs but I don't want to be one': Revolutionary Priests in Central America" Rocky Mountain Congress on Latin America, Santa Fe, April 2013.

Invited lecture, "Revisiting the Cuban Missile Crisis," Dept. of History Visiting Committee, Dallas, Texas, February 2013.

Paper, "Celestial Armies Against Vodou: Global Pentecostalism and Cultural Wars in Haiti" in panel on Transcultural Christianities, International Society for the Study of Religion, Turku, Finland, June 2013.

Organizer and presenter, Guatemala Scholars Network, Second International Conference, Antigua, Guatemala, July 2013.

Book presentation, "Terror en la tierra del Espiritu Santo," Feria Internacional del Libro, Guatemala City, Guatemala, July 2013.

"Religion and Violence in Latin America: A Workshop," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix AZ, November 2012.

"Recovering Memories and the National Police Archives of Guatemala," Latin American
Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, May 2012.

"New Ways of Being Christian in Latin America," Nordic Network on Latin America, Stockholm, Sweden, April 2012.

"Narco-Saints and the Devil in Mexico," Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American
Studies, Park City, Utah, March, 2012.

Chair, "New Research on Latin American Political History: Costa Rica, Peru, and Chile,"
Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies, Park City, Utah, March, 2012.

Organizer and participant, workshop on Historicizing Central American Revolutions, Conference on Latin American Studies, American Historical Association, Boston MA, January 2011.

"Inculturation Theology and the Mayan Movement in Guatemala", panel on Latin American Christianities in Motion, Nordic Latin American Research Conference, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2010.

Invited lecture, "The New Religious Worlds of Latin America,"Symposium on World Christianity, Baylor Institute for the Studies of Religion, Baylor University, Waco TX, October 2010.

"The IURD in the United States, panel on transnational religion, Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, October 2010.

"Ríos Montt and the Culture of Terror," panel on Discourses of Terror, Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, September 2010.

Invited paper, "Transnational religion and Latino Immigration in the United States, Centro de Investigaciones Psicológicas y Sociológicas, University of Havana, Havana, Cuba, July 2010.

"The IURD: A Brazilian Mega-Church in the United States," Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder, April 2010.

Distinguished lecture series, "Terror in the Land of the Holy Spirit," Ft. Lewis College, Durango Colorado, April 2010.

Invited lecture, "Terror in the Land of the Holy Spirit," Center for Latin American Studies and Center for Religious Studies, University of Florida, February 2010.

Invited participant, Luce Project on Religion in Global Civil Society, 2010 Regional Workshop, The Role of Religion in Global Civil Society: A Latin America/Caribbean Focus, Orfalea Center for Global and International

Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, January 2010.

"Religion and Society in Latin America: a Symposium," American Society of Religion, Montreal, January 2010.

(Invited lecture) "In God's Backyard: Religious Pluralism in Latin America," Distinguished Speaker Series, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana, April 2009.

"Under God's Thumb: Religious Responses to the 1976 Guatemala Earthquake," Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 4-7, 2009.

Co-organizer and commentator, "El Salvador: Image, Memory, and the Paradox of Peace: 15 Years After the Peace Accords," University of Texas, Austin, April 2008.

"Time and the Maya Apocalypse: Guatemala, 1982 and 2012," Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, Flagstaff, Arizona, April 2008.

Co-organizer and commentator, "Contest Modernities: Indigenous and Afro-Descendent Experiences in Latin America," Lozano Long Annual Conference, University of Texas, February 26-29, 2009.

Participant and commentator, "What's Left of the Left in Latin America: 40 Years after 1968," sponsored by LLILAS and the Dept of Spanish and Portuguese, April 24-25, 2008.

"Prosperity Theology in the Context of Neo-Liberalism," Religious Responses to Neoliberalism session, Latin American Studies Association Congress, Montréal, Canada, September 2007.

"The Politics of Death in Guatemala: Recreating a 'History You Can Use,'" Society of Latin American Studies, UK, Newcastle, England, April 13-14 2007.

(Invited lecture)"Casting Out Demons in Almolonga: Spiritual Warfare and Mayan Identity," panel on "Inter- and Intra-Religious Aspects ofthe Global Growth of Pentecostalism", Sördertorn University, Stockholm, Sweden, April 20-21, 2007.

"Mayan Exhumations and Historic Memory in Guatemala," Six Feet Under: Deep Thoughts on Death session, Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, New Mexico, January 2007

(Invited lecture) "Religious Change in Latin America, " Austin Theological Seminary, March 2007.

"Reconceptualizing Latin American Studies," a invitational workshop on curriculum reform, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 2006.

"The Mayan Apocalypse,: Session on Revelation and Apocalypse, American Academy of Religion, Society for Biblical Literature, Washington DC, November 2006.

"The House Church Movement in Cuba," session on Religious Conversion and Political Transition in Latin America, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon, October 2006.

"The Guatemalan Peace Accords: A 10-Year Perspective," a panel discussion during the visit of ex-President of the Republic of Guatemala, Alvaro Arzú. September 2006, University of Texas.

"Fools and their Money? Prosperity Theology and Brazilian Protestantism in the United States," session on Religious Conversion, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Rochester, New York, November, 2005.

"CAFTA, Globalization, and its effects in El Salvador," commentator, workshop, November 2005, University of Texas.

"The Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus in the United States," session on Religious Conversion in Latin America, Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Vancouver, Canada, April 2005

"Casting Out Demons in Almolonga: Theology and Identity in a Ki'che' Town," at session on Religion and Identity, Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 2004.

"Religion in Latin America: A Historical Review and Some Theoretical Considerations of Current Trends," day-long workshop, Katholieke Hogeschool, Interncultureel management en internationale communicatie, Mechelen, Belgium, January 17, 2004.

Paper, "Efrain Ríos Montt and the 'Conquest of Love', 1982-1983," Conference in Honor of Professor Ralph Lee Woodward, Tulane Univesity, September, 2003.

Paper, "The Religious Marketplace in Latin America." Latin American Studies Association, Dallas, Texas, March, 2003.

Commentator, Latin American Studies Association, "Catholic Nuns in the Latin American Context," Dallas, Texas, March 2003.

Invited Lecture, "Is this Latin America's Reformation?" Texas Christian University, October, 2002.

Paper, panelist. "Protestantism en el mundo Maya contemporaneo." Centro de Estudios Mayas, Universidad National Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City, July, 2002.

Paper, "Inculturated Mayan Theology in Guatemala." "Theology Meets Multireligiosity," Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark, May, 2002.

Paper, "Tongues People and Convolutionists: Early Pentecostalism in Guatemala." Latin American Studies Association, Washington DC, September 2001.

Commentator, "The New Religious History in Colonial Latin America." Latin American Studies Association, Washington DC, September 2001.

Paper, "Protestantism(s) and Mayan Worldviews in Chiapas and Guatemala in the Context of Civil Violence," International Society for the Sociology of Religion. Iztapán de la Sal, Mexico, August, 2001.

Paper, "Salvation or Liberation? Charismatic Catholicism in El Salvador." Conference on New Religious Movements, London School of Economics, April 2001.

Speaker, "Women in Academia," at the Fifth Annual Barbara Jordan Memorial Forum on Diversity in Public Policy, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas, Austin. February, 2001.

Moderator, panel on popular religion in Latin America, Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association, Austin, Texas.February, 2001.

Paper, "Women and Violence in Post-Conflict Guatemala." Conference on Gender and Violence in Post-Conflict Societies, sponsored by USAID and Center for Development Information and Education, Washington DC. December, 2000.

Participant, Central America 20/20, San Salvador. Sponsored by the Inter-American Dialogue. November, 2000.

Paper: "Los Discursos del Domingo de Efraín Ríos Montt: Un discurso evangélico?", Congreso de Historia de Centroamerica, Universidad Nacional de El Salvador, San Salvador, July 2000.

Presenter: "Teaching About Religion in Latin America," conference on Faith, Culture and Identity: Teaching About Religion Today, University of Texas, Austin, June 2000.

Moderator, panel on Iconographic and Literary Representations of Religious Practicies, 20th Annual ILASSA Conference, University of Texas, February, 2000.

Presenter: "Religious Affiliation and Historical Patterns in Contemporary Mexico and "Alcoholism and Indigenimso in Guatemala, 1890-1940," both at Society for Latin American Studies, Selwyn College, Cambridge University, April 1999.

Opening Address, 19th Annual ILASSA Conference, University of Texas, February 1999.

Commentator and panel organizer, session on North American missionary movement in Latin America, Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, September, 1998.

Paper, "Ríos Montt y la memoria colectiva en Guatemala," Congreso de la Historia de Centroamerica, Managua, Nicaragua, July 1998

Commentator and panel organizer, session on Protestantism in Latin America, Latin American Studies Association, Guadalajara, Mexico, April 1997.

Paper, "Protestantism and Maya Resistance in Guatemala, 1944-1960," panel on religious activism , Latin American Studies Association, Guadalajara, Mexico, April, 1997.

Paper, "Alcohol Use and Religious Identity Among the Maya in Guatemala, 1900-1930," session on cultural identity, Society for Latin American Studies, UK, St. Andrews, Scotland, March, 1997.

Paper, "A Diet of Worms con Salsa Picante: Religious Diversity in Mexico," session on religious pluralism in Latin America, Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, Austin, Texas, February, 1997.

Invited speaker, "Ríos Montt and the Project for the Recovery of Historic Memory," Yale Center for Latin American Studies, New Haven, September, 1996.

Paper, "Guatemala's Ríos Montt, 1982-1983," session on caudillismo in Latin America, American Historical Association, Pacific Branch, San Francisco, California, August, 1996.

Invited speaker, "Religious Diversity Among the Maya in Guatemala and Chiapas," Comissão de Estudios de Historia da Igreja na América Latina, Guatemala City, July, 1996.

Paper, "Alcohol and Indigenismo in Guatemala, 1890-1930," session on history of ethnic identity, Congreso de Historia de Centroamerica, San José, Costa Rica, July 1996.

Discussant, session on colonial Central America, Southwestern Historical Association, Houston, Texas, April 1996.

Paper, “Alcohol and Religious Identity in Guatemala, 1900-1920,” session on popular movements in Guatemala and southern Mexico, Southwestern Council on Latin American Studies, Oaxaca, Mexico, March, 1996.

Organizer and paper, "Indigenismo and Popular Religion in Guatemala, 1900-1930," session on Religion and Ethnic Identity in Guatemala, Latin American Studies Association, Washington D.C., September 1995.

Commentator, “Sociedad y Cultura en la Vida de Quintana Roo-Estudio Histórico, siglos XIX y XX,” The Mexican Center, University of Texas, Austin, September 1995.

Paper,, "Ethnicity and Religiosity Among the Maya in Chiapas and Guatemala," Oxford-Texas Colloquium, St. Antony's College, Oxford, England, May 1995.

Speaker, “Pentecostalism and Gender in Latin America,” Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, May, 1995.

Speaker, "The Historical Background of the Chiapas Uprising," Central American Justice Week, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, February, 1995.

Commentator, "Regionalism and Regional Politics after the Independence," Culture, Power and Politics in Nineteenth Century Mexico: A Conference in Memory of Dr. Nettie Lee Benson, Austin, Texas, April 1994.

Paper, session on religion and politics in Latin America, "Protestantism as a Popular Movement Among Indigenous Peoples in the Trans-Maya Region of Mexico and Guatemala," Latin American Studies Association, March 1994.

Organizer, host and presenter, conference on "Invasion of the Sects or Refuge of the Masses: Protestantism in Mesoamerica and Greater Mexico," University of Texas, March 1994.

Paper, session on new social movements in Mexico, paper on "Ethnic Resistance and Religious Ideology in Southern Mexico and Guatemala," Oxford-Texas Colloquium, September 1993.

Chair, Executive Committee on Latin American and African History, Southwestern Social Science Association, 1993.

Panelist, session on religion and ethnic cosmovision in Latin America, "Liberalism, Religion, and Indian Resistance in Guatemala, 1870-1920," Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, Antigua, Guatemala, February, 1993.

Speaker, Curriculum development in Latin American topics for secondary teachers, "El Dia de los Muertos: A Case Study in Cultural Congruence." University of Texas and University of New Mexico, Austin Texas, January, 1993.

Speaker, "Fusion of Two Worlds," Columbian Quincentenary Series, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, October, 1992.

Speaker, "Transforming Learning: New Dimensions of Challenge and Opportunity. Integrating Latin American Studies into the Secondary Curriculum," McAllen (Texas) Independent School District, June 1992.

Discussant, session on intellectual currents in Latin America during the nineteenth century, Southwestern Social Science Association, Austin, Texas, April 1992.

Paper and discussant, "Politics and Society in Nineteenth Century Guatemala," conference on Guatemala and Chiapas: A Comparative View, University of Texas, March 1992.

Speaker, "Religion and Politics in Contemporary El Salvador," Tulane University, December, 1991.

Panelist, "Integrating Women into the College History Survey," Conference of Women Historians in Texas, University of Texas at San Antonio, May, 1991

Organizer and discussant, session on Protestantism in Latin America, Latin American Studies Association, Washington D.C., April 1991

Panelist, session on U.S. foreign policy and Central American refugees, Mexican American Student Association conference, March 1990, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Paper, and participant, conference on the Christian Right in the Third World, paper on "Protestantism in Central America," panel on "The Media and the Religious Right in Central America, South Africa, and the Philippines," Catholic Institute on International Relations, Regents' College, London, October, 1989

Paper, session on Church and State, paper on "Protestantism and Change in Guatemala, 1978-1984" at Southwestern Conference on Latin American Studies, Kingsville, Texas, April 1989

Paper, session on Central America in the nineteenth century, paper on "Protestant Missions in Guatemala, 1880-1920", Southwestern Social Science Association, Little Rock, Arkansas, March, 1989. This paper was awarded the prize for the best paper in Latin American history

Paper, session on Church and State, paper on “Protestant Churches in Revolutionary Guatemala, 1944-1954,” Southwestern Conference on Latin American Studies, San Antonio, Texas, April 1988

Paper, session on peasantry and social change, paper on "Protestantism in Rural Guatemala, 1872-1954,” Social Science History Association, November, 1987

Commentator, session on American entrepreneurs and warriors in Middle America, Southern Historical Association, October, 1987

Paper, session on religion and Latin American nationalism, paper on "Onward Christian Soldiers: Protestantism in Guatemala, 1944-1954," Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, Mérida, Mexico, April 1987

Invited guest, conference on reinforcing democracy in the Americas, sponsored by the Carter Center of Emory University and the Institute of the Americas, Atlanta, Georgia, November, 1986

Invited guest, conference on the Latin American debt crisis, sponsored by the Carter Center of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, May, 1986

Commentator, session on colonial urban development, Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, Clemson South Carolina, April 1986

Non-Teaching Professional Activities

Chair, Central American History section, CLAH, American Historical Association, 2009-2011.

Chair, Thomas McGann book award committee, Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, 2009.

Executive Committee, Latin American Studies Association, organizer of Religion and Spirituality panel tract, 2008-2009.

President, Board of Directors, Texas After Violence Project (an oral history project on the dealth penalty in Texas) , 2007-present.

Consultant, Pew Forum on Religion and the Public Life, “Renewalist Religion Project, a 10-Country Survey,” 2006.

Consultant to the Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, 2002-2004.

Academic oversight and evaluation for Cooperating Programs in the Americas (COPA), evaluation of undergraduate programs in Chile, June, 2002.

Consultant for project on the impact of political violence on gender, Center for Development Information and Evaluation of USAID and DAI, Washington D.C., 1999-2000.

Advisor for Latin America, Evangelicals and Politics in the Third World project, Oxford Centre for Mission, Oxford University and the Pew Foundation, 1999-2003.

Executive Committee, Latin American Studies Association; co-organizer of Religion and Family panel tracks, 1998.

Program evaluator for Brazil, Center for International Educational Exchange, New York, 1997.

Program evaluator for Argentina and Chile, Northern Illinois Programs Abroad, Champagne, Illinois, 1996.

Executive and Nominating Committee, Southwestern Social Science Association, 1994.

Latin American and African History executive committee, Southwestern Social Science Association, 1991-1993.

Consultant on Latin America to Carter Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 1985-86.

Conferences Hosted

Planning and steering committee, "Contest Modernities: Indigenous and Afro-Descendent Experiences in Latin America," Lozano Long Annual Conference, University of Texas, February 26-29, 2009.

Co-Organizer major international on-campus conference, "Image, Memory, and the Paradox of Peace in El Salvador: 15 Years after the El Salvador Peace Accords." (co-sponsored by the College of Communications, Ransom Center, LLILAS, Dept of History and the Rapoport Human Rights Center), April 17-18, 2008, UT Austin

Participant and commentator, "What's Left of the Left in Latin America: 40 Years after 1968," sponsored by LLILAS and the Dept of Spanish and Portuguese, April 24-25, 2008.

Planning and steering committee: Asians in Latin America Conference, sponsored by Center for Asian American Studies, LLILAS, and Dept, of History, University of Texas, October 2007.

Transnational Religion in Latin America and the United States, January 2006, funded by Title XI, LLILAS, the Mexican Center and Religious Studies of the University of Texas.

Is God Brazilian? New Religious Movements in Brazil, February 2005, funded by Title XI, LLILAS, the Brazil Center and Religious Studies at the University of Texas.

Internet Activities

Oversaw transfer, renovation, and maintenance of Religion in Latin America website to the University of Texas, 2005-2007.

Founded Central American Research Group for LLILAS website, September 2004.

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

Mellon summer research grant, 2010.

Mellon summer research grant, 2009.

Mellon summer research grant, 2008.

University Co-op Subvention grant, 2008.

Dean's Fellowship, fall 2007.

Metanexus research fellowship, 2006-2008.

Mellon summer research grant, 2006.

Title XI Conference award, 2005, 2006

Houston Endowment Faculty Research Leave, Spring 2003.

Mellon Foundation Faculty Grant, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 20005

James W. Vick Texas Excellence Award, Ex-Students Association and the Cabinet of College Councils of the University of Texas, 1994

Undergraduate Advising Award, The College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas, 1993

Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor in College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas, 1992-1993

Southwestern Social Science Research Association, Best paper on Latin American or African history, 1989

Shell Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant, 1984-1985

Tulane University Teaching Assistantship, 1983-1984

Matilda Geddings Grey Foundation Fellowship, 1983

Tinker Foundation Grant, 1983, 1984

National Defense Foreign Language Fellowship, 1980

Tulane University Graduate Fellowship, 1979

Charles M. Ross Graduate Fellowship, 1979

Media, Events, and Popular Publications

"A Catholic Comeback for Latin America," New York Times editorial, March 14, 2013

"Guatemala Cannot Rebuild," Global Brief, June 17, 2013.

Interview on the reign of John Paul II and the effects of papal succession in Latin America, National Public Radio, Chicago Tribune, Reuters, Radio Havana, Austin American Statesman, March and April 2005.

Interview on "The Universal Church of the Kingdom of God," National Public Radio, November, 2003.

Consultant and appearance, "The Missionaries," Programme 4, America. BBC Radio 4, four-part series broadcast June 2003.

Consultant and appearance, "Perilous Peace: Guatemala and the Making of Civil Society," Quest Production, Oakland, California, 2003.

Organizer, "El Salvador Week", University of Texas, October, 2002

The Incredible Incas, co-authored with Terry Deary (London: Scholastic Books, forthcoming 2000). (children's book).

Contributing Editor Cobblestone Magazine, El Salvador issue (September 1998) and Dominican Republic issue (December, 1998). (Children's social studies magazine.)

"U.S. Blockade of Cuba Also Penalizes America," The Houston Chronicle, September 7, 1993.

Interview, "Guatemala's Coup," Public Broadcast News, Melbourne, Australia, June 1993.

Interview, "Fundamentalism and Government in Central America," Dispatches, Public Broadcast News, Melbourne, Australia, June 1993

"Despite Woes, Guatemala is not 'Ungovernable," The Miami Herald, May 30, 1993.

"Canudos, Mount Carmel: Tragic Similarities", The Miami Herald, April 25, 1993.

Roundtable discussant, "The Future of Peace in Central America," The Next 200 Years, KUT Radio, University of Texas, broadcast September 1992.

Consultant and interview, "The Fundamentalism Project," The Benton Foundation of the University of Chicago and Public Broadcasting System, broadcast June, 1992.

Consultant, "Town Meeting on Foreign Policy with Jimmy Carter," for South Carolina Public Broadcasting System, sponsored by the Carter Center of Emory University and the Foreign Policy Association, Atlanta, Georgia, May, 1988

Professional Memberships and Offices

President, Guatemala Scholars Association, 2010-present

President, Central America session, CLAH, American Historical Association, 2011

Secretary, Central America session, CLAH, American Historical Association, 2010

Executive Committee, Rocky Mountain Congress on Latin American Studies, 2010-present

Track Chair, Religion and Spirituality track, Latin American Studies Association, 2002 -03 and 2014-15

Latin American editor, Journal of Church and State, 2013-present

Editorial board, Pentocstudies, 2012-present.

Latin American editor, Oxford Handbook of Christianity, 2012-present.

Memberships: Latin American Studies Association, American Historical Association, American Academy of Religion, Rocky Mountain Congress of Latin American Studies, Nordic Latin American Network, Congreso de Historiadores Centroamericanos