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Curriculum Vitae

Rice University
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Education:

Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Ph.D., History, 2000
Major Field: Latin America
Minor Field: Economic History
M.A., History, 1999

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico, D.F.
Licenciate in Economics, 1994

Employment:

Rice University, Houston, TX
Associate Professor, Department of History 2014-present
Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2009-14
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2005-2007
Consultant, US-Mexico Border Project, James Baker III Institute for Public Policy, 2006-2007
Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico, D.F.
Adviser to the Secretary, 2003-04
Director, International Economic Studies, 2001-03

Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Lecturer, History Department and Social Science History Institute, 2000-2001

Publications:

Books

Measuring Up: A History of Living Standards in Mexico, 1850-1950 (Stanford University Press, 2012).

Estar a la altura: Una historia de los niveles de vida en México, 1850-1950 (Fondo de Cultura Económica, Colección de Economía, 2015).

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“Measuring Inequality in Living Standards with Anthropometric Indicators: The Case of Mexico 1850-1986,” *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities: A Multidisciplinary Journal of People-Centered Development*, Vol.16 no. 3: 374-396, published online May 22, 2015, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/19452829.2015.1044820>

“Physical Stature of Men in Eighteenth Century Mexico: Evidence from Puebla,” *Economics and Human Biology* 9 (2011): 265-271, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ehb.2011.02.002>.

“Growth with Inequality: Standards of Living in Mexico, 1850-1950,” *Journal of Latin American Studies* 39 (February 2007): 81-105.

“The Ups and Downs of Mexican Economic Growth: the Biological Standard of Living and Inequality, 1870-1950,” *Economics and Human Biology* 1:2 (June 2003).

This article was co-authored with Raúl Porrás Condey. This article also appeared in Spanish in a slightly revised version as “Las altas y bajas del crecimiento económico mexicano. El bienestar biológico y la desigualdad,” in *México y España ¿Historias Económicas Paralelas?*, edited by Rafael Dobado, Aurora Gómez Galvarriato and Graciela Márquez (Mexico, D.F.: Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2007).

Edited Volume Contributions

“Ejidios urbanos: derechos de propiedad, reforma agraria y crecimiento urbano en el México posrevolucionario” in *Derechos de propiedad y crecimiento económico en la Historia Agraria: Contribuciones para una perspectiva comparada en América*, Alvarez, Salvador, Margarita Menegus / Alejandro Tortolero, comps., Editorial UNIMagdalena, Santa Marta, Colombia, 2018, pp. 345-370

“Using Heights to Trace Living Standards and Inequality in Mexico since 1850” co-authored with Roberto Vélez-Grajales in *Has Latin American Inequality Changed Direction?: Looking over the Long run*, , edited by Jeffrey Williamson and Luis Bértola , Springer Editions, Spanish version published by Inter American Development Bank and Fondo de cultura Económica, *La fractura. Pasado y presente de la búsqueda de equidad social en América Latina*, 2016.

“Economics and Human Biology in Latin America,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Economics and Human Biology*, Edited by John Komlos and Inas R. Kelly, Oxford Handbook Series, Oxford University Press, 2016: pp.710-729.

“Interdisciplinary Approaches to Teaching the History of the Western Hemisphere,” in *Teaching and Studying the Americas: Cultural Influences from Colonialism to the Present*, edited by Anthony B. Pinn, Caroline F. Levander and Michael O. Emerson (New York: Palgrave Macmillan 2010).

“Living Standards of the Mexican Laboring Classes, 1850-1950: an Anthropometric Approach,” in *Living Standards in Latin American History: Height, Welfare, and Development, 1750-2000*, edited by Ricardo D. Salvatore, John H. Coatsworth, and Amílcar E. Challú (Cambridge, MA: David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies and Harvard University Press, 2010). Winner of the Jaime Vives, Prize for best economic history book on Spain and Latin America, awarded by the Asociación Española de Historia Económica (AEHE).

Works in Progress

Colonial Mexico and the Great Divergence: Development, Growth and Living Standards during the First Globalization, 1750-1800 (book).

Urban Ejidos: The Agrarian Origins of Urban Development Problems in Post-revolutionary Mexico (book).

Book Reviews

La imperiosa necesidad. Crisis y colapso del Erario de Nueva España (1808-1821) by Ernest Sánchez Santiró, Colección de Historia Económica, Instituto Mora, 2016 in *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*, Vol.34 No. 1 Winter 2018, pp.123-125.

Mexican Heartland How Communities Shaped Capitalism, a National and World History, 1500-2000, by John Tutino, Princeton NJ, Princeton University Press, 2017 in EH-net Review (August 2018).

The Great Depression in Latin America, by Paulo Drinot and Alan Knight, editors, Durham and London, Duke University Press, 2014, in *Journal of Economic History*, Volume 77 (2) June 2017, pp-643-645.

Volunteering for a Cause: Gender, Faith, and Charity in Mexico from the Reform to the Revolution. By Silvia Marina Arrom. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2016, in *Hispanic American Historical Review*, Volume 97(1) February, 2017: 167-168.

Waking from the Dream: Mexico's Middle Classes after 1968, Stanford, CA, Stanford University Press, 2013 by Walker, Louise E., in *Enterprise and Society*, Vol. 17, no 4 pp.959-965 (December, 2016)

Gender and Welfare in Mexico: The Consolidation of a Postrevolutionary State. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2011 by Nichole Sanders in *American Historical Review* 120 (5): 1941-1942, (December, 2015)

Industry and Revolution: Social and Economic Change in the Orizaba Valley, Mexico, by Aurora Gómez-Galvarriato in EH.NET (May 2014)

Historia económica general de México: De la colonia hasta nuestros días, edited by Sandra Kuntz Ficker, in *Journal of Economic History* 71, no. 4 (December 2011): 1116-1117.

La calidad de vida biológica en Colombia, antropometría histórica, 1870-2003, by Adolfo Meisel Roca, in *Investigaciones de Historia Económica* (Spring 2009): 217-219.

Working Paper

“A Historical Perspective of Economic Development on the Northern Mexico Border,” Working paper written in connection with the Border Program at the James Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, October 2010.

Other Publications

“Measuring Inequality and Assessing its Relevance in Latin America” Issue Brief with the Baker Institute, August 2017 https://www.bakerinstitute.org/media/files/files/4f9b468e/BI-Brief-083117-LAI_Inequality.pdf

“La Columna del Bienestar” in Gaceta de Ciencia Política ITAM, México, November 2016
<https://gacetadecpol.wordpress.com/2016/11/22/la-columna-del-bienestar/>

Fellowship, Grants and Prizes (Postdoctoral):

Fulbright-Council of International Exchange Scholars, recommended for the Fulbright award in Mexico for AY2018-2019

Humanities Research Center, Rice University Public Medical Humanities Modular Course Grant for Fall 2017

Humanities Research Center, Rice University Spatial Humanities Field Work Grant, Summer 2017

Rice Award for International Collaboration (AIC), Dual Degree Instituto Mora AY 2017-18

Humanities Research Center, Rice University Faculty Teaching Release Fall 2016

CLAH Mexican History Book Prize (best work of Mexican History) 2013

American Council of Learned Societies/Social Science Research Council/National Endowment for the Humanities International Area Studies Fellowship, 2012-13

Arthur H. Cole Grant, Economic History Association, 2011-2012

Richard Gilder Americas Fellow, Humanities Research Center, Rice University, 2007-09

Visiting Research Fellow, Center for US-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2004-2005

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

“Biología humana y ecología en la historia mexicana: Los efectos del antropoceno los niveles de vida biológicos de los mexicanos 1750-2000” presented at the XV Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de México, Gaudalajara, Mexico, October 17-20, 2018.

“El cuerpo como espejo de la transición epidemiológica, la salud pública y la desigualdad” presented at the XV Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de México, Gaudalajara, Mexico, October 17-20, 2018.

“Impact of Global Capitalism on Welfare Institutions and Living Standards: The Case of XIX and XXth c. Mexico,” presented at the World Economic History Congress, Boston, MA, July 29-August 3, 2018.

“El cuerpo como espejo de la transición epidemiológica, la salud pública y la desigualdad” presented at the Congreso de Humanidades Médicas, Mexico City, June 2018.

“Inequality in Sickness and Health in Mexico 1850-2000” presented at the 131st American Historical Association meeting Denver January 2017.

“Biological Standards of Living in Eighteenth Century Mexico: An Anthropometric Approach” presented at the XVII World Economic History Congress, Kyoto Japan, August 2015.

“Reforma agraria en México, ¿ejemplo para América Latina? Presented at the XIV Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de México, Chicago, Ill. September 2014.

“Ejidos Urbanos: Derechos de propiedad, reforma agraria y crecimiento urbano en el periodo en el siglo XX” presented at the Cuarto Congreso Latinoamericano de Historia Económica, Bogotá, Colombia, July 2014.

“Ejidos Urbanos: Derechos de propiedad, reforma agraria y crecimiento urbano en el periodo en el siglo XX” presented at the Jornadas de Historia Económica, Mexico City, August 2013.

“Biological Standards of Living in New Spain during the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century” presented at the Jornadas de Historia Económica, Mexico City, August 2013.

“Measuring the Evolution of Living Standards, Economic Growth, and Inequality in Mexico with Anthropometric Variables over the Long Run,” presented at the Latin American Economic History Congress, San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina, October 2012.

“Welfare Institutions in Mexican History: the Transition from Colonial Rule to a Secular Paternalist State,” presented at the XVIth World Economic History Association, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, July 2012.

“Two Centuries of Mexican Economic History (1750-1950) and its Anthropometric Consequences,” presented at the XVIth World Economic History Association, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, July 2012.

“Human Stature as a Measurement of Welfare in Latin America,” presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Francisco, California, May 2012.

“Iberoamerican Anthropometric History,” presented and organized the panel for the Tercer Congreso de la Asociación Mexicana de Historia Económica, Cuernavaca, Mexico, October 2007.

“A History of Poverty and Inequality in Mexico, 1840-1940 (Revised Version),” presented at the XIVth International Economic History Association Congress, Helsinki, August 2006.

“Institutions and Living Standards: Unequal Welfare Provision among the Working Classes in Mexico 1870-1940,” presented at the Third Economics and Human Biology Congress, Strasbourg, France, June 2006.

“The Labyrinth of Inequality: An Anthropometric Approach to Understanding the Evolution of Living Standards in Mexico, 1850-1940,” presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, November 2005.

“The Revolution That Did Not Grow: Trends in Heights of Mexican Federal and Rural Soldiers (1850-1950) (Revised Version),” presented at the Second Congress of the Asociación Mexicana de Historia Económica, Mexico City, October 2004.

“The Revolution That Did Not Grow: Trends in Heights of Mexican Federal and Rural Soldiers (1850-1950),” presented at the Second Economics and Human Biology Congress, Munich, June 2004.

“Short in Cash, Short in Stature: the Contrasts in Physical and Capital Formation in Mexico, 1890-1930,” presented at the Latin American Studies Annual Meeting, Dallas, March 2003.

“The Ups and Downs of Mexican Industrialization: Biological Standards of Living and Inequality (1870-1950),” presented at the First International Conference on Economics and Human Biology, Tübingen, Germany, July 11-14, 2002.

“Growth without Growth: Heights, Health, Nutrition, and Income in Mexico, 1870-1950,” presented at the XIIIth Congress of the International Economic History Association, Buenos Aires, July 22-26, 2002.

Keynote Speaker:

“Technophysio Evolution in the History of Mexico” at the Seminar Bienestar Biológico en México: Desarrollo, Desigualdad y Movilidad Social” Centro de Estudios Espinosa Yglesias- Instituto de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Puebla México November 24, 25, 2017.

“La medición de la pobreza y la desigualdad a partir de variables antropométricas y desde una perspectiva interdisciplinaria” at the Symposium “ Pobreza Alimentaria y Política Social en México desde un Análisis Interdisciplinario, Instituto de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo, México, October 26-27, 2016

Invited Lectures:

“Los niveles de vida biológicos como instrumento para estudiar los ciclos de pobreza en México” Escuela de Trabajo Social, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo, Lecture for Faculty, October 28, 2016.

“The Backbone of History: Anthropometric History as a Method to Study Living Standards and Inequality” Colloquium Department of History Duke University, March 7 2016.

"Los niveles de vida biológicos en la historia de la salud pública en México 1850-1950"
Seminario Permanente de Historia Social y Cultural de la Salud Pública, Noviembre 27, 2015,
Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas de la UNAM, México.

"Ejididos Urbanos: Derechos de propiedad, reforma agraria y crecimiento urbano
en el periodo en el siglo XX" presented at the Seminario Internacional de Historia Agraria,
organized by UNAM and UAM, Mexico City, April 2014.

"Ejididos Urbanos: Derechos de propiedad, reforma agraria y crecimiento urbano
en el periodo en el siglo XX" presented at the Seminario Permanente de Historia Social,
organized by el El Colegio de México, February 2014.

"Measuring Up: a History of Living Standards in Mexico, 1850-1950" book presentation at the
Seminario Permanente de Historia e Instituciones Económicas, organized by El Colegio de
México, Mexico City, March 2013.

"Estaturas y Niveles de Vida en México, 1850-1950," lecture presented at the Seminario
Interinstitucional de Historia Económica, entitled "Lo que las estaturas le enseñan al historiador
económico: historia antropométrica de España y México siglos XIX y XX," organized by El
Colegio de México, Mexico City, October 2010.

"Historia Antropométrica y Niveles de Vida Biológicos: Nuevos Métodos para Analizar los Niveles
de Bienestar y la Distribución del Ingreso," lecture presented at the Instituto José María Luis Mora,
Mexico City, July 2008.

"Historia Antropométrica y Niveles de Vida Biológicos: Nuevos Métodos para Analizar los Niveles
de Bienestar y la Distribución del Ingreso," lecture presented at the School of Economics of the
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, March 2007.

"Nuevos Métodos para Estudiar la Historia de los Niveles de Bienestar en México," lecture
presented at the Economic History Teaching Workshop, Universidad Anáhuac de México,
November 2006.

"The Biological Standards of Living of the Mexican Working Classes 1850-1950," presented at
the History and La Colectiva Workshop, University of Houston, April 2006.

"Short in Cash, Short in Stature: the Contrasts in Physical and Capital Formation in Mexico,
1890-1930 (Revised Version)," presented at the weekly research seminar at CIESAS Occidente,
Guadalajara, Jalisco, June 2004.

Papers Presented at One-time Conferences and Symposia:

"What Human Heights Can Explain about the Evolution of Living Standards and Inequality in
Latin America: the Case of Mexico 1850-1986" co-authored with Roberto Vélez Grajales
presented at the Conference Inequality in Latin America in the Long Run, organized by World
Bank, IDB and ECLAC, Buenos Aires Argentina, December 2014.

“Measuring Human Welfare with Anthropometric Measures,” presented at the workshop “The Great Death: Disease, Environment, Genetics, and the Transformation of Mexican Colonial Society,” Center for US-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego, June 4, 2009.

“Growth with Inequality: Living Standards in Mexico, 1850-1950,” presented at the workshop “Welfare and Poverty in XIXth c. Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico,” at the Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, December 2006.

“A History of Poverty and Inequality in Mexico, 1840-1940,” presented at the “Seminar on Livelihoods and Living Standards in Latin America” at the College of Management and Economics, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, May 2006.

“The Paradoxes of Growth: The Biological Living Standards of the Mexican Working Classes 1850-1950,” presented at the “Seminar on Living Standards in Latin America” of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, April 2005.

“Living Standards in Pre-Industrial Mexico: Evidence from Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries’ Statures,” presented at the “Workshop on Biological Standards of Living in Pre-industrial Times” at the Yale Center for International and Areas Studies of Yale University, March 2005.

“Well-Being and Biological Standards of Living for Long-Term Economic Development: Spain and Mexico, Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries,” presented at the Centro de Estudios Históricos of the Colegio de México, at the Preliminary Session for the Economic History Association, Mexico City, July 2001.

Courses:

History 176: Mexico: An Introduction

History 228: Modern Latin America

History 312: Biomedical Approaches to History

History 313: Modern Mexico

History 328: Poverty and Social Justice in Latin America

EC/Hist 365: World Economic History

Soci/SWGS 394: Human Development in Global and Local Communities

HIST 420: Mexican History

History 478: Topics in Modern Latin American History

History 481: Health and Welfare during Industrialization

History 482: Dictators, Populists, and Revolutionaries

HIST 500: Mexican History

History 508: Modern Latin America (graduate seminar)

History 505: The Atlantic Slave Trade (graduate seminar)

History 590: World History (graduate seminar)

Rice University History Department Service:

Eliza Martin honors thesis advisor “The Transformation of Late-Nineteenth Century Mexican Liberalism”

Dia de los Muertos Talk

Organization Rice Mora Unicamp conference Instituto Mora March 2018

Reviewer for the Rice Historical Journal

DeKalb Lecture Organizer 2017 History and the other Social Sciences by Herbert Klein

Library Liaison Fall 2017-present

Graduate Studies Committee, Spring 2010, AY 2013-14, AY2014-15, AY2015-16, AY2016-17

Subcommittee for Finance AY2013-14, AY2014-15, AY2015-16, Chair AY 2016-17

Dual Degree PhD Program Coordinator with Instituto de Investigaciones José María Luis Mora May 2016- present

Advisor for doctoral student Erika Rendon, dissertation title (*Between Borders: a comparative study of traditional and fronterizo migrants*) Cynthia Martínez, and Christopher Ellison

Field examiner for doctoral students María Montalvo and S. Wright Kennedy

Salary Committee, Spring 2012

Pedagogy Seminar, Fall 2011

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Spring 2011, Spring 2012

Adviser for undergraduate honors thesis:

“The Evolution of Health Care Disparities in the Hispanic Population of Southern Texas Throughout the Twentieth Century,” Marielle Schweickart, 2011-2012;

“Remembering and Forgetting Salvador Allende: An Examination of institutional Memories in Post-Authoritarian Chile” Monica Melendez, 2015-16, winner of the best undergraduate thesis.

Search committee member for Early Modern Europe position, Spring 2016.

Rice University Service:

Search Committee member for Medical Humanities (Bio Ethics, Global Health Histories, History of Medicine in the US)

Advisory Board School of Humanities

Second reader for qualifying paper for Giovanna Bassi in Art History Spring 2018

Member of Dissertation committee of Rachel Bracken in the English department dissertation title “*National Bodies: Population Expansion and the Literature of American Public Health*, English Department. Defended in May 2018

Research Committee AY 2018-2019

Inequalities and Inequities Working Group

Global Engagement Advisory Committee

Exchange program with Instituto Mora

Technology, Culture and Society Initiative

Medical Humanities Steering Committee AY 2015-16, AY 2016-17, AY 2017-2018, AY2018-2019

Poverty Justice and Human Capabilities Steering Committee AY 2016-17, AY 2017-2018, AY 2018-2019

MOOC America through Mexican Eyes

Faculty Research Engagement Committee Spring 2016

Book Presentation Alfredo Corchado’s *Midnight in Mexico* for Office of Multicultural Affairs, November 2014

Dean of Business School Review Committee Spring 2014

Scientia Lecture, January 2014

Baker Institute Rice Scholar for Latin America, James Baker III Institute for Public Policy, 2012-2013; 2015-present

Mellon Mays Mentor for Christina Villarreal, 2011-2013, for Mónica Melendez 2014-2016

Panel Moderator for *Vecinos Lectures*, James Baker III Institute for Public Policy, October 2011

Panel Moderator, Global Hispanism Workshop, Hispanic Studies Department, January 2011

Moderator for Latin American New Left Film Series, Hispanic Studies Department, October 2009

Professional Service:

Reviewer for:

Journal of Economic History

Social Science History

Economic History Review

Explorations in Economic History

Economics and Human Biology

Revista de Historia Económica – Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History

Annals of Human Biology

Journal of Biosocial Sciences

Investigaciones en Historia Económica
Journal of Latin American Studies
Latin American Research Review
América Latina en la Historia Económica
Revista de Historia Industrial
Revista de Economía Aplicada
Economic History of Developing Regions
Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo
Journal of Empirical Legal Studies
Journal of Interdisciplinary History
Estudios Atacameños. Arqueología y antropología surandinas.
Journal of World History

External Reviewer for Promotion to Tenure
Universidad de Chile
Tulane University
Texas Tech

Manuscript Reviewer for:
Chicago University Press
Editorial del Instituto de Investigaciones José María Luis Mora (Mexico)
University of Nebraska Press
University of Texas Press

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Reviewer (2018-2019)

AHA program committee for 2020 Meeting

Editorial Board of *Revista del Colegio de San Luis, Mexico*

Service for Students at Other Universities:

Coadvisor for Master Student Myriam Calvo Ruíz, with the thesis “El sexismo y el curriculum oculto en la Escuela Superior de Actopan” Universidad Autónoma de Hidalgo, México. She was a visiting scholar at Rice University in the Fall 2017.

Reader for Colegio de México doctoral student Lilia Esthela Bayardo Rodríguez’s dissertation, “Las dimensiones del consumo moderno en la ciudad de México, 1909-1970” (“The Dimensions of Modern Consumption in Mexico City, 1909-1970”). Doctoral students at the Colegio are required to defend their work at three different seminars; this was the second seminar, Mexico City, May 2013.

Rice University and Houston Community Outreach:

“Bernardo de Gálvez, the Viceroy of New Spain” lecture presented at the Symposium in honor of Bernardo de Gálvez, Spain’s Hero of the American Revolution by invitation of the Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez and the Consulate General of Spain, April 2, 2016.

“The History and Background of the Famous Cinco de Mayo,” lecture presented at Houston Community College Southeast by invitation of the Consulate General of Mexico to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Puebla, May 2012.

“Immigration: A Latin American Perspective,” lecture presented during Rice Alumni College Weekend, February 2007.

Professional Memberships:

Economic History Association
Mexican Economic History Association
Latin American Studies Association
Asociación Latinoamericana e Ibérica de Historia Social
Conference on Latin American History
American Historical Association

Languages:

Spanish: Native speaker.
French: Near native proficiency in speaking, reading and writing.
Portuguese: Near native proficiency in speaking, reading and writing.