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### **EDUCATION**

- 2006      **University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill**  
Ph.D. in Latin American History  
"Rhetoric and Riot in Rio de Janeiro, 1827-1831"  
Advisor: Dr. John Charles Chasteen
- 1998      **University of New Hampshire**  
M.A. Latin American History  
"Where Things Familiar Cease and Strange Begin': Nineteenth-Century English  
Language Travel Accounts of Brazil"  
Advisor: Dr. Frank McCann
- 1994      **The College of New Jersey**  
B.A. History

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Spring 2008    **Capstone Seminar Leader**  
Institute of Latin American Studies  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- 2007-2008    **Visiting Assistant Professor**  
Elon University
- Spring 2007    **Visiting Assistant Professor**  
Elon University
- Winter 2007    **Visiting Assistant Professor**  
Elon University
- Fall 2006      **Lecturer**  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- Adjunct Assistant Professor**  
North Carolina State University
- Adjunct Assistant Professor**  
Elon University

- 2005- 2006     **Teaching Fellow**  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- 1999-2002     **Teaching Assistant**  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
Modern Latin America (Dr. John Charles Chasteen)  
World History since 1945 (3 courses: Dr. Michael Hunt;  
Dr. Miles Fletcher; Dr. Katherine Jolluck)  
The American West (Dr. Roger Lotchin)  
US History since 1865 (Dr. John Semonche)

**Courses Taught (including Winter/Spring 2008)**

- World since 1900 (5 sections; 33 students each)  
World History since 1945 (3 sections; 33 students each)  
Modern Latin America (3 sections; 33 students each)  
Genocide in the Twentieth Century (2 sections; 33 students each)  
Latin American through Travelers' Eyes (33 students)  
History of Brazil (33 students)  
The Long Nineteenth Century in Latin America (33 students)  
The Left in Latin America (9 students)  
Colonial Latin America (110 students)  
Politics, Culture, and Society in Nineteenth-Century Brazil (15 students)

**PUBLICATIONS**

“The ‘Absolutism of Opinion’: Newspaper Editors and the Creation of an Active Public in First Empire Rio de Janeiro”

*Journal of Latin American Studies* (under preparation for submission)

“Newspapers and the Effort to Control First Empire Rio de Janeiro’s Civic Rituals”

*Luso-Brazilian Review* (under review)

Review: *A Independencia Brasileira: Novas Dimensões* by Jurandir Malerba

*Hispanic American Historical Review* (forthcoming)

“Journalism: Latin America”

*Encyclopedia of the Modern World* Eric D. Langer, ed.

University of Oxford Press, 2007

**RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

2006-2007     **Content Specialist, Latin America**

LEARNNC, Chapel Hill, NC

Wrote descriptions for online media for use in K-12 North Carolina schools

- 2005-2006     **Online Writing Coordinator for the State of North Carolina**  
 The Writing Center, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
 Oversaw development and testing of scalable online writing application.  
 Coordinated sharing of application among University of North Carolina  
 system schools.
- 2004-2005     **Assistant Director for Instructional Technology**  
 The Writing Center, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
 Tutor training, technology troubleshooting, product research, application  
 development, website creation and maintenance, writing tutor
- 2003-2005     **Managing Editor for On-Line Publications**  
 LEARNNC, Chapel Hill, NC  
 Edited and copyedited on-line K-12 lesson plans, coordinated and  
 supervised five subject reviewers, participated in staff meetings and  
 regional K-12 teacher workshops
- 2002-2003     **Instructional Technology Coordinator**  
 The Writing Center, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
 Technology troubleshooting, product research, application development,  
 website maintenance, writing tutor
- 2001-2002     **Graduate Writing Tutor**  
 The Writing Center, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- 1998-1999     **Program Assistant for Outreach**  
 Institute of Latin American Studies, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
 Maintained video database, wrote several successful grants, copyedited  
 internal and external publications, coordinated a six-campus Latin  
 American film festival

#### RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- August 2007    “Encouraging Student Engagement through Wikis”  
 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovation in Instruction Conference  
 Elon, NC
- February 2007 “Teaching the Left”  
 Duke-UNC Consortium on Latin American Studies  
 Durham, NC
- March 2006    “Building a State-Wide Online Writing Center Community: Successes and  
 Challenges”  
 Conference on College Composition and Communication  
 Chicago, IL
- January 2004   “The Battle for Discursive Control of First Empire Rio de Janeiro’s Political  
 Culture”  
 Conference on Latin American History  
 In conjunction with the American Historical Association meeting Washington,  
 D.C.

- March 2003 “The Battle for Discursive Control of First Empire Rio de Janeiro’s Civic Rituals”  
South Eastern Conference on Latin American Studies  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- February 2000 “Rhetoric and Riot at the End of Brazil’s First Empire”  
Interdisciplinary Latin American Student Symposium  
University of Texas – Austin
- April 1999 “Construction and Conventions of Nineteenth-Century Travelers’ Accounts of Brazil”  
Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Conference  
Ohio State University

### INVITED LECTURES

- July 2007 “Genocide and the Destruction of Cultural Artifacts”  
History of Libraries  
School of Information and Library Science  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- November 2005 “Archives and Archivists in Latin America”  
International and Cross Cultural Perspectives for Information Management  
School of Information and Library Science  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- February 2005 “Brazil from Kingdom to Empire”  
Department of History  
East Tennessee State University
- October 2004 “The Independence of Brazil”  
History of Brazil  
Department of History  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

### SERVICE

- 2006-present Website development and maintenance  
“Write On!” Community Writing Center  
Durham, NC  
[http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/write\\_on/](http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/write_on/)

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2006 **Future Faculty Seminar**  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- 2003 **Smith Materials Grant**  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- 2002 **Mowry Research Grant**  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

2000-2001      **Foreign Language Area Scholarship**  
Dissertation Research Award

1999            **Foreign Language Area Scholarship**  
Summer Language Study in Brazil

**LANGUAGES**

Portuguese      Advanced reading and speaking  
Spanish          Advanced reading; intermediate speaking

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association  
Latin American Studies Association  
Conference on Latin American History  
Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies