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CURRENT POSITIONS

2018-2020 Assistant Adjunct Professor, Department of Liberal Arts, Guttman
Community College
2020 American Council of Learned Societies Mellon Community College
Faculty Fellow
2020 Open Educational Resource Campus Coordinator, Guttman Community
College

EDUCATION

2018 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, PhD in Latin American
History
Dissertation: “Cuba’s Anglo-American Colony in Times of
Revolution, 1952-1961”
Advisor: Louis A. Pérez, Jr.
2013 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, MA in Latin American
History
MA Thesis: “Exiling Expatriates: The Disappearing
American Colony in Havana, 1959-1960”
Advisor: Louis A. Pérez, Jr.
2010 University of Wisconsin-Madison, BA in History
Senior Thesis: “Rebuilding Venezuelan Compliance:
U.S. Support of the 2002 Coup in Venezuela”
Advisor: Alfred McCoy

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020-2021 American Council of Learned Societies Mellon Community College
Faculty Fellowship, “Chronicling New York City Journeys: Co-Creating
an Oral History Archive with Community College Students at a Minority
Serving Public Institution” (Principal Investigator)
2019-2024 School in the Square Foundation, “A History of the Present: Urban Youth
Navigating High School in New York City” (Co-Principal Investigator)
2019 Bringing Theory to Practice, Multi-Institutional Innovation Project Grant
(Co-Principal Investigator)

- 2017 Mellon Dissertation Award, University of North Carolina, Institute for the Study of the Americas
- 2016 Cuban Heritage Collection Fellowship, University of Miami, Goizueta Foundation
- 2016 Mowry-Clein Award, University of North Carolina, Department of History
- 2015 Florence Ellen Bell Scholar Award, United Methodist Archives and Historical Center
- 2014 Clifford Fund Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Department of History
- 2013 Wadell Fund Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Department of History
- 2012 James K. and Georgia C. Kyser Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Department of History
- 2011 Harrington Prize for Best Undergraduate History Thesis, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of History

PUBLICATIONS

Finesurrey, Samuel (under review) “‘The Light that Shineth in the Darkness:’ The Evolution of U.S. Rural Missionaries’ Critical Consciousness during the Cuban Revolution (1940-1961),” *Journal of Latin American Studies*.

Finesurrey, Samuel, Camille Lester, Michelle Fine and the School in the Square Research Collective* (forthcoming Fall 2020) “*Just Inquiry Through Circles of Care: Tracing the Legacy of School in the Square,*” in *Complicating Qualitative Research with Youth in School Settings: Caring and Being There*, edited by Veena Vasudevan, Nora Gross, Pavithra Nagarajan & Katie Clonan-Roy. New York: Teachers College Press.

Ayala, Jennifer, Samuel Finesurrey, Anne Galletta, Juan-Carlos García Rivera, and Andrea Nikté Juárez Mendoza (forthcoming Fall 2020) “Higher Education in the Time of Trump: Resistance and Critique,” *Qualitative Inquiry*.

Adorno, Li, Jennifer Ayala, Karim Azzam, Maria del Cielo Mendez, Elsy Cruz, Michelle Fine, Samuel Finesurrey, Anne Galletta, Juan Carlos García Rivera, Katie Hass, Angelica Houston, Vanessa Jones, Viandry Mena*, Andrea Nikté Juárez Mendoza, Dion Mungo, Rosa Santana,

* Guttman Community College Student Co-authors

Hermanica Thelusca* and Ariadna Villeda* (Winter 2020) “[Encuentros: The Obligation of the Academy and the Praxis of Intergenerational Oral Histories](#),” *Bringing Theory to Practice Newsletter*.

Finesurrey, Samuel (2019) “[Conducting Interviews](#),” in *Ethnographies of Work*, edited by Alia R. Tyler-Mullings, Mary Gotta, Ryan Coughlan. Open Electronic Resource: Manifold.

Finesurrey, Samuel (August 2018) [Review of Michael E. Neagle’s America’s Forgotten Colony: Cuba’s Isle of Pines](#) on H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-2024 Director of Oral Histories, “School in the Square: Urban Youth Navigating High School in New York City”

2010 Research Assistant to Dr. Alfred McCoy, “Endless Empire: Spain’s Retreat, Europe’s Eclipse, America’s Decline”

PUBLIC FACING WORK

2020 Guest Editor, Undergraduate Experiences of Pandemic and Protest, [The Activist History Review](#)

2020 Campus Coordinator, Open Educational Resources (OER), Guttman Community College

2020 Creator and Producer, [Immigrant NYC](#), YouTube Educational Series

2020 Co-Creator and Producer, [American Government and Politics](#), YouTube Educational Series

2018-Present Founder and Director, [Guttman Community College Undergraduate Oral History Project](#)

2017-Present Professor and Adviser for Oral Histories, [Truth & Reconciliation: The Historically Black Colleges and University Oral History Project at Austin Seminary](#)

2011-2020 Founder and Curator, [Cuba’s Anglo-Americans in Times of Revolution \(1940-1960\): A Digital Archive](#)

2018 Founder, *Saint Peter’s University Undergraduate Scholars Oral Histories Collection*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

City University of New York, Charles and Stella Guttman Community College, New York
Assistant Adjunct Professor: The History of Immigration to New York City (Spring 2020)
Assistant Adjunct Professor: Local and Global Perspectives on Food Policy (Fall 2019)
Assistant Adjunct Professor: Who Built NYC? (Summer 2019)
Assistant Adjunct Professor: American Government and Politics (Summer 2019)
Assistant Adjunct Professor: Local and Global Perspectives on Food Policy (Spring 2019)
Assistant Adjunct Professor: The History of U.S. Immigration (Fall 2018)

Saint Peter's University, Jersey City, New Jersey
Adjunct Professor: Modern World Perspectives (Fall 2018)
Adjunct Professor: Intro to Global History—Major Events since 1800 (Spring 2016)

Johnston Correctional Institution, Smithfield, North Carolina
Adjunct Professor: U.S. History Since 1865 (Spring 2018)

Polk Correctional Institution, Butner, North Carolina
Adjunct Professor: U.S. History Since 1865 (Spring 2018)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Teaching Assistant: Sports and American History (Fall 2017)
Virtual Adjunct Professor: U.S. History Since 1865 (Spring 2017)
Teaching Assistant: Religion in North American History (Fall 2015)
Teaching Assistant: Latin American since Independence (Spring 2014)
Teaching Assistant: Sports and American History (Fall 2013)
Teaching Assistant: U.S. History Since 1865 (Spring 2013, Fall 2012)
Teaching Assistant: History of Rome (Spring 2012)
Teaching Assistant: European History to 1650 (Fall 2011)

Eastside Community High School, New York
Teaching Intern: U.S. Diplomatic History, Law and Justice (Fall 2010)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Presenter, Latin American Studies Association Congress, Guadalajara, Mexico, "Importing Labor, Exporting Profits: Cuba's Divided Caribbean Workforce Entangled in the Web of Empire 1898-1959"
- 2019 Panel Organizer/Presenter, Oral History Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, "Oral History as Critical Pedagogy across an Urban, Public University"

- 2019 Conference Organizer, Encuentros in the Borderlands: Activism, Critical Youth Research and Obligations of the University, Saint Peter's University, Jersey City, New Jersey
- 2018 Panel Chair/Presenter, Latin America Studies Association Congress, Barcelona, Spain, "How Contact Challenges the Status Quo: The Cultural Institutions of Privileged Outsiders in Havana, 1952-1962"
- 2017 Presenter, Radical Americas Conference, London, United Kingdom, "Baptizing Radicals: Anglo-American Missionary Support for the Cuban Revolution, 1952-1962"
- 2016 Presenter, Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico, "Radicalizing Evangelizers: Unveiling North American Baptist and Methodist Missionaries' Support of the Cuban Revolution, 1952-1961"
- 2016 Presenter, Cuban Heritage Collection Research Colloquium, Miami Florida, "The Cuban Heritage Collection and Cuba's Anglo-American Colony in Times of Revolution 1952-1961"
- 2014 Presenter, Questioning Spaces of Citizenship in Latin America and the Caribbean, New York, New York, "Lessons of Intimate Subordination: Privilege, Profit, Power and Progress in Cuba's American Colony"

SERVICE

- 2019-2020 Charles and Stella Guttman Community College Academic Senate
 2019-2020 Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

Oral History Association (OHA) member (2019-Present)
 The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) member (2017-Present)
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) member (2012-Present)
 American Historical Association (AHA) member (2012-Present)

REFERENCES

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