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## **CURRENT POSITIONS**

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2020-2021	American Council of Learned Societies Mellon Community College Faculty Fellow
2021	Assistant Adjunct Professor, City University of New York, School of Professional Studies
2018-2021	Assistant Adjunct Professor, City University of New York, Guttman Community College
2020-2021	Open Educational Resource Campus Coordinator, City University of New York, Guttman Community College

## **EDUCATION**

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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**

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2019-2024	School in the Square Foundation, “A History of the Present: Urban Youth Navigating High School in New York City” (Co-Principal Investigator)
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)

2020-2021	New York State Excelsior Scholarship, “Guttman Community College Open Education Resources Initiative” (Co-Principal Investigator)
2020	Albert Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest at Villanova University, “Bearing Witness Oral History Project” (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**

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

Finesurrey, Samuel, Arnaldo Rodriguez, Alondra Contreras, Aidan Lam, Michelle Fine and the S2 collective (in press) [“‘The Protests Made Me Feel So Proud of Us’: Critical Participatory Action Research by Immigrant Youth of Color Bearing Witness to the Movement for Black Lives Racial Uprisings,”](#) in *Somebodiness: A Call For Dignity-Affirming Education*, edited by D. Irby, Charles Payne and Charity Anderson. New York: Teachers College Press, 2021.

Finesurrey, Samuel, Camille Lester, Michelle Fine and the School in the Square Research Collective (in press) [“Just Inquiry Through Circles of Care: Tracing the Legacy of School in the Square.”](#) in *Caring and Being There: Complicating Qualitative Research with Youth in School Settings*, edited by Veena Vasudevan, Nora Gross, Pavithra Nagarajan & Katie Clonan-Roy. New York, NY: Bloomsbury Press, 2021.

Finesurrey, Samuel, Waleska Cabrera, Meldis Jimenez, Brittyny Ando, Alanna Garcia, Alexander Garcia, Jayden Johnstone, Abdul Mohammed, Sheylany Paulino, Edwin Reed, Emelyn Saavedra, Gisselle Saavedra, Rajendra Singh, Aysia Smith, and Marlena Syriaque (June, 2021) ["Dreaming of Home: Youth Researchers of Color Address NYC's Housing Crisis."](#) *Academic Works*.

Fine, Michelle, Samuel Finesurrey, Arnaldo Rodriguez, Joel Almonte, Alondra Contreras, Aidan Lam, and the S2 Research Collective (August, 2021) [“People are Demanding Justice’: Pandemics, Protests and Remote Learning Through the Eyes of Immigrant Youth of Color.”](#) *Journal of Adolescent Research: Special Volume on Anti-Racist Research and Developmental Science*.

Finesurrey, Samuel and Gary Graves, [American Government and Politics in Principal and Practice: Democracy, Rights, Freedom and Empire](#), New York, NY: Academic Works, 2021.

Finesurrey, Samuel (May 2020) [“Contesting Circuits of Empire: Afro-Caribbean Migrant Labor in Cuba, 1899-1958”](#) *Academic Works*.

Ayala, Jennifer, Michelle Fine, Maria del Cielo Mendez, Andrea Nikté, Juarez Mendoza, Juan Carlos Garcia Rivera, Samuel Finesurrey, Ariadna Villeda\*, Hermanica Thelusca\*, Viandry Mena\*, Karim Azzam, Anne Galletta, Angelica Houston, vanessa jones, Dion Mungo (October 2020) [“Encuentros: Decolonizing the Academy and Mobilizing for Justice”](#) *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 Juarez Mendoza, Dion Mungo, Rosa Santana, 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 [“Conducting Interviews”](#) in *Ethnographies of Work*, edited by Alia R. Tyler-Mullings, Mary Gotta, Ryan Coughlan. City University of New York, Manifold, 2019.

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.

**PUBLIC FACING WORK**

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- 2021-Present Faculty Project Coordinator, *Global Scholars Achieving Career Success, [Stevens Initiative](#)*
- 2021-Present Academic Consultant, *NYC Youth Housing Summit, [Broadway Housing Communities](#)*
- 2021-Present Oral History Coordinator, *COVID-19 Needs Assessment of the Department of Youth Community Development Programs*
- 2020-Present Creator and Producer, *[A People's History of New York City](#), Educational Series*
- 2018-Present Founder and Director, *[Voices from the Heart of Gotham: The Undergraduate Scholars Oral History Collection at Guttman Community College](#)*
- 2019-Present Academic Consultant and Director of Oral History, *[The School in the Square Integrational Participatory Research Collective](#)*
- 2017-Present Professor and Adviser for Oral Histories, *[Truth & Reconciliation: The Historically Black Colleges and University Oral History Project at Austin Seminary](#)*
- 2011-Present Founder and Curator, *[Cuba's Anglo-Americans in Times of Revolution \(1940-1960\): A Digital Archive](#)*
- 2021 Author, *[Open Educational Resource Discipline and Accessibility Professional Development Training](#)*
- 2020 Guest Editor, Undergraduate Experiences of Pandemic and Protest, *[The Activist History Review](#)*
- 2018 Founder, *Saint Peter's University Undergraduate Scholars Oral Histories Collection*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- City University of New York, School of Professional Studies, New York  
Assistant Adjunct Professor: Oral Histories with Youth Activists (Fall 2021)
- City University of New York, Charles and Stella Guttman Community College, New York  
Assistant Adjunct Professor: Who Built NYC (Fall 2021)  
Assistant Adjunct Professor: Urban History (Summer and Fall 2021)

Assistant Adjunct Professor: The History of Migration and Immigration to New York City (Spring 2021)  
Assistant Adjunct Professor: American Government and Politics (Winter 2021)  
Assistant Adjunct Professor: Who Built NYC? (Fall 2021)  
Assistant Adjunct Professor: The History of Migration and Immigration to New York City (Spring 2020)  
Assistant Adjunct Professor: American Government and Politics (Winter 2020)  
Assistant Adjunct Professor: Who Built NYC? (Fall 2020)  
Assistant Adjunct Professor: The History of Migration and 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)  
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)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2021 Organizer and Presenter, The Critical Participatory Youth Summer Institute, Science Project, Graduate Center, City University of New York  
“Youth Oral Histories and Critical Participatory Action Research”
- 2021 Presenter, North Eastern Regional Open Educational Resource Summit, Boston, Massachusetts, “Retroactive Accessibility Conversion for Existing OERs”
- 2021 Panel Organizer/Presenter, Oral History of the Mid-Atlantic Region, Mahwah, New Jersey, “Youth Activist Research in Times of Protest and Pandemic”
- 2021 Panel Organizer/Presenter, Oral History of the Mid-Atlantic Region, Mahwah, New Jersey, “Engaging the Human Networks that Hold and Inspire Community College Students in Times of Protest and Pandemic”
- 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*, 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”

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## **SERVICE**

2020-2021              Campus Coordinator, Open Educational Resources (OER), Guttman Community College

2019-2021              Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)

2019-2020              Charles and Stella Guttman Community College Academic Senate

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## **LANGUAGES**

English, Spanish

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

Oral History of the Mid-Atlantic Region (OHMAR) member (2021)

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)