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CURRENT POSITIONS

2018-2023 Assistant Professor, City University of New York, 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

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

2022-2023 New York State Department of Education – Equity Unit, “My Brother’s
Keeper: Statewide Documentation” (Oral History Director)

2023 Excellence Award, National Institute for Staff and Organizational
Development

2022 Award for Teaching Excellence for Part-Time Faculty, Guttman
Community College.

2020-2022 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

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| | Serving Public Institution” (Principal Investigator) |
| 2020-2022 | 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

Fine, M., Torre, M E. Bell, J., Finesurrey, S., Arora, V., Moreira, B., Linder, M., Matles, A. and Ciluffo, K. (Spring 2023) “New York State My Brother’s Keeper Evaluation, 2022.” The Public Science Project, The Graduate Center, CUNY. Property of the New York State Department of Education.

Finesurrey, Samuel (May 2022) [“The Light that Shineth in the Darkness:’ The Evolution of U.S. Rural Missionaries’ Critical Consciousness during the Cuban Revolution \(1940-1961\).” *Religions*.](#)

Finesurrey, Samuel, Arnaldo Rodriguez, Alondra Contreras*, Aidan Lam*, Michelle Fine and the S2 collective (March 2022). [“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, NY: Teachers College Press, 2021.

Finesurrey, Samuel, Camille Lester, Michelle Fine and the School in the Square Research Collective (March 2022). [“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.

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

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](#)

* School in the Square Alumni

^ Juneteenth Youth Summit Housing Fellow

` Guttman Community College Alumni

[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. New York, NY: CUNY 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.

PUBLIC FACING WORK

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| 2021-Present | Academic Consultant, <i>Juneteenth NYC Youth Housing Summit</i> , Broadway Housing Communities |
| 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 Intergenerational 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 |
| 2022-2023 | Oral History Director, New York State Department of Education – Equity Unit, “My Brother’s Keeper: Statewide Documentation” |
| 2021-2022 | Faculty Project Coordinator, “Small Shops, Big Cities” Global Scholars Achieving Career Success |
| 2021 | Oral History Coordinator, <i>COVID-19 Needs Assessment of the Department of Youth Community Development Programs</i> |
| 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

City University of New York, Charles and Stella Guttman Community College, New York

Saint Peter's University, Jersey City, New Jersey

Johnston Correctional Institution, Smithfield, North Carolina

Polk Correctional Institution, Butner, North Carolina

The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Eastside Community High School, New York

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Invited Panelist, City Tech, City University of New York "Immigration and the Holocaust"
- 2022 Chair and Organizer of Student-Led Panel, Oral History Association, Los Angeles, California, "Students Confront COVID: Participatory Oral History Projects by NYC Youth of Color in Times of Pandemic"
- 2022 Chair and Organizer of Student-Led Panel, Oral History Society, London, United Kingdom, "A New Generation's Struggle for a Racially Just Society: Testimonies from NYC Youth of Color in Times of Racial Uprising"
- 2022 Organizer of Student-Led Panel, Confronting Urban Violence: Global Interdisciplinary Investigation, "Voices from the Heart of Gotham: Taking Ownership of Our Story"
- 2022 Organizer of Student-Led Panel, Ed.D. Program in Community Leadership at College of Staten Island, "Voices from the Heart of Gotham: The Power of Oral History"
- 2022 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, "[Voices from the Heart of Gotham: Immigration and Migration to NYC](#)"
- 2021 Faculty Advisor, Global Scholars Achieving Career Success, "[Small Shops, Big Cities: A Comparative Study of Ordinary Public Life Making Cairo and New York](#)"
- 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, Northeastern Regional Open Educational Resource Summit, Boston, Massachusetts, "Retroactive Accessibility Conversion for Existing OERs"
- 2021 Faculty Advisor, [Juneteenth Youth Housing Summit](#)
- 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”

SERVICE

2022-2023 Faculty Advisor, Phi Theta Kappa National Honors Society, Guttman Community College

2022-2023 Academic Technology Coordinator, Guttman Community College

2022-2023 Global Scholars Achieving Career Success (Co-PI), Guttman Community College

2020-2022 Campus Coordinator, Open Educational Resources (OER), Guttman Community College

2019-2020 Charles and Stella Guttman Community College Academic Senate

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Latin American Studies Association
Oral History Society
Oral History of the Mid-Atlantic Region
Oral History Association