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

PUBLICATIONS

Finesurrey, Samuel. (in preparation) “The Light Shineth in the Darkness: Rural Missionaries’ Evolving Critical Consciousness During the Cuban Revolution (1940-1961)”

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

Finesurrey, Samuel. Review of Neagle, Michael E., *America's Forgotten Colony: Cuba's Isle of Pines*. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. August, 2018.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-2024 “School in The Square: Longitudinal Participatory Study of Urban Youth Navigating High School Years in NYC” Director of Oral Histories

2018- “Guttman Community College Undergraduate Oral History Project”
Founder and Director
<https://library.guttman.cuny.edu/library/podcasts/>

2018- “Saint Peter’s University Undergraduate Scholars Oral Histories
Collection” Founder

2017- “Truth & Reconciliation: The Historically Black Colleges and
University Oral History Project at Austin Seminary” Professor and
Adviser for Oral Histories.
<https://hbcuoralhistoryvideoproject.org/>

2011-2018 “Anglo-Americans and Cuban Allies in 1950s Cuba” Oral History
Collection

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

Adjunct Professor: Modern World Perspectives (Fall 2018)
Adjunct Professor: Intro to Global History—Major Events since 1800 (Spring 2016)

Johnston Correctional Institution

Adjunct Professor: U.S. History Since 1865 (Spring 2018)

Polk Correctional Institution

Adjunct Professor: U.S. History Since 1865 (Spring 2018)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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

Teaching Intern: Diplomatic History, Law and Justice (Fall 2010)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2019 | Oral History Association, Salt Lake City, Utah
(Panel Organizer/Presenter)
“Oral History as Critical Pedagogy across an Urban, Public University” |
| 2019 | Encuentros in the Borderlands: Activism, Critical Youth Research and Obligations of the University, Jersey City, New Jersey
(Conference Organizer) |
| 2018 | Latin America Studies Association Congress, Barcelona, Spain
(Chair/Presenter)
“How Contact Challenges the Status Quo: The Cultural Institutions of Privileged Outsiders in Havana, 1952-1962” |

- 2017 Radical Americas Conference, University College, London, United Kingdom
(Presenter)
“Baptizing Radicals: Anglo-American Missionary Support for the Cuban Revolution, 1952-1962”
- 2016 Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico
(Presenter)
“Radicalizing Evangelizers: Unveiling North American Baptist and Methodist Missionaries’ Support of the Cuban Revolution, 1952-1961”
- 2016 Cuban Heritage Collection Research Colloquium, Miami, Florida
(Presenter)
“The Cuban Heritage Collection and Cuba’s Anglo-American Colony in Times of Revolution 1952-1961”
- 2014 Questioning Spaces of Citizenship in Latin America and the Caribbean, Columbia University, New York, New York
(Presenter)
“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
Part-Time Faculty Representative

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2016-Present Silent Sam Sit-In
- 2010 Working Class Student Survey
- 2007-2010 Campus Anti-War Network

LANGUAGES

English

Spanish

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

Latin American Studies Association (LASA) member (2012-present)

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) member (2017-Present)

Oral History Association (2019-Present)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Louis A. Pérez, Jr.

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Chapel Hill

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