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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2023-2025	Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish, Department of World Languages and Literatures, Skidmore College
2023-2025	Faculty Affiliate in the Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Program

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Hispanic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2023 Certificate in College and University Teaching

M.A. Hispanic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2018

M.A. Hispanic Studies, Boston College, 2017

B.A. Spanish Studies, Bentley University, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:

"404 Utopia Not Found: Cyberpunk Avatars in Samanta Schweblin's *Kentukis*." *PMLA*, vol. 138, no. 2, March 2023.

"Familiar Estrangements: Towards a Genre Theory of Latin American Speculative Fiction." *Revista Hispánica Moderna*, vol. 75, no. 2, December 2022.

INVITED BOOK REVIEWS:

Book Review. Mabel Moraña: *El monstruo como máquina de guerra* (2017). *Chasqui*, vol. 49, no. 2, November 2020.

MONOGRAPH IN PREPARATION:

Dependent Futures: Latin America and the Utopian Machine (1/4 existing chapters revised, 1/1 new chapters outlined)

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION:

(In Preparation) "A World on Paper: Constructedness in Rita Indiana's Multimedia Narratives"

(Under Revision) "War of the Wombs: Gestation, the Cold War, and Chilean Science Fiction." *Revista de Estudios de Género y Sexualidades* (formerly *Letras Femeninas*).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Skidmore College

- Technologies of Belonging, Fall 2024
- Elementary Spanish II, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
- Intermediate Spanish I, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025

University of Pennsylvania

- Intro to Literary Theory, Fall 2019
- Advanced Spanish, Spring 2019
- Intermediate Spanish I, Fall 2018

Boston College

- Elementary Spanish II, Spring 2016 & 2017
- Elementary Spanish I, Fall 2015 & 2016

SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2022-202	SAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, U of Pennsylvania
2021-202	Dissertation Research Award, U of Pennsylvania
2020-202	NeMLA Summer Research Fellowship (Declined due to COVID)
2019-202	Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, CTL, U of Pennsylvania
2019	Field Research Grant, LALS, U of Pennsylvania
2018-201	9 Award for Excellence in Teaching, U of Pennsylvania
2018	Paleography Workshop Grant at U de Salamanca, U of Pennsylvania
2017-202	Henry C. Daly & Benjamin Franklin Fellowships, U of Pennsylvania
2017	Nguyen Prize, Academic Excellence in Graduate Studies, Boston College
2017	D. J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College
2015-201	7 Boston College Teaching Fellowship
2015-201	6 NEH Research Fellowship, Jean and Dan Valente Center

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, & TALKS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

2025	(Upcoming) MLA Annual Convention, January 9-12 "After Life: Cuban Science Fiction and the Cold War."
2025	(Upcoming) MLA Annual Convention "PMLA: Getting Published as Graduate Students and Early Career Scholars." Roundtable.
2024	ACLA Annual Meeting, March 14-17 "Witches, Watches, and Women: Fluid Characters in Latin American Fiction"
2024	MLA Annual Convention, January 4-7 "Motherhood and Madness: <i>Distancia de rescate</i> 's Fever Dream."
2024	MLA Annual Convention, January 4-7 "Spinning Comfortably in the Universe:" Latin American Speculative Fiction's Intimate Utopias." Roundtable.
2023	LASA International Congress, May 24-27 "Daughters of Women: Dependency and Reproduction in Chilean Science Fiction."
2023	MLA Annual Convention, January 5-8 "Dialectics of Privacy: Remote Work and Remote-Controlled Workers in Hugo Correa's <i>Los títeres</i> ." Roundtable.
2023	MLA Annual Convention, January 5-8 "'¿Fui una mala madre?': Climate Disaster and Reproductive Labor in Distancia de rescate"
2022	LASA International Congress, May 5-8 "Crises of Utopian Vision: Daniel Burguet's <i>Cuando despiertes</i> "
2021	LASA International Congress, May 26-29 "Intradermal Irrealisms: Samanta Schweblin and the Politics of Genre"
2021	ACLA Annual Meeting, April 8-11 "When Realism Gets Speculative: Elena Aldunate's <i>Juana y la cibernética</i> "
2021	MLA Annual Convention, January 7-10 "Silence and Other Monsters: Violence in the Soundscape in <i>El que merodea en la lluvia</i> "
2021	MLA Annual Convention, January 7-10 "Host in the Machine: Zombification in <i>La invención de Morel</i> "

2020	LASA International Congress, May 13-16 "El cuerpo vampírico, fracturado: una relectura de la película TLCAN de Guillermo del Toro en la era del nuevo TLC"
2020	NeMLA LI Annual Convention, March 5-8 "The (Cyber)Space Opera: The Production and Digitization of Contemporary Cuban Speculative Fiction"
2020	MLA Annual Convention, January 9-12 "The New Gadget-Story: The Market as a Force of Cognitive Estrangement in Samanta Schweblin's <i>Kentukis</i> "
2018	Hispanic Studies Graduate Conference, U of Pennsylvania, February 23-24 "El azar y la lógica:' ansiedades apocalípticas y capitalistas monstruosos en <i>Baile con serpientes</i> "
2016	LASA International Congress, May 27-30 "Dark Intrigue: Subject, Subtext, and Global (Im)Mobility in Latin America's Slum Tourism Industry"
2015	LASA International Congress, May 27-30 "Mapping Wounds: Expressing the Ineffable in Post Dirty War Argentina"
CONFERENCE PANELS CO-ORGANIZED:	
2023	MLA Annual Convention, January 6-9 "Criticism Out of Time"
2022	LASA International Congress, May 5-8 "Supply Chain Horror: Consumption, Mechanization and Death in Recent Latin American and Brazilian Cultural Production"
2021	ACLA Annual Meeting, April 8-11 "Speculative Fiction in the Age of Hybridity"
2020	NeMLA LI Annual Convention, March 5-8 "Meet Me in Cyberspace: Theorizing Production and Reception of Textual Forms in the Digital Age"
2020	MLA Annual Convention, January 9-12 "Just in Time: Metafiction for the 21st Century"
CAMPUS W	ORKSHOPS:

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2024 "Chatting with Chatbots: AI and the 5 C's."

	Department of World Languages & Literatures, Skidmore College, Apr. 19
2020	"Using a Variety of Strategies in Class." Ctr for Teaching and Learning Pedagogy Workshop, U of Pennsylvania, Feb. 10
2019	"Supporting Students when the Semester Gets Rough." Ctr for Teaching and Learning Pedagogy Workshop, U of Pennsylvania, Nov. 04
2017	"Comic Relief: 'StripGenerator' for Language Acquisition." Teaching Fellows' Pedagogy Workshop, Boston College, Feb. 24

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

STUDENT ADVISING:

2024-present Academic Advisor for Spanish major Kyra Johns (Class of 2026)

2024-present Academic Advisor for Spanish major Ella Tuxbury (Class of 2027)

DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUPS:

2024-present Pedagogical Fridays Working Group, Skidmore College

INVITED TALKS CO-ORGANIZED:

2022	Co-organizer of event "The View from the Future Possible: Science Fiction and Caribbean Histories" with speaker Emily Maguire (Northwestern University), University of Pennsylvania, Nov. 18
2020	Co-organizer of event "No Natural Seeing': Reading with Raymond Williams" with speaker Paul Stasi (University at Albany, SUNY) University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 30
2019	Co-organizer of event "Developmental Aspirations at the End of Accumulation" with speaker Bret Benjamin (University at Albany, SUNY), University of Pennsylvania, Nov. 22

SERVICE TO INSTITUTION

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIPS:

2024-2025 Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Program Advisory Board, Skidmore College

2015-2022 Jean and Dan Valente Center Advisory Board, Bentley University

PEDAGOGY WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED:

2020	"Teaching Contemporary Issues in Historical Texts" with speaker Scott Francis, Apr. 7
2020	"Incorporating Theory into Undergraduate Courses" with speaker Emily Steinlight, Feb. 25
2019	"Engaging Students with Compelling Presentations" with speaker Michael Solomon, Nov. 11
2019	"Weaving Research Interests into Your Teaching" with speaker Eva Del Soldato, Oct. 23
2019	"Teaching Content versus Skills Courses" with speaker Ashley Brock, Sept. 30
RESEARCH & TEACHING GROUPS:	

2024-present	Skilled2Build AI Working Group, Skidmore College
2023-2024	Teaching Support Network, Skidmore College
2020-2021	Caribe Working Group, University of Pennsylvania

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

REVIEWER FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS:

2024-present Reviewer for Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment (ISLE)

Reviewer for *Hispanic Review* 2020-2023

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA CO-ORGANIZED:

2025	(In Progress) Co-Organizer of the Lake Erie Latin American Cultural Studies Symposium, Skidmore College, titled "Hispanic Studies in the Age of AI," February 22
2020	Co-organizer of the Hispanic Studies Graduate Conference, U of Pennsylvania,

titled "¿De dónde venimos y hacia dónde vamos? Migraciones, diásporas y desplazamientos en las culturas latinoamericanas e ibéricas," February 28-29 Co-organizer of the Romance Languages Graduate Conference, Boston College,

titled "For the Love of Truth: Consolidation and Disruption," March 17-18

LANGUAGES

English native Spanish near-native

Portuguese reading knowledge

French intermediate reading knowledge

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2020-present American Comparative Literature Association

2020-present Science Fiction Research Association

2019-present International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts

2019-present Northeast Modern Language Association

2018-present Modern Language Association

2014-present Latin American Studies Association