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### EDUCATION

- ABD            Ph.D., Latin American Literatures and Cultures  
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- 2009           M.A., Latin American Literatures and Cultures  
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- 2003           Seminar on German cultural production 1920-1960, Summer Program  
Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany
- 2003           B.S., General Science, *Summa Cum Laude*  
University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, PR

### DISSERTATION

Erkennbarkeit. *Huella de Walter Benjamin en América Latina*. (Recognizability/Cognizability.  
*Traces of Walter Benjamin in Latin America*.)  
Adviser: Ricardo Piglia

### AREAS OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST

- 20<sup>th</sup> century Latin American literature and culture
- Southern Cone (Argentina)
- Hispanic Caribbean and Puerto Rican studies
- Translation and reception studies
- Intellectual history and history of ideas
- Critical theory, Frankfurt School, and Cultural Marxism

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Washington University in St. Louis (2012 – present)

Current position: Coordinator of Spanish 307 and Senior Lecturer of Spanish (Fall 2019-present)

Previous positions:

Coordinator of Spanish 307 and Lecturer of Spanish (Summer 2014 – Spring 2019)  
Assistant Coordinator of Spanish 201D and Lecturer of Spanish (Fall 2012-Spring 2014)

Courses taught:

SPAN 201D: Spanish Level II  
SPAN 202: Intermediate Spanish II  
SPAN 223: Intermediate Spanish Conversation and Culture  
SPAN 307: Grammar and Composition I  
SPAN 308: Advanced Reading and Writing  
SPAN 341: Literary and Cultural Studies in Spanish  
SPAN 343: Latin American Literatures and Cultures

Princeton University (2008)

Position: Preceptor

Course taught: Modern Spanish American Fiction: *Introducción a Borges* (Prof. Ricardo Piglia)

Princeton University (2005-2010)

Position: Assistant in Instruction

Courses taught:

SPA 101: Beginner's Spanish I  
SPA 102: Beginner's Spanish II  
SPA 107: Intermediate/Advanced Spanish  
SPA 108: Advanced Spanish  
SPA 207: Studies in Spanish Language and Style

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2007-2012     Research assistant, Professor Ricardo Piglia, Princeton University.
- 2009            “Revistas, cultura y política: debates culturales de la izquierda argentina en los años sesenta (Magazines, culture and politics: cultural debates of the Argentinean Left during the 1960s),” Centro de Documentación e Investigación de la Cultura de Izquierdas en Argentina (CEDINCI), Buenos Aires, Argentina. Research focused on mapping cultural and political debates in key Argentinean periodical publications during the 1960s.
- 2007            “La recepción inicial de Walter Benjamin en Argentina (Walter Benjamin’s initial reception in Argentina),” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Interviews with Professors José Sazbón (Universidad de Buenos Aires) and Graciela Wamba Gaviña (Universidad de La Plata.)
- 2004            Assistant archivist, initial phases of creation, Biblioteca Museo Gobernador Pedro Rosselló, Universidad del Turabo, Gurabo, Puerto Rico. Worked as an archivist during the initial phases of the library, sorting, identifying and cataloguing the historical items donated.

- 2003 Research assistant, “Colección del ex-gobernador Roberto Sánchez Vilella,” Historical Research Center, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico. Prepared for public use a collection of more than 300 historical documents pertaining to Governor Sánchez Vilella’s life and work.
- 2003 Research assistant, “El Partido Nacionalista Puertorriqueño,” Historical Research Center, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico. Identified and catalogued a collection of approximately 900 historical photographs that chronicle the development of an important Puerto Rican political party and revolutionary group, Partido Nacionalista Puertorriqueño, from its inception in the early 1930s to the 1970s.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Ricardo Piglia, Walter Benjamin, and the Latin American Intellectual History of the 1960s and 70s.” *Frankfurt School in Latin America*. XXXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Boston, MA.
- 2013 “Entre el apocalipsis y la revolución: primeras lecturas de Walter Benjamin en Hispanoamérica.” XXXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Washington, D.C.

### ACADEMIC AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2009 Dean’s Fund for Scholarly Travel Grant, Graduate School, Princeton University. “Revistas, cultura y política: debates culturales de la izquierda argentina en los años sesenta,” CEDINCI, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2007 Dean’s Fund for Scholarly Travel Grant, Graduate School, Princeton University. “La recepción inicial de Walter Benjamin en Argentina,” Buenos Aires, Argentina.

### LANGUAGES

- Spanish (native)
- English (near native)
- German (reading proficiency)
- Portuguese (reading proficiency)

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2006-present Latin American Studies Association  
 2008-present Modern Languages Association