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Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

PhD, US History, In Progress  
University of California, Davis

Dissertation: "Shadow Diplomacy: The United States, Portugal and the Cold War, 1961-1974"  
Committee: Kathryn Olmsted (Major Adviser & Chair), Lorena Oropeza, Marian Schlotterbeck

### ABD, June 2018

Qualifying Exam Fields: Colonial, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century US History  
Committee: Rachel St. John (Chair), Louis Warren, Kathryn Olmsted  
Minor Field: World History; Minor Adviser: Ian Campbell  
Minor Certification Project: "War in Modern World History" undergraduate course

MA, History, May 2015  
San Jose State University  
Qualifying Exam Field: Modern US History

BA, History of the Americas and Africa, June 2011  
University of California, Santa Cruz

## EXPERIENCE

*University of California, Davis*

Graduate Student Researcher:

Davis Humanities Institute, Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 (awarded)  
Institute for Social Sciences, Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant:

American Studies 10: Intro to American Studies, Winter 2019 (awarded)  
History 17A: Early US, Winter 2017 and Spring 2018  
History 17B: Modern US, Spring 2017 and Winter 2018  
History 174CD: US after WWII, Spring 2016

*Prison University Project, San Quentin State Penitentiary*  
Designated History Tutor, Fall 2015

*San Jose State University*

History 170 Lecture: Populism & Progressivism, World War I and Peace & Prosperity, June 2016  
History 170 Lecture: American Imperialism, June 2016  
History 170 Lecture: Cold War, Civil Rights Movement and JFK & LBJ, June 2015  
History 170 Lecture: Great Depression & New Deal, World War II and the Home Front, June 2015  
History 181 Lecture: Civil Rights Movement, June 2014

*Ravenswood School District, East Palo Alto*

After School Program Tutor and Classroom Leader, K-8<sup>th</sup> grades, 2011-2013

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- “Illuminating the Crisis in *This is Congo*,” Davis Humanities Institute, Nov 2018  
“The Dream: Imagining a World without Prisons,” Davis Humanities Institute, Oct 2018  
“Breaking Boundaries: *The Oxford Handbook of American Women's and Gender History*,” Davis Humanities Institute, Oct 2018  
“The Sliver-Edge Space: Racial Capitalism and Environmental Justice,” Davis Humanities Institute, Oct 2018  
“Xu Charts Compassion in the Wake of Disaster,” UCD Institute for Social Science, Dec 2017  
“Peri Imparts Benefits of Immigration,” UCD Institute for Social Science, Nov 2017  
“Jones-Rogers Illuminates Enslaved Wet Nurses,” UCD Institute for Social Science, Nov 2017  
“FBI Warns of Cyber Threats Faced by Researchers,” UCD Institute for Social Science, Oct 2017  
“Historians Tackle Our Tumultuous Times,” UCD Institute for Social Science, Oct 2017

## **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Panel Chair, “Truth and the Modern Body Politic” at UCD Graduate History Conference, May 2018  
“J. William Fulbright, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Portugal’s Propaganda Apparatus in the US, 1961-1963” at Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, Oct 2017  
“J. William Fulbright, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Portugal’s Propaganda Apparatus in the US, 1961-1963” at UCD History 203 Graduate Conference, June 2017

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- LBJ Presidential Foundation Moody Research Grant, 2019  
Dirksen Congressional Center Research Grant, 2018  
Hoover Presidential Foundation Research Grant, 2018  
UCD History Department Travel Grant for RMIHC in Boulder, Fall 2017  
UCD History Department Emile G. Scholz Prize for Most Outstanding 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Paper, 2017  
UCD History Department Research Fellowship, Spring 2017  
UCD History Department Reed-Smith Research Award, Summer 2016  
UCD History Department Travel Grant for SHAFR in San Diego, Spring 2016  
UCD Provost’s Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, 2015-2016  
SJSU History Department James H. High Memorial Scholarship, 2015  
SJSU History Department Mildred Gentry Winters Graduate Scholarship, 2015  
SJSU McLaughlin Fellow, 2013-2014  
Phi Alpha Theta

## **ARCHIVAL EXPERIENCE**

- Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth  
Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, IA  
Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA  
National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC  
Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library, Yorba Linda, CA

## **SERVICE**

- UCD History Department Graduate Program Committee Representative, 2018-2019  
UCD Graduate Student Association History Department Representative, 2016-2018  
UCD Child and Family Care Committee, 2016-2017

**LANGUAGES**

Portuguese – Conversationalist, reading with dictionary

Spanish – reading with dictionary

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations