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## EDUCATION

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- 2021 Duke University, Ph.D., History  
Dissertation: *The Bourbon Ideology: Civic Eudaemonism in Habsburg and Bourbon Spain, 1600-1800*
- Committee:**
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| John French          | Advisor. Field director, Modern Latin American History |
| Malachi Hacohen      | Advisor  |
| Jehangir Malegam     | Field director, Medieval Intellectual History          |
| Elvira Vilches       |  |
| James Amelang        | Fulbright director, Autonomous University of Madrid    |
| Peter Sigal (former) | Field director, Spanish Imperial History               |
- 2018 Duke University, M.A., History  
2014 Bennington College, B.A., Latin American Studies

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- 2021 “‘But I Want the Truth!’: The Legacy of Martial Gueroult in São Paulo Philosophy, 1935-2018.” *A Contracorriente* 19.3 (projected) (NCSU)
- 2020 “When the Angels Played: Monadology and Divine Absconion in Walter Benjamin.” *Doctor Virtualis* 15 (University of Milan)

## BOOK REVIEWS

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- 2019 *Jerónimo Antonio Gil and the Idea of the Spanish Enlightenment*. By Kelly Donahue-Wallace. *The Latin Americanist* 63.2 (UNC Press)

## OTHER PROJECTS

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- 2021 Edited volume (with Leonardo Arigone): *Medieval Philosophy in Walter Benjamin*. Call for chapters (projected)
- 2021 Edited volume (with Matthew Elmore): *Love and Consent in Early Modern Theories of Sovereignty*. Call for chapters (projected)
- 2021 Article (with Evan Hepler-Smith): *Some Reflections on Remote Teaching*. Projected: proposal accepted by *Perspectives*.
- 2017 *Roberts Pool Twilights* (translator). Cardboard House Press. April 2017

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2020 Duke Religions and Public Life Fellowship (also coordinator)
- 2020 Triangle Capper Fellowship in Intellectual History
- 2020 Duke Bass Instructional Fellowship
- 2019 Duke Religions and Public Life Fellowship
- 2019 Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship
- 2018 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
- 2019 Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies Dissertation Travel Award
- 2018 Duke Rabbi Nathan Perilman Research Prize
- 2017 Tinker Foundation Research Grant
- 2015 Duke Brazil Initiative Fellowship
- 2015 FLAS Fellowship: Portuguese
- 2014 Duke Dean's Graduate Fellowship
- 2014 Society of Duke Fellows

## CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, AND FURTHER TRAINING

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- 2022 Strangers and Neighbors: Hostility and Hospitality in Late Medieval/Early Modern European Contexts. "Sainly Boycotters: Juan de Cabrera and Early Spanish Nationalism." London.
- 2020 New Directions in the Humanities XVIII. "Sainly Boycotters: Juan de Cabrera and Early Spanish Nationalism." Virtual.
- 2020 Religions and Public Life Forum. Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke. "Anxiety over Temporal Happiness in the Renaissance Church." Virtual.
- 2020 Providential Modernity Seminar. Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke. Invited talk. "The Anti-Machiavellians: Reason of State in Pedro de Ribadeneyra and Juan de Mariana."
- 2019 ASPHS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference. Barcelona, Spain. No presentation.
- 2019 New Directions in the Humanities XVII. "Where the Angels Played: Monadology in Walter Benjamin." Granada, Spain.
- 2019 Critical Islamic Thought Seminar. Granada, Spain. No presentation.
- 2018 Seminar and Summer School on Religion and Public Life. Leipzig, Germany. No presentation.
- 2018 Charles University Seminar on Nationalism, Religion and Violence. Prague, CR. No presentation.
- 2018 Kenan Institute for Ethics Research Salon. "Happiness and the State."
- 2016 BRASA XIII. "The French Legacy in Twentieth-Century Brazilian Philosophy."
- 2016 UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. "Gerontocracy and After: Understanding Rigoberta Menchú."
- 2015 University of Maryland GSA History Conference. "Gerontocracy and After: Understanding Rigoberta Menchú."
- 2015 UNC-Duke Consortium Conference. "Rigoberta Menchú and Primo Tapia."

## CONFERENCES, COLLOQUIA & WORKING GROUPS ORGANIZED

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- 2020 Religions and Public Life Working Group and Conference on Immigration  
2020 Keisha Blain. "East Unites with West: Black Women, Japan, and Visions of Afro-Asian Solidarity."  
2017 Reeve Huston. "The Fall of the House of Calhoun: The First Jackson Administration."  
2017 Luise White. "Africa and the People without History: Foreign Soldiers in the Rhodesian Army."  
2017 Marisa Fuentes. "Refuse Bodies, Disposable Lives: A History of Death in the Transatlantic Slave Trade."  
2017 Gunlög Fur. "Concurrences and Colonial Encounters: Methodology for Multiple Histories."  
2017 Mark Carey. "Iceberg Fighting and the Quest to Control Ice in the North Atlantic."

## TEACHING

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- 2021 Instructor. Early Modern European Empires (HIST140)  
2020 Teaching Assistant. Drugs, Chemicals and Health (HIST235)  
2020 Instructor. Early Modern European Empires (HIST140)  
2020 Teaching Assistant. Magic, Religion and Science since 1400 (HIST260)  
2014-15 Tutor. Undergraduate History, English, Economics.

## OTHER SEMINARS AND WORKING GROUPS

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- 2019-present Providential Modernity Seminar. Duke  
2018-2019 Cultural History Seminar. Autonomous University of Madrid  
2018-2019 Philosophy Seminar. Charles III University of Madrid  
2017-present Religions and Public Life group. Duke-Leipzig  
2017 Early Modern International History working group. Duke  
2016-present Triangle Intellectual History Seminar  
2016-present NC Jewish Studies Seminar  
2014-present Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Duke-UNC

## LANGUAGES

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- English [native]  
Spanish [fluent]  
Portuguese [conversational; reading fluency]  
French [conversational; reading fluency]  
Italian [reading fluency]  
Chinese [conversational]  
Ancient Greek [reading fluency]  
Latin [intermediate reading]

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- American Historical Association  
Conference on Latin American History  
New Directions in the Humanities Research Network  
Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historians