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Education

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| 2026 | Ph. D. in History, Northwestern University |
| 2020 | M.A. in Borderlands History, University of Texas at El Paso |
| 2017 | B.A. in History, University of California, Santa Cruz |

Academic Appointments

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| 2026-2027 | Postdoctoral Fellow in Public History, Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University |
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Publications

Works in Progress

- “The Spirit of Cooperation: Negotiating Interdependence and the Future of the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands” (Article)
- “Buildings, Boundaries, and Jobs: Carceral Urbanism and Border Enforcement at the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez Borderlands” (Article)

Book Reviews

Banished Citizens: A History of the Mexican American Women Who Endured Repatriation, by Marla A. Ramirez, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, (Forthcoming, Winter 2026).

These Ragged Edges: Histories of Violence along the U.S.-Mexico Border, Edited by Andrew J. Torget and Gerardo Gurza-Lavalle, *New Mexico Historical Review* 100, no. 2, Spring 2026.

Educating the Enemy: Teaching Nazis and Mexicans in the Cold War Borderlands, by Jonna Perrillo, *Journal of American Ethnic History* 42, no. 4, Summer 2023.

Forever Prisoners: How the United States Made the World's Largest Immigration Detention System, by Elliott Young, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 125, Issue 4, April 2022, 535-536.

Empire Builder: John D. Spreckels and the Making of San Diego, by Sandra Bonura, *Western Historical Quarterly* 52, Issue 4, Winter 2021, 454-455.

Fellowships, Honors, & Awards

2025-2026	Mellon Foundation Fellowship in Latinx Studies , Resident Scholar & Fellow, School for Advanced Research , Santa Fe, NM
2022-2025	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellow, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
2022	NYU Cities Collaborative-Mellon Summer Institute on Urbanism , Fellow, New York University
2021	Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
2019	Philips Academy Andover, Institution for the Recruitment of Teachers , IRT Scholar
2019	Summer Research Grant, University of Texas at El Paso, Graduate School
2019	AHA Council Travel Grant, American Historical Association
2018	Dodson Research Grant, University of Texas at El Paso, Graduate School
2017	President Natalicio Award, University of Texas at El Paso
2017	Chancellor's Undergraduate Achievement Award, University of California, Santa Cruz
2017	Dean's Undergraduate Achievement Award, University of California, Santa Cruz
2017	Linda Peterson Award for Best Paper in the Americas, University of California, Santa Cruz, Department of History

Presentations & Invited Lectures

"Gateway of Barrier?: San Diego, Tijuana, and the Making of the Modern U.S.-Mexico Borderlands," *School for Advanced Research*, Scholar Colloquia, Santa Fe, NM, April 2026

"The Spirit of Cooperation: Border Capitalism and Urban Planning in the 1970s U.S.-Mexico Borderlands," *Western History Association Conference*, Albuquerque, NM, October 2025 (Organizer)

Breakout Session Panelist, "Migration, Race, and Borders in the Twentieth Century: Recent Scholarship," *Organization of American Historians Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 2025 (Panelist)

"America's Finest Border Cities: Labor, Capital, and the Making of the San Diego-Tijuana Borderlands," *Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference*, Portland, OR, August 2022. (Organizer)

"The False Promise of Productivity Culture: Guides and Resources for Digital Clutter," *Western History Association Conference*, Portland, OR, October 2021. (Organizer)

"Creating a Digital Workspace: Using the Notion App to Organize Historical Work," *Western History Association Conference*, Online, October 2020. (Organizer)

"Rethinking the San Diego-Tijuana Border: Race in the Making of Urban Borderlands Spaces in the Twentieth Century," *Western History Association Conference*, Las Vegas, NV, October 2019. (Panelist)

“The Suburban Borderland: Race, Conservatism, and Space in the Making of ‘South Bay’ San Diego in the Twentieth Century,” *California American Studies Association Conference*, San Diego, CA April 2019. (Panelist)

Relevant Experience

2022-2025	Editor, Not From Here , Immigration and Ethnic History Society
2021-2022	Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Latina & Latino Studies Program, Northwestern University
2019-2020	Academic and Writing Tutor, History Tutoring Center, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso
2017-2019	Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso
2014-2016	Writing & Course Assistant, Oakes College, Core Course Writing Program , University of California, Santa Cruz

Teaching Experience

Department of History, Latina & Latino Studies Program, Northwestern University

Latino 201: Intro to Latino/a/x Studies (John Marquez, Fall 2021)
History 200: Hamilton’s America (Caitlin Fitz & Geraldo Cadava, Winter 2022)

Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso

History 1302: US History since 1865 (*Instructor on Record*, Summer 2019)
History 1301: US History to 1865 (Ernesto Chávez, Fall 2018)
History 1302: US History since 1865 (Ernesto Chávez, Spring 2019)

Workshops, Roundtables, and Forums

“Zotero for Historians: Creating a Citational Workflow,” Digital Tools Workshop, University of Texas at El Paso, Department of History, El Paso, TX, October 2022.

“ClioVis: A Workshop in Digital Humanities in the Classroom,” Organizer and Presenter, University of Texas at El Paso, Career Professionalization and Diversity, El Paso, TX, February 2020.

“A Student Roundtable on Researching the Borderlands,” Panel Participant, University of Texas at El Paso, Department of History, El Paso, TX, November 2019.

“Accountability and Action: A Discussion about Race, Sexism, and Academic Culture,” Panel Participant, University of Texas at El Paso, Department of History, El Paso, TX, September 2019.

University Service

2021	Graduate Student Representative, U.S. History Job Search, Department of History, Northwestern University
2021	El Paso Texas History Day, Volunteer Judge
2019	Harper History Conference, Judge, University of Texas at El Paso, Department of History.
2019	El Paso Texas History Day, Volunteer Judge
2018	Graduate Student Representative, Texas History Job Search Committee, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso.
2018	Borderlands History Conference, Volunteer, University of Texas at El Paso.
2018	El Paso Texas History Day, Volunteer Judge.

Digital Humanities

2026	Assistant Director, <i>Native Bound Unbound</i>
2019	ClioVis UTEP Representative, University of Texas at Austin, Department of History.

Professional Affiliations

Western Historical Association (WHA)
Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS)
Organization of American Historians (OAH)

References

Geraldo L. Cadava, Professor of History, Northwestern University (g-cadava@northwestern.edu)
Kevin Boyle, Professor of History, Northwestern University (kevin.boyle@northwestern.edu)
Ernesto Chávez, Professor of History, University of Texas at El Paso (echavez@utep.edu)
Thomas Sugrue, Professor of Social and Cultural Analysis and History, New York University (tjs7@nyu.edu)