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Education

University of California, Irvine

Fall 2023- Present

History PhD

California State University, San Bernardino

Spring 2023

Bachelor of Arts, History, Minor in Political Science

Research and Academic Experience

Student Editor, Immigration and Ethnic History Newsletter

May 2022- Present

- Line edited the Summer 2022 Newsletter Publication
- Working alongside Dr. Ryan Keating in the formulation of the Fall 2022 newsletter

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow , California State University, San Bernardino

June 2021- May 2023

- Carried out research focused on student-youth protest to the Somoza regime in Nicaragua during the 1960's and 70's under the guidance of faculty mentor Dr. Pedro Santoni in the Department of History

UCI Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship

Summer 2022

- Working under the mentorship of Dr. Rachel O' Toole recording oral histories of Afro-Mexican student activists in Veracruz and researched the state educational institution's narrations of Afro-descendant history

Research Assistant

January 2022 - June 2022

- Assisted Dr. Louie Valencia, Professor of History at Texas State University, with archival research for an ongoing book project regarding youth movements in response to the AIDS epidemic in Spain
- Worked with primary sources in Spanish and organized source material on Microsoft Excel

History in the Making , Editor , California State University, San Bernardino

Spring 2021

- Worked collaboratively with authors and other editors to enhance submission pieces structurally and mechanically.
- Amassed experience working on original historical research pieces as well as various graduate level literature reviews

Languages

Spanish: Native language speaker, fluent in reading and writing

Service

Consortium of Social Sciences Advocacy

April 24-25, 2023

Met with CA senate and House staff at the U.S Capital to advocate for expanding federal social science funding

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Dean Advisory Board

Academic Year 2022-23

Student representative for Department of History

Office of Student Research Planning Your Future Through

Research Virtual Fair for Incoming and Transfer Students

March 16, 2023

Student speaker and panelist

CSUSB 2022 Afro-Latinx Teaching Symposium

May 24, 2022

Volunteer

Awards and Fellowships

CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Fellow	July 2023
CSUSB College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Outstanding Student	April 2023
University of California, Irvine Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship	March 2023
University of California, Irvine Humanities Dean Recruitment Fellowship	March 2023
University of California, Irvine Diversity Recruitment Fellowship	March 2023
University of California, Irvine Summer Program Participant Fellowship	March 2023
University of California, Irvine School of Humanities Fellowship	March 2023
California State University San Bernardino Research Delegate	February 2022 & 2023
CSUSB College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Dean's List	Every term Fall 2018-Spring 2023
CSU Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship Recipient	Awarded May 2022
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship	Awarded June 2021

Memberships

Conference on Latin American History	November 2021- Present
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Presentations

From Classrooms to Photo-Albums: Examining the Scope of Afro-Descendant Student Activism in Veracruz, Mexico

San Diego State University- 2023 CSU Research Competition

April 29, 2023

Becoming Sandinistas: The Scope of Student Activism in the Nicaraguan Revolution

California State University, San Bernardino 2023- Latin American Studies Conference

April 19, 2023

Back to Photo-Albums: Afro-Descendant Student's Employment of Local and Familial Histories as Alternate Historical Narration in Veracruz, Mexico

California State University, San Bernardino-2023 CSUSB Research Competition

February 10, 2023

Institutional Barriers to Afro-Descendant Self-Narration in Veracruz, Mexico- Poster Presentation

Pepperdine University- Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research

November 19, 2022

Self-Narration of Afro-Mexican Histories

UC Berkeley- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship West Coast Conference

October 29, 2022

Getting Involved in Undergraduate Research

CSUSB College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel

October 20, 2022

Beyond Yanga: Afro-Descendant Self-Narration in Veracruz Mexico

UC Irvine- Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium

August 11, 2022

Afro-Mexican Resistance in Colonial and Contemporary Veracruz

Virtual- CSU Research Competition

April 30, 2022

Collective Memory of the Nicaraguan Revolution in Contemporary Student and Youth Protest

California State University, San Bernardino- 2022 Meeting of the Minds

April 15, 2022

Afro-Mexican Cultural and Historical Preservation in Veracruz, Mexico

California State University, San Bernardino- CSUSB Research Competition

February 11, 2022

A Comparative Analysis of Youth Participation During the Nicaraguan Revolution and Contemporary Youth Protest

Virtual- Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research

November 20, 2022

Student and Youth Protest in the Nicaraguan Revolution

Virtual- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship West Coast Conference

November 5, 2022

Publications

"Student and Youth Sandinistas in the Nicaraguan Revolution." *History in the Making* vol. 16 (2023): 237-266.