

Berenice Tepozano

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EDUCATION

- 2022-present Ph.D., University of California, Irvine, **Department of History**
Dissertation: "Politics of Reproduction: Contesting Mothers, and Bourbon Recogimiento in Mexico City, 1740-1810"
Date Advanced to Candidacy: June 4, 2025
- 2019- 2021 MA, San Diego State University, **Department of History**
Thesis: "The Origins of Difference: Christian Attitudes Towards Inferiority and the Impacts on El Sistema de Castas."
- 2016-2019 BA, University of California, Irvine
History and Global Cultures, *cum laude*,

AWARDS and HONORS

- 2026 Fernando and Olga Niebla Latinx/Hispanic Studies Graduate Fellowship, University of California, Irvine
- 2026 Charles & Ann Quilter Graduate Student Award, Department of History, University of California, Irvine
- 2026 Huntington Travel Grant, The Huntington Library
- 2026 Humanities Center Graduate Student Research Grant, School of Humanities, University of California, Irvine
- 2025 Graduate Division and School of Humanities Student Fellowship Support
- 2025 Department of History Summer Research Award, School of Humanities, University of California, Irvine
- 2025 UC MRPI Routes of Enslavement in the Americas Research Grant, University of California, Irvine
- 2025 Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience (DECADE) Professional Development Award, Graduate Division, University of California, Irvine
- 2025 COMEXUS Semifinalist, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Fulbright
- 2024 Charles & Ann Quilter Graduate Student Award, Department of History, University of California, Irvine
- 2023 James R. Scobie Award, Conference on Latin American History
- 2023 Honorable Mention, Predoctoral Fellowship, Ford Foundation
- 2022 Diversity Recruitment Fellowship, Graduate Division University of California, Irvine
- 2022 School of Humanities Fellowship, Humanities Office of Graduate Study, University of California, Irvine
- 2019 Undergraduate Award in Global Cultures, School of Humanities, University of California, Irvine
- 2019 Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, University of California, Irvine

Publications

Book Review

- 2025 Chelsea Berry, *Poisoned Relations: Healing, Power, and Contested Knowledge in the Atlantic World*. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2025. 264 pp. *Comitatus* 56

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- April 2025. "Colonizing the Body in Mexico City's Houses of Seclusion," History Graduate Student Association Conference, University of California, Irvine.
- April 2025 "Reorganizing Reproduction: Protomedicato, Recogimiento, and the Bourbon State in eighteenth century Mexico City." Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, April 10.
- February 2025 "Colonizing the Body in Mexico City's Houses of Seclusion," Premodern Graduate Humanities Conference, University of California, Irvine.
- January 2025 "Trayectorias Afro," co-presented with Dr. Alex Borucki, Digital Humanities Exchange Research Chat, University of California, Irvine.
- April 2024 "The Honor of Mothers in Late 18th-Century Mexico," History Graduate Student Association, University of California, Irvine.
- March 2021 "Christian Magic: The Use of Amulets as a Form of Christian Practice in the Fourth and Fifth Centuries." Student Research Symposium, San Diego State University, March 19.

- March 2021 “Debating Difference: The Promotion of Patriarchy and Slavery in the Sixteenth Century Valladolid Debate.” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, March 18.
- May 2019 “Colonial Relationships: The Role of Slavery in Indigenous and Black Relationships in Colonial Mexico.” Undergraduate History Conference, University of California School of Humanities, May 16.

TEACHING: COURSES and TRAINING EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2025** DTEI Scholars Program, Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation, University of California, Irvine.
- Spring 2025** Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of California, Irvine
Global Environmental History, History 70F
- Winter 2025** Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of California, Irvine
History of Colonialism and Nation in Latin America, History 70D
- Fall 2023** Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of California, Irvine
History of the Mexican Revolution, History 70D
- Summer 2023** DTEI Scholars Program, Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation, University of California, Irvine.
History Department, History 70D
- Spring 2022** Teaching Assistant, Making of the Modern World, Eleanor Roosevelt College, University of California, San Diego.
Making of the Modern World, Exploring the Modern World
- Winter 2022** Making of the Modern World, Exploring the Modern World
- Spring 2021** Teaching Assistant, History Department, San Diego State University
History 110, American History since the Civil War
- Fall 2020** Teaching Assistant, History Department, San Diego State University
History 101, World History 1500- present.
- Summer 2020.** Grading Assistant, History Department, San Diego State University
History 101, World History 1500-present.

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2024 “Pedagogical Humanities Certificate,” Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation Humanities Center, University of California, Irvine.
- 2023 “Partnership in Inclusive Course Design,” Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation, University of California, Irvine.
- 2023 “Introducción a la paleografía Hispánica y Novohispana,” Instituto de Investigaciones Bibliográficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE and INTERESTS

- 2024 Graduate Student Researcher,** MRPI Routes of Enslavement in the Americas, Director Dr. Alex Borucki, University of California Irvine

Research Interests: History of race, class, and caste, gender and sexuality, and family in eighteenth-century Mexico. Research interest centers on the Bourbon Reforms and reproduction. I examine how Bourbon colonial reformers and mothers of Indigenous and African descent in eighteenth-century Mexico City transformed state definitions of reproduction, motherhood, and local practices of maternal care.

Service and Community Engagement

- SPRING 2026** Co-Organizer, UCI and UCR History Graduate Student Writing Retreat. March 13, 2025. University of California, Riverside.
- 2025-2026** Co-Organizer, UCI HGSA 2026 Annual Conference. April 3, 2026. University of California Irvine.
- WINTER 2026** Co-Organizer, UCI and UCR History Graduate Student Writing Retreat. March 13, 2025. University of California, Riverside.
- FALL 2025** Co-Organizer, UCI and UCR History Graduate Student Writing Retreat. December 5, 2025. University of California Irvine.

2024-2025	Co-Organizer, UCI HGSA 2025 Annual Conference. April 18, 2025. University of California Irvine.
2024-2025	History Graduate Student Representative at History Graduate Student Association (HGSA), University of California, Irvine. University of California Irvine.
2024-2025	UCI Graduate Division DECADE Student Representative
2023-2024	History Graduate Student Representative at History Graduate Student Association (HGSA), University of California, Irvine. University of California Irvine.
2023-2024	UCI Graduate Division DECADE Student Representative
2022-2023	UCI Graduate Division DECADE Student Representative

LANGUAGES

Spanish, native speaker

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies
 Berkshire Conference of Women Historians
 The Conference on Latin American Studies
 American Historical Association