DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT:

The **American Historical Association** has awarded the **2022 Institutional Equity Award** to the Department of History at Cal State LA. “The Institutional Equity Award is given to institutions that have achieved excellence in recruiting and retaining underrepresented racial and ethnic groups into the historical discipline."

The Department of History is recognized for its hard work in recruiting more Latinx students into history programs and the discipline. This dedication is evident through the high percentage of Latinx students enrolled in its MA program, and especially through the success of its graduates of color.” This is a national-level recognition of all the hard work of our students, staff, and faculty in the History Department. We thank Dr. Nancy Quam-Wickham (Professor of History, CSULB), who initiated, wrote, and submitted the nomination for the AHA Equity Award, and Dr. Mark Wild, the former chair of the department, for providing the necessary documentation that led to our receiving the award.

For the complete citation, please visit:
https://www.historians.org/research-and-publications/perspectives-on-history/december-2022/awards-prizes-and-honors-to-be-conferred-at-the-136th-annual-meeting

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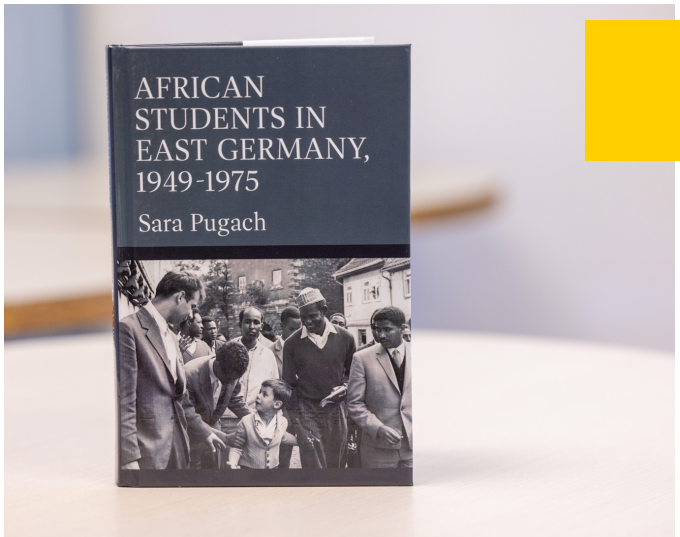
PHI ALPHA THETA

Phi Alpha Theta Honors Society organized a Teaching Symposium for students wishing to teach at the K-12 levels in October 2022. They invited alumni, including Edwin Hurtado, Claudio Seanez, and Leslie Soto, to share their experiences. Dr. Eileen Ford and Dr. Chris Endy were the faculty advisors for the event.

HIST 4665 (MODERN MEXICO)

Dr. Eileen Ford and the students enrolled in her class HIST 4665 (Modern Mexico) curated and organized a virtual exhibition, **"Mexico Persists: Life, Labor Loss, and Land in California 1830-1915,"** in cooperation with the **Autry Museum of Los Angeles**.
Please visit:
https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/67d67a967a80480e9bdb5b737684f5c0





DR. SARA PUGACH'S NEW BOOK

Dr. Chris Endy organized a department seminar for Dr. Sara Pugach's new book, **African Students in East Germany, 1949-1975** (Michigan University Press, 2022)

Dr. Dawn Dennis facilitated an online webinar for the Historical Society of Southern California, "Environmental Landscapes: The Indigenous Garden(s)," at Cal State LA in September 2022. The panelists included graduate students Esmeralda del Rio, Christopher Gurrola, Jewelyn Mims, and Tyler Lyon.

Dr. Dawn Dennis organized a History Department Dead-Hour Dialogue in October 2022, "Mikhail Gorbachev: The Man and His Legacy." Professors Chris Endy, Timothy Paynich, and Choi Chatterjee participated in the event. The event can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3JzSfcdB0c.

Perspectives. A Journal of Historical Inquiry, vol. 49, written and edited by students in the History Department and members of the Eta Xi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at California State University, Los Angeles, was awarded third place in the national Nash Journal Award Competition. The journal/chapter will receive a check for $250. Our congratulations to the student editors, contributors, and Dr. Birte Pfleger, the faculty advisor.

STUDENT NEWS:

Graduate Students:

Esmeralda Del Rio gave a talk entitled, "18th Century Spanish Travelogues: Miguel Costanso," at the national conference of the Association for Ethnic Studies held at Cal State LA in November 2022.

Undergraduates:

Karina Gutierrez was awarded an Undergraduate Fellowship by the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education. She is, in addition, a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow on campus. As part of that program, she is developing a research project examining the history of immigrant rights activism in the Inland Empire. Dr. Mark Wild is her faculty advisor.

FACULTY NEWS:



Choi Chatterjee was invited to present a talk on her new book, Russia in World History. A Transnational Approach (Bloomsbury, 2022) at the Russia and Eurasia Workshop at Princeton University in October 2022.

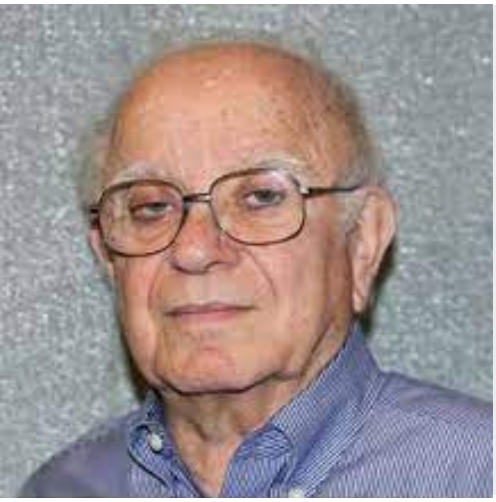


Sara Pugach has received a faculty award from the Council on American Overseas Research Centers to attend a faculty research seminar in India in 2023. She will develop upper-division courses on the History of Modern India.



Ángela Vergara gave a talk entitled, "Unemployment Policies in Twentieth-Century Latin America: From the Great Depression to the Debt Crisis," at the Workshop: Economic crisis and social policy in the twentieth century, Universität Bremen, Dec. 2022."

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS:



Dr. Stanley Burstein

Dr. Stanley Burstein has published the following book, **The Essential Greek Historians** (Hackett, 2022).

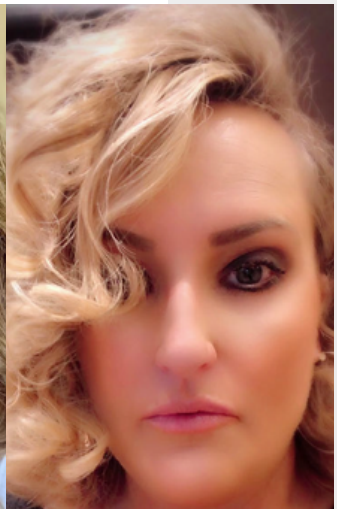
Dr. Choi Chatterjee

Choi Chatterjee published an article, **"Santha Rama Rau's "My Russian Journey." A Footnote to History,"** in the journal, Literature of the Americas, no. 13 (2022), 207-2030.
https://doi.org/10.22455/2541-7894-2022-13-207-230



Dr. Lani Cupchoy and Dr. Dawn A. Dennis

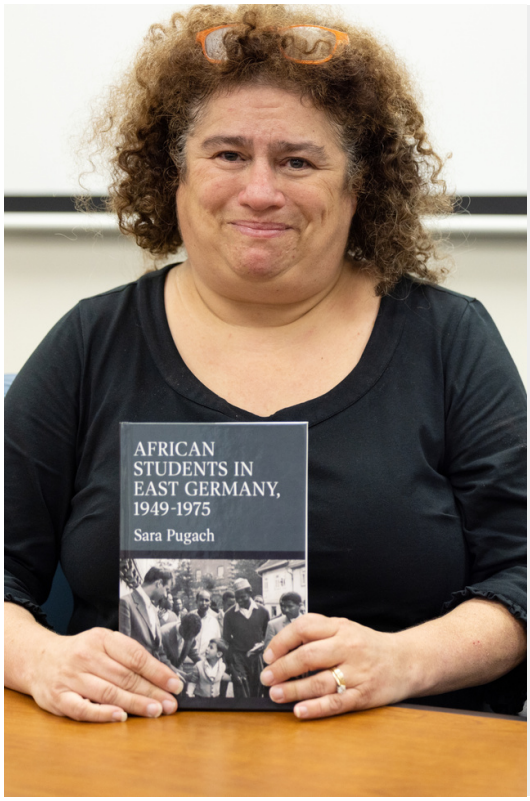




Lani Cupchoy and Dawn A. Dennis published an article, **"Watts Teach-in: 'Restorative Histories' through Activist-led Scholarship, California History,"** (2022) 99 (4) 82-97

https://online.ucpress.edu/ch/article/99/4/82/194153/Watts-Teach-In-Restorative-Histories-through

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS:



Dr. Sara Pugach

Sara Pugach has published a new book, **African Students in East Germany, 1949-1975** (University of Michigan Press, 2022). She has also published the following articles: **"African Voices in German Colonial Sources"**, The German Quarterly, Volume 95, Issue 4, Special Issue on Black German Studies, Fall 2022, pp. 437-439, and **"Ein Großteil meiner Forschung wäre ohne den DAAD nicht möglich gewesen"**, 22 November 2022,
https://www2.daad.de/der-daad/daad-aktuell/de/84069-ein-grossteil-meiner-forschung-waere-ohne-den-daad-nicht-moeglich-gewesen/

Dr. Ángela Vergara



Ángela Vergara has published the following articles: **"Fighting for the Right to Decent Work, NACLA Report on the Americas,"** 54:4, 389-394, 2022,
DOI: 10.1080/10714839.2022.2145116, and **"From Wilderness to Breeding Farms: The Domestication of the Chinchilla lanigera."** Environment & Society Portal, Arcadia (Summer 2022), no. 15. Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society.

https://www.environmentandsociety.org/node/9531

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS:



Dr. Ping Yao

Dr. Yao has published an anthology and a series of articles. They include **Chinese Autobiographical Writing: An Anthology of Personal Accounts**. Co-editor (with Cong Ellen Zhang and Patricia Ebrey). University of Washington Press. Jan 2023; Zhonggu tanwei: Yi Peixia Zhongguoshi yanjiu中古探微：伊沛霞中國史研究 **(An Exploration into Medieval Times: Patricia Ebrey's Studies of Chinese History)**. Co-editor (with Cong Ellen Zhang, Hsiaowen Cheng, Sumei Yi, and Xiaolin Duan). Shanghai Classic Publishing. Dec 2022 Zai Meiguo jiao lishi 在美國教歷史 (Teaching History in America). Co-editor (with Xi Wang). Peking University Press. Oct 2022; **"Female Association Bylaws from Medieval China"** (in Chinese), in Yan Xia, ed., Women and Gender in Medieval China. Zhongxi Press, 2022, 83-98; and **"Coping with the Loss of a Child: Evidence from Tang Funerary Writing,"** in Cong Ellen Zhang, ed., Family in Chinese History, special issue of Journal of Chinese History 6.2 (2022): 247-68

ALUMNI NEWS:



Karina Cardenas (MA History, 2017) is the **Special Collections and Archives Public Services Coordinator** at the University Library at Cal State LA. For the past four years, she worked as the Special Collections and Archives Assistant at Fresno State. Karina was a Spectrum Scholar in 2021 through the American Library Association for her commitment to community building within librarianship. She currently is a Smithsonian Latino Museum Studies Program Fellow and is completing an assessment on Latinx materials and developing shared stewarding recommendations for the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

Jerry Cisneros (MA History, 2022) gave a talk entitled "**Shared Experiences and Regional Kinship Webs: Mid-Twentieth Century New Mexico, México, and Los Angeles**," at a forum organized by the Los Angeles County Historical Society in November 2022.

Clayton Dress teaches at Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach. His new book **Henry VII. A Reference Guide to his Life and Times** will be published by Rowman and Littlefield. https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781538122839/Henry-VIII-A-Reference-Guide-to-His-Life-and-Works

Carrie Glenn (MA History, 2013) is an Assistant Professor of History at Niagara University. She is an expert in colonial Haiti and the Haitian Revolution. She will be assuming the role of a **social media editor of the project Age of Revolutions**. https://ageofrevolutions.com/2022/11/28/a-seventh-revolution-around-the-sun/.

Christopher Empett (MA History, 2022) gave a talk entitled, **"It's Complicated: Cross Purpose Politics and Reassessing Community in New Deal Era Whittier,"** at a forum organized by the Los Angeles County Historical Society in November 2022.

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Christopher Gurrola (MA History, 2022) gave a talk entitled, "**Indigenous Encounters in 18th Century California: Spanish Travel Literature of Pedro Fages**," at the Annual Conference of the Association for Ethnic Studies held at Cal State LA in November 2022.



Adam Kendall (MA History, 2020) was hired as (founding) **Executive Director** of the **Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation** in Oakland, CA. The library is a museum of thought that exhibits generations of members' interests in philosophy, spirituality, religion, history, and civics. The archive contains three-dimensional objects, correspondence, richly illustrated certificates, photographs, and minute books. Not exclusive to Freemasonry, these records represent other organizations and events of historical interest— including the minute books of the Mexican War Veteran Association, personal recollections from California pioneers, pre-Civil War correspondence, documents from other fraternal orders, and so forth. https://osrhistoricalfoundation.org. Adam is also involved in producing two scholarly journals of fraternal research. The first is Heredom, the flagship publication of the Scottish Rite Research Society in Washington, DC, and the second is the UK-based Ars Quatuor Coronati, which has been in print since 1886 and features some of the best and most reliable essays dedicated to Masonic and fraternal research.



Dylan Williams (MA, History 2022) joined the staff at the **National September 11 Memorial & Museum** in New York City in April 2022. As the Curatorial Assistant, Dylan supports the museum's Chief Curator and its Senior Curator of Oral History in acquiring artifacts and oral remembrances related to the history of the World Trade Center and the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In his day-to-day responsibilities, Dylan conducts extensive primary and secondary source research into new artifacts and oral history subjects, transcribes archived oral histories, compiles artifacts for exhibition rotations, and outreaches with 9/11 family members and other stakeholders nationwide. He looks forward to helping further develop the publicly available online exhibition of the museum's collection, Inside the Collection, and eventually curating his own physical one within in the museum.