

# Alexander Dawson

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## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

State University of New York at Stony Brook, Ph.D. in History, 1997.

University of Calgary, M.A. in History, 1991.

University of Calgary, B.A. (major in History) 1989.

### Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of History, University at Albany, 2017-

Professor of History and International Studies, Simon Fraser University, 2016-present.

Professor, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, 2012-2016.

Associate Professor, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, 2006-2012.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, 2003-2006.

Visiting Fellow, Department of History, Yale University, 2002-2003.

Assistant Professor, Department of History and Philosophy, Montana State University, 1997-2002.

Visiting Professor, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, 2002.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy, Eastern Connecticut State University, 1996-97.

### Works in Progress

The Peyote Effect: Making Race Across the US-Mexican Border (under contract with the University of California Press).

## **Books**

Latin American Since Independence: A History with Primary Sources. New York: Routledge, 2011 (1<sup>st</sup> ed.), 2014 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.).

Il sogno del primo mondo: il Messico dal 1989 (Italian translation of First World Dreams with new epilogue). Turin: EDT, 2008.

First World Dreams: Mexico Since 1989. London: Zed Books, 2006.

Indian and Nation in Revolutionary Mexico. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2004.

## **Essays and Edited Collections**

"Peyote in the Colonial Imagination", in Peyote: History, Traditions, Politics, and Conservation, Beatriz Caiuby Labate and Clancy Cavnar, editors. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2016, 43-62.

With Beatriz Caiuby Labate and Clancy Cavnar "Introduction: Peyote: Past, Present, and Future", in Peyote: History, Traditions, Politics, and Conservation, Beatriz Caiuby Labate and Clancy Cavnar, editors. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2016, xvii-xxv.

Co-Editor, with Martha Snodgrass, "Conference Report", International Criminal Justice: The State of Play. School for International Studies, Simon Fraser University, December 2015.

<http://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/internationalstudies/documents/publications/2015%20ICJ.pdf>

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"Why are Some Drugs Legal and Others Illegal", for Drogas, Política, Cultura. Perspectivas Brasil-México, November 5, 2015.

<http://drogasmexicobrasil.mx/index.php/2015/11/05/why-are-some-drugs-legal-and-others-illegal/>

"Politicians, Narcos, Missing Students, and Mexico's Crisis", in Simons Papers in Security and Development, No. 47/2015 (October 2015), 3-41.

"Salvador Roquet, María Sabina, and the Trouble with Jipis", Hispanic American Historical Review, 95:1 (2015) 103-133.

Co-editor, with Fabiola Bazo, "Policy Forum: Emerging Transnational Responses to Global Extractive Industries / Forum politique: L'émergence des réponses transnationales face aux industries d'extraction globales", in Canadian Journal of Development Studies/Revue canadienne d'études du développement 34: 1 (March 2013) 70-138.

"Histories and Memories of the Indian Boarding Schools in Mexico, Canada, and the United States", Latin American Perspectives, Issue 186, 39:5 (September 2012) 80-99.

"PAN Para Todos: Elections, Democracy, and the Right in Contemporary Mexico", in Right-wing politics in the New Latin America, edited by Francisco Dominguez, Dr. Geraldine Lievesley, and Steve Ludlam, London: Zed (2011) 63-77.

"El peyote y la autodeterminación a lo largo de la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México, desde Pátzcuaro hasta Avándaro", in La ambivalente historia del indigenismo: campo interamericano y trayectorias nacionales, 1940-1970. Laura Giraudo y Juan Martín Sánchez, eds. Lima, Peru: Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (2011) 159-190.

"'Wild Indians,' 'Mexican Gentlemen,' and the Lessons Learned in the *Casa del Estudiante Indígena*," The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History, 57:3 (January 2001) 329-361.

"From Models for the Nation to Model Citizens: *Indigenismo* and the 'Revindication' of The Mexican Indian 1920-1940," Journal of Latin American Studies, 30:2 (May 1998) 279-308.

### **Book Reviews**

*Ambitious Rebels: Remaking Honor, Law, and Liberals in Venezuela, 1780–1850*, by Reuben Zahler. Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 40:1-2 (2015).

*Mexico's Once and Future Revolution: Social Upheaval and the Challenge of Rule since the Late Nineteenth Century*. By Gilbert M. Joseph and Jürgen Buchenau. Hispanic American Historical Review 94:3 (2014) 520-522.

*Huichol Territory and the Mexican Nation: Indigenous Ritual, Land Conflict, and Sovereignty Claims*, by Paul M. Liffman Canadian Journal of History, 49:1 (2014) 323.

*Religion and State Formation in Postrevolutionary Mexico*, by Ben Fallaw. Canadian Journal of History, 49:2 (2014).

*Los indios de la nación, Los Indígenas en los escritos de intelectuales y políticos del México independiente*, by Eva Sanz Jara. Mesoamerica 55 (2013) 257-259.

*Waking from the Dream: Mexico's Middle Classes after 1968*, by Louise Walker. The Americas 70:2 (October 2013), 337-338.

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*The Chinese in Mexico, 1882-1940*, by Robert Chao Romero. Social History 36:2 (May 2011) 213-215.

*The Posthumous Career of Emiliano Zapata: Myth Memory and Mexico's Twentieth Century*, By Samuel Brunk. The Americas 66:2 (October 2009) 275-276.

*El comercio exterior de México en la era del capitalismo liberal, 1870-1929*, By Sandra Kuntz Ficker. Hispanic American Historical Review, 89:2 (May 2009) 390-392.

*The Return of the Native: Indians and Myth-Making in Spanish America, 1810-1930*, The Americas, 65:2 (October, 2008) 276-277.

"Were All Mexican Indigenistas Racists?" Review of *Historias Secretas del racismo en Mexico (1920-1950)*, by Beatriz Urías Horcasitas. A Contracorriente: A Journal of Social History and Literature in Latin America 5:3 (Spring 2008) 231-235.

*Missionaries of the State: The Summer Institute of Linguistics, 1935-1985*. By Todd Hartch. The Americas, 64:2 (October 2007) 293-294.

*The Eagle and the Virgin: Nation and Cultural Revolution in Mexico, 1920-1940*. Edited by Mary Kay Vaughan and Stephen E. Lewis. Contracorriente: A Journal on Social History and Literature in Latin America Vol. 4, No. 2, (Winter 2007) 239-242.

*Invisible Indigenes: The Politics of Nonrecognition*, by Bruce Granville Miller, BC Studies, No. 144 (Winter/Spring 2004/05) 121-122.

*La Indianidad: The Indigenous World Before Latin Americans*, by Hernán Horna, Journal of World History (December 2003) 359-361.

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*Nationalist Myths and Ethnic Identities: Indigenous Intellectuals and the Mexican State*, by Natividad Gutiérrez, Hispanic American Historical Review 80:3 (August 2000) 613-614.

*The Worm in the Wheat: Rosalie Evans and Agrarian Struggle in the Puebla-Tlaxcala Valley of Mexico, 1906-1927*, by Timothy Henderson, Agricultural History, 74:1 (Winter 2000) 104-105.

### Reference Works

"Indian Policy in Mexico," in Encyclopedia of Social Welfare History in North America. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications (2004) 7-10.

"Missions," "Pueblo Revolt," "Spanish Colonies," "New Mexico," and "Hacienda," in Encyclopedia of American History: Volume II, New York: Facts on File, 2003.

"Latin America Since 1914," in Peter Stearns, ed., An Encyclopedia of World History, Sixth Edition. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2001.

"Moisés Sáenz," in Encyclopedia of Mexico: History, Society, and Culture. Volume Two. Chicago, Fitzroy Dearborn Publishing (1997) 1325-1326.

"Global Studies: Latin America," in Worldview Educational Software. 1995 revisions.

### Papers and Presentations

"Peyote, Race, and the War on Drugs", presented at the American Historical Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, January 10, 2016.

"Peyote and Self Determination", presented at the Latin American Studies Association Annual Meetings, San Juan, PR, May 27, 2015.

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"It Was the State: Mexico in the Aftermath of Ayotzinapa", presented at The School for International Studies, SFU, March 30, 2015, and the Liu Institute, UBC, May 11, 2015.

"Reaction", presented at the Latin American Studies Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, May 23, 2014.

"Difference Remains", paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, Washington, D.C., May 31, 2013.

"The Future of Mining" at the Museum of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, Nov 6, 2012.

"The Shrink and the Cactus", presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Francisco, CA, May 24, 2012.

"Peyote and Self-Determination", presented at the American Historical Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, January 8, 2012.

For the Love of Writing – The Cormack Symposium, SFU, November 9, 2011.

"Why Canadians Should Care about Latin America", Canada-Latin American Relations: Opportunities and Challenges, presented by the Canadian International Council, Vancouver, BC, May 26, 2011.

"1910 from 2011", talk sponsored by the Mexican Consulate in Vancouver, BC, May 25, 2011.

"Paradise: Lost in the Mexican Counter Culture, 1966-1971", The Aesthetics of Revolt: Latin America in the 1960s. University of Maryland, College Park, April 13-15, 2011.

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### Curriculum Vitae

"Encontrar a los Huicholes: antropólogos, hippies y el Estado mexicano en la Sierra en los años 1960", Congreso Internacional INTERINDI 2010. Instituciones, redes y proyectos: la expansión del indigenismo interamericano en el siglo XX , Sevilla, Spain, November 23-24, 2010.

"Huichols, the State, and the Age of Aquarius", Latin American Studies Association Congress, Toronto, Ontario, October 8, 2010.

"The Indian Drug: Hippies, Huicholes, and Questions of Self-Determination", Tepoztlán Institute, Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 21-28, 2010.

"Indigeneity in a Global World: Notes from the Recent Latin American Past", Nation and Transnation Workshop, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, June 5, 2010.

"Peyote in the Colonial Imagination", American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. January 2010.

"Making the Indian through Peyote: What can the Inquisition tell us about Multiculturalism?" Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2009.

"Bordering on Legal: Self-Representation and Peyote Cults in the US and Mexico During the early 20th century", American Historical Association Annual Meeting, NYC. January 2009.

"Making Race in the Misiones Culturales during the Early 1930s", Latin American Studies Association Congress Montreal, PQ, September 2007.

Commentator "Left Turns: A Conference on the Future of the Left in Latin Americas" Vancouver BC. May 2007.

"Marking Race in Cardenista Mexico", Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, NM, January 2007.



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"Indigenous Boarding Schools across the Border: Contemplating three modernizing Projects", XII Conference of Mexican and North American Historians, Vancouver, BC, October 5, 2006.

Peyote Across the Border during the 1930s," Canadian Association of Caribbean and Latin American Studies, Calgary, AB, September 29, 2006.

"Writing Home: Cultural Missionaries, Indian Bodies, and Race-Making in Revolutionary Mexico", American Historical Association Pacific Branch Meetings, Stanford, CA, August 5, 2006.

"Imagining the Indian Across Borders: Mexico, the United States, and Canada, 1940", Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 16, 2006.

"Caciquismo and Indigenismo in Post-Revolutionary Mexico", Latin American Studies Association Congress, Las Vegas, NV, October 7, 2004.

"Letters from the Yucatán: A Journey through the world of the Cultural Missionaries", CASCA Congress, London, Ontario, May 14, 2004.

"Local Voices in National Spaces: The Regional Indígena Congresses and the Spectacle of the Mexican Indian, 1936-1940," Latin American Forum, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, March 20, 2002.

"'The More we Came to Know them, The More Indian they Seemed:' Science and State-Making in Mexico's Departamento de Asuntos Indígenas, 1936-1946", Latin American Studies Association XXIII International Congress, Washington DC, September 8, 2001.

"'Let Me Tell You 'Bout a Girl I Know': Male Authority, Reflexivity, and our Need for a More Nuanced Approach to Gender in the Classroom", Women's Studies Center, Montana State University, March 28, 2001.

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"'Without it, Our Race Would be Lost': The Problems and Promise of Mexico's Internados Indígenas", presented at Mapping Race and Ethnicity in Latin America, Center For Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, February 23, 2001.

"The Indian, the Nation, and the Performance of Citizenship in Post-Revolutionary Mexico",

Latin American Studies Association XXII International Congress, Miami, March 16, 2000.

Chair and Commentator, "Transnational Intellectuals, Popular Culture, and Art", Tenth Reunion of Mexican and North American Historians, Ft. Worth, November 20, 1999.

"Raza Pura, Sin Cultura: The Casa del Estudiante Indígena and the Assimilation of the Indian in Mexico, 1925-1932", Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies, Colorado Springs, February 1999.

"Race, Nation, and Citizenship in Mexico, 1920-1940," Latin American Studies Association XXI International Congress, Chicago, September 1998.

"Love, Death, and the Mexican Soul: Indian, Folk, and Nation in Post-Revolutionary Indigenismo, 1920-1940", Janey Conference on Latin American Studies, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, April 1997.

### **Honors and Awards**

*Workshop Grant*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2011-2012

*Cormack Award for Excellence in Teaching*, Simon Fraser University, 2011

*Standard Research Grant*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2007-2010

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*Vice-President Research Grant, Simon Fraser University, 2003-2004*

*Scholarship and Creativity Grant for the Advancement of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Montana State University, 1999-2000*

*The Dunbar Award, Department of History, Montana State University, 1999, 2001*

*Montana State University's Professor of the Month, Mortar Board Society, February 1999*

*Research and Creativity Grant, Montana State University, 1998*

*Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada 1993-95*

*Distinction on Ph.D. Oral Examinations, May 1993*

*Tuition Scholarship, SUNY-Stony Brook, 1991-97*

*Province of Alberta Graduate Scholarship, 1990-91*

*Research Travel Grant, University of Calgary, 1991*

*Graduate Assistantship, Department of History, University of Calgary, 1989-90*

*The Canterra Energy Ltd. Scholarship, University of Calgary, 1988-1989*

### **Service**

*Director, School for International Studies, SFU, 2013-2015, 2017-2019*

*Director, Latin American Studies Program, SFU, 2010-2012*

*Member, Insight Grants Adjudication Committee Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2015, 2016*

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*Member*, Insight Development Grants Adjudication Committee Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2011, 2012,

*Member*, Tenure and Promotion Committee, School of International Studies, SFU, 2010-2011

*Chair*, Graduate Program, History Department, SFU, 2006-2008

*Chair*, Working Environment Committee, History Department, SFU, 2005-06

*Chair*, Colloquium Committee, History Department, SFU, 2003-2006

*Member*, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of History, SFU, 2004-06

*Member*, LAS Steering Committee, SFU, 2003-present

*Chair*, LAS visiting Speakers Committee, SFU, 2004-2006

*Member*, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of History, SFU, 2004-05, 2010-2011

*Member*, Working Environment Committee, Department of History, SFU, 2004-05

*Member*, Promotion and Tenure Committee, History Department, MSU, 2001-2002

*Featured Speaker*, "Take Back Your Voice" March and Rally, MSU, April 12, 2001

*Panelist*, Roundtable on Feminism, The Women's Center, MSU, March 7, 2001

*Member*, History Department Awards Committee, MSU, 2000-2002

*Academic Advisor*, Phi Alpha Theta, MSU, 1997-2000

*Coordinator*, "Off the Beaten Track Film Festival", ECSU, January-May 1997

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*History Department Senator to the Graduate Student Organization, SUNY, 1991-92*

*Director at Large, Graduate Council and Executive, University of Calgary, 1989-91*

*Writer/Researcher for The Gauntlet, University of Calgary, 1987-90*

### **Teaching**

Colonial and Modern Latin America

The World Since 1500

The United States Since 1877

African Slavery in the Americas

Mexican History

Development, Aid, and Difference in Historical Perspective

Latin American Social History

Drugs in Latin American History

Race in Latin American History

Gender and Sexuality in Latin America

Politics and Political Change in Latin America

Race and Nation in the Americas (Graduate Seminar)

Identity and Culture (Graduate Seminar)

Introduction to Latin American Studies (Graduate Seminar)

Speaking Truth to Power: The Americas from the Bottom Up (Honors Seminar)

**Languages**

English

Spanish