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### Research

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### **Education**

University of Virginia

*Ph.D.* Spanish, 2006

Dissertation Title: “Stages of Disquiet: Evocations of Space in Latin American Short Fiction and its Cinematographic Transformation.” Dissertation Advisor: Gustavo Pellón

Universität Tübingen, Germany

*M.A.* Comparative Literature, Spanish, French, 2002

*Diploma* Creative Writing Institute, Final Work: “Transit Notes” (Prose Poems), 2002

*B.A. (Zwischenprüfung)*, Comparative Literature, Romance Languages, Musicology, 1998

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1998-1999, Exchange year

Université Paris-Sorbonne, Paris, France, 1994-1995

*Diploma* ‘Centre expérimental d’étude de la civilisation française’ French Language, Literature, Arts

### **Work Experience**

*Associate Professor, Spanish*

University at Albany (SUNY), Dept. of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Sept. 2015—

*Department Chair*: August 2023— *Acting Department Chair*: Jan-July 2022

*Participating Faculty* (Affiliated), Dept. of English & Dept. of Africana, Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies

*Affiliated Researcher*

University of Basel, Switzerland, Seminar Iberoromanistik, Feb.-June 2025

*Visiting Professor*

University of Montevideo, Uruguay. Dept. of Communication, Aug-Oct. 2024

*Assistant Professor, Spanish*

University at Albany (SUNY), Dept. of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Aug. 2009-Aug. 2015

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Spanish*

University at Albany (SUNY), Dept. of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Aug. 2006-May 2009

*Teaching Assistant, Spanish*

University of Virginia, Dept. of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, Aug. 2002-July 2006

*Instructor of Foreign Language, German*

Universität Tübingen/Bosch Foundation, Germany, 1999-2012 & Goetheinstitut Bangkok, Thailand, 2002

*Assistant Dramaturge and Translator, French - German*

National Theater, Tübingen, Germany, March-Dec. 2000

*Freelance, Editorial Journalist, German – Spanish*

Argentinisches Tageblatt, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1998-1999

## ***Research Interests***

Contemporary Latin American film, literature and visual cultures, environmental humanities, ecofeminisms, conceptions of space in art and of art in space, travel photography, intermediality (word, sound, image)

## ***Publications***

### Books

*Contact Zones in Motion: Fritz Neugass's and Ellen Auerbach's Latin American Travel Photography (1940s to 70s)*. (forthcoming, de Gruyter/Brill, 2026).

*Sites of Disquiet: The Non-Space in Spanish American Short Narratives and their Cinematic Transformations*. Purdue University Press, PSRL, Vol. 58 (2013).

Reviewed: Marcos Wasem. *Iberoamericana*. XVI. 61, Diane E. Marting. *Hispanic Review*. 84.1.

### Edited volumes

“Ecologies of Resistance: Arts, Activism, and Transdisciplinary Futures in Latin America and the Latinx Worlds.” Co-edited with Ana María Mutis and Elizabeth M. Pettinaroli (forthcoming, UVa Press, 2026).

*Ecofictions, Ecorealities and Slow Violence in Latin America and the Latinx World*. Co-edited with Ana María Mutis and Elizabeth M. Pettinaroli. Routledge (2020).

*Walter Benjamin Unbound*.

Co-edited with Alexander Gelley and Michael G. Levine. *Annals of Scholarship* Vols. 21:1 and 2 (2015).

### Journal articles

- 1) “Rafael Acevedo’s Cynical Voice in Literature: Beyond a Neoliberal Numbing.” *Comparative Critical Studies* 21.2–3 (2024): 225–243. DOI: 10.3366/ccs.2024.0531.
- 2) “Borders and Butterflies in José Manuel Prieto’s *Livadia/Nocturnal Butterflies of the Russian Empire*.” *Latin American Literary Review* 48.76 (2021). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.26824/lalr.236>.
- 3) “Especulaciones sobre gelatina de plata: El poder de la indeterminación fotográfica en *Nadie me verá llorar* de Cristina Rivera Garza.” *Chasqui. Revista de literatura latinoamericana* 47.1 (2018): 315–330.
- 4) “Desasosiego en la ciudad neoliberal. Reflexiones en torno a la poesía peruana urbana contemporánea.” *eLyra*. 11 (2018). 193–212.
- 5) “‘I will walk away by my own, phantom-footed’: Judith Ortiz Cofer’s Invoking of the Constant Move.” *MELUS* 38.2 (2013): 1–18.
- 6) “Space as a Metafictional Marker: Borges’ ‘Tema del traidor y del héroe’ and Bertolucci’s *Strategia del ragno*.” *Bulletin of Hispanic Studies* 87.8 (2010): 977–994.
- 7) “Poemas del caer—el motivo del vértigo en las obras de Edgardo Dobry, Roxana Crisólogo y Ylonca Nacidit-Perdomo.” *Hispanic Journal* 31.2 (2010): 133–147.
- 8) “Hibridaciones corpóreas: los ‘ejemplares raros’ de *Botánica del caos* de Ana María Shua.” *Confluencia* 25.1 (2009): 2–13.
- 9) “‘Imprólogo’ de Octavio Paz: Apuntes poético-poetológicos sobre la poesía de Vasko Popa.” *Revista Chilena de Literatura* 75 (2009): 69–90.

10) “Emisiones poderosas—El impacto de la radio en *Pantaleón y las visitadoras* y *La guaracha del Macho Camacho*.” *Hispanófila* 152 (2008): 101–113.

### Chapters in books

- “Border Contiguities: *Solo un poco aquí* and “Planting Future.” Co-authored with José Luis Jiménez-Figarotti. Accepted for publication in *Border Ecologies*. Edited by Debra Ann Castillo and Anindita Barnerjee (accepted for publication with Cornell UP).
- “Shared Screens: Fostering Care through Documentary Filmmaking in Collaborative Online Learning.” Co-authored with José Luis Jiménez-Figarotti. Forthcoming in *Handbook of Using Virtual Exchange Across Disciplines: Building Global Citizens from Home*. Edited by Kelly Tzoumis (forthcoming with Springer Nature).
- “Introduction: Transcending the Human—Non-Human Divide.” Co-authored with Elizabeth M. Pettinaroli. *Ecologies of Resistance in Latin American and Latinx Worlds* (forthcoming, UVa Press, 2026).
- “Elemental Empathy—Dissolving Organic Certainties in *Ventos de agosto* and *Dólares de arena*.” Co-authored with Katja Higgins Cecchetti. *Ecologies of Resistance in Latin American and Latinx Worlds* (forthcoming, UVa Press, 2026).
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- 1) “Ficcionalizando el horror real—*Temporada de huracanes* y *Aquí no es Miami* de Fernanda Melchor.” Co-authored with Nerisha de Nil Padilla Cruz. *Hispanic Issues On Line (HIOL)* Vol 34 (2025): 113–132. <https://hdl.handle.net/11299/269928>
  - 2) “Building Empathy through a Comparative Study of Popular Cultures in Caracas, Venezuela and Albany, United States.” Co-authored with José Luis Jiménez. In *Virtual Exchange: Towards Digital Equity and Internationalisation*. Edited by Müge Satar. Research-publishing.net (2021): 113–127. <https://doi.org/10.14705/rpnet.2021.53.1294>.
  - 3) “Introduction.” Together with Ana María Mutis and Elizabeth M. Pettinaroli. *Ecofictions, Ecorealities and Slow Violence in Latin America and the Latinx World*. Co-edited with Ana María Mutis and Elizabeth M. Pettinaroli. Routledge, 2020. 2–35.
  - 4) “Bodies, Transparent Matter, and Immateriality: *Compagnie Käfig*’s Eco-Dance Performances.” *Ecofictions, Ecorealities and Slow Violence in Latin America and the Latinx World*. Co-edited with Ana María Mutis and Elizabeth M. Pettinaroli. Routledge, 2020. 236–256.
  - 5) “Dibujos laboriosos de unas escenas: La translación de *La prueba* (César Aira) a *Tan de repente* (Diego Lerman).” *La literatura argentina y el cine. El cine argentino y la literatura*. Eds. Matthias Haussmann and Jörg Türschmann, Iberoamericana/Vervuert, 2019. 421–438.
  - 6) “Erupción volcánica en Indonesia, repercusiones literarias en Colombia: *El año del verano que nunca llegó* de William Ospina.” *Literaturas a través de las “culturas” de las Américas*. Ed. Gina Ponce de León. Bogotá, Colombia: Torre Gráfica Ediciones, 2017. 152–169.
  - 7) “Critical Travels, Discursive Practices: Foucault in Tunis (1966-1968).” *Foucault on the Arts and Letters: Perspectives for the 21st Century*. Ed. Catherine M. Soussloff. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016. 165–180.
  - 8) “Collecting Revisited (and Left Behind): The Treasure Chambers in Ruy Guerra’s *Eréndira* and *Portugal S.A.*” *Collecting from the Margins. Material Culture in a Latin American Context*. Ed. María Mercedes Andrade. Lewisburg: Bucknell UP, 2016. 203–218.
  - 9) “Topo-Grapho-Mania: Space-Texts and Text-Spaces in *Topographie idéale pour une agression*

- caractérisée* (R. Boudjedra) and *Paisajes después de la batalla* (J. Goytisolo).” *The Ekphrastic Turn. Inter-Arts Dialogues*. Eds. Asún López Valera and Ananta Sukla. Champaign: Common Ground Publishing, 2015. 309–328.
- 10) “Infidelity in Cuban Drama of the 1980s and 1990s—Towards a Positive Interpretation of Rupture.” *Handbook on Cuban History, Literature, and the Arts*. Eds. Mauricio Font and Araceli Tinajero. Boulder: Paradigm Press, 2014. 230–244.
  - 11) “Counter (Current) Discourses: Rivers in William Ospina’s *Ursúa* and *El país de la canela*.” *Troubled Waters: Rivers in the Latin American Imagination*. Eds. Ana María Mutis and Elizabeth Pettinaroli. *Hispanic Issues On Line*. 12. U of Minnesota P, 2013. 180–194.  
<http://hispanicissues.umn.edu/TroubledWatersRiversinLatinAmericanImagination.html>
  - 12) “Desafíos teatrales al mal metafísico: *El hombre deshabitado* de Rafael Alberti y *La muerte* de César Vallejo.” *Idealismo, racionalismo, empirismo en la cultura hispánica*. Ed. Ricardo de la Fuente Ballesteros and Jesús Pérez Magallón. Valladolid: Verdelis, 2013. 123–130.
  - 13) “« Ça suffit la nostalgie! »: Interprétations des ruines architecturales cubaines dans le cinéma contemporain.” *Cinéma et politiques en Amérique Latine*. Eds. Adela Pineda and Jimena Obregón Iturra. Rennes: Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2012. 129–146.
  - 14) “El Perseo desamparado. Ejemplos de lo neobarroco en *La aprendiz de bruja* de Alejo Carpentier.” *Del barroco al neobarroco: Realidades y transferencias culturales*. Eds. Ricardo de la Fuente Ballesteros, Jesús Pérez Magallón, J.R. Jouve-Martín. Valladolid: Universitas Castellae, Colección Cultura Iberoamericana 32, 2011. 167–179.
  - 15) “‘Viajera con el vaso vacío’: La experiencia parisina de Alejandra Pizarnik.” (Proceedings). *XVI Congreso de la Asociación Internacional de Hispanistas* (Cd-Rom). Madrid: Iberoamericana, 2011.
  - 16) “Identidades por negociar: La presentación de la piel humana en la fotografía de René Peña.” *Cultura y letras cubanas en el siglo XXI*. Ed. Araceli Tinajero. Madrid/Frankfurt: Iberoamericana/Vervuert, 2010. 53–62.
  - 17) “Lecciones de re-encarnación a lo cubano: el ‘libro tibetano de los muertos’ de Severo Sarduy.” *Necrofilia y necrofobia: Representaciones de la muerte en la cultura hispánica*. Eds. Ricardo de la Fuente Ballesteros and Jesús Pérez Magallón. Valladolid: Universitas Castellae, Colección Cultura Iberoamericana 31, 2010. 201–210.

#### Book reviews

- 1) “Review of *Feeling the Gaze. Image and Affect in Contemporary Argentine and Chilean Performance* by Gail A. Bulman. *Latin American Theatre Review*, 57.1 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1353/ltr.2023.a917971>
- 2) “Review: *Negotiating Space in Latin America*.” Ed. Patricia Vilches. *Recherche littéraire / Literary Research* (Fall 2022).
- 3) “Review: *The Cambridge History of Latin American Women’s Literature*.” Eds. Ileana Rodríguez and Mónica Szurmuk. *Recherche littéraire / Literary Research*, 33 (Summer 2017): 175–180.
- 4) “Review of *A True Story—A Cuban in New York* by Miguel Barnet.” *Review – Literature and Arts of the Americas* 82, 44.1 (2011): 159–160.
- 5) “Critical Flâneries in Benjamin’s Arcades.” *Walter Benjamin and ‘The Arcades Project’* Ed. Beatrice Hanssen. *Other Voices—The eJournal of Cultural Criticism* 4.1 (2010). (<http://www.othervoices.org/4.1/ikressner/index.php>)

## ***Presentations***

### Invited

- 1) “Correlaciones verdes: El eco-cinema latinoamericano.” Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay (8/24).
- 2) “Writing Trauma (Human and More-than-Human) in Pilar Quintana’s *La perra* and Vanesa Londoño’s *El asedio animal*.” LLCL Virtual Lecture on Gender, Culture and Representation: Latin American Women Writers and the Quest for Equality, Florida Atlantic University (virtual, 4/23).
- 3) “Immersive Epistemologies – Human Encounters with the Elements in Contemporary Latin American Cinema.” Keynote speaker, Graduate Studies Romance Languages Colloquium, Syracuse University (11/22).
- 4) “Elemental Empathy: Forms of Appealing to the Senses of Smell, Taste, and Touch in Contemporary Ecocritical Films from Latin America.” 2022 MAS Álvarez Seminar Series, Trinity University, San Antonio Texas (3/22). In person and recorded, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5I1vRXddgPo&t=12s>
- 5) “Visual Contact Zones: The Mexican Travel Photographs of Fritz Neugass.” Campus Conversations in Standish. University at Albany Libraries, State University of New York (3/18). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkrvbH5iYsg&feature=youtu.be>
- 6) “Desasosiego en la ciudad neoliberal. Reflexiones en torno a la poesía peruana urbana contemporánea.” Universidad Autónoma de Campeche, Mexico (virtual, 12/17).
- 7) “Echoes in the Dark: *Pedro Páramo* on the Page and on the Screen.” Revisiting Comala: Perspectives on the Work of Juan Rulfo. University of Chicago (11/17).
- 8) “Lectura ecocrítica de *El año del verano que nunca llegó* de William Ospina.” Universidad Nacional de Uruguay, Montevideo (08/17).
- 9) “‘Literature: That Game, that Serious Game.’ Poetology in Julio Cortázar’s Short Stories.” Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt (11/14).

### Conference Presentations

- 1) “Hydrolytic Interdependencies: Aquiferal Imaginations in Contemporary Southern Cone Narrative and Film.” Association of Literature and the Environment (ASLE). University of Maryland, College Park (07/25, presenter and panel chair).
- 2) “Interdependencias hidrolíticas: Imaginaciones de ciénagas en la narrativa y el cine del Cono Sur actual. Second International Congress of Environmental Humanities. Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain (06/25).
- 3) “Books and Hands: Exploring the Role of the Tangible in Contemporary Book/Art/Objects.” Convention of the Northeast Modern Language Association, Boston (NeMLA) (03/24). Presenter and chair.
- 4) “Borders of Impunity in Vanessa Londoño’s *El asedio animal*.” Border Ecologies Workshop. Cornell University (05/23).
- 5) “Elementally Mimetic and Positively Formless: Touching Wind and Water in Contemporary Latin American Film.” American Comparative Literature Association (virtual, 06/22).
- 6) “Ficcionalizando el horror real—*Temporada de huracanes* y *Aquí no es Miami* de Fernanda Melchor.” With Nerisha de Nil Padilla Cruz. International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco (virtual, 05/22).

- 7) “Reflections on Crumbling Borders and Butterflies in José Manuel Prieto’s Russian Trilogy.” Border Ecologies. LELACS Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca (virtual, 09/20).
- 8) “Representing Realities and Building Empathy through a Comparative Study of Popular Cultures.” International Virtual Exchange Conference (IVEC), Newcastle, GB (virtual, 09/20).
- 9) “Rafael Acevedo’s Cynical Voice in Art: A Possible Counter-Narrative to a Neoliberal Numbing?” Against the Grain: The Ethics, Politics, and Poetics of Contrarian Speech. University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands (06/19).
- 10) “Hyperbole of the Cynic: Rafael Acevedo’s Negative Scheme of Communitarity.” Radical Spaces of Justice in 21st Century Latin America. Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard U, Cambridge, MA (04/19).
- 11) “Memorias materiales y la labor narrativa en la ficción de Tununa Mercado.” Coloquio Internacional, Programa de Estudios de la Mujer, Casa de las Américas, Havana, Cuba (02/19).
- 12) “Un hablar pertinaz. El lento concientizarse acerca de las dimensiones del desastre en las narrativas de Yuri Herrera.” International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain (05/18).
- 13) “Reading Juan Rulfo from a Material Ecocriticist Perspective.” Modern Language Association, New York City, NY (missed due to inclement weather, 01/18).
- 14) “Scapegoating in the Films of Alejandro Fernández Almendras.” Views from Below: The Underdog in Contemporary Spanish and Latin American Film. University at Albany, SUNY (10/17).
- 15) “Show Me the Words (Not the Money) —Ways of Visualizing Corruption in *Aquí no ha pasado nada* by Alejandro Fernández Almendras.” MACLAS, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (03/17).
- 16) “Volcanic Eruption in Indonesia, Literary Aftershock in Colombia. William Ospina’s *El año del verano que nunca llegó*.” Literatures (A)Cross Cultures. Fresno Pacific University, CA (10/16).
- 17) “Las colecciones inmateriales de Juan de Castellanos bajo una óptica postcolonial.” Creadores, editores, coleccionistas y traductores: mercados culturales y política. Universitat Castellae, Valladolid, Spain (06/16).
- 18) “Colecciones intangibles: los “relatos del río” de Juan de Castellanos según William Ospina.” El coleccionismo en la literatura y culturas latinoamericanas. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia (04/16).
- 19) “Lima Flame-Cut: Victoria Guerrero’s Sonic Poetry in the Neoliberal City.” American Comparative Literature Association, Cambridge, MA (03/16). Presenter and panel co-chair.
- 20) “Speculations on Silver Gelatin: Photographic Indeterminacy in Cristina Rivera Garza’s *No One Will See Me Cry*.” American Comparative Literature Association, Seattle, WA (03/15). Presenter and panel co-chair.
- 21) “*Around the Day in Eighty Worlds*—Contemporary Miniature Travel Narratives from Latin America.” Modern Language Association, Vancouver, Canada (01/15).
- 22) “Portable Words of Participation: Contemporary Peruvian Poetry for Precarious Spaces.” Modern Language Association, Vancouver, Canada (01/15).
- 23) “Critical Travels, Discursive Practices—Foucault in Tunis (1966-68).” Michel Foucault. Les arts et les lettres. Institut d’Études Avancées, Paris, France (06/14).
- 24) “Walter Benjamin’s Untimely Presence in Latin America.” Affinities: Aesthetics, Ethics, and Politics. University at Albany, NY (04/14).
- 25) “Contemporary Hispanic Video Poetry on Precarious Urban Space.” The American Comparative Literatures Association. New York, NY (03/14).
- 26) “Dibujos laboriosos de unas escenas’—La translación de *La prueba* (Aira) a *Tan de repente* (Lerman).” La literatura argentina y el cine—El cine argentino y la literatura, Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria (12/13).

- 27) “Complexity Theory.” American Comparative Literature Association, ALC(x), State College, PA (09/13).
- 28) “Movement as Contact—Children’s Portraits by Ellen Auerbach and Fritz Neugass.” Convention of the American Comparative Literature Association, Toronto, Canada (04/13).
- 29) “Okupa Teatral—Contemporary Spanish American Plays for Abandoned Spaces.” Convention of the Modern Language Association, Boston, MA (01/13).
- 30) “Desafíos teatrales al mal metafísico: *El hombre deshabitado* de Rafael Alberti y *La muerte* de César Vallejo.” Idealismo, racionalismo y empirismo en la cultura hispánica. Universitas Castellae and McGill University, Valladolid, Spain (06/12).
- 31) “Words from ‘Deep Down’: Verbal Rebellion in Luisa Valenzuela’s *Trilogía de los bajos fondos*.” Conference of the American Comparative Literature Association, Providence, RI (04/12).
- 32) “New Masses in Contemporary Mexican Film: Screening a Self-Confident Crowd.” Conference of the Society of Cinema and Media Studies, Boston, MA (03/12).
- 33) “Contemporary Spanish American Video Poems—New Aesthetics of Interaction.” Convention of the Modern Language Association, Seattle, WA (01/12).
- 34) “Ángeles neobarrocos—emblemas del vértigo non-humano.” The Neo-Baroque Revisited—The Hispanic Baroque Project, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada (10/11).
- 35) “Staged Delusions of Love: Cuban Plays from 1980 to 2000.” Cuba Futures: Past and Present. City University of New York, NY (03/11).
- 36) “Ruinas hablantes: Los escombros arquitectónicos en el cine cubano contemporáneo.” Imaginarios cinematográficos de las turbulencias en las Américas: revoluciones, revueltas, crisis. IEP Sciences Politiques, Rennes, France (02/11).
- 37) “Las huellas de los muertos en la pintura de Claudia Bernardi.” Conference of the Latin American Studies Organization, Toronto, Canada (10/10).
- 38) “Reflejos distorsionados de una revolución: los *Siglos de las luces* de Alejo Carpentier y Humberto Solás.” Convention of the Northeast Modern Language Association, Montreal, Canada (04/10).
- 39) “Juxtaposed Nostalgias—The Compounded Longings in *Café Nostalgia* and *Bitter Sugar*.” The American Comparative Literature Association, New Orleans, LA (04/10).
- 40) “Dromomaniacs on Their Way: José Manuel Prieto’s Narratives of Space-Lapses.” Convention of the Modern Language Association, Philadelphia, PA (12/09).
- 41) “El libro cubano de los muertos: lecciones de reencarnación en *El Cristo de la Rue Jacob* de Severo Sarduy.” Necrofilia y necrofobia: representaciones de la muerte en la literatura hispánica. Universitas Castellae and McGill University, Valladolid, Spain (06/09).
- 42) “Space Acting Against its Owner: The Disquieting Collections in Ruy Guerra’s Films.” The American Comparative Literature Association, Cambridge, MA (04/09).
- 43) “Laughing Till We Shake off the Patterns: The Disruptive Role of Laughter in Mirta Yáñez’s and Mayra Santos Febres’s Short Fiction.” Convention of the North East Modern Language Association, Boston, MA (02/09).
- 44) “Síncopas y sobresaltos asombrosos: La poética de ‘performance’ de Roxana Crisólogo.” Convention of the Modern Language Association, San Francisco, CA (12/08).
- 45) “I Will Walk Away by my Own, Phantom-Footed”: Judith Ortiz Cofer’s Invoking of the Constant Move.” Unsettling Women: Contemporary Women’s Writing and Diaspora. Leicester, UK (07/08).

- 46) “Transcendental Homelessness Recorded: Tununa Mercado’s *Yo nunca te prometí la eternidad*.” The American Comparative Literature Association, Long Beach, CA (04/08).
- 47) “Scene and Ob-scene: The Intermingling of Stages in the Plays of Mario Vargas Llosa.” Convention of the Northeast Modern Language Association, Buffalo, NY (04/08).
- 48) “Close-Ups on the Human Skin: René Peña’s Photography of Meandering Lifelines.” A Changing Cuba in a Changing World, City University of New York, NY (03/08).
- 49) “Poemas al caer: El motivo del vértigo en las obras de tres poetas hispanoamericanos contemporáneos (Roxana Crisólogo, Ylonka Nacidit-Perdomo y Edgardo Dobry).” Conference on Spanish and Hispanic American Poetry, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (11/07).
- 50) “‘No más que caminar y aprender a ver’: La experiencia parisina de Alejandra Pizarnik.” XVI Congreso, Asociación Internacional de Hispanistas, Paris, France (07/07).
- 51) “The Need for the Provisional—Humanities Revisited.” Humanities Symposium 2007, Columbia University, New York, NY (2/07).
- 52) “Imaginario narrativo-visuales: Ecos de Giuseppe Arcimboldo en *Botánica del Caos* de Ana María Shua.” Femenino/masculino: teorías y representaciones de género en la cultura de mujeres latinoamericanas y caribeñas, La Habana, Cuba (2/07).
- 53) “*Yo soy Cuba* and *Memorias del subdesarrollo*: Cuba Monochrome.” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Comparative Literature Conference, Columbia, SC (2/06).
- 54) “‘Manchas de ausencia’: Neruda en Asia.” Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, KY (4/05).
- 55) “Singing a Yearning—Remarks on Musical Versions of Poems by Pablo Neruda.” International Poetry Conference, Greensboro, NC (3/05).
- 56) “Spooling Lives—The Impact of Films in Alberto Fuguet’s *Las películas de mi vida* and Yoko Tawada’s *The Naked Eye*.” 20<sup>th</sup> Century Literature Conference, Louisville, KY (2/05).
- 57) “Ausencias poetizadas: La poesía de Neruda, escrita en Asia.” Centennial Homage to Pablo Neruda. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (9/04).
- 58) “Nueva York vertical: Concepciones de la megalópolis en J. Martí y F. García Lorca.” Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, KY (4/04).
- 59) “Questions on a Mythical Figure: Primo Levi’s Centaurian Version.” Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy (7/01), <http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/uni/ndk//cotepira.html>.

### ***Exhibit and Media Project***

*Libros/Arte: Handmade Books from Latin America and the Caribbean.* Member of curatorial team.  
University Art Museum, University at Albany, SUNY, Aug-Dec 2023.

Co-editor of Cartonera volume: *What is Resistance?* W Jesús Alonso-Regalado, Alejandra Bronfman, 2023.

### ***Fellowships and Awards***

2025. University Auxiliary Service Fund. University at Albany, Funds for Mother Language Day (\$ 500).
2024. Fellowship Second Book Institute, University of Tulsa, OK. (\$1,000 stipend and lodging).
- 2023-2024. University Auxiliary Service Fund. With Sara Zahler. University at Albany, for Mother Language Day (\$1,075).
- 2022-2025. Research Foundation, University at Albany. Journal Support Award. Funds to support *Living in*

*Languages Journal*. <https://scholarsarchive.library.albany.edu/liljournal/> (\$898).

2022-2023. University Auxiliary Service Fund. Together with Helen Elam. University at Albany, Funds for 2-day Living in Languages Colloquium (\$750).

2021-2023 (ext. to 2024). Faculty Research Award (FRAP–B). University at Albany. Research Project: “Ecocriticism in Colombian Literature Today: The Writings of William Ospina” (\$2,300).

2021. Lumen Circle Fellowship. Theme: “Belonging and Inclusive Teaching Foundation.” 9-week virtual fellowship program (\$700).

2019. Andrew W. Mellon Humanities Corridor Grant, Lake Erie Latin American Cultural Studies. With Gail Bulman and Carmen Serrano. Graduate student research presentation workshop, The New York Humanities Corridor, Syracuse University (\$700).

2019. Judy L. Genshaft Award, Initiatives for Women, University at Albany. Funding to participate at the International Colloquium of Women’s Studies, Casa de las Américas, Havana, Cuba (\$500).

March 2019. Grant from the SUNY-Venezuela Higher Education Engagement Initiative, Collaborative Online International Learning Workshop w Venezuelan colleagues, Cuernavaca, MX (all expenses paid).

2018. Andrew W. Mellon Humanities Corridor Grant, Lake Erie Latin American Cultural Studies. Together with Gail Bulman and Carmen Serrano. Workshop: “New Readings: Bodies in Latin American Visual Arts and Culture.” The New York Humanities Corridor, University at Albany, State University of New York (\$1,480).

2017. Conversations in the Disciplines Grant (CID). Seed funding to organize the two-day symposium “Views from Below: The Underdog in Contemporary Latin American and Spanish Film.” The State University of New York, SUNY Central (\$1,885).

2017. (Jan-May). Semester-long sabbatical. Research Project: “Photographic Contact Zones: Fritz Neugass’ and Ellen Auerbach’s Latin American Travel Photography” (100% salary).

2014-2016. Faculty Research Award (FRAP–B), University at Albany Research Project: “Portable Words of Participation; Contemporary Spanish American Poetry” 2014-2016 (\$2,740)

Aug.–Dec. 2014. Grant Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Award NYS/UUP Joint Labor-Management Committees. Semester-long leave. (100% salary).

2013. (June–Dec). Visiting Scholarship, Department of Comparative Literature, Harvard University, Cambridge. Project: “Portable Poetry in Spanish America—Paradigms of an Aesthetic of Interaction.”

2012. Conference Support Award, Office of the Vice President for Research, University at Albany, “Critical Speculations: Future Worlds, Perilous Histories, and Walter Benjamin Unbound,” ([http://www.albany.edu/mals/news-events/materials\\_critical\\_speculations.shtml](http://www.albany.edu/mals/news-events/materials_critical_speculations.shtml)).

2011-2013. Faculty Research Award (FRAP–B), University at Albany Research Projects: “Manuel Antin: Film Director, Literary Correspondent, and Theorist,” 2011-2013(\$3,854)

June–July 2011. National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Summer Seminar, “Walter Benjamin’s Later Writings: *The Arcades Project*, Commodity Culture, Historiography,” Director: Prof. Alexander Gelley, University of California, Irvine (travel expenses paid plus \$3,500 stipend).

2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2020. Individual Development Awards (6), University at Albany. Awards to defray costs associated with conference attendance (between \$300-\$850 each).

College Conference Travel Funds Awards (8), College of Arts and Sciences, University at Albany, Dec. 2006, Dec. 2007, Dec. 2009, Jan. 2012, Jan. 2013, Jan. 2014, Jan 2015, Jan 2016.

June 2005. Fellowship Summer Seminar for Doctoral Students, “Literatura argentina y chilena: crítica y

creación,” Argentina, Latin American Studies Program, University of Virginia (\$3,300)  
Dec. 2005. MLA Graduate Student Travel Grant, support for MLA Convention attendance.  
2004-2005. Dissertation Year Fellowship, Department of Spanish, University of Virginia (\$18,000).  
2004, 2005 and 2006. Huskey Travel Fellowships (3), School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia.  
2003-2004. Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, University of Virginia.  
2003. Charles Gordon Reid, Summer Travel Grant, Department of Spanish, University of Virginia.  
2000. Fellowship Summer Language Institute, Spanish Ministry of Culture, Madrid, Spain.

***Memberships***

Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE), Modern Language Association (MLA), Latin American Studies Association (LASA), The Lake Erie Latin American Cultural Studies Group (LELACS)