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### EDUCATION

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- 2016 University of California, Santa Cruz, Ph.D.  
Major: History  
Designated Emphases: Latin American and Latino Studies &  
American Studies  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Lisbeth Haas
- 2010 University of California, Santa Cruz, M.A.  
Major: History
- 2004 University of California, Santa Cruz, B.A.  
Major: American Studies
- 1999 University of California, Irvine, B.A.  
Major: Philosophy

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- June 2020 – Present **State Park Historian**, California Department of Parks &  
Recreation, Santa Cruz District Historian II & Tribal Liaison
- July 2018 – June 2020 **UC Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow**, UC Riverside  
Advisor: Clifford Trafzer, PhD
- July 2016 – June 2018 **Adjunct Instructor**, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Spr. 2017 – Spr. 2018 **Adjunct Instructor**, Hartnell College (Salinas Valley State  
Prison)
- Fall 2016 – Spr. 2018 **Adjunct Instructor**, Cabrillo College

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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- 2021 Dolkas-Mertz Distinguished Historian Award – for virtual bell exhibit.
- 2021 “‘If They Do Not Fulfill What They Have Promised, I Will Accuse  
Them’: Locating Indigenous Women and their Influence in the California  
Missions” recipient of the 2021 Arrington-Prucha Prize (best article on  
American western religious history).
- 2020 “‘If They Do Not Fulfill What They Have Promised, I Will Accuse  
Them’: Locating Indigenous Women and Their Influence in the California

	Missions” voted by Oxford University Press as one of top two articles published in <i>Western Historical Quarterly</i> in 2020.
2019-Present	UC Critical Mission Studies Community Initiated Partnership Grant for book project w/ Valentin Lopez (Amah Mutsun)
2019-Present	UC Critical Mission Studies Community Initiated Partnership Grant for documentary project w/ Caroline Ward (Tataviam)
2018—2020	UC Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, UC Riverside
2015	UCSC, Institute of Humanities Research, Summer Dissertation Fellow
2013-14	Pacific Rim Advanced Graduate Fellowship
2012-14	UC Mexus Dissertation Research Grant
2012-13	Center for New Racial Studies Research Grant
2008-10, 12-13	Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship
2012	UC California Studies Consortium Travel Grant
2012	UCSC Women’s Club

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **MONOGRAPHS**

“*We are Not Animals*”: *Indigenous Politics of Survival, Rebellion, and Reconstitution in 19th Century California*. Lincoln, NE: The University of Nebraska Press (2022)

### **PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

“If They Do Not Fulfill What They Have Promised, I Will Accuse Them’: Locating Indigenous Women and Their Influence in the California Missions.” *Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 53, No. 3 (Autumn 2020): 291—313.

“Indigenous Homes & Social Stratification,” in *Revisiting the Lost Adobe Excavations, 1981-1985: Archaeology, Ethnohistory, and Indigenous History at CA-SCR-217H-T, La Misión de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz (Mission Santa Cruz)*, ed. Tsim Schneider. (forthcoming)

“The Many Lives of Justiniano Roxas: The Centenarian Fantasy in American History and Memory.” *Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS)*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (Spring 2018): 168—204. Co-written with Boyd Cothran.

“Dios no manda eso’: Indigenous Community and Leadership in the Assassination of Padre Quintana in Santa Cruz, 1812” in *Evangelization and Cultural Conflict in Colonial Mexico*, ed. Robert H. Jackson (Cambridge Scholar Publishing, 2014), 229–260.

### **MANUSCRIPTS / ARTICLES IN PREPARATION / OR IN PROGRESS**

*Wounded Lee: the Red Power Movement in 1970s California in the Wake of Alcatraz* (book manuscript in preparation).

“Walk for the Ancestors,” Documentary Film, Producer & Director (in production).

“The Truth about Mission Santa Cruz,” Chapter in preparation for *UC Critical Mission Studies Handbook*, UC Press, co-written with Valentin Lopez, Amah Mutsun Tribal Chair.

### **NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, & OTHER WRITINGS**

Foreword to *Big Basin Redwood Forest: California’s Oldest State Park*, Traci Bliss (Charleston, SC: The History Press, 2021). Co-written with Mark G. Hylkema.

“Indigenous Justice or Padre Killers?: Lino, Fausta, & the Assassination of Padre Quintana” in *Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History Journal* #8 (2016).

“‘He Came from an Indian Kingdom’: Lorenzana Family, Race, & Rights in a Changing Society” in *Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History Journal* #8 (2016).

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

D. Champagne and C. Goldberg, *A Coalition of Lineage: The Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians*, *California History*, forthcoming.

Joseph P. Sánchez, *El Camino Real de California: From Ancient Pathways to Modern Byways*, *New Mexico Historical Review*, forthcoming.

Heather Law Pezzarossi and Russel N. Sheptak (eds.), *Indigenous Persistence in the Colonized Americas: Material and Documentary Perspectives on Entanglement*, *New Mexico Historical Review*, forthcoming.

Terri Castaneda, Marie Mason Potts: *The Lettered Life of a Californian Indian Activist*, *California History*, Vol 98, No. 3, August (Fall) 2021.

Barbara Voorhies, ed. *Prehistoric Games of North American Indians: Subarctic to Mesoamerica*. *New Mexico Historical Review*, Vol. 94, No. 3 (Summer 2019): 313—315.

Rose Marie Beebe and Robert M. Senkewicz, Junípero Serra: *California, Indians, and the Transformation of a Missionary*. *Hispanic American Historical Review*, Vol. 99, No. 2 (May 2019): 363—364.

### **PUBLIC HISTORY PROJECTS**

Project Manager, Big Basin CZU Fire Documentation, Big Basin Oral History Project.

Project Manager, "For Whom the Bell Tolls: The Mission Bell as a Symbol through the Ages," virtual exhibit, hosted online at Mission Santa Cruz State Historic Park.  
<https://www.parks.ca.gov/bells>

Project Manager, Mission Santa Cruz State Historical Park, revising historical exhibits in consultation with Indigenous partners.

Podcast Producer & Interviewer, [Challenging Colonialism](#). Co-Producer w/ Daniel Stonebloom.

Advisor and Writer, *Eureka!*, Animated documentary series, in collaboration with Project Director John Jota Leaños.

## PRESENTATIONS & APPEARANCES

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### CONFERENCE TALKS

Presenter, “The California Missions as Contested Sites,” *Indigenous Borderlands in North America* Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Panelist, “Rethinking Research: Non-Natives Working in Tribal Communities Today,” Co-Creating Knowledge and Justice Conference, Santa Cruz, California, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Presenter & Panel Co-Organizer, “Wounded Lee, 1975: The Red Power Movement in the Wake of Alcatraz,” Western History Association 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Panel Guest, “Showcasing New Scholarship: Martin Rizzo-Martinez, *We are not Animals: Indigenous Politics of Survival, Rebellion, and Reconstitution in 19<sup>th</sup> Century California*,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Presenter, “[Indigenous Santa Cruz: A Conversation with Dr. Martin Rizzo-Martinez](#),” 25<sup>th</sup> Amah Mutsun Speaker Series event, Santa Cruz, California, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Presenter, “[We are not Animals: the Justiniano Roxas Story](#),” Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History, Santa Cruz, California, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Presenter, “[We are not Animals book launch talk](#),” Santa Clara University’s Archives & Special Collections presents, Santa Clara University, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Presenter, “Identifying the California Missions as Sites of Conscience,” at the “Critical Mission Studies: From Truth Telling to Healing,” Southern California Critical Mission Studies Conference, Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in San Diego.

Organizer & Presenter, “Telling and Teaching the Truth of the California Missions,” Northern California Critical Mission Studies Conference, Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park. Co-Presented opening discussion, “[Uncovering Difficult Histories at Santa Cruz Mission](#),” with Valentin Lopez (Amah Mutsun Tribal Chair).

Roundtable Participant, “Transforming the Teaching of the California Missions: Essential Collaborations to Teach from an Indigenous Perspective,” in Teaching History Conference: Challenges in Teaching and Learning History: Issues of Pedagogy &

Content at UC Davis, May 7, 2021, on panel with Daisy Martin, Judith Scott, Valentin Lopez (Amah Mutsun Tribal Chair), Alexii Sigona, and Renya Ramirez.

"For Whom the Bell Tolls: The Mission Bell as a Symbol through the Ages," 38<sup>th</sup> Annual California Missions and Presidios Conference (virtual), February 13, 2021.

"Women and Power in Early Native North America," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference on American History, April 15-18, 2021.

"Legacies of Historical Trauma: From the Ziibiwing Center to the California Missions," Honoring the Circle of Health: Cultural Humility in Health Care with Native American Communities, Western Michigan University School of Medicine, Kalamazoo, Michigan, November 12, 2020.

"We are not Animals: Indigenous History of Santa Cruz," Amah Mutsun Speaker Series: Critical Mission Studies Research: Telling the Truth, Santa Cruz, California, November 7, 2020.

Chair, "New Insights on Settler Conflicts with Indigenous Peoples," Western History Association 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Presenter, "Captain Coletto and the Yokuts: Social and political stratification within California mission communities," Western History Association 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

"Fausta & Serafina: Indigenous Women and the Preservation of Power," Native Truth & Healing: California Genocide Conference, San Diego, California, November 23, 2019.

Chair & Presenter, "Fausta & Serafina: Indigenous Women in Positions of Power within the California Missions," Western History Association 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 19, 2019.

"Portola's Encounters with the Guachirron and Quiroste: the Real Story of Indigenous Generosity & Spanish Duplicity," Amah Mutsun Speaker Series: Nothing to Celebrate: Reconsidering the Legacy of Portola, Santa Cruz, California, October 16, 2019.

Organizer & Chair, "Captain Coletto and the Yokuts: Social and Political Hierarchies within California Mission Communities," Ethnohistory Annual Conference, Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania, September 27, 2019.

Chair & Presenter, "Fausta & Serafina: Identifying Indigenous Women of Power within the California Missions," Native American Indigenous Studies Association, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Los Angeles, California, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Presenter, "Life in the Mission of Padre Killers," UC Riverside President's & Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow Symposium, Riverside, California, May 1, 2019.

Presenter, "Reading Silences: Reflections of Settler Colonialism in the Indigenous accounts of Lorenzo Asisara," Western History Association 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Diego, California, November 2, 2017.

Presenter, "The Assassination of Padre Quintana & Legacy of Colonial Violence," Ethnohistory Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, November 6, 2015.

"What will we do with the Padre?: Indigenous Collaboration & the Assassination of Padre Quintana," Amah Mutsun Speaker Series: Conversations with UC Scholars, Santa Cruz, California, October 17, 2015.

"'Dios no manda eso': Indigenous Community & Leadership in the Assassination of Padre Quintana in Santa Cruz, 1812," Whitsett Graduate Seminar, Cal State Northridge, California, April, 2013.

Presenter, "'No Somos Animales': Indigenous Plurality & Erasure in Nineteenth-Century Santa Cruz," Ethnohistory Annual Conference, Pasadena, California, October 2011.

"'Las Diversas Naciones': Indigenous Diversity in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Santa Cruz," Amah Mutsun Speaker Series: California Native Survivance, UC Santa Cruz, California, May, 2011.

### **GUEST LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

Guest Presenter, "*We are not Animals*," Book Club of California, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Guest Presenter, "Teaching Hard History: Emphasizing an Amah Mutsun Perspective," a half-day training session for teachers hosted by The History & Civics Project at UC Santa Cruz, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

"Mission bell markers as traumatic reminders," invited speaker, Amah Mutsun [Mission Bell Removal Ceremony](#), Santa Cruz Mission Plaza, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

"[Colonialism: the Original Cancel Culture](#)," Guest Speaker for the Cabrillo College: Name Exploration: The Impacts of Colonization on Native Americans, on panel with Kanyon Sayers-Roods (Mutsun-Ohlone) and Dr. Cutchá Risling Baldy (Hupa, Yurok and Karuk), Aptos, CA, April 8, 2021.

"For Whom the Bell Tolls: The Mission Bell as a Symbol through the Ages," Presentation for Santa Cruz Historic Preservation Committee, March 17, 2021.

"Indigenous History of Santa Cruz," Presentation for Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz, California, November 18, 2020.

"Forging New Communities Against the Odds: Indigenous Perseverance and Survival in the California Missions," invited speaker, along with Amah Mutsun Tribal Chair Valentin Lopez, Caroline Ward (Tataviam), and Kagen Holland (Tataviam), UC Davis, California, October 3, 2019.

- “Significance of the Mission Bells for Indigenous people,” invited speaker, Amah Mutsun Mission Bell Removal Ceremony, UC Santa Cruz, California, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- “Indigenous Santa Cruz,” invited speaker, History 125A: Indigenous California, UC Santa Cruz, April 16, 2019.
- “Life in the Mission of Padre Killers,” invited speaker, Rupert Costo Endowment of American Indian Affairs Presentation at the Costo Library, UC Riverside, California, October 16, 2018.
- “Indigenous Survival at Mission Santa Cruz,” invited speaker, Santa Cruz Missions: Indigenous Experience, Then and Now, along with Amah Mutsun Tribal Chair Valentin Lopez, Mission Santa Cruz State Park, Santa Cruz, California, September 15, 2016.
- “Santa Cruz Mission: Indigenous Resistance & Survival,” invited speaker, Standing up for Racial Justice, one of two speakers along with Kanyon Sayers (Mutsun Ohlone), Mission Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California, August 11, 2016.
- “The Truth about the Missions,” invited speaker, Oakes 75: Social Geography and Justice in Santa Cruz, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California, January 21, 2016.
- “Colonization & Indigenous Perseverance in Santa Cruz,” invited speaker, History 125: California History, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California, January 11, 2016.
- “Life within the Mission of Padre Killers,” invited speaker, Researchers Anonymous Monthly Meeting, Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History, Santa Cruz, California, January 9, 2016.
- “Graduate Studies Panel Discussion, moderated by Dr. John Brown Childs,” invited panelist, Ethnic Resource Centers, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California, October 10, 2015.
- “Dios no manda eso: Serra’s Legacy, Indigenous Survival, & the Role of the Franciscans at the Mission of Padre Killers,” invited speaker, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Speaker Series, Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History, Santa Cruz, California, August 7, 2015.
- “Survival and Resistance at Mission Santa Cruz,” invited speaker, Walk for the Ancestors ([walkfortheancestors.org](http://walkfortheancestors.org)), Mission Santa Cruz, August 2015.
- Presenter on local history, invited speaker, From Furgeson to Salinas: Intersections Against State Sanctioned Violence, Santa Cruz, California, Spring, 2015.
- “Indigenous California,” invited speaker, History 9: Introduction to Native American History, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California, April 22, 2015.
- “Native Americans in Jazz,” invited speaker, History 122B: Jazz & US Cultural History, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California, October 2014.
- “Research Strategies,” invited speaker, History 190F: Research in Americas, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California, October 2014.

“Dios no manda eso’: Indigenous Community & Leadership in the Assassination of Padre Quintana in Santa Cruz, 1812,” invited speaker, UC Center for New Racial Studies, UC Irvine, California, May 2013.

“No Somos Animales: Indigenous Diversity & Plurality in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Santa Cruz,” invited speaker, Critical Race & Ethnic Studies Speaker Series, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California, April 2012.

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS**

Interviewed about bell removal movement: Jerimiah Oetting of KAZU, “[Why a local Indigenous leader wants to remove California’s highway bells](#),” December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Interview about *We are not Animals*: John Malkin of KZSC 88.1, [We are not Animals: New Book Highlights Santa Cruz Indigenous Rebellion and Resistance](#), April 11, 2022.

Interview about *We are not Animals*: Annabel LaBrecque, *New Books in Native American Studies* Podcast, March 9, 2022: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/we-are-not-animals>

Interviewee for podcast episode about CZU fires, responses, and Indigenous history, “[What Fire Reveals: Stories from the CZU August Lightning Complex Fires](#),” *The Kitchen Sisters Podcast*, August 2021.

Interview about Indigenous History in Santa Cruz, November 23, 2017 (Thanksgiving Day), *Transformation Highway* with John Malkin, KZSC, 88.1FM.

Interview about recent publications on Indigenous History in Santa Cruz, September 6, 2016, *Universal Grapevine* with Bruce Bratton, KZSC, 88.1FM.

Bi-weekly 15-minute radio segment on Monterey Bay History, Fall 2012 – Fall 2016, *Good Morning Monterey Bay*, KSCO, 1080AM.

Interview about Indigenous History in Santa Cruz, April 29, 2014, *Universal Grapevine* with Bruce Bratton, KZSC, 88.1FM.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD: UC SANTA CRUZ**

History 104D: Museums & the Representation of Native American History

History 139E: Santa Cruz History, 1770 – present

History 10B: US History 1877 – 1977

History 9: Introduction to Native American History

Kresge 1T: Incoming Transfer Orientation

Kresge 26: Navigating the Research University

Stevenson 2: Academic Literacy: Self and Society

Stevenson 26: Navigating the Research University

Oakes 80A: Communicating Diversity



Rachel Carson College 1: Academic Literacy & Ethos—Environment & Society  
Stevenson College: Self and Society 2

**INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD: CABRILLO COLLEGE**

History 17B: US History 1865 – present  
History 15: Recent US History (20<sup>th</sup> Century)

**INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD: CABRILLO COLLEGE EXTENSION**

Santa Cruz History Road Trip – Our Parks and the Power of Place

**INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD: SALINAS VALLEY STATE PRISON (THROUGH HARTNELL COLLEGE)**

History 17B: US History 1865 – present  
History 17A: Early US History until 1865

**TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS: UC SANTA CRUZ**

History 130: Modern Cuba (late 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries)  
History 125: California History  
History 122A: Jazz & US Cultural History, 1900 – 1945  
History 80: Women, Labor & Feminist Production  
History 50: Ancient Egypt  
History 11B: Latin America, National Period  
History 11A: Latin America, Colonial Period  
History 10B: US History 1877 – 1977  
History 2A: World History to 1500  
LALS 1: Intro to Latin America & Latino Studies  
American Studies 113A: Imagining America

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Organization Member**

Ethnohistory  
Organization of American Historians  
Western History Association  
Native American & Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA)

**TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS** \_\_\_\_\_

Native American Studies, Native American History, Spanish Borderlands, Indigenous Studies, Colonialism and Nationalism, American History, California History, Race & Ethnic Studies, Latin American Studies & History, Public History & Museum Studies.

**RESEARCH LANGUAGES** \_\_\_\_\_

Spanish & Portuguese