Fawn-Amber Montoya Professor of History

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University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ Doctor of Philosophy May 2007

Major Fields- US History, 20th Century, Southwest

Minor Field- Comparative Women and Gender

Dissertation Title: "Mines, Massacres, and Memories: Colorado Fuel and Iron's Creation of a Community in Southern Colorado, 1880-1919." Chairs: Sarah Deutsch and Juan Garcia

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ Master of Arts December 2001 Brigham Young University, Provo, UT Bachelor of Arts December 1998

Academic Appointments

James Madison University Harrisonburg, Virginia
Professor of History 2019-Present

Affiliate Faculty, African, African American and Diaspora Studies Affiliate Faculty, Latin American, Latinx, and Caribbean Studies

Colorado State University-PuebloPueblo, ColoradoProfessor of History2018-2019Associate Professor of History2013-2018Assistant Professor in History2007-2013

Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado
Affiliate Faculty, Ethnic Studies Spring 2016

Texas Tech University
ABD Fellow
Lubbock, Texas
2005-2007

University of ArizonaTucson, ArizonaAdjunct Instructor2003-2004Graduate Teaching Assistant2000-2005Academic Tutor2000-2005

Pima Community College
Adjunct Instructor

Tucson, Arizona
2003

Administrative Experience University

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia 2019-2024

Associate Dean, Honors College

Oversaw recruitment and admissions of incoming first-year, current students, and transfer students in a 1200 student college. Redesigned admissions processes to focus on a holistic student. Revised Honors Interdisciplinary minor curriculum with a focus on diversity and experiential education. Oversaw social media, website development and marketing initiatives. Designed, implemented, and facilitated the Honors Dean's Diversity Council. Designed the 2021-2024 strategic plan with a focus on anti-racism. Designed marketing for annual Giving Day. Managed scholarship awarding of incoming and current Honors students. Scheduled courses, supervised affiliate faculty and collaborated with college liaisons. Designed and facilitated faculty development workshops.

Facilitated a 11.4% increase in the student diversity profile for the 2020 incoming honors first-year class.

President's Task Force for Racial Equity, Sub Committee Student Assessment Co-Chair

2020-2022

Facilitated bi-monthly meetings with faculty, staff, and students. Collaborated with fifteen committee members to develop recommendations for the University Wide Task Force on Racial Equity. Worked one on one with faculty, staff, and students to guarantee that their perspectives and thoughts were captured in the recommendations.

College Level

Latinx Center Working Group

Co-Chair

2023

Led a group of faculty in a series of discussions regarding the future of a Latinx center at JMU. Discussions focused on curriculum, support of Latino/a/x faculty, and student engagement. Wrote a report regarding findings that was presented to the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

Colorado State University-Pueblo Pueblo, Colorado

University

Director, University Honors Program

2017-2019

Mentored over 70 undergraduate students on academic and professional success. Oversaw undergraduate Honors' theses, facilitated service-learning courses, and guided group projects. Coordinated Honors courses across disciplines and collaborated with all departments across campus. Advised faculty on Honors approved courses and student theses development. Organized annual Honors Symposium.

Smithsonian Internship Coordinator

2016-2019

Facilitated the placement of 4-6 interns per summer from CSU-Pueblo at the Smithsonian Institution. Lead faculty application committee. Communicated with the Smithsonian to arrange placement of students. Reserved flights and housing for students. Facilitated workshops on professional development for students and monitored student blogs. Coordinated annual Give Day event that included donor outreach and maintaining donor relationships.

#Vision 2028 2018-2019

Steering Committee member, President's Office

Assisted in the design of a new vision, mission, and guiding principles for CSU-Pueblo. Gathered survey data, led campus-wide focus groups, presented to colleges and departments regarding the process and how faculty could be involved.

Presidential Fellow 2017/2018

Designed a program for study abroad opportunities at the CSU Todos Santos campus in Baja California Sur, Mexico. Developed and implemented a 3-day faculty retreat to design a 3-week summer general education program with a focus on Latinx history and culture.

College Level

Coordinator of Chicano Studies

2007-2017

Supervised and hired full-time and part-time faculty in an interdisciplinary program, collaborated across campus and with the community for events and speakers on campus, scheduled courses in multiple disciplines. Focused courses on the university's Hispanic Serving Institution status.

Chaired and collaborated on search committees. Created annual assessment reports. Developed new curriculum for general education courses.

Women's Studies Coordinator

2009-2012

Collaborated with the university-wide Women's Studies Coordinating Committee in the creation of a new curriculum with a focus on field experience and service learning. Supervised full-time and part-time faculty in an interdisciplinary program that included faculty outside of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Collaborated across campus and with the community for events and speakers on campus, scheduled courses in multiple disciplines. Created annual assessment reports and developed a Diversity Studies Certificate.

National Associations

National Collegiate Honors Council, Board Member

2023-Present

NCHC promotes and supports Undergraduate education Honors education. Board duties include oversight of the Executive director, fiduciary responsibilities with Honors colleges and programs throughout the United States. Collaborates with other board members and members of the organization.

National Collegiate Honors Council, Diversity and Inclusion, Co-Chair 2023-2025 Facilitate three meetings per year, plan virtual roundtables and summer workshops

National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies Co-Chair, Chicana Caucus, 2012-2014 Facilitated annual caucus meetings, maintained the email list serv, invited speakers for the Chicana Plenary, and moderated the plenary for the 2014 NACCS Conference.

Community

Scholars Latino Initiative, Chair Board of Directors

2023-Present

Nonprofit organization supports Latino/a/x high school students with college access through rigorous academic challenge, leadership development, scholarships, and supportive mentorships. Oversaw managing director and director of development. Led fundraising and approved grant project reports. Led monthly board meetings.

East Side Child Care Center, President Board of Directors

2016-2019

Non-profit organization that provides childcare for low-income children. Oversaw grants, approved budgets, led fundraising efforts and approved grant project reports. Led monthly board meetings, designed an annual director retreat, and mentored new board members. Developed a transition plan and a succession plan for the outgoing executive director.

Co-Chair, Ludlow Massacre Centennial Commission

2013-2014

Governor appointed commission to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Ludlow Massacre. Led 12 scholars from throughout Colorado drafted by-laws and coordinated a speaker series for 3-5 locations in Colorado. Worked with over 35 non-profits to develop a master calendar supporting programming throughout Colorado's front range. Organized an academic symposium over a three-day time frame. Facilitated monthly meetings, wrote, and submitted the final report to the Governor's Office

Academic Fellowships/ Scholar

Colorado State University-Pueblo Faculty Fellow Center for Teaching and Learning Pueblo, Colorado

2017-2019

Collaborated with the Center for Teaching and Learning on curriculum development, guest speakers, and revisions to general education course offerings.

Experiential Education Roundtable Scholar

Spring 2015

Designed experiential education curriculum in conjunction with El Pueblo History Museum. Revised syllabi and workshopped with other faculty to design experiential education curriculum.

Steelworks Center for the West

Scholar in Residence

2012-2014

Texas Tech University

Pre-Doctoral Fellow

Lubbock, Texas

Pueblo, Colorado

2005-2007

Examples of Courses Taught

Undergraduate Courses- Honors

Introduction to Honors
Honors Service Learning
Honors Group Project
First Year Experience
Mentoring First Generation College Students
Multi-Cultural America- Honors
Multi- Cultural Leadership- Honors
Latinx Voices- Honors
Honors Thesis

History

US History since 1877 History of the United States Southwest Roaring 20s/ Depression/ War History of Mexico Women and Labor Mexican American History Chicano Labor History American West Chicanas in the 20th Century The Spanish Borderlands Native Peoples of the US

Women's and Ethnic Studies

Introduction to Chicano Studies Introduction to Women's Studies La Chicana Voices of Protest Chicano Studies Capstone Senior Seminar in History

Graduate Courses- History

20th Century US History 20th Century History of the US Southwest Introduction to Public History Public History in the American West Research US History through Literature US Southwest before 1848

Publications

Books

Día de los Muertos: A Model for Pedagogical, Community, and Research Connections in Teaching Latino/a/x/eHistory & Culture" Open Educational Resource (OER) with JMU Libraries. Forthcoming Winter 2026

- Ghosts of the Past. Manuscript completed.
- Co-Editor with Karin Larkin. Communities of Ludlow: Collaborative Stewardship and the Ludlow Centennial Commemoration Commission. Boulder: University Press of Colorado. 2022
- Allen, Beverly and Fawn-Amber Montoya. *Practicing Oral History to Connect University to Community*. Routledge Press: 2018.
- Editor of Making an American Workforce: The Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's Construction of a Workforce during the Rockefeller Years. Boulder: University Press of Colorado. 2014.

Articles/ Book Chapters/ Reports

- "Deslenguadas: A Photo Essay on the Performative Remembering of the Impact of 1940s Americanization Programs in Northern New Mexico" Co-author with Yvonne Montoya. Volume 8 of the *International Journal of Responsibility* (IJR), *The Spanish Language*, Language Variations, Cultures and Responsibility. (Forthcoming) Fall 2025
- "Stolen, Lost and Replaced: The Chicana Responsibilities to the Spanish Language" co-author with Ashley Martinez. Volume 8 of the *International Journal of Responsibility* (IJR), *The Spanish Language, Language Variations, Cultures and Responsibility*. (Forthcoming) Fall 2025
- "Cultura y Comunidad," co-authored with Felix Wang and Angel Garcia. NCHC monograph Belonging in Honors Ed.Anne Dotter. Submitted July 2024
- "Incorporating Faculty Development Workshops at James Madison University", co-author with Felix Wang, NCHC monograph *Where Honors Education and Faculty Development Meet.* Eds. Victoria Bryan and John Zubizarreta, Fall, 2025
- "The 'Toyas" in *Geographies of Staying: Home and It's Place in the Academy*. Eds. Patricia Marina Trujillo and Tobe Bott-Lyons. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press. Forthcoming
- "Creating a Diverse Honors Faculty" co-authored with Philip Frana and Amelia Underwood for *Honors in Practice*, National Collegiate Honors Council. Volume 20, 2024.
- "Melodies and Memories: Places for Remembrances of Ludlow" Chapter from *Communities of Ludlow*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado. 2022.
- "Commemorating the Ludlow Massacre the Power of Collaborative Scholarship and Stewardship" co-author Karin Larkin. Chapter from *Communities of Ludlow*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado. 2022
- "Reconciling Personal and Professional Goals" in *Silencing Gender, Age, Ethnicity and Cultural Biases in Leadership* ed. Camilla Montoya. Hamilton Books, An imprint of Rowman & Littlefield: Lanham, MD. 2018.
- "Religion and Marijuana" Co-Authored with Maria Trujillo, Carol Langer for Colorado State University-Pueblo's Social Impact Study, August 2017.

- "Report to the Governor of the State of Colorado concerning the Ludlow Massacre Centennial Commission" Submitted to Governor John Hickenlooper August 1, 2016.
- "Identifying Search Committee Expectations of Token Hires during the Interview Process" Coauthor Jared Montoya. *Beginning a Career in Academia: A Guide for Graduate Students of Color* Edited by Dwayne A. Mack, Elwood D. Watson, Michelle M. Camacho. Routledge: Kentucky. 2015.
- "Field Days, YMCA, and Baseball: Effect of CF&I's Industrial Representation Plan of 1914 on Gender Relations in Southern Colorado Coal Mining Camps," Chapter from *Making an American Workforce: The Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's Construction of a Workforce during the Rockefeller Years.* Boulder: University Press of Colorado. 2014.
- "Remembering Ludlow" Co-authored with Dawn DiPrince, *Colorado Heritage*, History Colorado. Spring 2014.
- "Model Schools and Field Days: Colorado Fuel and Iron's Construction of Education and Recreation for Children, 1901-1918," in *Children and Youth during the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, James Marten Ed. New York University Press: 2014.
- "Yo Soy Colorado: Three Collaborative Hispanic Cultural Initiatives," in *Collaborative Librarianship* Allen, Beverly; Echohawk, Dana; Gonzalez, Rhonda; Montoya, Fawn-Amber; Somerville Mary. 4(2):39-52. 2012.
- "Rethinking the Idea of Curanderos as Saints: Jesusita Aragon's Medical Practice," *In the Image of the Hero II Proceedings*. Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery. Ed. Will Wright and Steven Kaplan. Colorado State University- Pueblo 2010.
- "From Mexicans to Citizens: Colorado Fuel and Iron's Representation of Nuevo Mexicans 1901-1919" in *Journal of the West*, (Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, Fall 2006).

Book Reviews

- "Review of Remembering Ludlow but Forgetting the Columbine: The 1927–1928 Colorado Coal Strike. By Leigh Campbell-Hale, Western Historical Quarterly, Volume 55, Issue 2, Summer 2024, Pages 149–150,
- "Review of Dennis Deslippe, Eric Fure-Slocum, and John W. McKerley ed's *Civic Labors: Scholar Activism and Working-Class Studies.* "Journal of American History, June 2018
- "Review of Light *in the Dark/Luz en lo Oscuro: Rewriting Identity, Spirituality, and Reality.*" By Gloria Anzaldúa . Edited by AnaLouise Keating. Durham: Duke University Press 2015." *The Americas*, 75(1), 222-223. January 2018
- "Review of Chong Chon-Smith's *East Meets Black: Asian and Black Masculinities in the Post-Civil Rights Era.*" CHOICE Connect: A publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries A division of the American Library Association, Fall 2017

- "Review of Maria Josefina Saldana-Portillo's *Indian Given: Racial Geographies across Mexico* and the United States." CHOICE Connect: A publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries A division of the American Library Association, Fall 2016
- "Review of Stein, Melissa N. Measuring Manhood: Race and the Science of Masculinity, 1830-1934.

 Minnesota," CHOICE Connect: A publication of the Association of College and Research
 Libraries A division of the American Library Association, Spring 2016
- "Review of Colorado Women: A History," Western Historical Quarterly 44 (Autumn 2013).
- "Enduring Legacies: Ethnic Histories and Cultures of Colorado by Arturo Aldama et al." Colorado Book Review Center for Colorado and the West at Auraria Library. 2011.
- "Pueblos, Spaniards, and the Kingdom of New Mexico by John L. Kessel." Journal of American Ethnic History Winter 2011.
- "From Redstone to Ludlow: John Cleveland Osgood's Struggle against the United Mine Workers of America by Darrell Munsell." Colorado Book Review Center for Colorado and the West at Auraria Library. 2010.

Encyclopedia Entries

- Encyclopedia of Latino and Latina History. Four volumes. New York: Facts on File, 2012. Chicana Feminism, the Chicano Movement, Coyotes, *Mexicans* in the United States, Father Junípero Serra, Vietnam War, Latinos and Latinas in the (1954-1973), Latinos and Latinas in World War I, Latinos and Latinas in World War II,
- Great Lives from History: Latinos. Salem Press Pasadena: California. 2012. Author of entries on the following: "Cameron Diaz", "Dona Tules", "Manny Ramirez".

Museum Exhibits/ Documentary Consultations and Planning Committees

The Five States of Colorado – A Film By HaveyPro Cinema (fivestatesfilm.com) Advisory Board

- Borderlands: History Colorado: Symposium Planning Committee, Consultant on Trinidad History Museum, 2017-2019
- WOW: Women Ordnance Workers, 1942-1945, Rawlings Library, Pueblo, CO, Director, March 2018
- Salt Creek Memory, El Pueblo History Museum, Pueblo, CO, Co-Director, Fall 2016
- El Movimiento in Colorado and Pueblo, El Pueblo History Museum, Planning Committee, Pueblo, CO 2016
- The Children of Ludlow, El Pueblo History Museum Pueblo, CO Consultant, 2013-2014

Inclusive Excellence Training

Facilitator

National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Virtual Roundtable: Diversity and Inclusion Roundtable: Responding to Institutional Pressures, September 2025

- National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Virtual Institute: Centering Belonging in Strategies for Admission, Curriculum and Co-Curriculum Programs, July, 2024
- National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Virtual Institute: Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion in Honors (Intermediate), July, 2023
- National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC)Virtual Institute: Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion in Honors (Beginner), May, 2023
- National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Virtual Roundtable: Creating Space for LGBTQ+ Students, August, 2022.
- We are JMU, First Year Orientation, James Madison University, Center for Multicultural Student Services, August 2022
- National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Virtual Institute: Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion in Honors (Intermediate), June 6-8, 2022
- National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC)Virtual Institute: Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion in Honors (Beginner), (May 23-25, 2022)
- "Reconceptualizing Diverse Students in the Classroom and Strategies to Improve Their Learning Experience," James Madison University, College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, September 2021
- "2021 Anti-Racism workshop" National Collegiate Honors Council, June 2021

Presentations-

Invited

- "The Ludlow Massacre" National Coalition of Black Lung and Respiratory Disease Clinics, Pipestem West Virginia, June 2025.
- "Communities of Ludlow: Collaborative Stewardship and the Ludlow Centennial Commemoration Commission." Book Tour, University of Colorado at Boulder (Center of the American West), University of Denver, Colorado State University-Pueblo (Aztlan Center), Trinidad History Museum (History Colorado), April 2023
- "But Where are you Really From?" Stories about APIDAS Who are DACA. Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. April 2023
- "La Mestiza" La Universidad Iberoamericana (*UNIBE*), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic March 2023
- "Scholars Latino Initiative" Virgina Latino Advisory Board, Winchester, VA 2023
- "La Llorona: Community Stories" History Colorado, October 2021
- "La Llorona: Myth, Memory, and Meaning" Santa Fe Public Library, October 2021

- "Complicated Identities of the Borderlands of Colorado" National Endowment for Humanities Summer Workshop History Colorado, Virtual. June 2021
- "La Llorona: Myth, Memory, and Imagination" Borderlands Lecture Series, History Colorado October 2020
- "Telling your Story" James Madison University, Centennial Scholars, January 2020
- "Ghosts of the Past" Colorado College, Women in the West, April 2019.
- Borderlands Symposium, El Pueblo History Museum, Pueblo, Colorado "What it means to Live in the Colorado Borderlands," April 2017.
- Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. "Salt Creek Memory Project" September 2016.
- History Colorado Center, Denver, Colorado, "Remembering Ludlow Today, Round Table Discussion," April 2014.
- University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado "Latino Americans and Mining in Colorado," April 2016
- Otero Junior College, La Junta, Colorado, "Latino Americans," September 2015
- History Colorado Center, Denver, Colorado, "Memories of Ludlow," March 2014
- Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. "Latinas in the West," March 2008

Online/ Documentary/ Audio

- History Colorado, "When History Burns." Lost Highways. February 2024. https://www.historycolorado.org/lost-highways/2024/02/07/when-history-burns
- With Good Reason "Working Conditions", Contributor Virginia Humanities June 2023. https://www.withgoodreasonradio.org/episode/working-conditions/
- KGNU, "Hemispheres", Contributor July 2022 http://www.kgnu.org/hemispheres/7/5/2022
- "Where There's Smoke" Podcast, Contributor September 2020 https://wheretheressmokek.libsyn.com/ep5-part-2-chatting-with-dr-fawn-amber-montoya
- "Cultures Clash In Pueblo Over Columbus Statue"_Contributor, August 2020. https://www.cpr.org/2020/08/05/cultures-clash-in-pueblo-over-columbus-statue/
- Colorado Public Radio, Interview for the Borderlands of Southern Colorado Exhibit, Summer 2018, http://krcc.org/post/treaty-guadalupe-hidalgo-has-lasting-effects-southern-colorado

- PBS News Hour, Interview about garden at East Side Child Care Center, Fall 2017 https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/these-colorado-preschoolers-learn-hands-on-farming-to-prevent-childhood-obesity
- CSPAN- 3 Ludlow Massacre lecture, Fall 2017 https://www.c-span.org/video/?425236-1/ludlow-coal-miners-strike-massacre
- CSPAN- 3 Book TV ""Making an American Workforce," Fall 2016 https://www.c-span.org/video/?416195-1/making-american-workforce,
- Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. "Salt Creek Memory Project," September 2016
 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04zMYj1AI0k
- Pueblo Border Wars, Colorado Experience, Rocky Mountain PBS. http://www.rmpbs.org/coloradoexperience/conflict/pueblo-border-wars/
- Forging the West, Steelworks Center of the American West, Fall 2016 http://forgingthewestfilm.com/
- Colorado Public Radio, April 2015
 http://www.cpr.org/news/story/story-what-happened-after-ludlow-massacre-colorado
- "Mice en Place: Squash" for KRCC 95.1 NPR Public radio for Southern Colorado and New Mexico, Program Commentator- November 6, 2009 https://www.cpr.org/2009/11/06/mise-en-place-squash/

Scholarly

- Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Latinx Scholarship Symposium, Richmond VA March "Día de los Muertos: A model for pedagogical community and research connections in teaching Latinx culture and history", Co-Presenter, March 2025
- James Madison University Diversity Conference, Harrisonburg, VA "Honoring Día de los Muertos in the Shenandoah Valley: An Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Building an Inclusive Classroom" Co-Presenter, March 2025 (Conference Cancelled)
- VIVA Open and Affordable Community Forum. Reynolds Community College, Parham Road Campus "Sustaining Open Projects with an Ethic of Care: A Model for Instructional Design and Libraries Support." CO-Presenter, November 2024
- National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Kansas City, MO "Fostering Risk-Taking in Volatile and Litigious Times" November 2024
- National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Kansas City, MO "Strategic Development and Implementation of an Assessment Plan for the JMU Honors College: A Comprehensive Approach to Enhancing Educational Outcomes" November 2024
- VIVA Open and Affordable Community Forum. Reynolds Community College, Parham Road Campus "Sustaining Open Projects with an Ethic of Care: A Model for Instructional Design and Libraries Support." CO-Presenter, November 2024

- National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Chicago Illinois "Becoming Global Citizens: Centering International and Immigrant Students Towards a Global Experience in Honors Programs and Colleges." Diversity and Inclusion Forum. October 2023.
- National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Chicago Illinois "Serving LGBTQ+ Students," Diversity and Inclusion Forum. October 2023.
- National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Orlando, Florida. *Best Honors Administrative Practices*, Presenter. "Ghosts of the Past: Moving Beyond the Disciplines in Honors." October 2021
- National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Orlando, Florida. "Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Anti-Racism Summer Workshop Follow-Up" Moderator, October 2021
- National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Orlando, Florida. "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Honors Programs and Colleges: Approaches to Anti-Racism in Honors, an Open Discussion," Moderator, October 2021
- National Society for Minorities in Honors, Muncie, IN, "Creating Spaces for Anti-Racist Scholarship for Diverse Faculty and Staff," October 2021
- JMU 2021 Diversity Conference, Harrisonburg, VA (virtual Conference) Roundtable Participant "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leaders Roundtable," March 2021
- 11th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference, African, African American and Diaspora Studies Conference, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, *Moderator/* Chair "Bodies, History, Community, and Trauma: Making New Spaces in a Post-Civil War America." February 2021
- National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Dallas, Texas (virtual conference) Panelist "#Honorssowhite? Representing Diverse Student Voices," November 2020
- National Society for Minorities in Honors, Oakland, Michigan, Panelist "Honors Study Abroad at An Hispanic Serving Institution," October 2020
- Western History Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Panelist, "Insider/Outsider: Giving Voice and Opening Spaces to Ethnic Communities in the Heartland," October 2020
- Past Forward Conference, Denver, Colorado, Panelist, "New Narratives for New Audiences: Women's Stories." October 2019
- Saving Places Conference, Denver, Colorado, Panelist "She's a WOW" Creating Museum Exhibits with University Students and Public Library Partnerships," February 2019
- Western History Association, San Antonio, Texas "Borderlands of Southern Colorado: Public and Academic Historians Craft a Multi-Museum Exhibit," October 2018
- Western History Association, San Diego, California, "Ghosts of the Past: Personal Reflections on the Ludlow Massacre Centennial Commemoration," November 2017
- Pikes Peak Regional History Symposium, Colorado Springs, Colorado "Salt Creek Memory Project." June 2017.

- American Occupational Health Conference. Denver, Colorado "The Ludlow Massacre and Beyond: Occupational Medicine and Corporate Welfare in the Early-Twentieth Century Colorado." April 2017.
- Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Project Conference. 25th Anniversary Conference Writing/Righting History, Houston, "Creating the Connections between Archive, Community and Students," February 2017
- Saving Places Conference, Denver, Colorado, Panelist "Salt Creek Memory Project: Connecting Preservation, Museum and Community." February 2017.
- National Women's Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, Panelist, "Study Abroad at Home: Building Local Knowledge to Access Global Ideas," November 2016
- Western History Association, Portland, Oregon. "Patterns of Migration: Mexicanos in the American West, 1910-1920," October 2015
- National Women's Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico "Making the View from the Bottom the View from the Top: The Ludlow Centennial Commission and Grassroots Organizing," November 2014
- National Association of Chican@ Studies Conference, Salt Lake City Utah, Roundtable Discussion Participant "Healing Chicana and Indigenous Women's Landscapes: Innovating Sites for Self-Care and Institutional Self-Care in Chicana/o and Indigenous Studies," April 2014
- Western Historical Association, Tucson, AZ, "Saltillo, Colorado and the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company: Louie Luggs Garcia's Community Activism in Pueblo, Colorado during the Chicano Movement," October 2013.
- Historias de Nuevo Mexico- Histories of New Mexico, El Rito, New Mexico, "Mentoring a Non-Chicano Student on a Chicano Topic," October 2012
- National Association of Chican@ Studies Conference," Chicago, Illinois "Activism, Preservation, and Pedagogy: Linking the Colorado Chicano Movement to the Classroom," March 2012
- Oral History Association Conference, Denver, Colorado, "Latinos at War: Connecting Oral Histories to the Classroom," October 2011
- REFORMA Conference, Denver, Colorado, "Yo Soy Colorado: Two Symbiotic Hispanic Cultural Heritage Initiatives," September 2011
- National Association of Chican@ Studies Conference," Pasadena, California, "Connecting the University with the Public Education System: Pueblo School of Arts and Sciences Dia De Los Muertos," March 2011
- National Women's Studies Association Conference, Denver, Colorado, "Home of the Heroes": Pueblo, Colorado's Forgotten Rosie the Riveters," November 2010.
- Western Historical Association, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, "Nuevo Mexicano Hombres or American

Male Citizens?: A Look at Evolutions of Masculine Identity in Southern Colorado, 1903-1970," October 2010.

Western Historical Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 2007 "The Myth of Memory: The Ludlow Massacre of 1914."

Community

United Mine Workers of America 111th Anniversary Ludlow Massacre Memorial, Ludlow, CO June 2025

United Mine Workers of America 110th Anniversary Ludlow Massacre Memorial, Ludlow, CO June 2024

ROCA Rural Opportunities for College Access. Panelist, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico, June 2022.

COCEAL Colorado Coalition for the Educational Advancement of Latinx, Pueblo, Colorado "Colorado as the Borderlands" and "Mentoring Latinx Students for Careers in History, Arts, Culture," June 2018

El Pueblo History Museum, Pueblo, Colorado "Salt Creek Memory Project," March 2017

LULAC State Conference, Colorado Springs, "Latinos in Colorado," June 2016

United Mine Workers of America 100th Anniversary Ludlow Massacre Memorial, Ludlow, CO May 2014

Pikes Peak Archaeological Society, Colorado Springs, CO "The Ludlow Massacre," May 2014

El Pueblo Museum, Pueblo, Colorado, "The Children of Ludlow," February 2014

Western Museum of Mining and Industry. Colorado Springs, CO, "Americanization at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company," February 2014

El Pueblo Museum, "Women's Leadership Then and Now," March 2013

PODER conference, "Creating a Path," El Pueblo Museum, August 2012

98th Anniversary Commemoration of the Ludlow Massacre, "Importance of the Teaching the Ludlow Massacre," July 2012

Keynote Speaker, 125th Anniversary of Bessemer Neighborhood, Pueblo, Colorado, July 2011 http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/buzz-in-bessemer/article_8c09c096-b030-11e0-9fb1-001cc4c03286.html

University Spokesperson regarding Arizona SB 1070 KRDO, KOAA, 2011

Presenter, Soy Unica, Soy Latina Conference Pueblo, CO 2008

"Hernandez Vs. Texas" Constitution Day Presentation," CSU-Pueblo September 2007

"Hispanics in Southern Colorado" Hispanic Heritage Month Dinner, CSU-Pueblo October 2007

Service/ Professional Activities

National	
National Collegiate Honors Council, International Education Committee	2025-Present
National Collegiate Honors Council, Finance Committee	2022-Present
Organization of American Historians, Hawley Prize Committee	2024-Present
National Collegiate Honors Council, Diversity Committee	2019-Present
National Collegiate Honors Council, Scholarship Committee	2019-2022
Graduate Student Prize Committee, Western History Association Chair 2021-2022	2020-2022
Portz Scholar Committee, National Collegiate Honors Council	2020-2022
Portz Grants Committee, National Collegiate Honors Council	2020-2022
Co-Chair, Chicana Caucus, National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies	2012-2014
Review Board, Milestone Documents	2012-2019
National Park Service Reviewer for La Vega and San Luis People's Ditch	2011
Grader, ETS testing, Advanced Placement History Exam	2008,2018
State Board Member, History Colorado: Colorado Historical Society	2014-2015
Co-Chair, Ludlow Massacre Centennial Commission	2013-2014
James Madison University Craft Club at JMU, Student Organization Advisor	2025-Present
Dia De Los Muertos Planning Team	2021-Present
Phi Kappa Phi, Secretary	2022-Present
Truman Award Interview Committee	2019-2025
Fulbright Award Interview Committee	2019-2025
Student Enrollment Management Working Group	2023-2024
Associate Dean Working Group	2022-2024

Committee on Commencement	2020-2024
Phi Sigma Pi, Faculty Advisor	2022-2024
Talent Search Grant Working Group	2019-2021
General Education Council Representative (representing the Honors College)	2020-2022
University Studies C&I committee member (representing the Honors College)	2020-2024
Provost Award Committee for Teaching and Service in Honors, Chair	2020-2022
University Wide Diversity Council	2019-2024
Covid 19 Classroom Configuration and Scheduling Working Group	2020-2022
Honors College Covid 19 Planning Task Force, Chair	2020-2022
Provost's Diversity Council	2019-2021
Colorado State University-Pueblo Colorado Chicano Movement Archives Advisory Board- University Library	2008-2019
MAES: Latinos in Engineering and Sciences, Advisor	2016-2019
Upward Bound, Instructor 201	5-2017, 2020-2021
"Know your Heritage Hispanic College Quiz." Central City Prod.Chicago, IL. Coach	2010 & 2017
Senior to Sophomore Program Advisor, History	2009-2015
Ethnic and Gender Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Committee Co-Chair	e 2009-2014
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano De Aztlan (MEChA) Advisor	2011-2014
Faculty Senate, CHASS Representative	2008-2010
Academic Policy and Standards Board	2008-2010
Student Academic Appeals Board	2008-2010
Voices of Empowerment - Student Organization Faculty Advisor,	2009-2011
Ludlow Memorial Labor Fest Planning Committee	2007- 2019
Southeastern Region Colorado History Day, Organizing Committee and Judge	2008-2016
Multi-Cultural Event Planning Committee	2007- 2019

Dia de Los Muertos Planning Committee	2008-2017				
Vagina Monologues Organizing Committee	2007-2012				
Participant, Department of Education's Packard Grant,	2008				
Mujeres Unidas De CSU-Pueblo, Writers' Component Coordinator	2007-2008				
Multi-Cultural Council	2007- 2008				
Latina/o Literary Discussion Group, Organizer,	2007- 2009				
Harrisonburg Community Scholars Latino Initiative, Board of Directors,	2021-Present				
Pueblo Community East Side Child Care Center, Board of Directors,	2016-2019				
Bridging Borders: Empowering the Future by Understanding the Past, AAUW Instructor and Facilitator	2014				
"Song of Pueblo: An Oratorio" Organizing Committee, Pueblo, Colorado	2008 –2019				
Pueblo Performing Arts Guild (PPAG) Board of Directors, Pueblo, Colorado	2010-2013				
"2010 Dia de Los Muertos Community Celebration," Colorado Humanities Grant for Pueblo School of Arts and Sciences, Consultant					
Bessemer Historical Society, Archives Board Member, Pueblo, Colorado	2007/2008				
Organizations Organization of American Historians	2024-Present				
Phi Kappa Phi	2022-Present				
National Collegiate Honors Council	2019-Present				
Western Historical Association	2003-Present				
National Association of Chicano/ Chicana Studies	2001, 2007-Present				
History Colorado	2014-2016				

Grants

Voces: Centering the Latino/x experience through Pedagogy and Research, 4 VA- Advancing the Commonwealth, 4-VA at JMU Collaborative Research Award Program, 2024

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Internal Proposal "Racial Equity" August 14, 2020 Co-authored with Noorie Brantmeier, Emily O. Gravett, Ph.D., Amy Lewis, Ph.D., Carson Lonett, MA; Fawn-Amber Montoya, Ph.D., Jordan Todd, M.A.,

- Duran Youth Initiative Grant, Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter of Genealogy Society of Hispanic Americans, 2015
- American Association of University Women- Bridging Borders: Empowering the Future by Understanding the Past, 2014
- SEED Grant, Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2014
- Colorado State University- Pueblo, Faculty Development Grant, 2007/2008, 2009/2010, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Colorado State University-Pueblo, Summer Undergraduate Research Project, 2012/2014/2016/2017
- FIPSE Grant, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, 2012

Awards

- The Compass Award for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the group/department category, Hispanic Heritage Month Planning, James Madison University, 2024
- The Five States of Colorado, Regional Emmy Award in the category of Historical Documentary, member of the advisory council for the film and interview included in the film. 2024
- The Commonwealth Technology Awards Best Customer Experience Initiative Education, " Learning Access through Universal Design (LAUD)", James Madison University, 2023
- Colorado State University-Pueblo, Students' Choice, Associated Students' Government, 2017
- Rawlings Public Library, Outstanding Women of Pueblo Award, 2015
- Colorado State University-Pueblo, University Wide Award, Excellence in Advising and Mentoring, 2014
- Colorado State University-Pueblo, University Wide Award, Excellence in Service Award, 2011
- Colorado State University-Pueblo, Student Activities, Diversity Initiatives Grant 2009/2010/2011
- Colorado State University-Pueblo, Student Leadership and Involvement Awards, Outstanding Student Organization Leader, 2010
- Colorado State University-Pueblo, Student Leadership and Involvement Awards, Student Organization Outstanding Performance- Vagina Monologues 2009, 2010
- Colorado State University-Pueblo, Shining Stars Faculty-Staff Recognition Luncheon, Finalist for Students' Choice Award, April 2010