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EDUCATION

- MA History, University of Virginia, Expected Graduation Date: May 2024
- BA History of the Americas, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras
GPA: 4.00, Graduation Date: May 2022
Certificate: Women and Gender Studies

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

May 2020-May 2022 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

- Received a yearly \$3,200 grant for an independent research project under the supervision of a faculty mentor in the University of Puerto Rico.
- Produced a research paper which was presented at one conference.

June-August 2021 Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative Fellow

- Received a \$3,900 grant to study for nine weeks at Brown University, conducting independent research under the supervision of a faculty mentor.
- Produced a research paper which was presented at two conferences.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- May-June 2022 Research Assistant to Dr. Marcelo Luzzi and archivist Aura Díaz López in Collection Alfred Nemours, Rare Books Library, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras.
- April-May 2022 T.A. to Dr. María del Carmen Baerga Santini in course HIST4225, Theory of History, developed for the program “Proyecto de profesionalización acelerada para docentes del Departamento de Educación de Puerto Rico.” University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 “El prostíbulo de Isabel la Negra en Ponce, Puerto Rico (1932-1974)”. *Revista [IN]Genios*, vol. 6 núm. 2, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, (June, 2020).

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

June 2022	Sandra Pujals Award, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras
June 2021	Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative Fellowship
June 2021	Kaleta A. Doolin Foundation Award
May 2020	Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, University of Puerto Rico, 2020-2022.
August 2020	Tuition Exemption Waiver for being in the top 5% of the class, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras
August 2020	Dean's Honor List, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras
August 2019	Dean's Honor List, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras
August 2019	Tuition Exemption Waiver for being in the top 5% of the class, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras
August 2018	Tuition Exemption Waiver for being in the top 5% of the class, University of Puerto Rico, Ponce
August 2018	Dean's Honor List, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Papers Presented

January 2022	“Construyendo transgresoras: Infanticidio en Puerto Rico (1900-1910).” Primer Simposio de Jóvenes Investigadores, University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras and Mayagüez.
November 2021	“Colonialism, Gender, and Criminality: Infanticide in Early Twentieth-Century Puerto Rico.” MMUF Southeast Regional Undergraduate Conference, The University of Texas at Austin.
August 2021	“Gendering Criminality: Infanticide in Early Twentieth-Century Puerto Rico.” Brown Symposium 2021, Brown University.

- July 2021 “Gendering Criminality: Infanticide in Early Twentieth-Century Puerto Rico.” Leadership Alliance National Symposium.
- April 2021 “Poder y santidad: Isabel la Negra y su prostíbulo en Ponce, Puerto Rico.” *6to Encuentro Subgraduado de Investigación y Creación*, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras.
- April 2021 “Holiness and Power: Isabel’s Brothel.” 2021 Richard Macksey Undergraduate Humanities Symposium, John Hopkins University.
- March 2021 “Poder y Santidad en el prostíbulo de Isabel la Negra en Ponce, Puerto Rico.” *Diez Años de Historiografía de las Mujeres en Puerto Rico*, X Coloquio de Investigación de Historia de las Mujeres, University of Puerto Rico, Utuado.
- January 2021 “Santidad y Poder: El prostíbulo de Isabel la Negra en Ponce, Puerto Rico.” Writing About Caribbean Gender and Social Justice Virtual Conference, Association of Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars and The Institute for Gender and Development Studies, The Universities of West Indies, Mona
- October 2020 “Santidad y Poder: El Prostíbulo de Isabel la Negra en Ponce, Puerto Rico.” XXV Coloquio Internacional Interdisciplinario de Historia de la Universidad Nacional Federico Villarreal (Lima, Perú).

Invited Talks

- November 2020 *Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Southeastern Regional Conference*, Spelman College.

Organized

- March 2023 “Segundo Simposio de Jóvenes Investigadores.” Organized with Dr. Marcelo Luzzi, Dr. Rafael Cabrera, Dr. Javier Alemán Iglesias, Carlos Vélez Mercado, Windy Cosme Rosario, and María Lamadrid Zamora. University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras.
- November 2021 “Religión, arte y género en Buenos Aires.El transfeminismo visto

desde la historia cultural. Conversatorio con Dre. Patricia Fogelman,” Organized with Dr. Marcelo Luzzi, Alanis Calder Medina, Carlos Vélez Mercado, Arianna Rosario Valentín, Camila Rodríguez De la Llana, Stephanie Crespo Méndez, and Sebastián Colón Avilés. University of Puerto Rico- Río Piedras and Mayagüez.

Assisted

March 2023 50th annual Southeast Regional Seminar in African Studies. University of Virginia.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2023 Politics of Culture in 20th Century Working Group, University of Virginia

2022- Present Member, Graduate History Student Association, University of Virginia

2021-present Association of Caribbean Women's Writers and Scholars

2020- 2022 Community for the Support of Deaf Culture, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

2019-2022 Member, History Students Association, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

2017-2019 The Honors Program, University of Puerto Rico, Ponce
Program’s Secretary 2017-2018

2017-2019 Humanities Students Association, University of Puerto Rico, Ponce

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Native
English – Fluent
Portuguese – Reading and Spoken
American Sign Language – Beginner