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### Research Focus

Modern Latin America: State Formation and Modernization, Health and Science, Identity Formation, Culture, and Sport

Dissertation: Foot-ball! Turning Colombian boys into Patriotic men: How Sport and Education Developed early Twentieth-Century Colombian Nationalism

Committee: David LaFevor, Christina Salinas, Kenyon Zimmer

Master Thesis: How to Make a Foreign Idea Your Own: Argentine Identity and the Role Soccer Played in its Formation

### Education and Work

**Assistant Professor of History** (2022-)

Midwestern State University

**Ph.D in History**

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas

2021

Comprehensive Exam Fields: Latin American Sport and Nationalism, Race and Ethnicity in the Americas, Transatlantic Urban History

**Master of the Arts in History**

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas

Graduated 2014

**Bachelor of the Arts in History and Spanish**

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

Graduated 2010

### Conferences and Presentations

"A Useful Detergent? A History of 'sports-washing' in the World Cup" Honors College Presentation 10/11/2023

"Creating Regional Identity via Sports: Gran Colombia and the Bolivarian Games of 1938" Southeastern Council in Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) 3/25/2023

"Her Majesty the queen of Sport: The role Women Played in the Development of Colombian Sport" Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies 4/8/2022

"Traditional Modernity: How to Travel New Paths with Old Friends" Southeastern Council on Latin American History Conference 03/05/2020

"Boys fought like Men in Defense of their City and Country: The Colombian National Olympics of 1928" Dallas Area Society of Historians 12/9/2019

"Education Utopianism or that one time Anarchists and the State got along," presentation to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Transatlantic History Student Organization Conference (October 2017)

Guest lecture- "The Story of Argentine Soccer "delivered to the Spanish Department in April of 2016

"The Diffusion of Soccer Across Africa" GIS presentation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Transatlantic History Student Organization Conference (October 2016)

### Publications

*A Century of Midwestern State University, 1922-2022* editor

*How History is Made: A Student's Guide to Reading, Writing, and thinking in the Discipline* (editor) [How History is Made: A Student's Guide to Reading, Writing, and Thinking in the Discipline – Simple Book Publishing \(pressbooks.pub\)](#)

Review of *Hiding in Plain Sight: Black Women, the Law, and the Making of a White*

*Argentine Republic* by Erika Denise Edwards in *PALARA* No. 24 (2020)  
<https://palara.journal.library.uta.edu/index.php/palara/issue/view/26/showToc>  
"Making a Foreign Idea Your Own: The Transnational Transfer of Soccer into Argentina"  
*The Year Book of Transnational History* Vol. 2 (2019)

**Teaching**

Second Half US History: In Person and Online (2018-Present)  
First Half US History: In person and online (2019-Present)  
Technology and Science in American Society (Teaching Fellow, 2021)  
History of Civilization 1500-Present (2020-Present)  
History of Civilization Up to 1600 (Fall 2023)  
Colonial Latin American History (Fall 2022)  
Latin American Republics (Spring 2023)  
Capstone: History of Modern Sports (Fall 2023)  
Volunteer ESL Teacher: First Year through Third Year (2018-2021)  
HIST 3303 History of Video Games (Fall 2018, 2019 Teacher's Assistant)

**Grants and Awards**

College Research and Faculty Development Grant (2022-2023)  
Drs. Benedict and Trudy Termini Graduate Fellowship (College of Liberal Arts Award)  
Betty and Roger Ruch Study Abroad Scholarship (Charles T. McDowell Center Award)  
Joe Arbena Latin American Sport History Grant (2020)

**Languages**

Spanish: Near Fluency  
Portuguese: Reading comprehension

**Skills/Technology**

ArcGIS and QGIS  
Pressbooks and WordPress  
H5P (assessment software)

**Titles and Positions**

Staff: *Historical Research* an OER by the UTA History Department  
<https://uta.pressbooks.pub/historicalresearch/>  
President of Transatlantic History Student Organization (2017-2018)  
Webmaster for Transatlantic Student History Organization website <http://transatlantic-history.org/> (2016-2017)  
Senior Editor for *Traversea* (2016-2018)