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**EDUCATION**

Yale University. PhD in History, December 2010

Yale University. MA in History, May 2005

Barnard College, Columbia University. BA in American Studies, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, May 1999

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Notre Dame (2011-present)

Concurrent Assistant Professor, Department of American Studies, University of Notre Dame (2012-present)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Southern Connecticut State University (2010-2011)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book**

*American Imperial Pastoral: The Architecture of US Colonialism in the Philippines*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017.

-Co-published in Quezon City, Philippines by The Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2019.

**Article**

“Igorot Squatters and Indian Wards: Toward an Intra-imperial History of Land Dispossession,” *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 18:2 (April 2019).

**Book and Article Reviews**

*How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States*, by Daniel Immerwahr. H-Diplo, November 2019. URL: <https://hdiplo.org/to/RT21-17>

*Cities and Nationhood: American Imperialism and Urban Design in the Philippines, 1898-1916*, by Ian Morley. *Urban History* 46: 4 (November 2019).

“Pocket-Sized Imperialism: U.S. Designs on Colonial Currency,” by Alvita Akoboh. H-Diplo, April 26, 2018. URL: <http://tiny.cc/AR761>

*State and Finance in the Philippines, 1898-1941: The Mismanagement of an American Colony*, by Yoshiko Nagano. *Pacific Historical Review* 86:3 (August 2017).

*God's Arbiters: Americans and the Philippines, 1898-1902*, by Susan K. Harris. SHGAPE (Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era), H-NET Reviews, January 2012. URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=33661>

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (\$60,000), 2018

Myrna F. Bernath Book Prize, awarded by The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2018

Smithsonian Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$21,000), 2018—declined

Rodney G. Dennis Fellowship in the Study of Manuscripts, Houghton Library, Harvard University, 2007

Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders Dissertation Research Grant, Yale University, 2007

The MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies Dissertation Research Grant, Yale University, 2007

### **INTERNAL GRANTS**

Major Henkels Grant (\$20,000) from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, for organizing April 2021 conference “Global Religion and American World-Making” with members of the US in the World Working Group (Notre Dame, Department of History)

Major Henkels Grant (\$20,000) from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, for organizing March 21-22, 2014 conference “American Empire: The State of the Field” with Dr. Jason Ruiz

Small Henkels Grant (\$2825) from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, for organizing April 5, 2018 public lecture by Dr. Julie Greene, University of Maryland

Small Henkels Grant (\$2000) from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, for organizing April 20, 2017 public lecture by Dr. Vicente Rafael, University of Washington

### **INVITED LECTURES**

“Parlor, Port, Company Town, and Saloon: Scenes from a History of the Piano,” Keynote Address for “Peripheries: The Politics of Space and Place,” History Graduate Student Association annual conference, Brown University (February 2019)

“Cordillera Capital: Baguio and the Architecture of U.S. Colonialism in the Philippines,” presented at the Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan (January 2017)

### **PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES**

Commentator on panel “The Farthest West: Gender, Indigeneity and Settler Colonial Logics in Transpacific U.S.- Philippines History,” Western Historical Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV (October 2019)

“Writing US Foreign Relations History,” Roundtable discussion, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Arlington, VA (June 2019)

Commentator on David Hollinger’s *Protestants Abroad: How Missionaries Tried to Change the World but Changed America*, Cushwa Center Seminar in American Religion, University of Notre Dame (October 2018)

“American Imperial Pastoral: Land and Labor in the US Colonial Philippines,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (April 2017)

- “Turning Point 1916?” Roundtable discussion, American Historical Association Conference, Atlanta, GA (January 2016)
- “The Road to New Empire: The Benguet Road and US Designs on the Philippines,” American Historical Association Conference, Washington, D.C. (January 2014)
- “Liberating Labor: Building the Road to New Empire in the US Colonial Philippines,” Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference, New York, NY (June 2013)
- “Burnham’s Baguio and the Labor of New Empire,” Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Seattle, WA (April 2013)
- “Make Trade, Not War: Marketplaces and Market Relations in the US Colonial Philippines,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Hartford, CT (June 2012)
- “United States Designs on the Philippines: Burnham’s Baguio and the Grounds of New Empire,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston, TX (March 2011)
- “Burnham’s Baguio and the Architecture of an Anti-Colonial Empire,” Urban History Association Fifth Biennial Conference, Las Vegas, NV (October 2010)
- “‘New’ Empire Goes Primitive: Roads Construction in the Early U.S. Colonial Philippines,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (June 2009)
- “‘A Commercial Awakening:’ Marketplaces in the US Colonial Philippines,” The History of Capitalism Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (November 2008)
- “‘An Educator of the People:’ Roads Construction in the Early US Colonial Philippines,” Pacific Coast Branch-American Historical Association Conference, Pasadena, CA (August 2008)
- “Home Rules: ‘Topside’ and Hospitality in the Early US Colonial Regime,” First International Conference on Cordillera Studies, Baguio, Philippines (February 2008)

## **TEACHING**

### **Courses Taught:**

- (HIST 13184) “United States in the World in the Twentieth Century” (University Seminar)
- (HIST 33000) “History Workshop” (Gateway to History Major)
- (HIST 30606) “Gilded Age and Progressive Era” (Major-level course)
- (HIST 30645) “Interwar U.S.A.” (Major-level course)
- (HIST 30622) “American Consumer Culture in the Twentieth Century” (Major-level course)
- (HIST 43614) “U.S. Cultural History” (Departmental seminar and capstone course)
- (HIST 83604) “U.S. History, 1890-present” (Graduate course in US History Colloquium series)
- (HIST 93305) “Empires and Colonies” (graduate course, co-taught with Dr. Paul Ocobock)
- (HIST 86000) Graduate Directed Readings in the History of the US in the World

## **SERVICE**

### **Service to the Department of History, University of Notre Dame:**

- Founder and faculty advisor to the US in the World Working Group (for History graduate students), 2017-present
- Member, Spousal Hiring Committee, 2019-2020
- Chair, Inclusive Excellence Committee, Fall 2019
- Member, Executive Committee, 2018-2019
- Member, Works-in-Progress Committee, 2018-2019
- Member, Inclusive Excellence Committee, 2017-2018

Member, South Asian History Search Committee, 2016-2017  
Member, Space Reallocation Committee, 2016-2017  
Graduate Studies Committee, 2015-2016  
Member, Chinese History Search Committee, 2013-2014  
Graduate Studies Committee, 2012-2013  
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2011-2012

**Service to the University of Notre Dame:**

Member, Columbus Murals Exhibition Task Group, Spring 2020

**Professional Service:**

Council member, Society for Historians of the Gilded Age & Progressive Era (Dec. 2019-present)  
Editorial Board, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* (Jan. 2018-present)  
Teaching Committee, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (Jan. 2020-)  
Richard W. Leopold Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians (Dec. 2019-present)  
Best Article Prize Committee, Society for Historians of the Gilded Age & Progressive Era (May 2017-2019)  
Program Committee, Society for Historians of the Gilded Age & Progressive Era (Jan. 2015-May 2017)

Manuscript reviewer for:

*Pacific Historical Review*  
*American Quarterly*  
*Modern American History*  
*Journal of Policy History*  
*U.S. Catholic Historian*  
*Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*  
*Journal of Southern History*

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Organization of American Historians  
The Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era  
The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations