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Education

- BA, University of Oregon, 2002.
Major: History, Ethnic Studies, and Political Science (Triple Major)
Minor: Latin American Studies
- MA, Brown University, 2005.
Major: American Civilization
- MA, University of Oregon, 2004.
Major: History
Dissertation Title: "Now I Can Hold My Own with Anybody: Conflict, Consensus, Community Action and the Chicano Movement in Oregon" and "La Fiesta Mexicana : Ethnic Celebration and teh Spanish Heritage Fantasy"
- PhD, Brown University, 2010.
Dissertation Title: By Forest or by Fields: Organizing Immigrant Labor in the Pacific Northwest, 1940-1990

Professional Positions

- Assistant Professor, Humanities & World Cultures (HWC), UC Merced (2011-2015).
Assistant Acting Professor, Visiting Assistant Professor, Humanities & World Cultures (HWC), UC Merced (2010-2011).
Adjunct Instructor, Brown University. (2010).
Taught "A Checkered Past: The United States and the Third World."
Teaching Assistant, Brown University. (2009).
For "Hip-Hop Music and Culture(s)." Led two sections of approximately 20 students for both classes. Responsibilities included grading papers and exams, office hours, and out of class screenings.
Instructor, Brown University. (2006 - 2007).
Taught freshman seminar designed to introduce students to Ethnic Studies in an intimate setting that focused on the development of their writing and critical thinking skills. The course "Sports, Race, and Gender" was named to the Top Ten Classes in Rhode Island by Rhode Island Monthly January 2007.
Instructor, Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Centers. (2006 - 2007).
Taught various courses at "The Met" an alternative high school were more than 80 percent of the students qualify for federal meal subsidies and student body is 40 percent Hispanic and 30 percent Black and Latino. Over 94 percent of the Met sudents graduated last year (versus 57 percent in the Providence schools). Every graduate since its inception in 196 has been accepted to a college.
Teaching Assistant, Brown University. (2004 - 2005).
Teaching Assistant for two classes, "Sex, Love and Race" and "Introduction to Ethnic Studies" Led two sections of approximately 20 students for both classes. Responsibilities included grading papers and exams, office hours, and out of class screenings.
Instructor, University of Oregon. (2003 - 2005).
Taught various course independently. Created syllabi, lectures, and assignments for classes ranging from 15 to 30 students. Additional responsibilities include grading papers and exams, holding office hours and out class screenings. Course include, "Introduction to Ethnic Studies Part One and Two" , Introduction to Chicano/a and Latino/a Studies", "Sports, Race, and Gender" and "Race, Gender, and Proisions".
Research Assistant, Brown University. (2004).
Compiled articles for Professor Arlene Keizer's anthology of the work of Barbara Christian. Attained copyright clearances and also gathered articles and secondary sources for professor Keizer's original research.
Ethnic Studies Academic Advisor, University of Oregon. (2003 - 2004).

Provide academic counseling and guidance for new and current Ethnic Studies undergraduate majors and minors

Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon. (2002 - 2004).

Teaching assistant for various course including "Introduction to Ethnic Studies Part One and Two", "20th Century United States History" and "African American History." Assisted in these courses on more than one occasion. Led two discussion sections of approximately 35 students on all occasions. Responsibilities included grading papers and exams, holding office hours, and out of class screenings.

Professional Memberships

Association for the Study of Food and Society. (September 2013 - Present).

Labor and Working Class History Association. (September 2013 - Present).

Society of Ethnomusicologists. (September 2013 - Present).

Organization of America Historians. (August 1, 2010 - Present).

American Historical Association. (2007 - Present).

American Studies Association. (2007 - Present).

RESEARCH

Publications

Book Chapters, Peer-Reviewed

Sifuentez, M. J. and M. Garcia. 2012. The Foundations of Modern Farm Worker Unionism: From UFW to PCUN. In *Labor Rising: The Past and Future of Working People in America*. ed. Daniel Katz & Richard Greenwald. 253-266. New York, USA: New Press.

Books

Sifuentez, M. J. *Of Forests and Fields: Organizing Immigrant Labor in the Pacific Northwest*. Rutgers University Press. Forthcoming: 2016

Presentations Given

Sifuentez, M. J., "By Forests or By Fields: Immigrant Labor and Foundations of Modern Farmworker Unionism," Center for Latino and Latin American Studies at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois. (February 5, 2014).

Sifuentez, M. J. (Keynote Speaker), Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program, 1942-1964 (A Smithsonian Exhibit), "Memory, Public History, and Creating the Bracero Archive?," University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Opening Keynote Address for the exhibit opening. (February 18, 2013).

Sifuentez, M. J., Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Panel: Environmental Health in Southern California, 1920-1965, San Diego, California. Panel Chair. (August 2012).

Sifuentez, M. J., Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, "Roundtable: After the Contracts: The United Farm Workers and Farm Worker Activism since 1970," San Diego, California. (August 2012).

Sifuentez, M. J., American Historical Association Annual Meeting, "From a Student Activist to an Academic: When Your Passion Becomes Your Project," American Historical Association, Panel: Inside Stories: Identity, Community, and the Historian's Subjectivity, Chicago Illinois. Having grown up in a farmworker family I was instantly attracted to student labor activists that were working with farmworkers. As an undergraduate at the University of Oregon I was the director of the Gardenburger boycott on our campus that had been called by Oregon's farmworker union Pineros y Campesinos Unidos Noroestes (PCUN). Throughout my time at the university I grew close to the organizing staff, volunteers, and student leaders involved with the union. At the time of my graduation I had to decide whether or not to pursue a career in organizing or one in academe. I chose to go to graduate school only when my advisor convinced me that I could write about the union I was so passionate about. During this roundtable I will discuss how my relationship to the union both gave me

unfettered access to its private archive and the obstacles I faced working with a community I felt so strongly about. (January 5, 2012).

Sifuentez, M. J. (Keynote Speaker), Center for Research on Teaching Excellence, "Use of Social Media in the Classroom," UC Merced. (November 9, 2011).

Contracts, Grants and Sponsored Research

Multiple Campus Award

Sifuentez, Mario Jimenez (Collaborator), "Working Class Cultural Labor in the Central Valley," UC Humanities Research Institute, \$25,000.00. (May 2012 - June 2013).

Sifuentez, Mario Jimenez (Collaborator), "Changing Work, Changing Workforce: Immigrants and their Impact on the Meanings of Work," UC Humanities Network- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, \$25,000.00. (May 2012 - May 2013).

Research in Progress

"Auslanders and Illegals: Turkish and Mexican Guestworkers in the Global Economy" (On-Going)
A comparative look at the way the United States and Germany treat guestworkers in their respective countries. The article examines the structural similarities and differences between the two programs as well as the response by the two ethnic communities to their immigration status.

TEACHING

Special Pedagogical Activities

Guest Lecture, (April 28, 2012).

A consortia of community groups along with UC Merced-affiliated groups are partnering to provide the space and information for a public dialogue to help dispel the misinformation that we hear about the complex issues of immigration. The focus will be on the effects of enforcement/detention and educational opportunities. We seek to find humane solutions that unify families.

Guest Lecture, (April 24, 2012).

LIT 60 Spring 2012 Intro to Chicano Culture and Experiences.

Doctoral Committee

September 2013 - Present, Amrit Deohl, Advisor

September 2013 - Present, Neama Alamri, Advisor

Directed Individual/Independent Study

September 2013 - December 2013, Amrit Deohl, Neama Alamri, Advisor

January 2012 - May 2012, Carl Ponzio, Advisor

Directed an Independent study in Chicano History

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

January 2013 - May 2013, Jordan Eisen, Advisor

January 2013 - May 2013, Micah Chandler, Advisor

August 2011 - May 2012, Garrett Peterson, Advisor

SERVICE

Department Service

Speaker, Recruiting Oakland High Student to UC Merced. (November 28, 2011).

University Service

Member, Honor's College Task Force. (January 1, 2015 - Present).

Member, Ethnic Studies Ad-Hoc Committee. (August 1, 2014 - Present).

Member, Undergraduate Council. (August 1, 2014 - Present).

Researcher, Japanese American Citizens League Yamato Colony Project. (June 2014 - Present).

Researcher, Voices of the San Joaquin. (April 2014 - Present).

Member, Athletic Advisory Committee. (August 2011 - Present).

Coordinator, Central Valley Oral History Project. (July 2011 - Present).

Advisor, History Club. (July 2011 - Present).

Advisor, M.E.Ch.A. (July 2011 - Present).

Advisor, Students Empowering Dreams. (July 2011 - Present).