

## Curriculum Vitae María Bárbara Zepeda Cortés

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### Education

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Ph.D., History, University of California, San Diego	2013
M.A., C. Phil, History, University of California, San Diego	2007
B.A., International Relations, El Colegio de México, Mexico	2003

### Academic Employment

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Assistant Professor, Department of History, Lehigh University	2013-present
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### Publications

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#### Books

*Cambios y adaptaciones del nacionalismo puertorriqueño: Del Grito de Lares al Estado Libre Asociado.* Morelia, Mexico: Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo-Fundación Vueltabajo-Editorial Morevalladolid, 2015

#### Journal Articles

“El nacionalismo en Puerto Rico: fracasos y adaptación exitosa.” In “Caribe/Caribes: Criollización y procesos de cambio,” ed. Josef Opatrný, supplement, *Ibero-Americana Pragensia*, no. S18 (2006): 145-166

#### Chapters in Books

“El *socio incómodo* del ministro. La carrera burocrática del comerciante Pedro Antonio de Cossío en Nueva España durante la era Gálvez (1765-1787).” In José Alfredo Uribe Salas and Abel Padilla Jacobo, eds., *De la Colonia al Estado Moderno. Ruptura, cambios y continuidades* (Morelia, Mexico: Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo/CONACYT, 2009), 427-442

“La posición de México ante la invasión estadounidense a República Dominicana.” In María Teresa Cortés Zavala, ed., *Sociedades locales y culturas en tránsito en el Caribe español* (Morelia, Mexico: Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, 2005), 139-161

### Work in Progress

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*The Politics of Reform: José de Gálvez and the Transformation of the Spanish Empire* (book manuscript)

“‘Soon Vassals Will Have More Power than Kings:’ Royal Service and Private Interests in a Spanish Empire at War, 1779-1783” (article in development)

“*Comiso* Policies in the Spanish Empire: Anti-Smuggling Measures or a Late Eighteenth-Century ‘Loyalty Program’?” (article in development)

“Women with Money: Female Heirs to a Fortune Amassed in Spanish Imperial Government Jobs, 1760s-1860s” (article project in research stage)

## Honors and Awards

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TA Excellence Award, Linguistics Language Program,  
Department of Linguistics, University of California, San Diego 2012

## Grants and Fellowships

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Travel Grant, President and Provost's Faculty Development Fund,  
Lehigh University 2015

Paul J. Franz, Jr. Pre-Tenure Research Fellowship, College of Arts  
and Sciences, Lehigh University 2014

Research Grant, Lawrence Henry Gipson Institute for Eighteenth-Century  
Studies, Lehigh University 2014

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of  
California, San Diego 2009-2010

Dissertation Research Grant, The University of California Institute for  
Mexico and the United States (UC Mexus) 2007-2009

Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship, Pacific Rim Research Program,  
University of California 2007-2008

Dissertation Research Grant, Center for Iberian and Latin American  
Studies, University of California, San Diego 2007-2008

Travel Grant, Institute for International, Comparative, and Area  
Studies, University of California, San Diego 2007-2008

Pre-dissertation Research Travel Grant, Center for Iberian and Latin  
American Studies, University of California, San Diego 2006

Pre-dissertation Research Travel Grant, Department of History,  
University of California, San Diego 2006

Doctoral Fellowship, The University of California Institute for Mexico  
and the United States (UC Mexus)/Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y  
Tecnología (CONACYT, Mexico) 2004-2009

## Scholarly Presentations

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### Invited Lectures and Talks

"Latin American *Narcos*: A Comparative History of the Colombian and Mexican War on Drugs", WPU-  
Tinker Foundation Latin American Lecture Series, William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ, 18  
November 2015

### Conference Papers

"Being Political in Bourbon Spain and Spanish America: Performances of Merit and Claims of  
Bureaucratic Efficiency", to be presented at the 34th International Congress of the Latin  
American Studies Association, New York City, NY, 27-30 May 2016 (forthcoming)

"Ten Things You Did Not Know about José de Gálvez: A Reassessment of His Role as a Reformer of  
the Spanish Empire, 1765-1787," presented at the 33rd International Congress of the Latin  
American Studies Association, San Juan, PR, 30 May 2015

"¿La desidia del visitador? José de Gálvez en su doble papel de inspector y proveedor de justicia en  
Nueva España, 1765-1772," presented at the 14th Meeting of Historians of Mexico, Chicago, IL,  
19 September 2014

"The Territorial Reconfiguration of the Spanish Empire during the Gálvez Era (1765-1787): A First  
Approach," presented at the 127th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New  
Orleans, LA, 3 January 2013

- “The History of the Panama Canal: An Imperial/Latin American Counterpoint,” presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Pacific Division, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA, 13 June 2011
- “The Constant Lawyer: A Bureaucratic Career under the Shadow of Gálvez (1762-1806),” presented at the 58th Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, NM, 8 April 2011
- “All the Minister’s Men: The Origins of José de Gálvez’s Networks of Patronage, 1765-1771,” presented at the 13th Meeting of Historians of Mexico, Querétaro, Mexico, 29 October 2010
- “Country Taken Over: Political Corruption in Argentina during the Age of Carlos Menem,” presented at the 9th Annual Graduate Student Conference, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, Stony Brook University, New York City, NY, 9 April 2010
- “Political Culture and Corruption: José de Gálvez’s Reforms in Bourbon Mexico, 1765-1787,” lecture at the Seminar Series of the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA, 3 February 2010
- “El socio incómodo del ministro. La carrera burocrática del comerciante Pedro Antonio de Cossío en Nueva España durante la era Gálvez (1765-1787),” presented at the 4th National Meeting of Mexican M.A. and Ph.D. Students of History, Morelia, Mexico, 23 June 2009
- “El nacionalismo en Puerto Rico: fracasos y adaptación exitosa,” presented at the 52nd International Conference of Americanists, Seville, Spain, 19 July 2006

### **Panels Organized**

- “Rebellious Subjects, Greedy Rivals, and a Precarious Empire: Bourbon Dilemmas in Spanish America,” 33rd International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), San Juan, PR, May 2015
- “Imperial and Sub-National Stories of Territorial Configuration in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Spanish America,” 127th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2013

### **Discussant**

- Panelist in alumni panel on post-graduate employment at the 4th UC MEXUS-CONACYT Doctoral Fellows Symposium, The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA, 20 March 2015
- Panel commentator on symposium “Transparency, Democracy, and Reform: New Perspectives on Corruption in Mexico,” Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA, 16-17 May 2013

### **Guest Lecturer**

- “The Bourbon Reform Era in Spanish America: Change, Reaction, Contradictions,” guest lecturer in undergraduate course, Hist110: Colonial Latin America, Moravian College, sponsored by the Consortial Professors program of the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC), Bethlehem, PA, 20 November 2014
- “The Coloniality of Politics,” guest lecturer in graduate seminar, LATI200: Core Seminar on Interdisciplinary Research and Methodology in Latin American Studies, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA, 24 November 2009

### **Teaching**

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#### **Undergraduate Courses**

Department of History, Lehigh University

History 049: History of Latin America, undergraduate survey  
on colonial Latin American history

SP14, ‘15, FA15

History 050: History of Latin America, undergraduate survey on modern Latin American history	FA13, '14, SP16
History 090: Latin American Breaking Bad: A History of the Global Drug Wars, College of Arts and Sciences first-year seminar	FA14, '15
History 303: The History of U.S.-Latin America Relations, advanced undergraduate and graduate seminar	SP14
Linguistics Language Program, University of California, San Diego Instructor, LISP 1CX and LISP 1DX: Analysis of Spanish	2010-2012
Department of History, University of California, San Diego Lecturer, HILA 102: Latin America in the Twentieth Century	2009
<b>Graduate Courses</b>	
Department of History, Lehigh University	
History 421: Readings in Topics in the Atlantic World: The Spanish Atlantic World in the Age of Enlightenment, graduate seminar	SP15
History 471: Special Topics in History: Latin America in the Nineteenth Century, graduate reading seminar	FA15

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### **Current Professional Affiliations**

American Historical Association, Conference on Latin America History, Latin American Studies Association

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### **Languages**

Spanish (native speaker), French (reading proficiency)