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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer in History (Pre 1700), School of Humanities, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, The University of Sydney, 2022-present

Undergraduate Coordinator and Academic Advisor, History, School of Humanities, The University of Sydney, 2024-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of Florida, 2015

M.A., History, University of Florida, 2009

B.A., History, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Dossier

R. Chauca, José Ragas, and Mark Thurner, eds. “Ciencia, sociedad y conocimiento” [special issue]. *Íconos. Revista de ciencias sociales* 71 (2021).

<https://revistas.flacsoandes.edu.ec/iconos/issue/view/207>

Book Chapters

R Chauca, “Amazon,” in *New World Objects of Knowledge: A Cabinet of Curiosities*, edited by Mark Thurner and Juan Pimentel, pp. 149-154. London: University of London Press, School of Advanced Studies, Institute of Latin American Studies, 2021.

<http://www.doi.org/10.14296/2104.9781908857835>

R. Chauca, “La construcción instrumental del saber cartográfico jesuita de la Amazonía colonial,” in *Del mundo al mapa y del mapa al mundo: Objetos, escalas e imaginarios del territorio*, edited by Alejandra Vega, pp. 493-502. Santiago: Universidad de Chile, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2017.

<https://razoncartografica.files.wordpress.com/2017/06/6c2ba-simposio-iberoamericano-de-historia-de-la-cartograf3ada.pdf>

R. Chauca, “El Horizonte Medio: Huari y Tiahuanaco,” in *Ciencias Sociales para Secundaria 1*, Lima: Grupo Editorial Norma, 2008.

R. Chauca, “Tecnología Agrícola Prehispánica,” in *Ciencias Sociales para Secundaria 5*, Lima: Grupo Editorial Norma, 2008.

Journal Articles

R. Chauca, "The Image of Precision: The Case of the 'Longitudinal' Amazon," *Cartographica: The International Journal for Geographic Information and Geovisualization* 58:4 (2023): 175-188. <https://doi.org/10.3138/cart-2023-0006>

R. Chauca and José Ragas, "Presentación del dossier: Ciencia, conocimiento y sociedad," in *Íconos. Revista de ciencias sociales* 71 (2021): 7-12. <https://revistas.flacsoandes.edu.ec/iconos/article/view/5096>

R. Chauca, "El COVID-19 en Ecuador: Fragilidad política y precariedad de la salud pública," in *História, Ciências, Saúde – Manguinhos* 28:2 (2021): 587-591. <https://doi.org/10.1590/S0104-59702021005000003> [Revised version of report published in *Manguinhos's* blog in April 2020]

R. Chauca, "Técnica, teoria e prática na cartografia da Amazônia de Samuel Fritz," in *Terra Brasilis (Nova Série)* [online] 14 (2020), special issue: History of Amazonian Cartography. <https://doi.org/10.4000/terrabrasilis.7556>

R. Chauca, "El 'imperio fluvial' franciscano en la Amazonía occidental entre los siglos XVII y XVIII," in *Historia Crítica* 73 (2019): 95-116, special issue: Science, Technology, Local Knowledge, and Empire in the Atlantic World, 15th-19th centuries. <https://doi.org/10.7440/histcrit73.2019.05>

R. Chauca, "Missionary Hydrography and the Invention of Early Modern Amazonia," in *Colonial Latin American Review* 27:2 (2018): 203-225. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10609164.2018.1481272>

R. Chauca, "Sobre letrados chinos y bogas amazónicos: La participación indígena en la producción del conocimiento cartográfico y geográfico jesuita en Asia y América," in *Revista de historia y geografía* 34 (2016): 19-41. <http://ediciones.ucsh.cl/index.php/RHyG/article/view/353> / <http://www.doi.org/10.29344/07194145.34.353>

R. Chauca, "Contribución indígena a la cartografía del Alto Ucayali a fines del siglo XVII," in *Bulletin de l'Institut Français d'Études Andines* 44:1 (2015): 117-138. <http://www.doi.org/10.4000/bifea.7488>

Book Reviews

R. Chauca, "Mirela Altic, *Encounters in the New World: Jesuit Cartography of the Americas*," reviewed for *The Portolan: Journal of the Washington Map Society* 117 (2023): 36-37.

R. Chauca, "Mauro José Caraccioli, *Writing the New World: The Politics of Natural History in the Early Spanish Empire*," reviewed for *Journal of Historical Geography* 81 (2023): 17-18. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhg.2023.04.013>.

R. Chauca, “Carmen Fernández-Salvador, *Encuentros y desencuentros con la frontera imperial: La iglesia de la Compañía de Jesús de Quito y la misión en el Amazonas (siglo XVII)*,” reviewed for *IHS Antiguos jesuitas en Iberoamérica* 7:1 (2019): 157-159.

<https://revistas.unc.edu.ar/index.php/ihs/article/view/24780> /

<https://doi.org/10.31057/2314.3908.v7.n1.24780>

R. Chauca, “Nancy P. Appelbaum, *Mapping the Country of Regions: The Chorographic Commission of Nineteenth-Century Colombia*,” reviewed for *Journal of Historical Geography* 57 (2017): 107-108. <http://www.doi.org/10.1016/j.jhg.2016.08.010>

Other Works and Reports

R. Chauca, “El COVID-19 en Ecuador: Fragilidad política y precariedad de la salud pública,” in *História, Ciências, Saúde – Manguinhos Blog* (April 2020).

<http://www.revistahcsm.coc.fiocruz.br/english/l-covid-19-en-ecuador-fragilidad-politica-y-precariadad-de-la-salud-publica/>

R. Chauca, “El Proyecto: Provincializar Europa de Dipesh Chakrabarty”, Onda histórica, FLACSO Radio, online evento (April 30th, 2020).

<https://www.facebook.com/flacsoradio/videos/565738687390181/>

R. Chauca, “The Codex SP 61 and the Franciscan Knowledge Production of Western Amazonia,” in *I Found It at the JCB*, The John Carter Brown Library (August 2015).

http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John_Carter_Brown_Library/exhibitions/foundjcb/pages/2015august.html

Works in Progress, Accepted, or in Press

R. Chauca, *A River of Names: The Invention of the Amazon, 1498-1640* (work in progress).

R. Chauca, “Interludios: Ríos de la Amazonía,” in *La historia del Perú en 18 mapas*, edited by Elizabeth Montañez Sanabria and Chet Van Duzer (Lima: Comisión del Bicentenario del Perú) (work in progress).

R. Chauca, “Naming and Knowing the Amazon,” in *Routledge Handbook of Global Latin American Studies*, edited by Mark Thurner and Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra (New York: Routledge) (work completed and under review).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

SOPHI Research Support Scheme, 2023-semester 1 [declined]

Individual Fellowship, The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2023-2024 [declined]

The Charles J. Tanenbaum Fellowship in Cartographical Bibliography, Bibliographical Society of America, 2022

Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grant, The Max Weber Foundation, 2022

Explokart Fellowship, Cartographiae Historicae Cathedra Foundation (CHC), University of Amsterdam, 2022

Beca Andina de Apoyo a la Investigación para investigadores confirmados, Instituto Francés de Estudios Andinos, 2021

Travel Grant, German Historical Institute, 2019

Rothman Faculty Summer Fellowship in the Humanities, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, University of Florida, 2018

Jeannette D. Black Memorial Fellowship, The John Carter Brown Library, 2015

Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine (formerly known as Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science), 2014-2015

Harley-Delmas Fellowship, The J. B. Harley Research Fellowships in the History of Cartography, 2014

Roger Haigh Award for outstanding graduate student majoring in Latin American history, Department of History, University of Florida, 2014

International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2012

Beca Andina de Apoyo a la Investigación para jóvenes investigadores, Instituto Francés de Estudios Andinos, 2012

Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, 2011

Mendel Fellowship, The Lilly Library, Indiana University, 2011

Research Grant, Program for Cultural Cooperation between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States Universities, 2011

Travel Grant, The American Friends of the J. B. Harley Research Fellowships, 2011

Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2010

Samuel Proctor Fellowship, Department of History, University of Florida, 2007-2011

Concurso de Ensayos Breves en Ciencias Sociales, Red para el Desarrollo de las Ciencias Sociales en el Perú-Cholonautas (Honorable Mention), 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Sydney (Lecturer), 2022-present

Colonisation in the Americas
Age of Empires
The Making of the Global Order
History in the Making
Global Studies Seminar
Indigenous History

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Sede Ecuador (Visiting Assistant Professor-Adjunct Professor), 2018-2022

History Research and Methodology
Debates on the History of Science
History of Amazonia
History of Knowledge (PhD dissertation seminar)
Topics on Place and Space (MA thesis seminar)

University of Florida (Adjunct Lecturer), 2017-2018

Colonial Latin America
Contemporary Latin America
Nations and Nationalism
Beginning Spanish 1
Beginning Spanish 2
Spanish Grammar and Composition 1

Universidade de Brasília (Visiting Assistant Professor), 2015-2016

Hispanic-American Literary Studies 1: Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries
Hispanic-American Literary Studies 2: Nineteenth Century
Peninsular Spanish Literary Studies 2: Enlightenment and Romanticism

University of Florida (Teaching/Graduate Assistant), 2009-2014

Revolutions in Latin America
Contemporary Latin America
Emerging Latin American Nations
Nations and Nationalism
What is the Good Life? (First-year interdisciplinary Humanities course)

José Antonio Encinas High School, Perú (Instructor of Record), 2005

Peruvian and World History

Headway College Language Institute, Perú (Instructor of Record), 2003-2004

Peruvian and World History

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Associate Researcher, Instituto Francés de Estudios Andinos, Perú, November, 2021

Correspondent, The New Sommervogel Project, 2015-2018

Associate Researcher, Instituto Francés de Estudios Andinos, Perú, June-December, 2012

Visiting Researcher, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Ecuador, September-December, 2012; June-July, 2010

Research Assistant, University of Florida, “History of Museums in Peru,” Spring 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reviews Co-Editor, *Journal of Historical Geography*, 2022-2024

External Reviewer, *Journal of Religious History*, Australia, 2023.

External Reviewer, *Revista Fronteras de la Historia*, Colombia. 2023

External Reviewer, *História, Ciências, Saude – Manguinhos*, Brazil, 2020-2023

External Reviewer, Brill – Jesuit Studies Series, Netherlands, 2021

External Reviewer, *Anuario de historia regional y de las fronteras*, Colombia, 2020

Scientific Advisory Board, VI Congreso internacional de estudiantes de historia, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Perú, 2018

External Reviewer, *Revista de historia y geografía*, Chile, 2017

Editor, Corporación Gráfica Navarrete, Perú, 2006

Manuscript Reviewer, Fondo Editorial de la Biblioteca Nacional del Perú, 2005

Free-Lance Editor, Grupo Editorial Norma, Perú, 2005

Organizing Committee, International Conference of Students of History, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, 2001-2002

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

‘Prompt engineering for educators – making generative AI work for you’ and ‘Responding to generative AI for assessment’, Educational Innovation Team, Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education) Portfolio, The University of Sydney, 10 October 2023.

Engaging students in small classes [Module 09], The Modular Professional Learning Framework (MPLF) team, Educational Innovation, Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education) Portfolio, The University of Sydney, 27 July 2023.

Introduction to Mentimeter, Educational Innovation Team, The University of Sydney, 20 July 2023.

Early Career Research Bootcamp, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, The University of Sydney, February-March 2023

Selling your research track record: 'ROPE' panel session, Research Development, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, The University of Sydney, 10 February 2023

New Unit Coordinator Orientation, Education Innovation and Design, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, The University of Sydney, 31 January 2023

Foundations of Research Supervision, Educational Innovation Team, The University of Sydney, November-December 2022

Presentation and pitching skills for researchers, Marketing Communications, The University of Sydney, 23 November 2022

Introduction to social media, External Engagement, The University of Sydney, 6 October 2022

Cartography (ArcGISPro software) MOOC, ESRI training, February-March 2021

SERVICE

Administration

Course advisor and booth/pamphlet volunteer, Open Day 2023, MacLaurin Hall, The Quadrangle, The University of Sydney, 23 August 2023

Booth/pamphlet volunteer, History Teachers' Association Study Days, Carslaw Building, The University of Sydney, 2 June 2023

Honours Theses Evaluator, Discipline of History, The University of Sydney, June 2023

Course advisor and booth/pamphlet volunteer, Info Day 2022, MacLaurin Hall, The Quadrangle, The University of Sydney, 16 December 2022

Honours Theses Committee, Discipline of History, The University of Sydney, 2022

Interim Coordinator, History of Andes Doctoral Program, FLACSO – Ecuador, August-September 2019

Faculty Committee Member, Master's in History Program, FLACSO – Ecuador, 2018-2020

Chair, M.A. Thesis Committee

Sara Antonia Coronel Aráuz, FLACSO – Ecuador (Departament of Anthropology, History and Humanities, M.A. in History, 2022)

Jenny Kalindy Bolívar Guayacundo, FLACSO – Ecuador (Departament of Anthropology, History and Humanities, M.A. in History, 2022)

René Marcelo Toapanta Mejía, FLACSO – Ecuador (Departament of Anthropology, History and Humanities, M.A. in History, 2021)

Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee

Camilo Mongua, FLACSO – Ecuador (Departament of Anthropology, History and Humanities, Ph.D. in History, 2018)

Member, M.A. Thesis Committee

Esteban Escalante Solano, FLACSO – Ecuador (Departament of Anthropology, History and Humanities, M.A. in Anthropology, 2021)

Johnatan Johnn Vega Slee, FLACSO – Ecuador (Departament of Anthropology, History and Humanities, M.A. in Anthropology, 2021)

Ignacio Contreras Ilabaca, FLACSO – Ecuador (Departament of Anthropology, History and Humanities, M.A. in Visual Anthropology, 2020)

Daniel Girón Castellanos, FLACSO – Ecuador (Departament of Anthropology, History and Humanities, M.A. in Anthropology, 2019)

Ana Paula Ribeiro Câmara, Universidade de Brasília (Instituto de Letras, M.A. in Literature, 2016)

PRESENTATIONS

“Locating Paradise: Estuarine Landscapes and the Sacred Understanding of New World Nature, 1498-1508,” Fertile Furrows: Ruling and (Re-)Working Soil in the Early Modern Period Conference, The Warburg Institute, School of Advanced Study, University of London, 28 June 2023.

[With Emily Hayes] “Geography at Large: Diversifying the *Journal of Historical Geography* Reviews Section”, 28th Practising Historical Geography Conference, Historical Geography Research Group, Royal Geographical Society, London, 23 November, 2022.

“Representaciones de la Amazonía bajo la mirada de las misiones coloniales ss. XVII-XIX”, 3rd Programa de Historia del Perú, Biblioteca Nacional del Perú, July 11th, 2022, <https://fb.watch/ekhhZPV2AJ/>

“The Making of a Cartographic Compilation: Manuel Sobreviola’s 1796 ‘Unfinished’ Atlas of South America,” Uses of Geographical Compilations and Collections: Readings, Translations, and Reuses (16th-18th Centuries), Université Paris Nanterre, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, May 5th-6th, 2022.

“Precisión y exactitud en la cartografía del Nuevo Mundo durante el siglo XVI: El caso del ‘Amazonas longitudinal,’” 9th Simposio Iberoamericano de Historia de la Cartografía: “Cartografías iberoamericanas en un mundo globalizado,” Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, April 18th-21st, 2022.

“La ‘reutilización’ de la cartografía franciscana en los primeros mapas amazónicos del Perú republicano, 1830-1850,” Congreso Nacional de Historia Bicentenario: Repensar la República, Ministry of Culture of Peru, online event, July 6th-9th, 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7F-o4JImWQ&list=PL2KQEbVKKOD8PpXaB9xcGzkpo1S8pA-d5&index=53>

“The Amazon Estuary and the Early Construction of Riverine Knowledge in the New World, 1500-1550”, The Estuaries and the Anthropocene Symposium, Texas A&M University at Galveston, online event (only for participants), May 21st, 2021

“Cartografía franciscana y la invención de la Amazonía del Perú, 1790-1840,” El uso de los mapas. Cartografiar en América latina (siglos XIX-XXI). 17th International Colloquium, Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur les champs culturels en Amérique latine, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3, online event (only for participants), March 11th-13th, 2021, <http://criccal.fr/>

“A River of Names: How the Amazon became the Amazon, 1498-1553,” The 2020 Southwest Seminar, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona, online event (only for participants), October 29th, 2020

“La disputa imperial y el control del espacio amazónico,” 6th session, “Amazonía cartográfica: Tierras calientes, países ignotos y discursos geográficos” Seminar, Grupo de Estudios Transfronterizos, Instituto Amazónico de Investigaciones, Universidad Nacional de Colombia-Sede Amazonía, online event, October 1st, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tQswp8khIA>

“Can the Subaltern Speak in Amazonia’s Early Modern Cartography?,” 5th Symposium of the International Society for the History of the Map, Skidmore College and Universidade Estadual Paulista, online event, June 12th-13th, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQPzX1N38eI>

“Ciencia y modernidad entre los franciscanos de la Amazonía occidental: antes y durante la Ilustración.” II Taller de historia de la ciencia, la tecnología y la salud, Asociación peruana de historia de la ciencia, la tecnología y la salud, Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería, Lima, Perú, July 19th-20th, 2019

“Spanish Missionary Debates and the Transatlantic Configuration of Amazonian Ethnic Categories,” Maritime Missions: Religion, Ethnography and Empires in the Long Eighteenth Century, German Historical Institute, Washington, DC, May 24th-25th, 2019

"The 'Franciscan River Empire' in Western Amazonia, 17th-18th centuries," The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, New York University, New York, NY, May 10th, 2019

[Chair and discussant] “Saberes y practicas andino-amazónicas en transición, siglos XVIII-XX” Simposium, Doctorado de Historia de los Andes, Departamento de Antropología, Historia y Humanidades, FLACSO-Ecuador, Quito, May 7th, 2019

“De Antis a Andes, o la configuración de la divisoria entre los Andes y la Amazonía,” XVII Encuentro de Geógrafos de América Latina, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, Quito, April 9th-12th, 2019

“Los proyectos franciscanos en la Amazonía occidental entre los siglos XVII y XVIII,” Serie Historia de los Andes, Departamento de Antropología, Historia y Humanidades, FLACSO-Ecuador, Quito, March 21st, 2019

[Chair and discussant] 10^o Congreso Internacional de Etnohistoria: Miradas Renovadas y Conectadas, FLACSO-Ecuador and Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador, September 19th-21st, 2018

“El archivo misionero amazónico y la configuración de categorías étnicas en las márgenes del Imperio español,” 36th Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain, May 23rd-26th, 2018

“Hidrografía misionera y la invención del Amazonas,” Worlds of Nature and Medicine: New Historical Perspectives, LAGLOBAL-Fundação Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 2nd-4th, 2017

“Reavaliação da ciência franciscana amazônica no período do Iluminismo,” 25th International Congress of History of Science and Technology, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 23rd-29th, 2017

“Phelipe Cayampay, His Transamazonian Journey, and the Politics of Translation in Late 17th-Century South America,” American Historical Association, 131st Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, January 5th-8th, 2017

“La construcción instrumental del saber cartográfico jesuita de la Amazonía colonial,” 6^o Simposio iberoamericano de historia de la cartografía, Santiago, Chile, April 19th-21st, 2016

“Science in the Jungle: Missionary Cartographic and Geographic Construction of Early Modern Western Amazonia,” Short-term Fellows Talk in the MacMillan Reading Room, The John Carter Brown Library, Providence, Rhode Island, July 1st, 2015

“The Conibo-Spanish Production of Cartographic Knowledge of Early Modern Western Amazonia,” 46th Annual Meeting of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, March 19th-22nd, 2015

"Jesuit and Franciscan Cartographic Techniques and the Mapping of Western Amazonia," Early Modern Workshop, Department of History, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, February 18th, 2015

“Missionary Foundational Narratives and the Ambiguous Naming of Amazonia,” 2014 Introductory Symposium, Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 18th, 2014

“When Indian and Missionary Spaces Collide: The Ucayali in the Late Seventeenth Century,” 2nd Symposium of the International Society for the History of the Map, “Mapping Conflicts, Conflicts in Maps,” National Library of France, Paris, June 13th, 2014

“Mapas de la frontera: indios, misioneros y la producción del conocimiento geográfico de la Amazonía a fines del XVII,” 9^a Jornadas Internacionales de Historia de las Monarquías Ibéricas. Un imperio en movimiento: fronteras, territorios y movilidades, ss. XVI-XIX. Instituto Riva-Agüero, Lima, Perú, November 4th-6th, 2013

“Jesuit Missionaries, Spanish Officials, and their Contrasting Visions of Quito and Amazonia by the 1760s,” The Atlantic Geographies Institute, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, May 14th-17th, 2012

“A Cartographic Confrontation: Jesuit and Civil Mappings of Western Amazonia by the 1760s,” 24th International Conference on the History of Cartography, Moscow, Russia, July 10th-15th, 2011

“Chaos into Order: Samuel Fritz and the Missionary Mapmaking of Western Amazonia,” Southern Historical Association, 76th Annual Meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina, November 4th-7th, 2010

“Drawing Borderlines: Jesuit Cartography and the Configuration of Space in Maynas,” 8th Annual Graduate Student Conference, “Latin America: A People without Boundaries?” State University of New York at Stony Brook, New York, NY, April 24th, 2009

“Samuel Fritz: Jesuit Cartography, and the Configuration of Space in Maynas,” 4th Interdisciplinary Colloquium in Spanish/Latin American Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures, “Language and Space,” University of Florida, Gainesville, February 19th-21st, 2009

“Jesuit Cartography and the Configuration of Space in the Amazon,” 17th Colloquium on Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures and Linguistics, “New Geographies and Localities,” University of Texas at Austin, November 7th-8th, 2008

LANGUAGES

Spanish: native language

English: fluent (speaking, reading, and writing),

Portuguese: fluent (speaking and reading), intermediate (writing)