**Mónica Alexandra Jiménez**

**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education**

Ph.D. History, University of Texas at Austin,May 2015

Dissertation: “‘American’ State of Exception: Reimagining the Puerto Rican Colony and the Nationalist Enemy under United States Rule, 1900-1950.”

J.D. University of Texas at Austin School of Law, May 2007

M.A. Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, May 2007

Thesis: “‘*El Lamento Borincano*:’ Puerto Rico, the United States and 100 years of ‘Unjust and Unintelligent’ Policies.”

B.A. Classical Civilizations, Yale University, May 2002

**Professional Appointments**

2017- present Assistant Professor, African and African Diaspora Studies Department, University of Texas at Austin

Faculty Affiliate: Department of History,

Department of Mexican American and Latino Studies,

Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies,

John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies,

Center for Mexican American Studies,

Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice.

2015-2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, Departments of History and Latin American and Latino Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago

**Publications and Works in Progress**

**Books**

*Making Never-Never Land: Race and Law in the Creation of Puerto Rico*. University of North Carolina Press (forthcoming in 2024).

**Peer Reviewed Articles**

“Searching for Monse: Nationalism and Incarceration in the Fight for Puerto Rico’s Freedom.” Under review at *Radical History Review*.

“Instruments of Colonialism: Historicizing Corruption and Abuse in the Puerto Rico Police.” with Marisol LeBrón. *CENTRO: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies,* Vol 34, No. 2 (Summer 2022).

“Puerto Rico Under the Colonial Gaze: Oppression, Resistance and the Myth of the Nationalist Enemy.” *Latino Studies*, Vol 18, No. 1 (March 2020).

**Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

“We Are Done Emerging: Puerto Rico, Legal Scholarship, and the Problem of Invisibility.” *Interrogating the Future of Puerto Rican Studies: A Reader.* Jorell Melendez-Badillo and Aurora Santiago Ortiz, eds. (in preparation for Duke University Press.)

“Cuba and Puerto Rico.” *The Oxford Handbook on International Law and the Americas.* Liliana Obregón, Laura Betancur-Restrepo, and Juan M. Amaya-Castro, eds. (Oxford University Press, Forthcoming in 2023).

**Invited Essays**

“Esta ‘democracia’ no la entendemos: On Exercising Democracy in the World’s Oldest Colony.” *Society and Space* *Magazine* (February 25, 2020) <https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/esta-democracia-no-la-entendemos-on-exercising-democracy-in-the-worlds-oldest-colony>

“Looking for a Way Forward in the Past: Lessons from the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party.” *Aftershocks of Disaster: Puerto Rico Before and After the Storm*, Yarimar Bonilla and Marisol Lebrón, eds. (Chicago: Hay Market, 2019).

**Dictionary Entries**

“Pedro Albizu Campos,” in *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, eds. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Franklin W. Knight (New York: Oxford University Press), 2016.

**Poetry**

“Moribundo.” *Hayden’s Ferry Review*, December 2022.

“Colonial Burdens.” *sx salon*, February 2020.

“Maroonage.” *sx salon*, February 2020.

“Promesa.” *WSQ:* *Women’s Studies Quarterly*, 47: 3 & 4 (Fall/Winter 2019).

**Public Scholarship**

Interview, “SCOTUS and Puerto Rico.” *Political Misfits Radio Podcast*, March 3, 2021.

Interview, “Puerto Rico.” *Fronteriza Radio Podcast*, December 15, 2020.

“On 60th Anniversary, Important to Preserve Civil Rights Division at DOJ” *Texas Perspectives*. October 2, 2017. <https://news.utexas.edu/2017/10/02/important-to-preserve-civil-rights-division-at-doj> Appeared in *USA Today*, *Houston Chronicle*, *San Antonio Express News*, *Waco Tribune Herald*, and the *Austin American Statesman.*

**Grants**

2021 Antipode Foundation, “Right to the Discipline Grant,” as part of the Puerto Rico Reading Collective.

2019 John L. Warfield Center, Summer Research Grant, University of Texas at Austin

2019 Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Summer Research Grant, Hunter College

2014 Graduate Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Supplement, University of Texas at Austin

2014 Department of History Research Travel Grant, University of Texas at Austin at Austin

2013 Department of History Dissertation Research Grant, University of Texas at Austin

2012 Graduate Student Travel Grant, Puerto Rican Studies Association

2012 Graduate Student Travel Grant, John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin

**Fellowships**

2022 Mellon Foundation & Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College, Bridging the Divide Fellowship

2021 Mellon Foundation/Flamboyan Foundation Arts Fund, Letras Boricuas Fellowship

2021 Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty, Institute for Citizens and Scholars

(formerly Woodrow Wilson Foundation).

2013 Carlos E. Castañeda Fellowship in Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

2012 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, The National Academies

2011 Department of History Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin

2010 Graduate Fellowship, John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin

**Awards and Honors**

2021 Visiting Scholar, Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College (Virtually)

2019 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, The National Academies

2019 Alternate, American Society for Legal History, Wallace Johnson Program for First Book Authors

2018 Summer Institute on Tenure and Professional Advancement (SITPA) Scholar, Duke University

2017 Center for Women and Gender Studies, Faculty Development Program, University of Texas

2016 Institute for Global Law and Policy Workshop, Harvard Law School, Madrid, Spain

2015 Institute for Global Law and Policy Workshop, Harvard Law School, Doha, Qatar

**Invited Presentations**

2022 *Afro-Latinx Revolution: Puerto Rico* Discussion Panel, James Madison University, African, African American, and Diaspora Studies Center, February 17. (Virtually)

2021 “Crisis at the Border: Haitian Migrants and Colonial Legacies,” College of Charleston, Department of Political Science, October 6. (Virtually)

2021 “Puerto Rico: Past and Present,” Boston College Law School, Organization of Latin American Affairs at Boston College, April 12. (Virtually)

2021 “To Be Foreign in a Domestic Sense: Legal Exclusion and the Puerto Rican Other,” Dartmouth College, History Seminar, February 25. (Virtually)

2020 “Instruments of Colonialism: Corruption and Abuse in the Puerto Rico Police Department, 1901 to 2020,” Caribbean Studies Network, University of Oxford, November 9. (Virtually)

2020 Latinx & Proud Reading Series, City of Asylum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. February 18.

2018 “The Role of Law in the Production of Debt in the Caribbean,” Columbia University, Center for Study of Social Difference. New York, New York. October 10.

2018 “Empty Promises: What Exactly does Citizenship Mean to a Colonized People?” Rice University, Humanities Research Center Symposium “Re-Framing the Constitution: Futures of the Fourteenth Amendment,” Rice University, Houston, Texas. October 5-6.

2018 “Legal Catastrophes: On the Role of Law in Puerto Rican Exclusion,” Princeton University, Princeton-Mellon Initiative in Architecture, Urbanism and the Humanities Symposium “*Lamento Borincano*: Puerto Rican Sites of the Catastrophic, 1968/2018,” Princeton, New Jersey. April 5.

2017 “American State of Exception.” Harvard University, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Global American Studies Symposium. Cambridge, Massachusetts. December 1.

2017 “The Unincorporated Island: Towards a Legal Genealogy of Racial Exclusion.” Northeastern University, School of Law. Boston, Massachusetts. March 16.

**Conference Presentations**

2023 “Looking at Legacy: Race and Exclusion in Puerto Rico’s Decolonial Future.” International Meeting on Law and Society, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 1-4.

2022 (roundtable) “P fkn R as Method: Seeking Disruption Through Collective Care, Diasporic Literacies, and Intimate Geographies.” American Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 4.

2022 (roundtable) “P fkn R as Method: Thinking Puerto Rican Futures Through Collective Spaces of Care.” Puerto Rican Studies Association Biennial Conference, Holyoke, Massachusetts, October 16.

2022 “Experimental Station: the US and the Remaking of Puerto Rico in the Early 20th Century,” Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Conference, Kingston, Jamaica, June 8. (Virtually)

2022 “Combatting the ‘new’ colonialism: narratives of resistance in a changing Caribbean,” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Kingston, Jamaica, May 31. (Virtually)

2020 (Invited) “Weaponizing Natural Disaster: Citizenship and Race in the Aftermath of Hurricane Maria,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 4. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

2019 “‘We are Yanquis because They Say We are Yanquis:’ Puerto Rico, the US and the Question of Freedom in the World’s Oldest Colony.” Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora Biennial Conference, Jamestown, Virginia, November 7.

2019 (Discussant) “Puerto Rican Lives in Debt and Disaster,” Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, May 26.

2018 “Looking for a Way Forward in the Past: Lessons from the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party,” Puerto Rican Studies Association Biennial Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, October 26-28.

2018 “Puerto Rico is Nowhere: Questions of Law and Sovereignty in the Age of PROMESA,” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Havana, Cuba. June 6.

2018 “Looking for a Way Forward in the Past: Lessons from the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party.” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Conference on Latin American History, Washington, D.C. January 6.

2017 “‘Puerto Rico in Never-Never Land’: On the Role of Law and Sovereignty in the State of Exception.” International Meeting on Law and Society, Mexico City, Mexico. June 23.

2016 “Rethinking Economy in the Face of Crisis: Lessons from the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party.” Puerto Rican Studies Association Biennial Conference, College Park, MD. October 28.

2012 “Attacking Radical Nationalism: J. Edgar Hoover, the F.B.I. and the Prosecutions of Marcus Garvey and Pedro Albizu Campos.” Puerto Rican Studies Association 20th Anniversary Conference. Albany, NY. October 28.

2012 “Towards a Myth of Nationalism: The State of Exception and Colonial Resistance in Puerto Rico.” Southwest Council on Latin American Studies Annual Conference. Miami, FL. March 9.

**Conferences, Workshops and Symposia Organized**

2019 Project co-organizer, “Beyond Inequality Workshop,” Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center

for Human Rights and Justice at the University of Texas and Institute for Global Law and Policy at Harvard Law School. October 30 - November 1.

2018 Symposium Organizer, “Puerto Rico in the Wake of Crisis: Towards a Just (After)Life of Disaster,” The University of Texas at Austin. November 30 & December 1. (<https://law.utexas.edu/puerto-rico/>)

**Panels Organized**

2021 “Black Diasporic Saberes: Reorienting Puerto Rican Studies.” Collaboration between Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora and Puerto Rican Studies Association. March 25. (Virtually)

2019 “Liberation in Black and Brown.” Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora Biennial Conference, Jamestown, Virginia, November 7.

2019 Panel Co-organizer and Moderator, “Rebel Women: From the 1960’s to the Present,” The University of Texas at Austin, Black Studies Biennial Conference, “Black Studies at 50: 1968-1969,” March 15.

2018 “Sovereignty, States of Exception, and Abjection in Caribbean Law and Poetics.” Caribbean

Studies Association Annual Conference, Havana, Cuba, June 6.

2018 “New Perspectives on Puerto Rican Nationalism.” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Conference on Latin American History, Washington, D.C. January 6.

2016 “Looking for a way forward in the past: Lessons from the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party.”Puerto Rican Studies Association 12th Biennial Conference, College Park, MD. October 28.

**Departmental and University Presentations**

2019 “‘We are Yanquis because They Say We are Yanquis:’ Puerto Rico, the US and the Question of Freedom in the World’s Oldest Colony.” University of Texas at Austin, Institute for Historical Studies Annual Conference, “Genealogies of Freedom,” April 11-12.

2018 “Rethinking Sovereignty in the Face of Crisis: Lessons from the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party,” University of Texas at Austin, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, New Faculty Lecture, April 18.

2018 Invited Presenter, “The Role of Law in the Production of Inequality: An Idea Lab,” University of Texas at Austin School of Law, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, March 29-31.

2018 “‘Puerto Rico in Never-Never Land’: Questions of Law and Sovereignty in the Age of PROMESA,” University of Texas at Austin, Center for Women and Gender Studies, Faculty Development Program Lecture Series, March 6.

2017 “What’s in a PROMESA?: Understanding what the United States owes Puerto Rico.” University of Illinois, Chicago, Latin American and Latino Studies Department. February 8.

2017 “‘Puerto Rico in Never-Never Land’: What the Sanchez Valle and Franklin-California Trust cases mean for Puerto Rico and Puerto Ricans.” University of Illinois, Chicago, Department of History. January 18.

2014 “When Pedro Met José: Puerto Rican Nationalism andthe Cosmic Race.” University of Illinois, Chicago, Department of History. April 9.

2012 “Mythologizing the Terrorist: The State of Exception, Pedro Albizu Campos and Nationalist Resistance in Puerto Rico.” University of Illinois, Chicago, Institute of Humanities’ Publics, Cultures and the Practices of Difference Study Group Speaker Series. April 18.

**Teaching Experience**

**University of Texas at Austin**

Race, Debt, and Law in the Caribbean (Spring 2021)

Nationalism in the Caribbean (Fall 2019)

US Interventions in the Caribbean (Fall 2019)

Afro-Latin America (Spring 2019)

Senior Seminar: Art and Thought in the Caribbean (Spring 2019)

Puerto Rico in Crisis (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2020)

Race Against Empire in the Americas (Fall 2018, Fall 2020)

Debt and Colonialism in the Caribbean (Spring 2018)

Race and Rights in Latin America (Spring 2018)

**University of Illinois, Chicago**

History of Modern Puerto Rico (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

History Research Seminar (Fall 2016)

History of Human Rights in Latin America (Fall 2012, Fall 2015)

Afro-Latin America (Fall 2013, Spring 2016)

20th Century Nationalism and Resistance in the Circum-Caribbean (Spring 2014)

Latin America, 1850 – present (Fall 2013)

“Our Backyard:” U.S. Imperialism and Occupation in the Caribbean (Spring 2012)

**Student Related Service**

**Graduate Student Committees**

Lauren Lluveras, African and African Diaspora Studies, 2019-present (adviser)

Sofia Monegro, African and African Diaspora Studies, 2020-present (member)

Tiana Wilson, History, 2019-present (member)

Bethzabeth Colon-Pizzini, African and African Diaspora Studies, 2017-2021 (member)

Deirdre Lannon, History, 2019 (member)

**Undergraduate Advising**

Orlando Ochoa, Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Faculty Mentor, 2019-2021

**University and Departmental Service**

2022, 2021, Graduate Program Committee, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies.

2019

2019-present Steering Committee, Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice.

2019 Graduate Admissions Committee, Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies.

2018-present Faculty Adviser, National Black Law Student Association, Longhorn Chapter.

2018 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies.

2017-present Bridging Disciplines Program: Human Rights and Social Justice Faculty Panel, School of Undergraduate Studies, The University of Texas at Austin.

**Professional Service**

2021-present Member-at-Large, Puerto Rican Studies Association

2019 J. Willard Hurst Prize Selection Committee, Law and Society Association

2017-present Peer Reviewer: *Latino Studies*, *Society and Space*, *American Anthropologist*, *Feral Feminisms*, *Oñati Socio-Legal Series* (Spain*),* University of Florida Press

**Community Service**

Panelist, *Jurakan: Nación en Resistencia*, Puerto Rican Cultural Center, Austin, Texas, 2018.

Lecture, “After Maria: Rethinking Nationalism in the Face of Crisis.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Learning Activities for Mature People (LAMP) Lecture, Austin, Texas, 2018.

Board Member, Mama Sana Vibrant Woman (<https://www.msvwatx.org>), 2018-2021.

Board Member, Community Activism Law Alliance (<https://www.calachicago.org>), 2016-2017.

**Other Professional Experience**

Attorney, Public Utility Commission of Texas, 2009-2010

Attorney, Brown McCarroll, L.L.P., 2007-2008

**Languages**

Spanish (fluent)

Italian (good)

French (fair)

Portuguese (proficient)

Greek (proficient)

**Professional Associations**

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora

Conference on Latin American History

American Historical Association

Latin American Studies Association

Puerto Rican Studies Association

Caribbean Studies Association

Law and Society Association

Texas Bar Association