

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
University of Idaho

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**RANK OR TITLE:** Associate Professor of Spanish

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**DATE OF FIRST EMPLOYMENT AT UI:** July 1, 2014

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**EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL:**

**Degrees:**

Ph.D., University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA. August 2013, Spanish.

M.A., University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA. May 2009, Spanish.

B.A., Middlebury College. Middlebury, VT. May 2006, Latin American Studies.

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Teaching, Extension and Research Appointments:**

Assistant Professor of Spanish, University of Idaho, July 2014 – present.

Visiting Professor for USAC Montevideo, Uruguay, August 2018-December 2018.

Lecturer, University of Virginia, January 2014 - May 2014.

Faculty member, Semester at Sea, August 2013 - December 2013.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia, August 2008 - May 2012.

Visiting Instructor, UVA Study Abroad in Valencia, Spain, June 2009 - August 2009.

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, IPES Caleta Olivia, Argentina, March 2007 - September 2007.

**TEACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**Areas of Specialization:**

Spanish language

Spanish and Latin American literature and film

Latin American culture

Science and culture

**Courses Taught:**

SPAN 201: Intermediate Spanish I (Spring 2021)

SPAN 302: Advanced Composition (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

SPAN/LAS 306: Culture and Institutions of Latin America (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016,

Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)

SPAN/LAS 409 (previously SPAN 404): Modern Latin American Society (Spring 2015, Spring 2018, Fall 2019)

SPAN 425 (previously SPAN 404): Translation (Spring 2016, Spring 2019, Fall 2020)

SPAN/LAS 426 (previously SPAN 404): Health and Environment in Latin America (Spring 2017, Spring 2019)

FLEN/LAS 391: Hispanic Film (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall

2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021)

FLEN 498: Intern, MLC Web Intern (Spring 2018)

FL 401: MLC Capstone (Fall 2016, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020)

IS 485: Martin Scholars (Fall 2017)

**Directed Studies:**

Feminism in the Spanish-Speaking World (Spring 2021)  
 Reading and Linguistic Analysis (Spring 2021)  
 Advanced Spanish-English Translation Skills (Fall 2020)  
 Femicide in Latin American (Fall 2020)  
 Chile: Past and Present (Spring 2020)  
 Latin American Indigenous Cultures (Spring 2019)  
 Federico García Lorca (Spring 2018)  
 Hispanic Health in Idaho (Fall 2017)

**Students Advised:**

Undergraduate Students:

Fall 2019: 34 undergraduates  
 Spring 2019: 33 undergraduates  
 Fall 2018: 24 undergraduates  
 Spring 2018: 38 undergraduates  
 Fall 2017: 30 undergraduates  
 Spring 2017: 42 undergraduates  
 Fall 2016: 41 undergraduates  
 Spring 2016: 19 undergraduates  
 Fall 2015: 21 undergraduates  
 Spring 2015: 15 undergraduates  
 Fall 2014: 3 undergraduates

Graduate Students:

Committee member for Reinaldo Gil Zambroso, M.F.A., May 2017.

**Courses Developed:**

SPAN 409: Modern Latin American Society  
 SPAN 425: Translation  
 SPAN 426: Health and Environment in Latin America

**Workshops and Invited Lectures:**

“Inappropriate Relations: Gender and Colonialism in Argentina,” presentation for HIST 212, University of Idaho, April 2021.  
 “Antropólogos, medicina y género en Argentina,” presentation for RO SP 40781, University of Notre Dame, March 2021.  
 “El género y la formación de la identidad latinoamericana,” presentation for SPAN 427-H, Whitworth University, November 2020.  
 “Las mujeres y el Museo de La Plata,” presentation for SPAN 312, University of Puget Sound, September 2020.  
 “Displaying Gender: Images of Indigenous Prisoners in the La Plata Natural History Museum,” Malcom Renfrew Interdisciplinary Colloquium, University of Idaho, April 2018.  
 “Argentina.” Moscow Middle School World Cultures classes, November 2017 and April 2018.  
 Honors Program Food for Thought Lunch, University of Idaho, February 2017.  
 Presenter for new MLC major requirements, Advisor Development Series, University of Idaho, September 2015.  
 Discussion Facilitator for Student Leader Diversity Summit, University of Idaho, January 2015.  
 Panelist for “Defining Justice.” Campus Christian Center forum, University of Idaho, March 2015.  
 “Hero or Villain? Ferdinand Magellan and the Moral Dilemmas of Exploration,” Semester at Sea Union Seminar, M/V Explorer, September 2013.

**Honors and Awards:**

Outstanding Faculty Award, Student Achievement Awards, University of Idaho (2020)  
 University of Idaho nominee for Idaho State Board of Education General Education Teaching Award, Humanities section (2020)  
 Alumni Awards for Excellence: Inspirational Mentor, University of Idaho (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

Nominee for the Excellence in Advising Award, University of Idaho (2020)  
 Nominee for the Hoffman Teaching Award, University of Idaho (2017, 2018)

### SCHOLARSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

#### **Publications:**

##### Books

Kerr, Ashley Elizabeth. *Sex, Skulls, and Citizens: Gender and Racial Science in Argentina (1860-1910)*. Vanderbilt UP, 2020.

##### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Kerr, Ashley Elizabeth. "Trust Me, I'm a Doctor: Explorer-Anthropologists, Medicine, and Colonialism in Argentina, 1863-1881." *Latin American Literary Review*, vol. 47, no. 93, 2020, pp. 2-11.

Kerr, Ashley. "Progress at What Price?: Defenses of Indigenous Peoples in Argentine Writing about Patagonia (1894-1904)." *Decimonónica*, vol. 16, no. 2, Summer 2019, pp. 17-33.

Kerr, Ashley Elizabeth. "Indigenous Lovers and Villainous Scientists: Rewriting Nineteenth-Century Ideas of Race in Argentine Romance Novels." *Chasqui*, vol. 48, no. 1, May 2019, pp. 293-310.

Kerr, Ashley. "From Savagery to Sovereignty: Identity, Politics, and International Exhibitions of Argentine Anthropology, 1878-1892." *Isis*, vol. 108, no. 1, 2017, pp. 62-81.

Kerr, Ashley. "The Sound of Silence: Representing the Other in Sylvia Iparraguirre's *La tierra del fuego*." *Revista Canadiense de Estudios Hispánicos*, vol. 36, no. 3, 2012, pp. 519-540.

##### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles with Others

Justwan, Florian, Sarah Fisher, Jeffrey Berejikian, and Ashley Kerr. "Referendum as Commitment Devices: An Experimental Approach." *Research and Politics*, vol. 7, no. 3, 2020, n.p. DOI: 2053168020943419.

Justwan, Florian, Sarah Fisher, Jeffrey Berejikian, and Ashley Kerr. "Analyzing Mass Attitudes Towards the International Court of Justice." *Foreign Policy Analysis*, forthcoming.

##### Chapters in Edited Collections

Kerr, Ashley. "Becoming a Woman, Becoming Chile: Motherhood and the Self-Fashioning Subject in *La chica del trombón*." *La narrativa de Antonio Skármeta*, edited by César Ferreira and Jason Jolley. Universidad Ricardo Palma, 2017, pp. 141-155.

##### Book reviews

Kerr, Ashley. Review of Andermann. *Tierras en trance: Arte y naturaleza después del paisaje*. Forthcoming in *Revista Hispánica Moderna*.

Kerr, Ashley. Review of McDonald and Vandersommers, eds. *Zoo Studies: A New Humanities* (2019). *H-Environment*, August 2020.

Kerr, Ashley. Review of Medina, et al. *Beyond Imported Magic. Essays on Science, Technology, and Society in Latin America* (2014). *Isis*, vol. 107, no. 1, March 2016, pp. 210-211.

Kerr, Ashley. Review of Schell, *The Sociable Sciences. Darwin and his Contemporaries in Chile* (2013). *Isis*, vol. 106, no. 4, December 2015, pp. 949-950.

##### Public Scholarship

Kerr, Ashley. *Historias* podcast episode 119, February 2021.

Kerr, Ashley E. *New Books Network: New Books in Latin American Studies* podcast episode, June 2020.

Kerr, Ashley. "Un éxtasis de la improductividad: Entrevista con Rubén Angel Arias." *E-lur*, March 2020. [https://e-](https://e-lur.com/2020/03/01/un-extasis-de-la-improductividad-entrevista-con-ruben-angel-arias/)

[elur.net/ruben-angel-arias](http://elur.net/ruben-angel-arias).

Kerr, Ashley. "Signos de la voluntad de los indígenas en la fotografía antropológica del siglo XIX en Argentina." *E-lur*, February 2020. (also available in English translation). <https://elur.net/investigacion/signos-de-la-voluntad-de-los-indigenas-en-la-fotografia-antologica-del-siglo-xix-en-argentina/>.

**Honors and Awards:**

*Sex, Skulls, and Citizens* won the Best Book of 2020 Award given by the Nineteenth-Century Studies Section of the Latin American Studies Association.

*Sex, Skulls, and Citizens* was named a finalist for the 2021 PROSE Awards, awarded by the Association of American Publishers.

**Conference Presentations:**

"Guanacos or Bengal Tigers?: Zoo Animals, Immigrants, and Argentine National Identity from 1904 to 1924," Latin American Studies Association Conference, virtual conference, May 2021.

"'They Never Give the Same Answer Twice': Indigenous Women Resist Nineteenth-Century Argentine Racial Science," Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples LASA Conference, Spokane, WA, September 2019.

"Clemente Onelli and the Live Plesiosaur: Eccentricities, Absurdities, and Science in the Popular Imagination," American Comparative Literature Association, Washington, DC, March 2019.

"Analyzing Mass Attitudes Towards the International Court of Justice" (with Florian Justwan, Sarah Fisher, and Jeffrey Berejikian). International Studies Association, Toronto, Ontario, March 2019.

"Informantes, embajadoras, y amantes: La participación de las mujeres indígenas en la antropología argentina decimonónica," Congreso de Historia de la Antropología Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 2018.

"Amantes indígenas y antropólogos malvados: La novela rosa como espacio de producción de la crítica de la antropología," Congreso de Historia de la Antropología Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 2018.

"Forbidden Fruit: Gender and Desire in the Works of Estanislao S. Zeballos," ALDEEU – Spanish Professionals in America, Charlottesville, VA, June 2018.

"Incorporating Original Research in the Undergraduate Foreign Language Classroom," Palouse Language and Culture Symposium, Moscow, Idaho, April 2018.

"La fotografía antropológica y el género en el siglo XIX argentino: Los tehuelches en el Museo de La Plata," Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies Association, Portland, Oregon, April 2018.

"Desert Desires: Sex and Science in Nineteenth-Century Argentine Travel Writing," Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, Spokane, Washington, October 2017.

"Defiant Captives and Warrior Princesses: New Representations of Womanhood in Writing of the Argentine Pampa," Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2016.

"Gentlemen and Savages in the Travel Writing of Lucio V. Mansilla and Ramón Lista," History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2016.

Discussant, "The Re-articulation of the Colonial Past in 18th and 19th Century Travel Writing and its Contemporary Legacy," Latin American Studies Association, New York, NY, May 2016.

“Time After Time: Geology, Race, and Nationality in the Patagonian Travelogues of Francisco P. Moreno and Clemente Onelli,” Modern Language Association Conference, Austin, TX, January 2016.

“‘Going Native’ and the Development of Indian Policy in Nineteenth-Century Argentina,” Latin American Studies Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2015.

“Human Origins at the End of the World: Francisco Moreno, Florentino Ameghino, and the Invention of Prehistoric South America,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 2014.

“Lucio V. Mansilla, Scientist: Observation and Classification in *Una excursión a los indios ranqueles*,” Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference, Winston-Salem, NC, October 2012.

“Scientific Discourse and Poetics in *Tabaré* and *Lin-Calél*,” South Atlantic Modern Language Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, November 2011.

“Representations of Bodily Control in Griselda Gambaro’s *El campo*, *La que sigue*, and *La malasangre*,” Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, KY, April 2011.

“Una multitud de nortes: La complejidad del espacio en *Finisterre* de María Rosa Lojo,” Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, KY, April 2010.

“Speaking from the Edge: Language, Identity, and Power in Sylvia Iparraguirre’s *La tierra del fuego*,” Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, KY, April 2009.

“Opening Borders, Opening Mouths: Globalization, Language and Identity in Alberto Fuguet’s *Mala onda* and *Sobredosis*,” New England Council of Latin American Studies Conference, Middlebury, VT, October 2006.

#### **Grants and Contracts Awarded:**

##### External Grants

National Science Foundation travel grant for the History of Science Society Meeting, 2016, \$571.  
Prindle Ethics Institute Summer Research Fellow, 2016, \$1000+room and board.

##### University of Idaho

College of Letters Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Summer Research Grant, 2020, \$1,648.  
CLASS Travel Award, 2020, \$1,000.  
U of I Library Think Open Fellowship, 2019, \$1,250.  
Seed Grant: Desire and Degeneration in Nineteenth-Century Argentine Anthropology, 2017-2018, \$11,849.  
CLASS Summer Research Grant, 2015, postponed to 2016, \$4,240.

##### University of Virginia

Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese Dissertation Fellowship, 2012-2013  
Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, 2012  
Charles Gordon Reid Jr. Summer Research Grant, 2012  
University of Virginia Presidential Fellow, 2006-2011  
Huskey Travel Grant, 2006, 2009, 2011

#### **SERVICE:**

##### **Major Committee Assignments:**

##### National

Director, Nineteenth Century Studies section, Latin American Studies Association (July 2021-present)

##### University of Idaho

President, UI Phi Beta Kappa chapter (July 2021-present)  
Student Financial Aid Committee (Fall 2020-present)  
Sabbatical Committee (Spring 2020)

Fulbright Program Campus Application Reviewer (2016-2017, 2019-2020)  
 Honors Program Committee (2015-2018)  
 Honors Program Admissions Subcommittee (2017-2018)  
 Honors Program Curriculum Subcommittee (2016)  
 Seed Grant Reviewer (Spring 2015)  
 Volunteer at Vandal Leadership Challenge Professor Access Fair (2014, 2016)  
 College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) Parent Orientation Co-facilitator (Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

Curriculum Committee (2015-2017, 2019-2021)  
 Search committee for visiting assistant professor in the History Department (2018)  
 Search committee for new clinical instructor in International Studies (2017)  
 Search committee for Advising/Student Engagement Position for the Honors Program (2017)

Department of Modern Languages and Cultures

Co-director of Latin American Studies (2014-present)  
 USAC Committee (2014-present)  
 Scholarship Committee (2017-present)  
 Created recruiting and retention presentations for MLC, organized Spanish section recruitment class visits (2016-present)  
 Flash Committee on student assistants (2017)  
 Día de los Muertos Celebration Committee (2014- 2018)

**Professional and Scholarly Organizations:**

Member of:

Modern Language Association  
 Latin American Studies Association  
 History of Science Society

Manuscript Reviewer for:

*Revista Hispánica Moderna*  
*Hispanófila*  
*Isis*  
*Contextos*

**Outreach Service:**

Articles I've been interviewed for:

“Q&A with Ashley Kerr: Learn About the Book Recently Published,” *The University of Idaho Argonaut*, April 20, 2020. <https://www.uiargonaut.com/2020/04/20/qa-with-ashley-kerr-learn-about-the-book-recently-published/>

“Argentina’s Complicated Relationship with Race,” College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, University of Idaho, June 2017. <https://www.uidaho.edu/class/mlc/news/argentina-race>

“Different Takes on Justice,” *The University of Idaho Argonaut*, March 2015. <https://www.uiargonaut.com/2015/03/26/different-takes-on-justice/>

“Commemorating the Deceased,” *The University of Idaho Argonaut*, October 2014. <https://www.uiargonaut.com/2014/10/30/commemorating-the-deceased-ui-community-celebrates-day-of-the-dead-nov-1/>

**Community Service:**

Host family for Central American Youth Ambassador Program (2016-present)  
 Alumni Interviewer for Middlebury College (2009-present)