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**CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Revolutionary Left in El Salvador, 1970s–1980s; Peasant politics in Bolivia, 1930s–1970s; History of boycotts; Anti-imperialist movements; Climate movements and politics; Historical pedagogy

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**RECENT PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

“From Moral Motivations to Material Interests: Building a Mass Climate Movement through Transformative Adaptation.” *Energy Research & Social Science* (forthcoming, 2026) (with Fabian Dablander and Adam R. Aron)

“Confronting Capitalism in Twentieth-century Latin America.” In *Socialism, Internationalism, and Development in the Third World*, ed. Su Lin Lewis and Nana Osei-Opore, 257–282. Bloomsbury, 2024.

“Smoothing the Contradictions: The Political History of Fossil Fuels.” In *The Struggle for Natural Resources: Findings from Bolivian History*, ed. Carmen Soliz and Rossana Barragán, 170–195. University of New Mexico Press, 2024.

“Our Vietnamese *Compañeros*: How Salvadoran Guerrillas Adapted the ‘People’s War’ Strategy.” In *Transnational Communism across the Americas*, ed. Marc Becker, et al., 215–232. University of Illinois Press, 2023.

“Our Social Conquests Will Be Respected: Peasants and Military Dictatorship in Cochabamba, Bolivia.” *Hispanic American Historical Review* 102, no. 3 (2022): 481–512.

*Making the Revolution: Histories of the Latin American Left*. Cambridge University Press, 2019. (editor)

*Blood of the Earth: Resource Nationalism, Revolution, and Empire in Bolivia*. University of Texas Press, 2017.

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**OTHER RECENT WRITING**

“The US Is Committing Terrorism in Venezuela. Why Will Nobody Say That?” *Common Dreams*, Jan. 10, 2026.

*Besieged from Without, Undermined from Within: How UMass Amherst’s Budgetary Decisions Contradict Its Mission and Weaken Its Defenses against Hostile Politicians*. Independent report, Amherst, MA, Dec. 2025.

“Want to Stop Trump’s Attacks on the NLRB? History Shows Strikes Are the Answer.” *Truthout*, May 10, 2025.

“Black Economic Boycotts of the Civil Rights Era Still Offer Lessons on How to Achieve a Just Society.” *The Conversation*, July 1, 2024.

*Abolishing Fossil Fuels: Lessons from Movements That Won*. PM Press, 2024.

*Trump and the Deeper Crisis*. Emerald, 2023. (co-editor, with Michael Schwartz and Richard Lachmann)

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**PUBLIC HISTORY PROJECTS**

*What Are Universities For? Struggles for the Soul of Higher Education* (event series co-chair, 2024–25)

*Planet on a Precipice: Histories and Futures of the Environmental Emergency* (event series co-chair, 2020–21)

*Venezuelans under Siege* (documentary co-director, co-producer, and script writer, 2019)

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**RECENT SERVICE AND ORGANIZING ROLES**

*Latin American Research Review*, book review essay editor (2022–present)

*Latin American Perspectives*, participating editor (2015–present)

Historians for Peace and Democracy, steering committee member (2017–present)

Massachusetts Society of Professors, UMass Amherst (MTA/NEA), vice president (2024–present)