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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University
Assistant Professor of International History

2026 – Present

EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

Ph.D. in History, 2026 (with distinction)

Dissertation Title: *Borrowing out of Poverty: Credit and State Formation in the Making of Rural Colombia (1931-1975)*

Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

M.A., History, 2019

LL.B (J.D equivalent), Law, 2017

RESEARCH AREAS

Latin American history, US-Latin America International Relations, Cold War, political economy, international development, agrarian politics, and legal history.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

Mariana Diaz Chalela and Paul Sabin, “Mexican influence is poisoning the minds of these people”: The Hemispheric Struggle over Oil Rights Before World War II” (forthcoming in *Law and History Review*)

Mariana Diaz Chalela, and Julián Gómez-Delgado (2025) “Debt Entanglements: Rethinking the Developmental State in the Global South.” *Economy and Society* 54 (1): 70–91.
doi:10.1080/03085147.2025.2450146

Edited volumes and Other Academic Writing

Mariana Diaz Chalela and Samuel Moyn, “The Imagined Predecessor: Contributionism and Latin America’s Place in Global Legal History” in *Oxford Handbook of International Law and the Americas* edited by Liliana Obregón Tarazona, et al. New York: Oxford University Press, 2025.

Everaldo Lamprea and **Mariana Diaz Chalela** “The Rise of Big Law in Colombia”, In: *Big Law in Latin America and Spain: Globalization and Adjustments in the Provision of High-End Legal Services*, edited by Manuel Gómez and Rogelio Pérez-Perdomo, p. 155-176. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

Mariana Diaz Chalela, “Religious Symbols and new populist movements in the Colombian Constitutional Court”, *Jean Monnet Working Paper Series 8/17* (2018).
<https://jeanmonnetprogram.org/wp-content/uploads/JMWP-08-Mariana-D%C3%ADaz-Chalela.pdf>

Enrique Prieto Ríos, Andrés Gómez-Rey, & **Mariana Diaz-Chalela** (2019). “Between the Environment and Foreign Investment Protection: the case of Santurban in icisd”. In *Crisis del Estado nación y de la concepción clásica de la soberanía*, edited by Manuel Alberto Restrepo Medina, p. 161-190. Bogotá: Universidad del Rosario, 2019.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

Edwin W. Small Dissertation Prize	2026
John Rovensky Fellowship in International Business and Economic History	2024-2025
MacMillan Center International Dissertation Research Fellowship Yale University	2024
George W. Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy Award Yale University	2023
History Department Research Travel Grant Yale University	2023
Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship Social Science Research Council	2022
Council on Latin American & Iberian Studies Conference/Travel Award Yale University	2022
Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant Yale University	2021
MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Fellowship Yale University	2021
Best SABER PRO (State Exam on the Quality of Higher Education) in Law Colombian Ministry of Education	2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Boston University

Introduction to Latin America and International Relations 2026

Instructor, Yale University

Archives, Memory, and Truth: Histories of Human Rights in Latin America 2026

Teaching Assistant, Yale University

Antifascist Traditions 2025

Political Violence, Citizenship, and Democracy in Latin America 2024

History of Brazil 2022

Colonial Latin America 2021

Instructor, Universidad de Los Andes

Law and Public Policy, Law School 2018

Socio-Legal Studies, Law School 2018

Guest Lecturer

Decolonizing Human Rights, Chicago University 2026

Latin American Politics, University of Massachusetts – Amherst 2026

Political Violence, Citizenship, and Democracy in Latin America, Yale University 2024

Introduction to Latin American Studies: History, Culture, and Society, Yale University 2023

Law and...Interdisciplinary Tools in Law, Sciences Po - Paris 2020

Teaching Assistant, Universidad de Los Andes

Constitutional Law, Law School 2017

History of Legal Institutions, Law School 2016

SERVICE

Coordinator Agrarian Studies Program, Yale University 2023-2024

Coordinator Approaches to Recent and Contemporary History Working Group
Yale University 2021-2022

Coordinator Latin American History Speaker Series, Yale University 2020-2021

Coordinator Latin American Studies Working Group, Yale University 2020-2021

Managing Editor - Latin American Law Review, Universidad de los Andes 2017-2019

Intern – Colombian Constitutional Court 2015-2016

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Memory and Repair: Truth Commissions and Public History in the Americas, Rice University, Houston, TX, April 2026 (conference co-organizer)

American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 2026

“Disciplining Development: The Caja Agraria and the Politics of Rural Identity in Mid-Century Colombia” (presenter)

“Land in Question: Contested Meanings in Rural Politics During Cold War Colombia” (Session Chair)

Agrarian Studies Colloquium, Yale University, February 2025

“Good Debtors: Credit and Peasant Mobilization in the Colombian Cold War, 1958-1972” (Presenter)

Conference on Latin American History, New York, January 2025

“‘Mexican influence is poisoning the minds of these people’: The Hemispheric Struggle over Oil Rights Before World War II” (Presenter)

Latin American Studies Association, Bogotá, May 2024

“Democratizing Credit: Debt, Democracy, and Development in the Colombian Twentieth Century” (Presenter)

“Panel: ‘Democratization’: Meanings, Practices, and Latin American Experiences” (Session Organizer)

Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting – Graduate Student & Early Career Workshop, Denver, June 2024

“The Caja Agraria and the Remaking of Property in Colombia (1931-1945)” (Presenter)

Graduate Student Conference on Cold War History, George Washington University, Washington, DC, May 2024

“Disputing Development: Credit, Land Reform, and Political Mobilization in the Colombian Cold War (1958-1974)” (Presenter)

American Society for Legal History, Philadelphia, October 2023

“Law and Property in the Developmental State” (Presenter)

“Roundtable: New Trends in Latin American Legal History” (Session Organizer)

Law and Distribution: Expressions and Dilemmas, SciencesPo – École de Droit, Paris, June 2023

“‘Credit Democratization’ and Land Reform: Remaking Rural Colombia (1930 –1965)” (Presenter)

Decolonising the ‘Long Boom’: New Histories of the Global South, Oxford University (online), April 2023

“Debt as State-Formation: Rethinking the Developmental State Through the Colombian Agrarian Bank” (Presenter)

Writeshop in Critical Agrarian Studies and Scholar-Activism, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa, December 2022

“‘Credit Democratization’ and Land Reform: Remaking Rural Colombia (1930 – 1965)”
(Presenter)

Currency and Empire Workshop, New School for Social Research, New York, October 2022
“Debt Entanglements: Rethinking the Developmental State Through the Colombian Agrarian Bank” (Presenter)

Political Violence and its Legacies Workshop (commentator), Yale University, November 2021

Agrarian Studies Colloquium (commentator), Yale University, May 2021 and October 2024

Latin American Studies Association, Bogotá, May 2021
“Oil, land, and property: redefining social constitutionalism in Colombia (1917 – 1936)”
(Presenter)

La Constitución desde la historia, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, December 2020
“Historizar la Constituyente: narrativas y agendas” (Presenter)

Latin American Studies Association, Boston, May 2019
“Gendering rights: shaping gender through law in Colombia (1940-1954)” (Presenter)

Public Law and New Populisms, New York University Law School, New York, 2017
“Religious Symbols and New Populist Movements in the Colombian Constitutional Court”
(Presenter)

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (native); English (fluent); French (reading); Portuguese (reading)

AFFILIATIONS

Latin American Studies Association
American Historical Association
Law and Society Association
American Society for Legal History