

Alex Standen

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Environmental Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, 2022

Dissertation: “The Colonial New Deal: Hurricanes, Land Reform, and Organized Labor in Puerto Rico, 1928-1952”

Advisor: Paul Sutter

Certificate: Environmental Justice

M.A., Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 2016

Thesis: “Defending ‘*Un Pedacito de la Soberanía Nacional*’: Land Conservation and National Sovereignty in Costa Rica”

B.A., Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2010

PUBLICATIONS

“Building a Puerto Rico ‘Better Than the One We Lost’: Hurricane San Felipe II and the Puerto Rican New Deal,” *Environment and History* (Online first 2021).

“Confronting Colonial Capitalism,” Review Essay on *The Battle for Paradise*, by Naomi Klein, and *Policing Life and Death*, by Marisol LeBrón, *New Labor Forum*, Volume 29, Issue 1, (Winter 2020). <https://newlaborforum.cuny.edu/2020/02/01/confronting-colonial-capitalism/>

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2021	Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2021	Center for Humanities and the Arts Dissertation Fellowship, University of Colorado Boulder (Declined)
2020	Research Grant, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute
2020, 2019	Beverly Sears Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Colorado Boulder
2020, 2018	Graduate Student Research Grant, Environmental Studies Program, University of Colorado Boulder
2019	Graduate Student Grant, Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder
2015	Summer Field Research Grant, Tinker Foundation
2014-2016	Tuition Scholarship and Research Fellowship, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University

AWARDS

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| 2020 | Ray Hauser Award – Beverly Sears Graduate Student Grant Program, University of Colorado Boulder |
| 2015 | Richard E. Greenleaf Award - Best Graduate Student Paper in Social Sciences by a Latin American Studies Student, Tulane University |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Willamette University

HIST 199, “Imagining Sustainable Futures: An Introduction to Environmental Humanities,” (VAP, two sections, upcoming Fall 2022)

HIST 131, “Climate and Disaster History in Latin America,” (VAP, upcoming Fall 2022)

University of Colorado at Boulder

WRTG 1150, “First-Year Writing and Rhetoric,” (Instructor, eleven sections)

ENVS 1000, “Introduction to Environmental Studies,” (TA, twice)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2019 | “Learning from Disaster History: Global Perspectives,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference [Roundtable Participant] (April 13), Columbus, Ohio |
| 2017 | “Puerto Rico: In the Wake of Maria and Colonialism,” Naropa University [Event Organizer and Discussant] (April 19), Boulder, Colorado |

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

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| 2018 | “Energy and Power in an American Colony.” Radio Journalism Segment with Diana Dorman on <i>The Brink</i> , Boulder, CO: KGNU, June 5, 2018. |
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ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE

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| 2014-Present | Instructor & Volunteer, Camp Tabonuco, Jayuya, Puerto Rico |
| 2019-2021 | Graduate Student Social Committee, Environmental Studies, University of |

Colorado Boulder

- 2020 Lead Coordinator, Prospective Students Weekend, Environmental Studies,
University of Colorado Boulder
- 2014-2015 Paper Selection Committee, LAGO Graduate Student Conference, Stone
Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University

SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in Spanish

REFERENCES

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