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EDUCATION

2014 — 2020	<i>PhD in Information</i> . School of Information. University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States)
2015 — 2017	<i>Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies</i> . Museum Studies Program. University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States)
2010 — 2012	<i>M.S. in Digital Media</i> . School of Literature, Communications, and Culture. Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, Georgia, United States).
2003 — 2008	<i>B.A. in Social Communications</i> . Central American University (San Salvador, El Salvador). Ranked 4th / 56 students.
2006	<i>Graduate Course in Communications and Development</i> . School of Literature, Communications, and Journalism. Central American University (San Salvador, El Salvador).

RESEARCH FOCUS

I explore the role of participatory design in promoting critical memories about episodes of mass violence such as genocides, foreign invasions, dictatorships, or civil wars.

RESEARCH

Postdoctoral Project

2020 — Present	The Virtual Footlocker Project: Preserving the Personal Records of the Modern Soldier . Project coordinated by Professor Edward Benoit at the School of Library and Information Science. Louisiana State University. <i>On Writing and Public Outreach Phase</i> .
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Dissertation

2017 — 2020	Memory Labor as Memory Making: The Negotiation of Collective Remembering through the Production of Museum Exhibits . Dissertation Project advised by Margaret Hedstrom. School of Information. University of Michigan.
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Papers and Book Chapters

2021	“Postmemorial Exhibitions: An approximation to negotiate cultural trauma among
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grandchildren of ex refugees and former guerrilla members in El Salvador.” In C. Lara (Ed.): *Historical Memory and Sociocultural Transformation*. UCA Press. Chapter accepted. Edited volume to be published in 2022.

- 2020 **Community-Based Participatory Framework for Research about Community Archives.** Under peer review.
- 2018 Simioni, S., **Martell, A.**, McDonald, Allison, & Abraham, Mhaidli. *Designing Digital Literacy and Security Trainings for Latinx Immigrants in the United States*. 3rd SOUPS Workshop on Inclusive Privacy and Security (WIPS). 2018, August 12-14. Baltimore, MD, USA.
- 2018 **Memories from the Left: How former guerrilla members and supporters in Arcatao Remember the Civil War of El Salvador.** Under Peer Review.

Conference Talks

- 2021 **“Love Me” Binders: Military Veteran’s Personal Digital Archives in the 21st Century.** Presented at annual research forum organized by the Society of American Archivists (SAA). Online.
- 2021 **“Love Me” Binders: Military Veteran’s Personal Digital Archives in the 21st Century.** Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists in 2021 (SSA). Online.
- 2019 **Memory Labor and Nostalgia: When a Technology of Resistance Becomes a Tool for Control.** Presented at the Annual Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States.
- 2019 **The Negotiation of Collective Remembering Through the Production of Museum Exhibits.** Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Memory Studies Association (MSA). Madrid, Spain.
- 2018 **Community-Based Participatory Research: Towards a Participatory Framework for Research on Community Archives.** Presented at the Ethics and Archiving the Web at the New Museum. New York, New York, United States.
- 2015 **Memories from the Left: Leveraging Oral History Records to Examine Collective Memory of Former Revolutionaries.** Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Archival Education and Research Initiative (AERI).

Research Assistantships

- 2007 **Formation of State and Democracy in Latin America** led by Viviane Brachet Márquez (brachet@colmex.mx) from the Center of Sociological Studies of Colegio de México (<http://ces.colmex.mx>).
- 2006 **Life at El Mozote 25 years after the massacre**, led by the journalist Joseph DeAvila (ideavilax@msn.com) (*University of California, Berkeley*, California).
- 2005 – 2006 **Educative Reform of 1968 in El Salvador**, led by historians Erick Ching (erik.ching@furman.edu) and Hector Lindo (*Furdman University*, California).

TEACHING

2021	Instructor for the online course <i>Introduction to Archival Theory</i>. School of Library and Information Science, Louisiana State University.
2020	Teaching Assistant for the course <i>Information, Programs and People</i>. School of Information, University of Michigan.
2019	Teaching Assistant for the course <i>Programming I</i>. School of Information, University of Michigan.
2018	Teaching Assistant for the course <i>Programming I</i>. School of Information, University of Michigan.
2017	Teaching Assistant for the course <i>Introduction to Interaction Design</i>. School of Information, University of Michigan.
2017	Teaching Assistant for the course <i>Programming I</i>. School of Information, University of Michigan.
2016	Teaching Assistant for the course <i>Introduction to Networked Computing</i>. School of Information, University of Michigan.
2016	Peer Mentor for First Year PhD students. School of Information, University of Michigan.
2016	Graduate Student Mentor for the <i>Research Experience for Masters' Students (REMS)</i>. School of Information, University of Michigan.
2014	Coordinator for the Diploma Course <i>Digital Communications</i>. Central American University (San Salvador, El Salvador).
2013	Digital Security Trainer. International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) (El Salvador, Central America). http://www.irex.org/project/safe-securing-access-free-expression
2013	Instructor for the course <i>Audiovisual Production</i>. Central American University (San Salvador, El Salvador).
2012	Instructor of courses in <i>Computer Programming with Python</i>, and <i>Introduction to Video Production</i>. ilab Liberia (Liberia, Africa). http://ilabliberia.org/
2007	Teaching Assistant for the course <i>Radio Production</i>. Central American University (San Salvador, El Salvador).
2006 — 2009	Instructor for the course <i>Techniques for Oral and Written Expression</i>. School of Literature, Communications, and Journalism. Central American University (San Salvador, El Salvador).
2005	Teaching Assistant for the course <i>Latin American Literature</i>. School of Literature, Communications, and Journalism. Central American University

DESIGN PROJECTS

2017	Reimagining the Cultural Train. Developed a prototype of a mobile exhibit about the National Literacy Crusade in Nicaragua (1980-1982). Project supervised by Margarita
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Vannini and Myriam Rivas (archivohistorico@ihnca.edu.ni) at the Institute of History of Nicaragua and Central America. Central American University, Managua, Nicaragua. <http://ihnca.edu.ni/>

- 2015 — Present **Unfinished Sentences Project.** *Designed digital archive of oral histories about the civil war of El Salvador (1980-1992).* Project advised by Joyojeet Pal (joyojeet@umich.edu). School of Information. University of Michigan. <http://unfinishedsentences.org/archive/>
- 2011 — 2012 May. **The Hurricane Irene Diaries.** *Developed an interactive map of stories for disaster prevention.* Project advised by Carl DiSalvo (carl.disalvo@lmc.gatech.edu). School of Literature, Communications, and Culture. Georgia Institute of Technology. <http://dm4community.com/hid/>
- 2012 April. **History of Football at Georgia Tech.** *Prototyped a virtual reality tour about the history of Football at the Georgia Institute of Technology.* Project advised by Jay D. Bolter (jay.bolter@lcc.gatech.edu). School of Literature, Communications, and Culture. Georgia Institute of Technology. http://dm4community/GT_football.pdf
- 2011 — 2012 December. **Welcome to Wheat Street.** *Designed an interactive map to represent the permaculture model of an urban farm in downtown Atlanta.* Project advised by Carl DiSalvo (carl.disalvo@lmc.gatech.edu). School of Literature, Communications, and Culture. Georgia Institute of Technology. <http://dm4community.com/>

NON-PROFIT WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2011 **Interpreter and guide for delegation from Notre Dame University to El Salvador,** organized by International Partners in Mission (IPM). <http://www.ipmconnect.org/>
- 2011 **Web Designer.** Hermano Mercedes Ruiz Foundation (San Salvador, El Salvador). <http://www.fundahmer.org.sv/>
- 2009 **Coordinator. Communications Unit** at Community Association United for Water and Agriculture (San Salvador, El Salvador). <http://www.acua.org.sv>
- 2008 January. **Producer at Radio Balsamo,** 90.5 fm. (Zaragoza, El Salvador) <http://balsamofm.blogspot.com/>
- 2005-2008 **Producer for *Who Has the Word?*, a radio program from the School of Communications and Culture at the Central American University, aired on YSUCA Radio,** 91.7 fm. (San Salvador, El Salvador). <http://ysuca.org.sv/>

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019 **Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship Award** to pursue data analysis and final manuscript writeup in the fall of 2019. Rackham School of Graduate Studies. University of Michigan.
- 2017 **Fellowship for Doctoral Research in Museums** to pursue dissertation fieldwork in eastern El Salvador in the summer of 2018. Museum Studies Program, University of Michigan.
- 2017 **Practicum Stipend** to pursue a summer internship at the Institute of History of Nicaragua and Central America (IHNCA). Museum Studies Program, University of Michigan.
- 2010-2012 **Fulbright Scholarship** to pursue a Master in Digital Media at the *Georgia Institute of Technology.* (Atlanta, Georgia, United States)

- 2009 **Nominated as best Educative Short Documentary** for the production *The Central American Dream: To Build Resilient Communities*. ACUA Productions 2009. XII Icarus Festival (Guatemala City) <http://www.festivalicaro.com/>
- 2005, 2006, 2007 **Recognitions for participating in the *International Festival of University Theater*** by the National Committee of University Theater. (El Salvador)

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY WORK

- 2021 **Member of the Organizing Committee for the Archival Education Research Institute 2021 (AERI 2021).** *Setup posters session and moderated panels.* Online.
- 2021 **Volunteer at Companion Animal Alliance.** *Walked and showered rescued dogs.* Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 2017 **Digital Security Trainer.** *Co-designed and delivered training for undocumented immigrants in Southeast Michigan on enhancing their privacy and security while using technology.* School of Information, University of Michigan.
- 2013 **UX designer. TEDx Fulbright 2014: Dare To Think.** <http://www.ted.com/tedx/events/9144>
- 2005 – 2008 **Producer Assistant for the radio show *Who Has the Word? (Quién tiene la Palabra)*,** organized by the School of Literature, Communications, and Journalism, and broadcasted by YSUCA Radio (<http://www.ysuca.org.sv>)
- 2004 - 2008 **Cast Member of the Theater Group** at the Central American University. Plays: *Fatness means beauty* (2004), *Our lady of the clouds* (2005), *The Wedding of the Petite Bourgeoisie* (2005) and we@thesameasusual.com (2006-2008).
- 1999 | 2000 **Librarian assistant** at Colegio Externado de San Jose. (<http://www.externado.edu.sv>)

CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

- 2014 **English Composition.** Earned verified Certificate. *Duke University*, through Coursera. www.coursera.org
- 2013 **Certificate in French – 6 levels (out of 12).** *Alliance Française.* San Salvador, El Salvador. www.afelsalvador.com/
- 2008 **Diploma: *Community Management for Disaster Risk Reduction and Introduction to Video Production as a Tool for Risk Reduction.*** Project: *Look at My Lens, by Signal Studios* (<http://www.signalstudio.net/>) and Cordaid (<http://www.cordaid.nl/>).
- 2007 **Diploma in Graphic Design and Animation.** Integral Computation (School of Graphic Design and Animation in San Salvador, El Salvador) <http://www.computacion-integral.com/>
- 2003 – 2004 **Certificate in English.** School of Languages at Central American University.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and Spanish

REFERENCES

Professional

Margaret Hedstrom

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School of Information
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