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Presently, he is an Associate Professor of History and Chair of Department of History at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. His first monograph, *Creating Conversos: The Carvajal-Santa María Family in Early Modern Spain*, was published by the University of Notre Dame Press in 2018. In *Creating Conversos*, he unravels the complex story of Jews who converted to Catholicism in Spain between the fourteenth and sixteenth centuries, migrated to colonial Mexico and Bolivia during the conquest of the Americas, and assumed prominent church and government positions. The history culminates with the Mexican Inquisition in the 1590s, when one arm of the converso family exercised the levers of trials and torture to execute a crypto-Jewish arm of the clan to preserve their power and hide their identities.

From 2014 to 2017, he served as a Guest Curator for the New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and its exhibition, *Fractured Faiths: Spanish Judaism, The Inquisition, and New World Identities* (2016).

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