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## EDUCATION

- **University of Pittsburgh**, Pittsburgh, PA. Aug. 2023 – May 2029 expected  
PhD Candidate, History  
Certificate in Latin American Studies
- **Brown University**, Providence, RI. June 1999 – May 2000  
MA, Teaching, Secondary Education in Social Studies/History.  
Concentration: Metacognition, Anti-Bias Curriculum, Moral Development, and African American Studies.
- **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA. Aug. 1995 – May 1998  
BA, Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Minor, Religious Studies.

## LANGUAGES

- English/Spanish: Bilingual.
- French: Moderately fluent speaker, reader, and writer.
- Italian: Basic speaking and reading abilities.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Learning Specialist and Coach**, Pittsburgh, PA. Oct. 2012 – Aug. 2018
  - Provide support to K-12 students in a variety of academic subjects.
  - Coach students in organizational, executive function, and motivational techniques.
- **Winchester Thurston School**, Pittsburgh, PA. April 2012 – Aug. 2013  
*Communications Consultant*
  - Advise and support Head of School and Associate Head for External Affairs on communications related to publications, strategic plan, and diversity initiatives.
- **Winchester Thurston School**, Pittsburgh, PA. Dec. 2011 – Sep. 2012  
*Project Manager and Guest Editor*
  - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of ThistleTalk Magazine (bi-annual publication):
    - Managed project life-cycle, including coordination with designer, guest writers, and printer.
    - Researched and compiled relevant content and images.
    - Wrote, edited, and proofread original content.
- **Axialent**, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Apr. 2007 – Mar. 2010  
*Senior Analyst (working on various teams)*
  - Talent Acquisition Team: Assisted VP in global search for Partner level consultants.
  - People Care Team: Coordinated bilingual internal communications, company-wide newsletter, and communication guidelines. Managed worldwide consultant induction.
  - Consultant Team: Assisted CEO in Strategic Alignment Practice client delivery.
- **Winchester Thurston School**, Pittsburgh, PA. Dec. 2003 – Aug. 2004  
*Assistant Director of Admission and Director of Diversity*
  - Supported Director of Admission and Director of Financial Aid in Admission Cycle.
  - Advised Communications and Admission offices on a range of diversity initiatives.

- **Lincoln School**, Providence, RI. Aug. 2000 – Aug. 2003  
*Director of Diversity and Faculty Member*
  - Founded and staffed Office of Diversity Initiatives.
  - Established Board of Trustees' Diversity Committee.
  - Supervised school-wide enactment of Committee recommendations.
  - Mentored underrepresented students, connecting the school with networking groups.
  - Taught 11th Grade US History: "Who Is American and Who Decides?"
- **Women's Fund of Rhode Island**, RI Foundation, Providence, RI. Aug. 2002 – Aug. 2003  
*Research Consultant*
  - Compiled and distributed Grant Review Committee's comments.
  - Drafted decision letters and memo of recommendations for approval by the WFRI Advisory Council and the RI Foundation Board of Directors.
- **Summer Diversity Institute**  
National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Alexandria, VA. Summers 2002 and 2003  
*Faculty Member*
  - Designed first-ever "Bias & Anti-Bias" course.
  - Taught independent school faculty.
- **The Carter Center**, Atlanta, GA. Summer 1997  
*International Intern, Americas Program*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- *Graduate Pre-Doctoral Fellow*, Foreign Language and Area Studies, 2024-2025.
- *Graduate Fellow*, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, 2023-2024.
- *Member*, Call To Action (NAIS). Jan. 2001 – Aug. 2004. Selected to advise VP for Equity & Justice Initiatives.
- *Co-Chair*, Local Planning Committee, People of Color Conference (NAIS). Providence, RI. Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2001. Selected by Head of Lincoln School.
- *Mark of High Distinction*, Brown University. ED185: *Moral Development*, Professor Jin Li.
- *Student of the Year*, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Department. Emory University, Spring 1998.
- *Dean's List*, Emory University, 1997 and 1998.

## PROFESSIONAL AND BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

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- Winchester Thurston School, Board Diversity Committee Dec. 2013 – May 2016
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Sep. 2000 – Aug. 2004

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Placci, Alejandra and Carmen Gentile. "Media Company, Under Pressure from Argentine Leader, Still Stands." USA Today 14 Dec. 2012: 18A.  
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2012/12/13/argentine-media/1758325>
- Winchester Thurston School's Commemorative Edition of Thistle Talk: "A Mighty Destiny: WT at 125." Vol. 39, No. 1, Summer 2012.  
[http://www.winchesterthurston.org/uploaded/TTALK/TTALK\\_Summer\\_2012.pdf](http://www.winchesterthurston.org/uploaded/TTALK/TTALK_Summer_2012.pdf)

## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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- World traveler: United States, Canada, Argentina, Mexico, Spain, El Salvador, Italy, England, France, Australia, Japan, China, and Mongolia.
- Informal Audit, Graduate History Courses, University of Pittsburgh:
  - "Historical Injustices and the Politics of Memory," Prof. Keila Grinberg, Spring 2023.
  - "Seas, Peoples, and Empires," Prof. Pernille Røge, Spring 2022.
  - "Latin American Readings," Prof. George Reid Andrews, Fall 2021.