# Andrew C. Rajca

Associate Professor of Portuguese, Spanish, and Latin American Cultural Studies
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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of South Carolina. 2010-present.

Current Rank: Associate Professor.

Director of the Portuguese Program. 2010-2018; 2022-present.

Director of the Spanish Program. 2019-2022.

## **EDUCATION**

PhD in Spanish and Portuguese, University of Arizona, 2010. MA in Latin American Studies, University of Arizona, 2004. BA in Spanish w/ High Honors, Michigan State University, 2000.

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Latin American Cultural Studies; Brazil, Southern Cone; Film; Literature; Urban Studies; Ecology and Culture; Human Rights; Critical Theory

### **PUBLICATIONS**

### BOOKS

Rajca, Andrew C. Dissensual Subjects: Memory, Human Rights, and Postdictatorship in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay. Evanston: Northwestern University Press. 2018.

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Rajca, Andrew C. "Cinematic Black Territories in São Paulo: Viviane Ferreira's *O dia de Jerusa* (2014) *and Um dia com Jerusa* (2020). *Journal of Lusophone Studies* (Forthcoming).
- Rajca, Andrew C. "Cinematic Aesthetics and the Subjects of Human Rights: on Eliane Caffé's *Era o hotel Cambridge*. In: Danielle Celermajer and Alex Lefebvre, eds. *The Subject of Human Rights*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. 2020.
- Rajca, Andrew C. "The (Re)turn to Aesthetics in Brazilian Cultural Studies." Introduction to Special Issue on Brazilian Cultural Studies. *Romance Quarterly* 67.1 (2020): 1-7.
- Rajca, Andrew C. "Urban Imaginaries, Spatial Practices, and Cinematic Aesthetics in Sergio Bianchi's *Os inquilinos.*" *Arizona Journal of Hispanic Cultural Studies*. 22 (2018): 181-198.
- Rajca, Andrew C. "Haptic Film Spaces and the Rhythms of Everyday Life in São Paulo in Lina Chamie's *A via láctea.*" *Journal of Urban Cultural Studies* 4:1-2 (2017): 87-106.
- Rajca, Andrew C. "Stains of the Past: Space, Memory, and Postdictatorship in Luis Fernando Veríssimo's 'A mancha'." *Bulletin of Latin American Research*. 37.1 (2018): 43-56. Published online June 2016.

- Rajca, Andrew C. "Alogical Memory: Thinking Beyond the (Counter)hegemonic Discursive Logic of Postdictatorial Memory in Beatriz Bracher's *Não falei*." *Hispanic Review*. 82.1 (2014): 89-111.
- Rajca, Andrew C. "Unraveling Normalized Rhetoric of Violence and Human Rights: The Dissensual Intervention of Sérgio Bianchi's *Quanto vale ou é por quilo?*" *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies*. 22.3 (2013): 305-321.
- Rajca, Andrew C. "Remnants of the Disappeared: Subjectivity and the Politics of Postdictatorial Cultural Memory in Sergio Chejfec's *Los planetas*." *Dissidences Hispanic Journal of Theory and Criticism*. Vol. 5 Issue 9. 2013.

### EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES

Rajca, Andrew C., ed. Special Issue on Brazilian Cultural Studies. *Romance Quarterly* 67.1 (2020): 1-51.

### **REVIEWS**

- Rajca, Andrew C. Review of *Documentary Filmmaking in Contemporary Brazil: Cinematic Archives of the Present*, Gustavo Procopio Furtado. *Journal of Lusophone Studies*. Vol. 4 No. 1 (2019): 325-27.
- Rajca, Andrew C. Review of *Cultures of the City: Mediating Identities in Urban Latin/o America*, ed. Richard Young and Amanda Holmes. *Arizona Journal of Hispanic Cultural Studies*. Vol. 15 (2011): 219-20.

#### SCHOLARLY WORK IN PROGRESS

### **BOOKS**

Drizzle City Cinema: Urban Space and Film in São Paulo

### ARTICLES

"Intersubjective Ecological Commons in A última floresta and A febre."

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT SCHOLARLY MEETINGS

- "Intersubjective Ecological Commons in *A febre* and *A última floresta*. American Portuguese Studies Association 2024 Conference. Brown University. Providence, RI. October 3-6, 2024.
- "Subjectivity, Representation, and *Ocupações* in São Paulo: A Comparative Analysis of *Era o Hotel Cambridge* (Eliane Caffé 2016) and *A ocupação* (Julián Fuks 2019). Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA) 2024 Conference. San Diego State University. San Diego, CA. April 3-6, 2024.
- "Cinematic Fictions and Conflictive Ecological Commons in Brazil." Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE) 2023 Conference. Portland, OR. July 9-12, 2023.

- "Speculative Musicals: Gentrification and the Housing Crisis in São Paulo in *Sinfonia da necrópole*." Symposium "Popular Music in the Lusophone World: Politics, History, and Social Change." Arizona State University (Virtual). November 18-19, 2022.
- "Echoes of David William Foster's São Paulo in the Films of Lina Chamie and Juliana Rojas." American Portuguese Studies Association (APSA) 2022 Conference. Brigham Young University. October 6-8, 2022.
- "Cinematic Aesthetics and Black Territories in São Paulo: Viviane Ferreira's *O dia de Jerusa* (2014) and *Um dia com Jerusa* (2020). Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA) 2022 Conference. Virtual. March 9-12, 2022.
- "Aesthetics, Spectatorship, and the Subject of Human Rights in Eliane Caffé's *Era o Hotel Cambridge*." *American Comparative Literature Association Annual Conference*. Virtual due to COVID-19. April 8-11, 2021.
- "Cinematic Aesthetics and Affective Resistance in Afro-Brazilian Territories: Viviane Ferreira's *O dia de Jerusa.*" *Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference*. Virtual due to COVID-19. March 17-21, 2021.
- "Cinematic Aesthetics and the Subjects of Human Rights in Eliane Caffé's *Era o Hotel Cambridge*. *Modern Language Association (MLA) 2020 Conference*. Seattle, WA. 2020.
- "Speculative Cinematic Spaces: Genre Films and the Urban Processes of Capitalism in *Sinfonia da necrópole*." *Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2019 Conference*. Boston, MA. 2019.
- "Cinematic Spaces and Afro-Brazilian Experiences in São Paulo in Viviane Ferreira's *O dia de Jerusa*." *American Portuguese Studies Association Conference*. Ann Arbor, MI. 2018.
- "Cinema, Aesthetics, and Marginality in Cristiano Burlan's *Fome*." *Brazilian Studies Association* (BRASA) 2018 Conference. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 2018.
- "Aesthetics, Politics, and Cinematic São Paulo: Ocupação in *Era o hotel Cambridge*." *Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2018 Conference*. Barcelona, Spain. 2018.
- "Cinematic Cartographies and the Rhythms of Everyday Life in Lina Chamie's *A via láctea*" 2017 Mid-America Conference on Hispanic Literatures. St. Louis, MO.
- "Imagined Spatial Aesthetics and Everyday Life in São Paulo in Lina Chamie's *A via láctea*." *American Association of Geographers 2017 Annual Meeting*. Boston, MA. 2017.
- "Urban Imaginaries, Spatial Practices, and Community in Sérgio Bianchi's *Os inquilinos*." *American Portuguese Studies Association Conference*. Stanford University. 2016.
- "The Non-subjects of *Nunca más*: Memory and Human Rights in Argentina." *Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2016 Conference*. New York, NY. 2016.
- "Rethinking Political Subjectivity, Resistance, and Postdictatorship in Lúcia Murat's *Quase dois irmãos*." *131st Modern Language Association Annual Convention*. Austin, TX. 2016.
- "Politics, Aesthetics, and Subjectivity in the Postdictatorial Southern Cone." *Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2015 Conference*. San Juan, Puerto Rico. 2015.
- "(Re)articulating Resistance: Memory, Human Rights, and Political Aesthetics at the *Memorial da Resistência* in São Paulo." *Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2014 Conference*. Chicago, IL. 2014.

- "Human Rights, Memory, and Political Subjectivity in Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina." *Human Rights, Literature, the Arts and Social Sciences International Conference (HRLASS)*.

  Central Michigan University. 2013.
- "The Non-Spectacle of the City: Rethinking Representations of Violence through Spatial Practices in Sergio Bianchi's *Os inquilinos*." *Brazilian Studies Association Conference (BRASA XI)*. University of Illinois. 2012.
- "Unraveling the Rhetoric of Violence and Human Rights in Sergio Bianchi's *Quanto vale ou é por quilo?*" *Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2012 Conference*. San Francisco, CA. 2012.
- "Metafilmic Play: Exposing Complicity in Social Inequality and Violence in Sergio Bianchi's Cronicamente Inviável" 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Midwest Modern Languages Association (M/MLA) Conference. St. Louis, MO. 2011.
- "What's It Worth? Ideologies of Violence and Human Rights in Sergio Bianchi's *Quanto vale ou é por quilo?*" *52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Midwest Modern Language Association (M/MLA) Conference*. Chicago, IL, 2010.
- "S and M in the Postdictatorship: Subjectivity and Memory in Sergio Chejfec's *Los planetas*." *Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2010 Conference*. Toronto, Ontario CA, 2010.

### INVITED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- "Cinematic Aesthetics and Black Territories in São Paulo." Seminar Series at Queens University Belfast (Virtual). 2022. March 4, 2022.
- "Cinematic Aesthetics and the Right to the City in São Paulo." *Art and Confrontation in the Americas Symposium*. Invited Panelist. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA. 2019.
- "The Subjects of Human Rights: Politics and Aesthetics at Memory Sites in Argentina and Brazil." Keynote Address at 13th Annual Tinker Symposium. University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ. 2017.
- "The Subjects of Human Rights: Politics and Aesthetics at Memory Sites in Argentina." Invited Lecture. Claflin University. Orangeburg, SC. 2017.

## GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Travel Initiative. University of South Carolina. 2022-23.

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Travel Initiative. University of South Carolina. 2020-2021.

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Initiative. University of South Carolina. 2017-2018.

- College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Travel Initiative. University of South Carolina. 2017-2018. Nominated for Mungo Graduate Teaching Award. University of South Carolina. 2016.
- *LLC Internal Grant Award* for completion of book manuscript. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2015.
- ASPIRE I Grant for research for book manuscript. Office of the Vice President for Research. University of South Carolina. 2012-2013.
- *LLC Internal Grant Award* for research for book manuscript. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2012.

#### **EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

Editorial Board. Romance Quarterly. 2018-present.

Editorial Assistant. Arizona Journal of Hispanic Cultural Studies. 2006-2010

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE AS FACULTY

2010-Present. University of South Carolina.

### PORTUGUESE PROGRAM

Portuguese 121	Introduction to Portuguese	Language and L	Luso-Brazilian Cultures
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- Portuguese 122 Basic Proficiency in Portuguese
- Portuguese 201 Intermediate Portuguese and Luso-Brazilian Cultures
- Portuguese 299 Accelerated Portuguese for Speakers of Spanish
- Portuguese 301 Brazilian Film, Conversation, and Composition
- Portuguese 309 Advanced Conversation and Composition
- Portuguese 310 Advanced Conversation and Composition II
- Portuguese 312 Introduction to Luso-Brazilian Literature
- Portuguese 375 Special Topics in Luso-Brazilian Culture
- Portuguese 398 Latin American Popular Music and Cultural Politics
- Portuguese 398 Contemporary Brazilian Cinema
- Portuguese 398 Ecological Cultural Studies in Latin America
- Portuguese 399 Independent Study in Portuguese
- Portuguese 615 Intensive Graduate Readings in Portuguese

### SPANISH PROGRAM

- Spanish 220 Latin American Literatures and Cultures in Translation
- Spanish 300 Cultural Readings and Conversation
- Spanish 303 Cultural Readings and Advanced Composition
- Spanish 375 Contemporary Latin American Cinema
- Spanish 381 The Cinema of Latin America
- Spanish 398 Latin American Popular Music and Cultural Politics
- Spanish 398 Contemporary Latin American Cinema
- Spanish 398 Ecological Cultural Studies in Latin America
- Spanish 405 Survey of Latin American Literature
- Spanish 555 Latin American Literature from Modernism-1960
- Spanish 575 Ecological Cultural Studies in Latin America
- Spanish 711 Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory and Criticism
- Spanish 763 *Latin American Literature since 1960*
- Spanish 783 Ecological Cultural Studies in Latin America
- Spanish 880 Transatlantic Perspectives on Violence, Human Rights, and Political Subjectivities
- Spanish 881 Film Theory, Aesthetics, and Latin American Cinema

#### COMPARATIVE LITERATURE PROGRAM

CPLT 703 Transatlantic Perspectives on Violence, Human Rights, and Political Subjectivities

CPLT 895 Introduction to Luso-Brazilian Literature

CPLT 895 The Contemporary Brazilian Novel

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

LASP 398f Latin American Literatures and Cultures in Translation

### SUPERVISION OF STUDENT RESEARCH

## DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

Director.

- Cobb, Megan. *Environmental and Dystopic Cultural Production in Spain*. Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. Expected Completion Date: 2024.
- Beek, David. *Critical Approaches to African Diaspora Studies in U.S and Brazilian Literature*. Doctoral Dissertation in Comparative Literature. University of South Carolina. 2022.
- Morgan, Tamara. Wandering and Wondering: Mapping the Confines of the Fantastical Introspective Space in the Works of Julio Cortázar, Sergio Chejfec, and Samanta Schweblin. Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2022.
- Lee, Hyanghee. La materialidad del cuerpo feminino en las narrativas latinoamericanas: reconstrucción de género, identidad y subjetividad. Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2022.
- Lujan, Julia. *Living at the intersections: Exploration of Race, Culture, and Gender in the Cultural Production of Three US Afro-Latino* Authors. Doctoral Dissertation in Comparative Literature. University of South Carolina. 2021.
- Losada, Gloria. *Narrar lo inenarrable: trauma, memoria y dictadura en América Latina*. Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2017.
- Corley, Andrew. *The Underside of Power: Reading the "Fantastic" in the Works of José Donoso*. Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2017.

#### Reader.

- Alexander, Thomas. *Narrating Rubber*. Doctoral Dissertation in Comparative Literature. University of South Carolina. Expected completion date: 2025.
- Arroyave, Andrés. *Detective Fiction in Latin America*. Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. Expected completion date: 2024.
- Chandler, Victoria. *Utopia and 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Literature*. Doctoral Dissertation in English. University of South Carolina. 2021.
- Culp, Fritz. *Andean Indigenous Epistemologies in Peruvian Literature*. Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2022.
- Coly, Guillaume. *Between Two Worlds: The Cinema of Alain Gomis*. Doctoral Dissertation in Comparative Literature. University of South Carolina. 2020.
- García Egea, Benjamín. *Estrategias feministas y el avance de la mujer en el siglo XIX: prensa y librepensamiento*. Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2018.

- Orozco, Stephanie. (Re)thinking the Past through Performance and the Reconstruction of Childhood in Postdictatorship Argentina (2003-2015). Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2018.
- Larrea, Edgar. *Indigenismo in Peruvian Literature*. Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. Expected completion date: 2017.
- Chen, Jinmei. *El lugar de la memoria: re-lectura del exilio español de 1939*. Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2017.
- Hancock, David. Neoliberal Masculinity Killed: The Collective Imagination and (Non)Theoretical Knowledge in the Crime Novels of Rubem Fonseca. Doctoral Dissertation in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2016.
- Slobodian, Jennifer. *Metafiction in Mourning: The Intersections of Gender Performance and Postdictatorial Memory in Novels by Luisa Valenzuela, Clarice Lispector, and Diamela Eltit.* Doctoral Dissertation in Comparative Literature. University of South Carolina. 2015.

### M.A. THESES

### Director.

- Mendez, Maria-Josee. *Archival Resistance: A Comparative Reading of Ulysses and One Hundred Years of Solitude*. M.A. Thesis in Comparative Literature. Comparative Literature Program. University of South Carolina. 2017.
- Luján, Julia. Argentina in the African Diaspora: Afro-Argentine and African American Cultural Production, Race, and Nation Building in the 19th Century. M.A. Thesis in Comparative Literature. Comparative Literature Program. University of South Carolina. 2012.
- Antley, Marcus (Trey). *Playing Gender in the Dramatic Works of Griselda Gambaro*. M.A. Thesis in Spanish. Spanish Program. University of South Carolina. 2011.

### Reader.

- Lancheros Villa, Catalina. *Representaciones de la violencia en el cuerpo femenino*. M.A. Thesis in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2023.
- Culp, Fritz. *Memorias impensables: La violencia, la censura y las verdades de Lurgio Gavilán en Memorias de un soldado desconocido*. M.A. Thesis in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2013.
- Diouf, Carol E. Fruit. *Piglia and Russia: Russian Influences in Ricardo Piglia's Nombre falso*. M.A. Thesis in Comparative Literature. Comparative Literature Program. University of South Carolina. 2017.
- Rivero, Paula. El rol de la cultura visual en el desarollo de una nueva espacialidad en la literatura argentina. M.A. Thesis in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2013.
- Waites, Whitney. *Recuperando la memoria de la guerra civil española en* La luna lunera *y* La higuera. M.A. Thesis in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2013.
- Fletcher-Resendiz, Angelina. *Rompiendo fronteras: representaciones innovadoras de la mujer en el cine chicano de Robert Rodríguez*. M.A. Thesis in Spanish. University of South Carolina. 2011.

### **B.A. HONORS THESES**

Director.

Wilson, Hanne. *The Impact of Brazilian Musicians on Social Movements in Brazil*. South Carolina Honors College. 2024.

Cattanach, Graham. *A Framework for Fair Lithium in South America*. South Carolina Honors College. 2023.

Jimenez, María Paulina. *Reinventing Mexicaness: The Spread of Narcocultura through Narcocorridos*. South Carolina Honors College. 2013

### GRADUATE EXAM COMMITTEES

Andrés López. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2024-2025.

Thomas Alexander. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Comparative Literature. 2022-2023.

Carter Vaughn. PhD Qualifying Exam in Spanish. 2022-2023.

Megan Cobb. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2021-2022.

Perla Richerson. MA Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2020-2021.

Francisco David Mesa. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2018-2019.

Jeff Vesel. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Comparative Literature. 2018-2019.

David Beek. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Comparative Literature. 2018-2019.

Maria-Josee Mendez. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Comparative Literature. 2018-2019.

Francisco David Mesa. PhD Qualifying Exam in Spanish. 2017-2018.

Guillaume Coly. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Comparative Literature. 2017-2018.

Coleen Scutt. MA Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2017-2018.

Fritz Culp. MA Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2017-2018.

Andrés Arroyave. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2016-2017.

Hyanghee Lee. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2016-2017.

Tamara Morgan. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2016-2017.

Maria-Josee Mendez. MA Comprehensive Exam in Comparative Literature. 2016-2017.

Samantha White. MA Comprehensive Exam in Comparative Literature. 2016-2017.

Benjamín Egea García. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2015-2016

Ryan Beber, M.A. Comprehensive Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2015-2016.

Hyanghee Lee. PhD Qualifying Exam in Spanish. 2015-2016

Tamara Morgan. PhD Qualifying Exam in Spanish. 2015-2016.

Elizabeth Ben Yahia. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2014-2015.

Julia Luján. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Comparative Literature. 2013-2014.

David Hancock,. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2013-2014.

Andrew Corley. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2013-2014.

Elizabeth Ben Yahia. M.A. Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2012-2013.

Edgar Larrea. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2012-2013.

Gloria Losada. PhD Comprehensive Exam in Spanish. 2012-2013.

### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

PEER REVIEW OF RESEARCH

## Book Manuscripts:

Peer Referee. SUNY Press. 2023.

Peer Referee. SUNY Press. 2021.

Peer Referee. University of Florida Press. 2021.

#### Journal Articles:

Peer Referee. Journal of Lusophone Studies. 2024.

Peer Referee. Hispania. 2023.

Peer Referee. Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies. 2023.

Peer Referee. Arizona Journal of Hispanic Cultural Studies. 2015.

## SERVICE AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- Chair. Session entitled: Contemporary Perspectives on Brazilian and Portuguese Cinema."

  American Portuguese Studies Association (APSA) 2024 Conference. October 3-6, 2024.

  Brown University. Providence, RI.
- *Chair.* Session entitled: "Environmental Cultural Studies in/from Latin America and Spain." Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE) 2023 Conference. July 9-12, 2023.
- *Chair.* Session entitled "Critical Reflections on Space and Place in Recent Cultural Production in Brazil." *Brazilian Studies Association* (BRASA) 2022 Conference. March 9-12, 2022.
- Chair. Session entitled "Cultural Productions of Resistance in the Portuguese-Speaking World." Panel at 2020 Modern Language Association Annual Conference. Seattle, WA. 2020.
- Chair. Session entitled "Engaging Cinematic Turns in Brazil." Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2019 Conference. Boston, MA. 2019.
- Discussant. Session entitled "Disaggregated human capital in the Americas: tales of (neo)liberal incommunication." Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2019 Conference. Boston, MA. 2019.
- Chair. Session entitled "Race, Space, and Identity in Film, Literature, and Social Media." American Portuguese Studies Association Conference. Ann Arbor, MI. 2018.
- Chair: Session entitled "Exclusion, Consumption, and Resistance: Subjectivation and Global Power Networks in Latin American Culture." Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2018 Conference. Barcelona, Spain. 2018.
- *Chair*. Session entitled "New Cartographies of the Lusophone World." 2017 Mid-American Conference on Hispanic Literatures. St. Louis, MO. 2017.
- Chair. Session entitled "Critical Theory and Latin(o) America: precariedades, exclusões, and emergent practices." *Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2015 Conference*. San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2015.
- Chair. Session entitled "Critical Spatial Theory in Luso-Brazilian Cultural Production." *Brazilian Studies Association Conference (BRASA XI)*. 2012.
- Discussant. Session entitled "Reconfiguring representations of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Visual Culture." Brazilian Studies Association Conference (BRASA XI). 2012.
- Chair. Session entitled "Play' in Luso-Brazilian Cultural Production" 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Midwest Modern Languages Association (M/MLA) Conference. St. Louis, MO. 2011.

- Secretary. Session entitled "TERROR, TRAUMA, VIOLENCE: The Representation of Power and Conflict in Luso-Brazilian Cultural Production." 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Midwest Modern Language Association (M/MLA) Conference. Chicago, IL, 2010.
- Chair. Session entitled "Rethinking Political Subjectivities and Ideological Constructs in Cultural Discourse." *Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2010 Conference*. Toronto, Ontario CA, 2010.

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Fulbright Evaluation Committee Country and Language Expert. University of South Carolina. Fall 2021.
- Faculty Senator. University of South Carolina. 2019-2020.
- ASPIRE –I Evaluation Committee. University of South Carolina. Spring 2017.
- ASPIRE –I Evaluation Committee. University of South Carolina. Spring 2013.
- Fulbright Evaluation Committee Country and Language Expert. University of South Carolina. Fall 2010.

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Director of the Portuguese Program. Portuguese Program. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2010-18; 2022-present.
- *Tenure and Promotion Committee*. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2022-2024.
- Director of the Spanish Program. Spanish Program. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2019-2022.
- Search Committee (Chair) for Assistant Professor of Spanish Peninsular Literature and Culture. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. 2021-2022.
- *BA Consolidation Committee*. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2019-2020.
- *MA Consolidation Committee*. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2019-2020.
- *Graduate Advisory Committee.* Spanish Program. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2010-Present.
- Committee of the Whole. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2018-Present.
- Advisory Committee to Comparative Literature Director. Comparative Literature Program.

  Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2017-Present.
- Advisor to Spanish Majors. Spanish Program. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2010-Present.
- Advisor to Portuguese Minors. Portuguese Program. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2010-2018.
- Organizing Committee for 1968 in Global Perspectives Conference. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. 2017-2018.

- *Post Tenure Review Committee*. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2018.
- Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Spanish Peninsular Literature and Culture. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. 2017-2018.
- Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Mexican Literature and Culture. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. 2016-2017.
- Search Committee (Chair) for Instructor of Portuguese Position. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2016.
- Spanish Graduate Admissions Committee. Spanish Program. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2015-2016.
- Search Committee for Instructor of Spanish and Portuguese. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2015.
- Spanish Major Curriculum Committee. Spanish Program. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2010-2013, 2016-2017.
- Steering Committee for 2012 USC Comparative Literature Conference. Spanish and Comparative Literature Programs. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2011-2012.
- Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Mexican Literature. Spanish Program. University of South Carolina. 2011-2012.
- Search Committee (Chair) for Instructor of Portuguese and Spanish. Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. University of South Carolina. 2011.
- Founder and Coordinator. Bate Papo Portuguese Conversation Group. Portuguese Program. University of South Carolina. 2010-2018.

### **CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS**

Brazilian Studies Association American Portuguese Studies Association Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment