

## Robert F. Alegre

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### **Departmental Address**

Department of History  
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### **Employment**

Assistant Professor, Latin American History, University of New England, August 2008 – present  
*Gender in Latin American History, Latin American History Through Film, Rebellion and Revolution in Twentieth-Century Latin America, U.S.-Latin American Exchange*

Assistant Professor of Modern Latin American History, Bloomfield College, May 2007- Nov. 2007  
*Latino History, History of Modern Latin America, Global History*

Part-Time Lecturer, Stevens Institute of Technology  
*Modernization and Its Sources* (Four Sections), Fall 2004 and Fall 2005  
*Urban Social Movements in Latin America*, Spring 2005

Part-Time Lecturer, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey—Newark  
*Colonial Latin America*, Fall 2004  
*Rebellion and Revolution in Twentieth-Century Latin America*, (Two Sections) Spring 2003 and Spring 2006  
Part-Time Lecturer, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey--New Brunswick  
*Colonial Latin America*, Summer 2002

### **Education**

Ph.D., Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, October 2007  
Concentrations: Latin America (Advisor: Mark Wasserman),  
Social and Poststructural Theory (Committee: Joan W. Scott, James Livingston)

Dissertation Title: “Contesting the ‘Mexican Miracle’: Railway Men and Women Struggle for Democracy, 1943-1959”  
Committee: Mark Wasserman (Chair), Temma Kaplan, Joan W. Scott, Nancy Hewitt  
William H. Beezley (Outside Reader)

Fields of Specialization: 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Latin America; Mexican History; Gender History; Labor History

M.A., Latin American Studies University of Arizona, 1999  
Concentrations: History and Political Science

Thesis: “Taking Control: Mexican Railway Workers and the Strikes of 1958-1959”  
Committee: William H. Beezley (Chair), Donna Guy, Kevin Gosner, Joel Stillerman

B.A., The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, May 1997  
Major: History (Honors)

### **Honors and Awards**

- Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Abroad Award, Department of State, 2003 – 2004
- Fulbright IIE, Department of Education, 2003 – 2004 (*declined in favor of Fulbright Hays*)
- Hewlett Fellow, Oaxaca Institute on Mexican History, Summer 2001
- Mariuchi Research Grant, Rutgers University, Summer 2001
- Rutgers University Excellence Fellowship, Department of History, Rutgers University, 2000 - 2001, 2004 – 2005
- Tinker Foundation grant for summer research, Latin American Area Center, University of Arizona, 1999
- Graduate College Minority Final Project Grant for thesis research (merit-based), University of Arizona, 1999
- Graduate College Minority Fellowship (merit-based), University of Arizona, 1997-1998
- State of New Jersey Commission on Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, 1997

### **Works in Progress**

Book Manuscript: *The Great Railway Rebellion: Gender, Class and Politics in Cold War Mexico*

Article: “Las Rieleras: Mexican Railway Patriarchy and the Strikes of 1958-1959”, under review, *Journal of Women’s History*

### **Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries**

“The California Cotton Strike of 1933,” “Dolores Huerta”, in *Encyclopedia of Latino History*, Danilo Figueroa, ed., (Facts on File, forthcoming)

Review, Jonathon Eastwood, *The Rise of Nationalism in Venezuela*, H-Nationalism, forthcoming

### **Academic Presentations**

“Divide and Rule: Mexican Railway Executives Exploit Divisions Among the Rank and File of the Nation’s Strongest Union,” *North American Labor History Conference*, Detroit, Michigan, October 2008

“Teaching About Cold War Latin America in the Age of Terror,” *Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies*, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 2008

“Feminine Interventions: Writing Women into the History of the Mexican Railway Industry,” *American Historical Association*, Philadelphia, Jan. 2006

“La Reilera: The Absent-Presence of Women in Mexican Railway History,” *International Conference on Women and Gender in Mexican History*  
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah September, 2005

“The Tragedy of Work: Mexican Railway Workers’ Narratives as Alternative Histories”, *Susman Graduate Conference*  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 2003

“Constructing Masculinity: Railway Workers’ Culture and the Strikes of 1958-1959 in Mexico,” *Academia San Letran*  
Oaxaca Institute on Mexican History, Oaxaca, Mexico, 2001

Commentator, panel on “Public Health in Latin America”, Susman Graduate Conference  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 2001

“Macho Men: Railway Workers and the Strikes of 1958-1959 in Mexico” *Middle Atlantic Conference on Latin American Studies*  
American University, Washington, D.C., 2001

“Dissident Unionism and the Mexican Railway Strikes of 1958-1959,” *Brown Bag Series*  
Latin American Area Center, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, Dec. 1999

“Taking Control: Mexican Railway Workers and the Strikes of 1958-1959,” *Tinker Series Presentation*  
Latin American Area Center, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, Nov. 1999

### **Professional Associations**

American Historical Association  
Latin American Studies Association

### **Languages**

Spanish (native), Portuguese (reading)