

DANIELA SAMUR

215 S. Central Campus Dr., CTIHB Room 310, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84112
daniela.samur@utah.edu

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024 Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Utah

EDUCATION

2024 Ph.D., History, Cornell University
2020 M.A., History, Cornell University
2019 M.A., Literary Studies, Universidad Nacional de Colombia
2013 B.A., History, Universidad de los Andes, *magna cum laude*
2012 B.A., Political Science, Universidad de los Andes, *cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

2026 “CLAH’s Centennial: Reckoning with the Past and Envisioning the Future” with Ricardo Álvarez Pimentel, Rachel Chery, and Stephanie Huezo, *The Americas* [forthcoming]

2026 “Enlarging Bogotá: The Production of Urban Space.” *Journal of Urban History* 52, no. 2 (2026): 322-346. Special Section: Capital Cities of Latin America: New Approaches and Scales <https://doi.org/10.1177/00961442261421092>

2024 “Bogotá’s Librería Colombiana: Between Rural *Haciendas* and a Global World of Books, 1880s-1900s.” *Journal of Urban History* 50, no. 3 (2024): 496-510. Special section Global Urban History Project <https://doi.org/10.1177/00961442231209270>

2024 Review of Griffin, Alba. *Reading the Walls of Bogotá: Graffiti, Street Art, and the Urban Imaginary of Violence*. Pittsburgh, PA.: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2023. 196 pp. *A Contracorriente: una revista de estudios latinoamericanos* 22, no. 1 (Fall 2024): 352-356

2023 [Review essay] “The Politics of Printing and Knowledge Production in Latin America and the Caribbean.” *Itinerario* 47, no. 2 (2023): 278-87. doi:10.1017/S0165115323000037

2021 Review of Arbaiza, Diana, *The Spirit of Hispanism: Commerce, Culture, and Identity across the Atlantic, 1875-1936*. H-Atlantic, H-Net Reviews. December, 2021. URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=56934>

2016 Biblioteca Luis Ángel Arango. *De toda la gente: 25 años de la Asamblea Nacional Constituyente: exposición itinerante* with Ana María Ruiz, Laura Huérfano, and Juan Ignacio Arboleda. Bogotá: Banco de la República, 2016

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025 Michael Katz Award for Best Dissertation in Urban History, Urban History Association (UHA)

- 2024 Messenger Chalmers Graduate Prize for Best Dissertation, Department of History, Cornell University
- 2021 Deanne Gebell Gitner '66 and Family Annual Prize for Teaching Assistants, Cornell University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 Faculty Book Manuscript Review Program, College of Humanities, University of Utah
- 2024 Faculty Research Travel Award, Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), University of Utah
- 2021-2022 Emerging Scholar, Global Urban History Project (GUHP) Mentorship Program
- 2020 Timothy Murray Travel Grant, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University
- 2020 Research Travel Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University
- 2020 Michele Sicca Research Grant, Institute for European Studies, Cornell University
- 2020 Summer Research Grant, Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University
- 2020 Bibliographical Society of America-Pine Tree Foundation Fellowship in Hispanic Bibliography, Bibliographical Society of America
- 2018, 2019 International Research Travel Grant, Einaudi Center, Cornell University
- 2018-2019 Latin American Studies Program Graduate Fellow, Cornell University

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- April 2026 "Binding the State: Colombia's Geographical Hierarchies," in *Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies* (RMCLAS), Puebla, MX
- March 2026 "Binding the State: Fantasies of Control and Order in Bogotá, 1870s-1930s," *Cornell University*. Invited talk organized by Department of History and the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program
- Jan. 2026 "Books, Space, Power: Bogotá, 1880s-1920s" and presentation in the roundtable "Centennial Panel: CLAH's Institutional Future" in *American Historical Association* (AHA), 139th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- Oct. 2025 "An Infected Place: Negotiating Urban Renovations in Bogotá" and "Binding the State: Prints and the Centering of Bogotá" in *Urban History Association* (UHA), Los Angeles, CA
- Jan. 2025 "Books: 'Noble' Weapons for Spain's 'Reconquest' of the Atlantic and Pacific Worlds" in *American Historical Association* (AHA), 138th Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- June 2024 "Binding the State: Material and Geographical Hierarchies," in *Latin American Studies Association* (LASA), 42nd International Congress, Bogotá, Colombia

Jan. 2024	“Mobile Capital: Producing and Consuming Urban Space,” and “Andean Geographical Hierarchies” in Andean Studies Section Roundtable, both at <i>American Historical Association (AHA)</i> , 137 th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
Oct. 2023	“Beautifying Bogotá: Producing and Consuming Urban Space,” in <i>Urban History Association (UHA)</i> , 10 th Biennial Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
Jan. 2023	“Plenty Penmanship’: The Politics of Reading and Writing in late Nineteenth-century Bogotá,” in <i>American Historical Association (AHA)</i> , 136 th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Nov. 2022	“Enthroning Bogotá: Real and Imagined Geographies of the 1890s,” in <i>Southern Historical Association (SHA)</i> , 88 th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
Oct. 2022	Roundtable “Fuentes y metodologías para la historia del libro, de las bibliotecas y de la lectura en Colombia,” ICANH (Instituto Colombiano de Antropología e Historia) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNubQOU7j0M [virtual]
April 2022	“Un “gran surtido”: las conexiones y jerarquías geográficas del mundo del libro bogotano y del estado colombiano” in <i>XX Congreso Colombiano de Historia</i> , Cartagena, Colombia
April 2021	“Libros y librerías en el “hermoseamiento” de Bogotá: la experiencia urbana a finales del siglo XIX” in <i>Coloquio Internacional, El Comercio de Librería en América Latina, inicios, expansiones, conexiones (siglos XVIII-XX)</i> , Instituto Caro y Cuervo, Bogotá, Colombia [virtual]
Feb. 2021	“Books, Urbanity and Propriety: Bogotá in the late Nineteenth century” in <i>Latin American Studies Program (LASP) Research Symposium</i> , Cornell University
Feb. 2020	“The Power of Books: Printing and Political Practice in Colombia in the late Nineteenth Century” in <i>Latin American Studies Program (LASP) Research Symposium</i> , Cornell University
Feb. 2019	“Books alongside Busts: Crafting Bookstores in Bogotá in the late Nineteenth Century” in <i>Latin American Studies Program (LASP) Research Symposium</i> , Cornell University
July 2016	“Orality in the Library: Helping to Create a Social Dialogue through Memory” with Juan Ignacio Arboleda, <i>3rd International Public History Conference</i> , Bogotá, Colombia

TEACHING

2026, Fall	“Latin America to the 1820s” and “Senior Seminar-Commodities,” University of Utah
2026, Spring	“Latin America from the 1820s” and “Senior Seminar-Commodities,” University of Utah
2025, Fall	“Latin America to the 1820s” and “Historical Methods,” University of Utah
2025, Spring	“Fútbol in Latin America” and “Senior Seminar-Commodities,” University of Utah
2024, Fall	“Urban Latin America,” University of Utah
2024, Spring	“Football, Beer, and Reggaeton: Culture and Politics in Latin America,” Cornell University
2023, Spring	“Reading and Writing (in) the American Cities,” Cornell University

SERVICE

2026	Award Committee, Michael Katz Award for Best Dissertation in Urban History, Urban History Association
2025	Award Committee, Best Book in Urban History Award (excl. the U.S., Canada, and Europe), Urban History Association
2024-2026	General Committee, Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
2024-2026	Faculty Awards Committee, College of Humanities, University of Utah
2024-2025	Faculty Mentor, Humanities Scholars, College of Humanities, University of Utah
2024-2025	Global Latin America Search Committee, Department of History, University of Utah
2024-2025	Undergraduate Committee, Department of History, University of Utah
2024-2026	Advisory Committee, Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), University of Utah
2022-2024	Chair and Secretary/Treasurer Graduate History Association Committee, Cornell University
2019-2021	Steering Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, Cornell University
2018-9 and 2022-2024	Graduate History Association Colloquium Committee, Cornell University

PEER REVIEW

2026	<i>Latin American Research Review</i>
2025	<i>Cambridge Elements, Revista Memorias</i>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016–2017	Editorial Assistant for Cultural Publications, Banco de la República [Colombia's Central Bank]
2013–2016	Research Librarian and Assistant to the Director, Biblioteca Luis Ángel Arango, Banco de la República

EXHIBITIONS

2016	<i>Lugares de cultura</i> , Cultural Center in San Andrés, Banco de la República. In collaboration with Juan Ignacio Arboleda
2016	<i>De toda la gente. 25 años de la Asamblea Nacional Constituyente</i> , Biblioteca Luis Ángel Arango, Banco de la República. In collaboration with Juan Ignacio Arboleda, Ana Ruiz and Laura Huérfino

SYMPOSIUM, CONFERENCE, AND EVENTS ORGANIZING

2026	Co-organizing with Santiago Muñoz, Panel – Spatial Histories of the Andes, <i>Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies</i> (RMCLAS), Puebla, MX
------	--

- 2025 Co-organizing with Denisa Jashari, Panel – “State/Space in Latin America,” *Urban History Association Conference*, (UHA), Los Angeles, CA
- 2025 Co-organizing with Santiago Muñoz, Panel – “Powerful Objects: Colonial and Postcolonial Politics in and from the Global South,” *American Historical Association (AHA)*, 138th Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- 2023 Co-organizing with Aimée Plukker, Panel – “Consuming the City: Urban Commodification and the Right to the City in Europe and Latin America,” *Urban History Association Conference*, Reparations and the Right to the City, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2022 Co-organizing with Juan David Murillo Sandoval, Panel – “Lugares del saber, espacios del poder: imprentas y librerías en Colombia,” *XX Congreso Colombiano de Historia* Cartagena, Colombia
- 2014 “Blogging, Now and Then (250 years ago)” by Robert Darnton, Biblioteca Luis Ángel Arango, Bogotá, Colombia

OTHER WRITINGS

- 2016 “El fuera de lugar de Maturana,” *Revista Hablaelbalón*, 1, 2016 (13-5).

PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS

- 2025 Moderator, Panel about film *Tan cerca de las nubes* with director Manuel Cañibe, FILMéxico, 14th annual Film Festival, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2023 “Plenty penmanship?: The Politics of Paper in late Nineteenth-century Bogotá.” Public Works – The Downstairs, Ithaca, NY. Abstract available at: https://publicworks.info/past_events.html#danielasamur

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native speaker
 English: Full professional proficiency
 Portuguese: Intermediate professional proficiency
 French: Reading proficiency

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association (AHA)
 Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
 Urban History Association (UHA)
 Global Urban History Project (GUHP)
 Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies (RMCLAS)
 New England Council of Latin America Studies (NECLAS)