

Katie L. Coldiron

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Education

2022-present: Florida International University, Doctor of Philosophy in History

2019-2021: The University of Texas at Austin, Master of Science in Information Studies, Museum Studies Portfolio

2016-2018: University of Florida, Master of Arts in Latin American Studies, Development Focus

2012-2016: Centre College (Danville, KY), Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology/Sociology, Minor in Religion

Languages

English (native), Spanish (full fluency), Portuguese (working proficiency), Haitian Creole (limited proficiency)

Professional Experience

2023-present: Outreach Program Manager for Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) at Florida International University Libraries

- Provides leadership in outreach and engagement with Digital Library of the Caribbean collections, programming, and scholarly use of collection materials through collaboration with Caribbean partners and Caribbean diaspora communities. Develops partnerships with universities and cultural heritage institutions in the Caribbean in order to promote collaboration between scholars. The Outreach Program Manager also engage grassroots groups in the region to support efforts aimed at preserving local culture and traditions related to the diaspora of the Caribbean.

2021-2023: Digital Archivist & Project Manager at the Wolfsonian Public Humanities Lab (WPHL) of Florida International University

- Oversees the technological and archiving aspects of WPHL's newest initiative, "Community Data Curation: Preserving, Creating & Narrating Everyday Stories," a multi-year grant funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grant

includes partnerships with eight cultural heritage and/or community organizations in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties: Historic Hampton House, Broward County Libraries-African American Research Library and Cultural Center, Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center, Stonewall National Museum & Archives, World AIDS Museum, Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, Museum of Graffiti, and Florida International University-Jewish Museum of Florida. Acts as a liaison between project partner organizations in Miami and project leads. Consults partner organizations on sustainable digital library solutions and oral history preservation. Works in conjunction with personnel at the FIU Libraries Digital Collections Center to provide support to organizations regarding metadata creation, copyright clearance, and quality control. Also serves as WPHL technical liaison to the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC).

January-May 2021: Capstone student at Texas After Violence Project (TAVP)

- The Texas After Violence Project is a community-based archive and documentary project based in Austin, TX, cultivating deeper understandings of the impacts of state-sanctioned violence on individuals, families, and communities. Their mission is to conduct responsible, inclusive, and ethical research, and to build an archive of stories and other materials that shift narrative power to marginalized and oppressed communities and promote restorative and transformative justice. I completed a capstone project consisting of translating the Dublin Core metadata of the TAVP public archive from English to Spanish.

2019-2020: Graduate Research Assistant for Global Studies Digital Projects at the University of Texas Libraries

- Worked with area studies librarians on their respective digital projects. Projects included MARC to MODS metadata transformation for South Asian Pulp Fiction covers with eventual XML splits, MARC to MODS metadata transformation for U.S. Army map collection, and a multi-faceted, curated digital project on the Arab Diaspora in Latin America.

2018-2019: Scanning Specialist for Special Projects: Cuba at the University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries (based in Havana, Cuba)

- Completed a month-long training in use of scanning equipment at the University of Florida. Worked as the day-to-day representative for the University of Florida at Cuban cultural institutions, including the Temple Beth Shalom Synagogue library and the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí. Scanned documents and books from a prioritized list of rare

and important Jewish and Cuban historical materials. Also assisted with transportation and translation for visiting UF library personnel.

January-May 2018: Cataloging assistant at the University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries

- Processed and transformed metadata into MARC schema of records from the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí. This work was part of the project "Collaboration Across Borders: Opening Access to Holdings of the National Library of Cuba."

2017: Graduate Assistant for Graduate Assistants United at the University of Florida

- Assisted in day-to-day issues for the union, helped in organizing events, was a member of grievance and communications committees. Was very active in Communications Committee, maintaining social media platforms and making promotional materials for events.

September-December 2016: Reference Assistant at Latin American and Caribbean Collection of the University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries

- Worked at front desk, reviewed sources for outside scholars in both Spanish and English, translated in both conversation and writing from Spanish to English, and made a research guide for the library's Haitian collections. Also assisted in the creation of a research guide for the library's Cuban collections.

August-December 2015: Social Justice Intern at Centro Latino (Danville, KY)

- Assisted Central American migrants with bureaucratic issues, aided in the organization of a community cultural heritage festival, created promotional materials in both Spanish and English, and translated from Spanish-English and English-Spanish in conversation.

January-May 2015: Intern at the Gran Museo del Mundo Maya (Mérida, Mexico)

- Aided a resident anthropologist with research and completed translations of photo captions from Spanish to English for exhibits.

University and Community Service

Cambridge University Press' "New Books Network" podcast host, 2023-present

Center for Research Libraries-Latin American Research Resources Project (LARRP) secretary (2023-present)

Volunteer at book presentation for *Cuban Privilege: The Making of Immigrant Inequality in America* by Dr. Susan Eckstein, sponsored by Florida International University Cuban Research Institute, December 9, 2022

Alumni Spotlight participant in *The Latinamericanist*, Spring 2022 issue, University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies.

https://issuu.com/uf_latam/docs/latinamericanist_spring_2022/s/15881907

Alumni panel participant, Anthropology & Sociology senior seminar at Centre College, November 22, 2021

Alumni panel participant, Society of American Archivists-UT Austin student chapter, November 16, 2021

Backup listserv manager for Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) (2021-present)

Volunteer Indexer for Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI) (2020)

Graduate Student Representative on University of Texas Libraries Committee (2020-2021)

Volunteer at 2019 Texas State Book Fair

Master's Studies Committee Member for the Student Association of the School of Information at UT Austin (2019-2020)

Volunteer at University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies annual conferences (2017 and 2018)

Courier to Cuba for University of Florida's George A. Smathers Libraries (December 2017)

Volunteer for Prospective Student Orientation at the University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies (2017)

Affiliations

Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM)-Digital Scholarship, Cuban Bibliography (Head), Audiovisual Media, and Marginalized Peoples and Ideas committees
Society of Florida Archivists
South Florida Archives Collective
Alpha Phi Omega international service fraternity
Society of American Archivists-UT Austin student chapter
Sunshine State Digital Network (SSDN) Metadata Working Group
Affiliate of FIU Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center and the FIU Cuban Research Institute

Digital Resources (LibGuides, ArcGIS StoryMaps, Blogs, etc.)

Coldiron, Katie and Diana Ter-Ghazaryan. "Teaching with ArcGIS StoryMaps." 2022: Florida International University Libraries: Miami.

<https://library.fiu.edu/teachingwitharcgisstorymaps>

Coldiron, Katie. "Journey into the Archive: History from the Benson Latin American Collection: The McFarland Cuban Plantation Records." 2021: Not Even Past: The University of Texas at Austin Department of History.

<https://notevenpast.org/the-mcfarland-cuban-plantation-records/>

Coldiron, Katie L. "Digital Resources from the Arab Latin American Diaspora" 2020: Tex Libris: Office of the Director of the University of Texas Libraries.

<https://texlibris.lib.utexas.edu/2020/07/30/read-hot-and-digitized-digital-resources-from-the-arab-latinamerican-diaspora/>

Coldiron, Katie L. "Arabs in Latin America: Resources at UT Libraries." 2020: University of Texas Libraries Diversity Action Committee blog: Austin.

<https://sites.utexas.edu/utldiversityactioncommittee/2020/05/11/arabs-in-latin-america-resources-at-utlibraries/>

Coldiron, Katie L. "Arabs in Latin America." 2020: University of Texas Libraries: Austin.

<https://guides.lib.utexas.edu/ArabsinLatAm>

Coldiron, Katie L. and Wondy Joseph. "Haitian Collections at the University of Florida." 2016: University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries: Gainesville.

<https://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00009419/00001>

Journal Articles

Coldiron, Katie L. and Julio Capó, Jr. "Making Miami's History and Present More Accessible." *The International Journal of Information, Diversity, and Inclusion* 6, no. 4 (2022): 84-98. <https://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/ijidi/article/view/38943/30658>

Coldiron, Katie L. "Tesoros Tejanos: How Spanish and Mexican Objects Tell the Story of Texas at the Bob Bullock Museum of Texas State History." *Américas: The John Hopkins University Journal of Latin American Studies* 9 (2020): 48-68. https://issuu.com/americanasjhu/docs/americanas_volumeix

Book Reviews

Coldiron, Katie. Review of *Patriots and Traitors in Revolutionary Cuba, 1961-1981* by Lillian Guerra. *The Latin Americanist* (forthcoming).

Coldiron, Katie. Review of *Cuban memory wars: retrospective politics in revolution and exile* by Michael J. Bustamante. *Cold War History*. 2022. DOI: [10.1080/14682745.2022.2087945](https://doi.org/10.1080/14682745.2022.2087945)

Other Media

Coldiron, Katie (interviewee). "Academia & Miami's Cuban Exile Community." Oscar Fernández (host). *Latino Media Collective*. Podcast audio. February 10, 2023. <https://latinomediacollecive.com/2023/02/10/february-10th-2023-academia-miamis-cuban-exile-community/>

Coldiron, Katie L. "Book Talk on Cuban Immigration Gets Heated in Miami." *North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA)*. January 16, 2023. <https://nacla.org/book-talk-cuban-immigration-gets-heated-miami>

Presentations

"Un nido de espías: A History of Studying Cuba and the Diaspora at Miami's Public Research University, 1989-2006." To be presented at the 2023 conference of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies in Antigua, Guatemala, March 2023.

"A Year of Community Data Curation: Accomplishments and Challenges." Presented at South Florida Archives Collective's 2022 Archives Day, October 5, 2022.

"Miami Studies: Documenting Latin American and Caribbean Diasporas in South Florida." Presented at the 2022 Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials' Virtual Conference.

"Community Data Curation: Oral Histories, Post-Custodial Archiving, and Bridging University and Community in South Florida." Co-presented with Jamie Rogers virtually at South Florida Archives Collective's 2021 Archives Day, October 2021. Also presented individually at the Florida Digital Humanities Consortium's 2022 Conference at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida.

"Tesoros Tejanos: How Spanish and Mexican Objects Tell the Story of Texas at the Bob Bullock Museum of Texas State History." Presented at the 2020 conference of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies in Austin, Texas, March 2020.

"The Impact of the Internet on Non-State Cuban Tourism." Presented at the LASA 2018 Congress in Barcelona, Spain, May 2018.

"Increasing Internet Use and Accessibility in Cuba." Presented at 11th CRI Conference on Cuban and Cuban American Studies at Florida International University, February 2017 and Southwest Council of Latin American Studies Congress in Campeche, Mexico, March 2017.

Professional Development: Activities and Certifications

Participant in National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)-Arts and Humanities Research Council-UK (AHRC) Spanish Paleography and Digital Humanities Institute, LLILAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections-The University of Texas at Austin (Fall 2022).

Introduction to Web Archiving continuing education course, The University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Information (Fall 2022).

Participant in 2022 Preserving Digital Objects with Restricted Resources (POWRR) Institute, an NEH-funded initiative, at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL.

Awards

Green School Merit Scholarship for Graduate Students, FIU Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs (2022-2023)

Goizueta Foundation Graduate Fellow: Pre-Prospectus, University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection (2023)

FIU Cuban Research Institute Eliana Rivero Scholarship (2023)

Oral History Association Conference Attendance Scholarship (2021)

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Brazilian Portuguese from the UT Austin Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (2020-2021 and Summer 2021)

SALALM Conference Attendance Scholarship (2020)

SALALM Marietta Daniels Shepard Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship (2019-2020 and 2020-2021), The University of Texas at Austin School of Information

Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) Outstanding Collaboration Citation (2019), along with rest of University of Florida team working on project "Collaboration Across Borders: Opening Access to the Holdings of the National Library of Cuba."

<http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2019/02/collaboration-across-borders-receives-alcts-collaboration-award>

University of Florida Conference Travel Grant (2018)

Tinker Foundation Grant for thesis research from the University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies (2017)

University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies Conference Travel Grant (2017)

Dean's List at Centre College (Fall 2015 and Spring 2016)