

FACULTY PROFILE

O'Neill (Nelly) Blacker-Hanson, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Huegli Hall 23219-548-7719 nelly.blacker-hanson@valpo.edu

Biography

Professor Blacker-Hanson joins the Valparaiso faculty in Fall 2007. She is particularly interested in diverse forms of social struggle in Latin America and her teaching areas include Modern and Colonial Latin America; Mexico; Revolutionary Movements in Latin America; Latino/a immigration and community in the U.S

Her doctoral dissertation is an analysis of the political leadership of teachers in one of Mexico's most conflictive regions. Her work links the more frequently depicted popular resistance – revolutionary movements – with other forms of organizing for progressive change. She explores the intersection of long-standing popular opposition with the dynamics of the Cold War and the resulting ideological contradictions between nationalism and socialism. Her research and teaching share a common objective: to encourage civic engagement among students.

She completed additional graduate study at the Instituto Cultural de Oaxaca (Mexico), Hewlett Graduate Field School in Mexican History (Mexico), and the Advanced Oral History Summer Institute, University of California (Berkeley).

Blacker-Hanson has taken students to study in Mexico, and has most recently taught at Bowdoin College in Maine. She looks forward to offering courses on modern Mexico; the Mexican Revolution of 1910; revolutionary movements in Latin America; U.S.-Latin American Relations, and Latin America in the Cold War. She has yet to find any spare time in need of filling, although the mercados of Mexico manage to attract any spare pesos in her pocket.

Education

B.A. - University of Washington/Tacoma Ph.D. - University of Washington

Research Interests

Popular Resistance; Latin America in the Cold War; Revolutionary Movements and Theory

The PDF Footer