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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	University of Utah Assistant Professor of Spanish and Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies Department of World Languages and Cultures	2024 - Present
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literatures University of Michigan Thesis: <i>Theory of the Encounter of Practices: Science, Art and Politics in Latin America</i> Committee: <i>G. Arnall (Chair), L. Ruetsche, K. Jenckes, C. Moreiras-Menor, S. Villalobos-Ruminott</i>	June 2024
	M.A. in Philosophy University of Michigan	May 2020
	Ph.D. in Astronomy and Astrophysics University of Michigan	May 2018
	Sc.B. in Physics and B.A. in Africana Studies Brown University	May 2013
FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS	ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Michigan	2025
	Center for Latin American Studies Faculty Travel Grant, University of Utah	2025
	Department of World Languages and Cultures Travel Award, University of Utah	2024
	Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan (<i>Declined</i>)	2024
	Herbert E. Boynton Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan	2023
	Rackham Graduate School Humanities Research Fellowship, University of Michigan	2022
	Research grant (Lima, Perú), University of Michigan	2022
	Public Engagement and the Humanities Fellowship, Mellon Foundation	2020
	Research grant (Paris, France), University of Michigan	2019
	Scholar-Activist Award, Rackham Graduate School	2018
	Grant for Organizing International Conference, University of Bologna	2018
	Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation	2015
	Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan	2013
	Ida B. Wells Award, Department of Africana Studies at Brown University	2013
	William Easton Louttit Scholarship, Brown University	2010

PUBLICATIONS **REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

13. Stark, A. 2024. *"Brecht's Life of Galileo: Staging a theory of the encounter of practices."* *Galilæana: Studies in Renaissance and Early Modern Science*, XXI (1): 145-165.
12. Stark, A. 2023. *"On Mariátegui's plural spatiotemporal concept of history."* *Consecutio Rerum*, 7 (13): 37-69.

11. Stark, A. 2022. "Science and Struggle: On the Althusserianism of Mauricio Malamud." *Décalages: A Journal of Althusser Studies*, 4(2): 265-296.
10. Stark, A. 2022. "Anomalous Alliances: Spinoza and Abolition." *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, 16(2): 308-330.
9. Stark, A. 2022. "Marx, ciencia de la contingencia." *Res Publica. Revista de Historia de las Ideas Políticas*, 25(1): 31-39. Monográfico sobre Jacques Lezra.
8. Stark, A. 2020. "Containing the Surplus Rebellion: Prison Strike / Prison Riot." *New Global Studies*, 14(2): 193-203.
7. Stark, A. 2019. "The Nerves of the Leviathan: On Metaphor and Hobbes' Theory of Punishment." *Otro Siglo: Revista de Filosofía*, 3(2): 26-42.
6. Stark, A. 2019. "Espectralidades tendenciales: Sobre el Marx de Derrida y la pregunta por la historia." *Demarcaciones: Revista latinoamericana de estudios althusserianos*, 7(1): 182-200.
5. Stark, A., Miller, C. J., Halenka, V. 2019. "Deriving galaxy cluster velocity anisotropy profiles from a joint analysis of dynamical and weak lensing data." *Astrophysical Journal*, 830, 109.
4. Stark, A., Miller, C. J., Huterer, D. 2017. "Cosmology with Galaxy Cluster Phase Spaces." *Phys. Rev. D*, 96, 023543.
3. Stark, A., Miller, C. J., Gifford, D. 2016. "On Escaping a Galaxy Cluster in an Accelerating Universe." *Astrophysical Journal*, 830, 109.
2. Miller, C. J., Stark, A., Gifford, D. 2016. "Inferring Gravitational Potentials From Mass Densities in Cluster-Sized Halos." *Astrophysical Journal*, 822, 41.
1. Stark, A., Miller, C. J., Kern, N., et al. 2016. "Probing Theories of Gravity with Phase Space-Inferred Potentials of Galaxy Clusters." *Phys. Rev. D*, 93, 084036.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Stark, A. 2020. "¿Entre Bergson y Einstein? Mariátegui y la pluralidad espacio-temporal de la historia." *El ejercicio del pensar: Presencia de José Carlos Mariátegui* (Victor Hugo Pacheco Chávez [et al.]); 1st ed, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires: CLACSO, pgs. 70-78.

BOOK REVIEWS

Stark, A. 2022. "Crisis Cultures: A prism to theorize the cultural imprints of finance capital." *Chasqui: Revista de literatura y cultura latinoamericana e indígena*, 51.1.

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

10. "Ciencia y emancipación: Traducción, reutilización, encuentro." Invited lecture. *Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas (IIFs), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)*. (March 2025).
9. "A World Where Many Worlds Fit: The Zapatistas on the Encounter Between Science, Art, and Politics." Invited lecture. *Department of Philosophy, Moravian University*. (February 2024).
8. "Mariátegui y la pluralidad espacio-temporal de la historia." Invited lecture. *Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina*. (Nov 2023).
7. "Althusser's Two Modes of Scientism." Invited Plenary. *Historical Materialism and Haymarket Books*. (Dec 2022).
6. "El marxismo abierto de Mariátegui y las ciencias." Invited Lecture. *Sociedad Peruana de Filosofía*. (May 2022).
5. "José Carlos Mariátegui on Aesthetics, Science, and Internationalist Politics." Invited Plenary. *Red May*. (May 2022).
4. "Between Bergson and Einstein: On Mariátegui's Plural Spatio-Temporal Concept of History." Invited Lecture. *Collège international de philosophie*. (Jan 2022).

3. "Tres hipótesis generales sobre las ciencias frente al muro." Invited Lecture. *L@s Zapatistas y las ConCiencias por la Humanidad* in San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, México. (Dec 2017).
2. "Cosmos sin fronteras: La poética lógica relacional de la cosmología física." Invited Lecture. *L@s Zapatistas y las ConCiencias por la Humanidad* in San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, México. (Dec 2016).
1. "La energía oscura y el fin de la historia." Invited Lecture. *L@s Zapatistas y las ConCiencias por la Humanidad. L@s Zapatistas y las ConCiencias por la Humanidad* in San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, México. (Dec 2016).

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

18. "Beauty and Knowledge: Juana Inés de la Cruz, Feminist Philosopher of Science?" *History of Philosophy Society*. March 2025. Salt Lake City, United States.
17. "The Zapatistas on the Sciences." *History of Science Society*. November 2024. Mérida, México.
16. "Extinction or Plural Temporality?" *Charles F. Fraker Conference*. October 2023. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
15. "'Southern' Plural Temporality? The Case of Mariátegui's Relativismo Histórico." *American Comparative Literature Association*. May 2023. Chicago, United States.
14. "To Believe in This World: The Politics of the Encounter of Practices in Patricio Guzman's Triptych." *Latin American Studies Association*. May 2022. Virtual.
13. "Tendency, not Teleology: Spinoza on Marx's Science of History." *Spinoza After Marx*. May 2021. Virtual.
12. "Science and Struggle." *Reading Althusser Politically*. March 2021. Virtual.
11. "Supplément and Expanded Reproduction: On Derrida's Reading of Marx in the 1975-76 Seminar *Life Death*." *Biopolitics or Deconstruction? Derrida's La vie, la mort and the question of life*. February 2020. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
10. "Between Bergson and Einstein? Mariátegui's Plural Spatio-Temporal Conception of History." *Third International Althusserian Studies Colloquium*. November 2019. Instituto de Filosofia e Ciências Humanas, Campinas, Brasil.
9. "On Spinoza's Abolitionist Ethic." *Third Annual Boston Area Deleuze Reading Group Conference*. October 2019. Boston, United States.
8. "On Mariátegui's Conception of Plural Temporality." *Critical Theory Workshop / Atelier de Théorie Critique*. École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS). July 2019. Paris, France.
7. "After work: After Punishment (Marx and Nietzsche)." *After Work*. University of California-Irvine. March 2019. Irvine, United States.
6. "On the Prisoner Strike-Riot in the United States." *Riot as a Global Political Concept Conference*. Universidad Nacional de San Martín. October 2018. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
5. "Insurgent Critical Thought: On the Zapatista's Conception of Global War." *Global Studies and Critical Theory Summer School*. University of Bologna. July 2017. Bologna, Italy.
4. "Testing Gravity: Chameleon $f(R)$ Gravity and Galaxy Cluster Gravitational Potentials." *National Society of Black Physicists Conference*. March 2015. Baltimore, Maryland, United States.
3. "Probing Gravity in the Non-Linear Regime: Chameleon $f(R)$ gravity and Galaxy Cluster Gravitational Potentials." *Testing Gravity 2015*. January 2015. Vancouver, BC, Canada.
2. "Probing Modified Gravity with Galaxy Cluster Dynamics." *International Center for Theoretical Physics*. August 2014. Trieste, Italy.
1. "Is there an AGN in the Bright, Strongly Lensed, High Redshift Galaxy RCSGA 032727-1326?" *American Astronomical Society, AAS Meeting 221*. January 2013. Long Beach, California, United States.

TRANSLATIONS

2022. Brenna Bhandar and Alberto Toscano, "Raza, bienes raíces y abstracción real." Translated by Alejo Stark. *La abstracción real. Filosofía, estética y capital*. Palinodia: Santiago, Chile.

2022. Mauricio Malamud, "Science and politics." Translated by Alejo Stark. *Décalages: A Journal of Althusser Studies* 4:2, 429-435.

2021. Karen Barad, "Entrelazamientos Cuánticos y Relaciones de Herencia Fantológicas: Dis/continuidades, Pliegues EspacioTemporales, y la Justicia-por-venir." Translated by Alejo Stark. *Demarcaciones: Revista latinoamericana de estudios althusserianos*, N. 9.

2020. Verónica Gago and Raquel Gutiérrez Aguilar, "The Feminist Strike as Threshold." Translated by Alejo Stark. *New Global Studies*, Volume 14, Issue 2, Pages 111–120.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

PUBLIC WRITING (SELECTED)

September 2020. "University of Michigan Graduate Workers Are on Strike." *Jacobin Magazine*. Co-authored with Jasmine Ehrhardt and Amir Fleischmann.

June 2019. "From the factory to the warehouse: A brief history of prison labor in Michigan." *Brooklyn Rail*. Co-authored with Dan Nemser and Duncan Tarr.

October 2018. "Crisis and the Prison Strike." *Commune Magazine*.

September 2018. "Like a Game of Chess: The Prison Strike and Abolitionist Strategy." *Abolition Journal*.

September 2017. "Rebelión de los condenados. La huelga masiva de prisioneros en Estados Unidos y el movimiento abolicionista contemporáneo." *Razón y Revolución, El Aromo* N. 98.

July 2016. "La energía oscura y el fin de la historia." *Razón y Revolución, El Aromo*, N. 91.

INTERVIEWS AND PODCASTS (SELECTED)

May 2023. "Graduate Workers at the University of Michigan Have Been on Strike for Over a Month." *Jacobin Magazine*. With Amir Fleischmann, Caroline Leland, and Yilei Zhang.

May 2023. "Organizing for Police-Free Campuses." *PoliceFreeCampus Podcast*. Interview with Dr. Charles H.F. Davis III (Abolitionist Research Project, University of Michigan).

April 2023. "University of Michigan Tried to Stop a Strike. It Didn't Go How They Planned." *In These Times*. Interview with Maximillian Alvarez.

February 2021. "A un mese da Capitol Hill. Genealogia e prospettive." *Info Aut*.

June 2020. "Survival Pending Abolition." Interview for *Rustbelt Abolition Radio* featuring Amanda Alexander, Kim Wilson, and Ruth Wilson Gilmore.

June 2020. Interview on Abolition and Prisoner Solidarity published in *Pandemic Solidarity: Mutual Aid during the COVID-19 Crisis*. Edited by Marina Sitrin. Pluto Press, 2020, pp. 207–208.

May 2019. "The Death Penalty, Sovereignty and Abolition." Interview of Lisa Guenther for *Rustbelt Abolition Radio*.

April 2019. "Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments." Interview of Saidiya Hartman for *Rustbelt Abolition Radio*.

February 2019. "25 Years After the *Zapatista* Uprising with Alejo Stark." Interview with *Millennials Are Killing Capitalism* podcast.

PUBLIC TALKS (SELECTED)

"Abolitionist Organizing in and Around Washtenaw County." Invited Plenary. *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee* of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures at the University of Michigan. (Apr 2022).

"Disrupting the Public Sphere: On Producing Abolitionist Media Beyond Recognition." Invited Lecture. Seminar taught by Dr. Lenora Hanson at New York University. (Oct 2021).

"Prison Abolition in Times of Pandemia." Invited Lecture. *Social Justice Symposium* at Elon College. (Dec 2020).

"Is prison necessary?" Invited Plenary. The University of Michigan Law School *National Lawyer's Guild*. (November 2019).

"The Formation of the Rust Belt, the Carceral State and the Political Imaginary of Abolition." Invited Plenary. *Ecojustice and Activism* conference at Eastern Michigan University. (Mar 2017).

SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

August 2024 - May 2025. *Scholarship committee*. University of Utah, Department of World Languages and Cultures. Reviewer.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

July 2024 - Present. *Historical Materialism: Research in Critical Marxist Theory* (Journal). Reviewer.

CONFERENCE AND PANEL ORGANIZING

2024. *Integrating History and Philosophy of Science in Latin America*. Panel for the *History of Science Society* annual conference.

2021. *Spinoza After Marx*. Virtual conference hosted by the *University of Pennsylvania*.

2021. *Reading Althusser Politically*. Virtual conference hosted by the *Althusser reading circle*.

2018. *Riot as a Global Political Concept*. Universidad Nacional de San Martín (Buenos Aires).

EDITED SPECIAL ISSUES

2022. *Reading Althusser politically*. Special issue edited by Alex Gorman, David Maruzzella, Brendan Rome, Justin Raden, and Alejo Stark. *Décalages: A Journal of Althusser Studies* 4:2, 265-296.

2021. *Ciencia, filosofía y coyuntura en la pandemia capitalista*. Special issue by Claudio Salvador Aguayo and Alejo Stark. *Demarcaciones: Revista latinoamericana de estudios althusserianos*, N. 9.

2020. *The Global Riot*. Special issue edited by Maura Brighenti, Lucía Cavallero, Niccolò Cuppini, and Alejo Stark. *New Global Studies* Volume 14: Issue 2.

INVITED SPEAKERS AND READING GROUPS (SELECTED)

2025. Kelly McDonough, *Indigenous Science and Technology: Nahuas and the World Around Them*. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Utah.

2024. Martín Cortés, *Marxism and Translation: On the theoretical potentialities of Non-Western Marxisms*. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Utah.

2024. Martín Arboleda, *Development and Nature: Rethinking Ecosocialism Beyond Western Marxism*. Organized with María Laura Martinelli and Daniel Nemser (Marxisms Collective).

2023. Ludwig Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*. University of Michigan.

2023. Justin Joque's *Revolutionary Mathematics: Artificial Intelligence, Statistics, and the Logic of Capitalism*. Marxisms Collective.

2022. Olúfemi O. Táíwò's *Elite Capture: How the Powerful Took Over Identity Politics (and Everything Else)*. University of Michigan.

2022. Sophie Lewis *The Right to not Gestate: Ectogenetic Technology, Antiwork Politics, and the Abortion Struggle*. Marxisms Collective.

2022. *Witches and Cyborgs: Materialist Feminist Debates on Extractivism, Technoscience, and Reproduction*. Organized with María Laura Martinelli and Gavin Arnall (Marxisms Collective).

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

<i>Science and Culture in Latin America</i>	Spring 2025
<i>Introduction to Textual Analysis</i>	Spring 2025
<i>Class Struggle in México</i>	Fall 2024

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-ANN ARBOR

DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

<i>Fact & Fiction: Encounters Between Science and Art in Latin America</i>	Winter 2024
<i>¿Qué es la justicia?/What Is Justice?</i>	Winter 2023
<i>Introduction to Literature, Culture, and the Arts in the Hispanic World</i>	Fall 2021
<i>Second-Year Spanish</i>	Winter 2020, Fall 2019, Winter 2019

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

<i>Minds and Machines</i> , Graduate Student Instructor	Fall 2022, Winter 2021
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HONORS PROGRAM

<i>Westworld and Philosophy of Mind</i> , Graduate Student Instructor	Fall 2020
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DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY

<i>Introduction to Astrophysics</i> , Graduate Student Instructor	Fall 2014, Winter 2014
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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN

WOMEN'S HURON VALLEY PRISON PROGRAM

<i>Borderless Cosmos</i>	Fall 2015
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**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS &
LANGUAGES**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA)
Modern Language Association (MLA)
American Philosophical Association (APA)
History of Science Society (HSS)

LANGUAGES

Native: English and Spanish
Fluent: Portuguese
Reading: French and German