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<b>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</b>	<b>University of Utah</b> Salt Lake City, UT Assistant Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures	2024 - Present
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>University of Michigan</b> Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literatures <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
	<b>University of Michigan</b> Ann Arbor, MI M.A. in Philosophy	May 2020
	<b>University of Michigan</b> Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D. in Astronomy and Astrophysics <i>Galaxies, Cosmology and Gravitation: On Escaping Galaxy Clusters in Accelerating Universes</i>	May 2018
	<b>Brown University</b> Providence, RI Sc.B. in Physics and B.A. in Africana Studies	May 2013
	<b>Miami Dade Community College</b> Miami, FL A.A. in Computer Engineering	May 2010
<b>FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS &amp; GRANTS</b>	Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, <b>University of Michigan</b> ( <i>Declined</i> )	2024
	Herbert E. Boynton Dissertation Fellowship, <b>University of Michigan</b>	2023
	Rackham Graduate School Humanities Research Fellowship, <b>University of Michigan</b>	2022
	Research grant (Lima, Perú), <b>University of Michigan</b>	2022
	Public Engagement and the Humanities Fellowship, <b>Mellon Foundation</b>	2020
	Research grant (Paris, France), <b>University of Michigan</b>	2019
	Scholar-Activist Award, <b>Rackham Graduate School</b>	2018
	Grant for Organizing International Conference, <b>University of Bologna</b>	2018
	Graduate Research Fellowship, <b>National Science Foundation</b>	2015
	Rackham Merit Fellowship, <b>University of Michigan</b>	2013
	Ida B. Wells Award, <b>Department of Africana Studies at Brown University</b>	2013
	William Easton Louttit Scholarship, <b>Brown University</b>	2010
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	Stark, A. 2024. "Brecht's Life of Galileo: Staging a theory of the encounter of practices." <i>Galilæana: Studies in Renaissance and Early Modern Science</i> , XXI (1): 145-165.	
	Stark, A. 2023. "On Mariátegui's plural spatiotemporal concept of history." <i>Consecutio Rerum</i> , 7 (13): 37-69.	
	Stark, A. 2022. "Anomalous Alliances: Spinoza and Abolition." <i>Deleuze and Guattari Studies</i> , 16(2): 308-330.	

Stark, A. 2022. "Science and Struggle: On the Althusserianism of Mauricio Malamud." *Décalages: A Journal of Althusser Studies*, 4(2): 265-296.

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.

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.

Stark, A. 2020. "Containing the Surplus Rebellion: Prison Strike / Prison Riot." *New Global Studies*, 14(2): 193-203.

Stark, A. 2019. "The Nerves of the Leviathan: On Metaphor and Hobbes' Theory of Punishment." *Otro Siglo: Revista de Filosofía*, 3(2): 26-42.

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.

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.

Stark, A., Miller, C. J., Huterer, D. 2017. "Cosmology with Galaxy Cluster Phase Spaces." *Phys. Rev. D*, 96, 023543.

Stark, A., Miller, C. J., Gifford, D. 2016. "On Escaping a Galaxy Cluster in an Accelerating Universe." *Astrophysical Journal*, 830, 109.

Miller, C. J., Stark, A., Gifford, D. 2016. "Inferring Gravitational Potentials From Mass Densities in Cluster-Sized Halos." *Astrophysical Journal*, 822, 41.

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.

## PRESENTATIONS

### INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

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

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 Trip-tych." *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 RCGA 032727-1326?" *American Astronomical Society, AAS Meeting 221*. January 2013. Long Beach, California, United States.

#### BOOK REVIEWS & TRANSLATIONS

1. 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.

## 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 *Millenials 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**

#### **READING GROUPS AND EVENTS ORGANIZED (SELECTED)**

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

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

2021. *Philosophical and Political Marx*. Organized with Gavin Arnall (Marxisms Collective).

2020. Alain Badiou's *Theory of the Subject*. Organized with Gavin Arnall (Marxisms Collective).

#### **CONFERENCE AND PANEL ORGANIZING**

2021. [Spinoza After Marx](#). Virtual conference.

2021. [Reading Althusser Politically](#). Virtual conference.

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.

## TEACHING

### DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

*Rebellion, Revolution, and Resistance in México*, Professor Fall 2024

### DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Fact & Fiction: Encounters Between Science and Art in Latin America*, Instructor Winter 2024

*¿Qué es la justicia?/What Is Justice?*, Instructor Winter 2023

*Intro to Literature, Culture, & the Arts in the Hispanic World*, Instructor Fall 2021

*Second year Spanish*, Graduate Student Instructor Winter 2020, Fall 2019, Winter 2019

### DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Minds and Machines*, Graduate Student Instructor Fall 2022, Winter 2021

### HONORS PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Westworld and Philosophy of Mind*, Graduate Student Instructor Fall 2020

### WOMEN'S HURON VALLEY PRISON PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN

*Borderless Cosmos*, Instructor Fall 2015

### DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Introduction to Astrophysics*, Graduate Student Instructor Fall 2014, Winter 2014

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LANGUAGES

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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