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## Education

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### Ph.D. Romance Languages and Literatures

Ann Arbor, MI

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2018 - present

Dissertation: "Theory of the Encounter of Practices: Science, Art, and Politics in Latin America"

Committee: [Gavin Arnall](#) (Chair), [Laura Ruetsche](#), [Kate Jenckes](#), [Cristina Moreiras](#), [Sergio Villalobos-Ruminott](#)

### M.A. Philosophy

Ann Arbor, MI

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2018 - 2020

### Ph.D. Astronomy and Astrophysics

Ann Arbor, MI

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2013 - 2018

Dissertation: "Galaxies, Cosmology and Gravitation: On Escaping Galaxy Clusters in Accelerating Universes"

Cosmology, general relativity, alternative gravity theories, galaxy clusters

### B.A. Africana Studies and Sc.B. Physics

Providence, RI

BROWN UNIVERSITY

2010-2013

### A.A. Computer Engineering

Miami, FL

MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2008 - 2010

## Publications

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**Stark, A.** 2023. "On Mariátegui's plural spatiotemporal concept of history." *Consecutio Rerum*, 7 (13): 37-69.

**Stark, A.** 2022. "Anomalous Alliances: Spinoza and Abolition." *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, 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 Chavez... [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.

**Stark, A.**, Miller, C. J., Kern, N., et al. 2016. "Probing Theories of Gravity with Phase Space-Inferred Potentials of Galaxy Clusters." 2016, *Phys. Rev. D*, 93, 084036.

## Fellowships, Awards and Grants

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- 2023 **Herbert E. Boynton Dissertation Fellowship**, University of Michigan
- 2022 **Rackham Graduate School Humanities Research Fellowship**, University of Michigan  
**Research grant (Lima, Perú)**, University of Michigan
- 2020 **Public Engagement and the Humanities Fellowship**, Mellon Foundation
- 2019 **Research grant (Paris, France)**, University of Michigan
- 2018 **Scholar-Activist Award**, Rackham Graduate School  
**Grant for Organizing International Conference**, Academy of Global Humanities and Critical Theory at the University of Bologna
- 2015 **Graduate Research Fellowship**, National Science Foundation
- 2013 **Rackham Merit Fellowship**, University of Michigan  
**Ida B. Wells Award**, Brown University's Department of Africana Studies
- 2010 **William Easton Louttit Scholarship**, Brown University

## Presentations

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### INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

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

14. "'Southern' Plural Temporality? The Case of Mariátegui's Relativismo Histórico." *American Comparative Literature Association*. May 2023. Chicago, United States.
13. "To Believe in This World: The Politics of the Encounter of Practices in Patricio Guzman's Triptych." *Latin American Studies Association*. May 2022. Virtual.
12. "Tendency, not Teleology: Spinoza on Marx's Science of History." *Spinoza After Marx*. May 2021. Virtual.
11. "Science and Struggle." *Reading Althusser Politically*. March 2021. Virtual.
10. "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.
9. "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.
8. "On Spinoza's Abolitionist Ethic." *Third Annual Boston Area Deleuze Reading Group Conference*. October 2019. Boston, United States.

7. "After work: After Punishment (Marx and Nietzsche)." *After Work*. University of California- Irvine. March 2019. Irvine, United States.
6. "On Mariategui's Conception of Plural Temporality." *Critical Theory Workshop / Atelier de Théorie Critique*. École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS). July 2019. Paris, France.
5. "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.
4. "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.
3. "Testing Gravity: Chameleon  $f(R)$  Gravity and Galaxy Cluster Gravitational Potentials." *National Society of Black Physicists Conference*. March 2015. Baltimore, Maryland, United States.
2. "Probing Gravity in the Non-Linear Regime: Chameleon  $f(R)$  gravity and Galaxy Cluster Gravitational Potentials." *Testing Gravity 2015*. January 2015. Vancouver, BC, Canada.
1. "Probing Modified Gravity with Galaxy Cluster Dynamics." *International Center for Theoretical Physics*. August 2014. Trieste, Italy.

## Book Reviews and Translations

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### 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.

### TRANSLATIONS (SELECTED)

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

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### PUBLIC WRITING (SELECTED)

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)

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

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### READING GROUPS ORGANIZED (SELECTED)

- 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 [Olúfẹ́mi 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](#), [Marxisms Collective](#)
- 2021 [Philosophical and Political Marx](#), Marxisms Collective
- 2020 [Alain Badiou’s \*Theory of the Subject\*](#), Marxisms Collective

### CONFERENCE 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

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

- Winter 2023 **¿Qué es la justicia?/What Is Justice? (Film & Conversation)**, Graduate Student Instructor  
Fall 2021 **Intro to Literature, Culture, & the Arts in the Hispanic World**, Graduate Student Instructor  
Winter 2020 **Second year Spanish**, Graduate Student Instructor  
Fall 2019 **Second year Spanish**, Graduate Student Instructor  
Winter 2019 **Second year Spanish**, Graduate Student Instructor

## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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

## HONORS PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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

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

- Fall 2015 **Borderless Cosmos**, Instructor

## DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS, BROWN UNIVERSITY

- Spring 2013 **Introduction to General Relativity**, Teaching Assistant  
Fall 2012 **Introduction to Astronomy**, Teaching Assistant

# Professional Memberships & Languages

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association  
American Comparative Literature Association  
Latin American Studies Association

## LANGUAGES

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