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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS** University of Utah 2024 - Present  
Assistant Professor of Spanish and Comparative Literature  
Department of World Languages and Cultures

**EDUCATION** Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literatures June 2024  
University of Michigan

M.A. in Philosophy May 2020  
University of Michigan

Ph.D. in Astronomy and Astrophysics May 2018  
University of Michigan

Sc.B. in Physics May 2013  
Brown University

## **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. "Marx, ciencia de la contingencia." *Res Publica. Revista de Historia de las Ideas Políticas*, 25(1): 31-39. Monográfico sobre Jacques Lezra.
9. Stark, A. 2022. "Anomalous Alliances: Spinoza and Abolition." *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, 16(2): 308-330.
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.

#### 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.

#### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

##### INTERNAL

Dee Grant Teaching Grant for "Planetary Science and Technology Studies" (in collaboration with Hugh Cagle)	2026
Tanner Humanities Center Research Interest Group Grant for "Planetary Science and Technology Studies: Epistemologies of Capitalism" (in collaboration with Hugh Cagle)	2025
Center for Latin American Studies Faculty Research Grant, University of Utah	2025
ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Michigan	2025
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
Rackham Graduate School Research Grant (Lima, Perú), University of Michigan	2022
Scholar-Activist Award, Rackham Graduate School	2018
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

##### EXTERNAL

Public Engagement and the Humanities Fellowship, Mellon Foundation	2020
International Conference Grant, University of Bologna	2018
Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP), National Science Foundation	2015
Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Award, Department of Physics at the University of Chicago, National Science Foundation	2012

## 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: Discontinuidades, 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.

## PRESENTATIONS

### INVITED TALKS

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*. La Plata, 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

22. "Anexact yet Critical: Translating Freud and Einstein in Peru." *Theorizing Translation in Latin America Symposium*. April 2026. University of Utah.
21. "A World Where Many Worlds Fit: Scientific Practitioners and Indigenous Knowledge in the Zapatista ConCiencias." *Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS)*. March 2026. Las Vegas, United States.
20. "Political Movements and Scientific Communities: Zapatista Lessons for Political Philosophy of Science." *Manchester Center for Political Theory (MANCEPT) workshops*. September 2025. University of Manchester.
19. "Knowledge and Accumulation in Latin America from the Colony to the 'New Right'." *Marxist Literary Group (MLG) Institute on Culture and Society*. June 2025. Johns Hopkins University.

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.
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 (LASA)*. 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.
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.
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*. July 2019. École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHES).
7. "After work: After Punishment (Marx and Nietzsche)." *After Work*. March 2019. University of California- Irvine.
6. "On the Prisoner Strike-Riot in the United States." *Riot as a Global Political Concept Conference*. October 2018. Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM).
5. "Insurgent Critical Thought: On the Zapatistas Conception of Global War." *Global Studies and Critical Theory Summer School*. July 2017. University of Bologna.
4. "Testing Gravity: Chameleon  $f(R)$  Gravity and Galaxy Cluster Gravitational Potentials." *National Society of Black Physicists Conference*. March 2015. Baltimore, 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, Canada.
2. "Probing Modified Gravity with Galaxy Cluster Dynamics." *International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)*. August 2014. Trieste, Italy.
1. "Is there an AGN in the Bright, Strongly Lensed, High Redshift Galaxy RCSGA 032727-1326?" *American Astronomical Society (AAS)*. January 2013. Long Beach, United States.

## TEACHING

### UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

*Theories of Translation* Sp 2026

Graduate Seminar in Comparative Literature

*Science and Culture in Latin America* Sp 2025

Featured in the [American Philosophical Association's \(APA\) Syllabus Showcase](#)

*Introduction to Textual Analysis* Sp 2025, Sp 2026

*Resistance, Rebellion and Revolution in México* Fa 2024

(Sp = Spring, Fa = Fall)

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-ANN ARBOR

### DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

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

### DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

<i>Minds and Machines</i> , Graduate Student Instructor	Fa 2022, Wn 2021
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### HONORS PROGRAM

<i>Westworld and Philosophy of Mind</i> , Graduate Student Instructor	Fa 2020
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### DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

<i>Introduction to Astrophysics</i> , Graduate Student Instructor	Fa 2014, Wn 2014
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## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN

### WOMEN'S HURON VALLEY PRISON PROGRAM

<i>Borderless Cosmos</i> , Instructor	Fa 2015
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(Wn = Winter, Fa = Fall)

## SERVICE

### DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

*Chair.* MA Spanish Thesis Committee for Alma Elena Molina Soberano. University of Utah, Department of World Languages and Cultures. Graduated May 2026.

*Member.* MA Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies Thesis Committee for Faaizah Ghazi. University of Utah, Department of World Languages and Cultures. Graduated May 2025.

### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Spring 2026. *Graduate admissions committee.* Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies graduate program. University of Utah, Department of World Languages and Cultures. Reviewer.

Spring 2026. *Merit committee.* University of Utah, Department of World Languages and Cultures. Reviewer.

Spring 2025. *Scholarship committee.* University of Utah, Department of World Languages and Cultures. Reviewer.

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Spring 2026 - Present. *Benefits Advisory Committee.* University of Utah, Academic Senate.

### INVITED SPEAKERS (SELECTED)

2026. Lindsay Smith, *Subversive Genes: Innovation, appropriation, and genetics transformed in Latin America.* Center for Latin American Studies, University of Utah.

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.

#### CONFERENCE AND PANEL ORGANIZING

2026. *Theorizing Translation in Latin America*. Symposium at the University of Utah. Co-organized with Gavin Arnall (University of Michigan).

2026. *Science, Technology, and Medicine in Mexico*. Two panels for the *Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies* (SECOLAS) annual conference. Co-organized with David Dalton (University of North Carolina- Charlotte).

2025. **Integrating Politics and Philosophy of Science from Below**. Panel for the *Manchester Centre for Political Theory* (MANCEPT) workshops. Co-organized with Pedro Monque (University of North Carolina - Charlotte).

2024. **Integrating History and Philosophy of Science in Latin America**. Panel for the *History of Science Society* annual conference. Co-organized with Francisco Calderón (University of Michigan).

2021. *Reading Althusser Politically*. Virtual conference co-organized with the *Althusser reading circle*.

#### PEER REVIEWING FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS

*Journal of World Philosophies*

*Perspectives on Politics*

*Radical Philosophy Review*

*Historical Materialism*

*The Astrophysical Journal*

#### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

#### PUBLIC WRITING (SELECTED)

March 2026. **"Redeeming Genetics: Víctor B. Penchaszadeh on Science and Justice Fifty Years After Argentina's Military Coup."** *Science for the People Magazine*.

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)

"[Theory into Action: Using Your Education in Service of Justice](#)." Invited Panel on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week. *Hinckley Institute of Politics* at the University of Utah. (January 2025).

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

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LANGUAGES

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Latin American Studies Association (LASA)  
Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS)  
American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA)  
American Philosophical Association (APA)  
History of Science Society (HSS)

### LANGUAGES

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