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**MATTHEW VITZ, PH.D****Current Position**

Associate Professor of History, University of California, San Diego (2014-present)

**Education**

Ph.D. Latin American and Caribbean History, New York University, (2003-2010)

Dissertation: "Revolutionary Environments: The Politics of Nature and Space in the Valley of Mexico, 1890-1940s"

Advisor: Greg Grandin

B.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison (2002, with Distinction)

History with honors and Sociology

**Selected Fellowships and Awards**

Faculty Career Development Program (FCDP) Award, UC-San Diego (2017-2018)

Hellman Fellowship, UC-San Diego (2016-2017).

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas (Institute of Historical Research), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) (2012-2014).

Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego (September 2010-June 2011).

American Council of Learned Societies/Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2009-2010).

Fulbright-García Robles Research Scholarship (Mexico, Fall 2006-Summer 2007).

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*A City on a Lake: Urban Political Ecology and the Growth of Mexico City*, (Durham: N.C., Duke University Press, 2018).

## **Refereed Publications**

“A Social History of Urban Expertise: Between Techno-bureaucratic Rule and the Right to the City in Twentieth-Century Mexico” Forthcoming in *Engineering, Technology and Built Environments in Modern Mexico* (University of Pittsburgh Press)

“Urbanization and Environment in Mexico Since 1521” *Oxford Research Encyclopedias: Latin American History* (online publication, July 2016). DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199366439.013.323

“To Save the Forests: Power, Narrative, and Environment in Mexico City’s Cooking Fuel Transition” *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos* 31, 1 (Winter, 2015): 125-155

“La ciudad y sus bosques: el conservacionismo en el valle de México, 1900-1950” (“The City and its Forests: Conservation in the Valley of Mexico, 1900-1950”) *Estudios de Historia Moderna y Contemporánea de México* 43 (Enero-Junio, 2012)

“‘The Lands with Which We Shall Struggle:’ Land Reclamation, Revolution, and Development in Mexico’s Lake Texcoco Basin, 1910-1950.” *Hispanic American Historical Review* 92, 1 (February 2012).

## **Teaching Experience**

### Professorship

University of California, San Diego (2014-present)  
Assistant Professor of History

Dartmouth College (2011- 2012)  
Visiting Assistant Professor

### Instructorships

University of Cincinnati (July-August, 2011).

New York University (Summer session I, 2006)