

LUIS-ALEJANDRO DINNELLA-BORREGO

HISTORIAN | THEOLOGIAN | EDUCATOR

EDUCATION

D.Min., Spirituality	THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA (2025)
M.A., Theology	SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY (2022)
B.Phil., Philosophy	SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY (2014)
Ph.D., History	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY (2013)
M.A., History	THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA (2008)
A.B., History and Theater	DARTMOUTH COLLEGE (2007)

EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

(2024-)	Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, Office of International Studies <i>Director</i>
(2023-).	Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, MA Program in American History <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor</i>
(2022-2024)	Miami Dade College Online <i>Adjunct Professor of History</i>
(2018-)	Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, Social Studies Department <i>Dual Enrollment and AP U.S. History Instructor</i>
(2022)	Central State University, Humanities Department <i>Adjunct Professor of History</i>
(2017-2018)	Lynchburg College, Department of History <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of History</i>
(2016-2017)	Homestead Middle School, Social Studies Department <i>Social Studies Teacher</i>
(2016)	Union County College, Social Sciences, Business & History Division <i>Adjunct Professor of History</i>

- (2012-2015) Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, Archdiocese of Boston
Roman Catholic Seminarian
- (2009) Dominican College, Social Sciences Division
Lecturer of History
- (2008-2009) St. Thomas Aquinas College, School of Arts & Sciences
Adjunct Professor of History
- (2008-2009) Ridgewood High School, Special Education Program
Teaching Aide

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reconstruction and the Gilded Age.	African American History
U.S. Civil War	Legal and Constitutional History
Nineteenth-Century American History.	Digital Humanities and Public History
Modern American History	Ecclesiology and Pastoral Theology
U.S. Political History	Religious Studies/Catholic Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Doctoral Treatise

“That They May Have Life: Existential Catholicism for Adult Faith Formation”
 Director: Rev. Raymond Studzinski, O.S.B., Ph.D.
 Reader: Rev. Frank S. Donio, S.A.C., D.Min.

Books

The Risen Phoenix: Black Politics in the Post-Civil War South (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, July 11, 2016)

Books in Progress

Social Rights, Political Wrongs: The Contested Legacy of Reconstruction

Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Manhood and Freedom in the Sunshine State: Josiah Thomas Walls and Reconstruction Florida,” in Matthew D. Lynch, ed., *Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Era Politicians, Volume 1: Legacies Lost: The Life and Times of John Roy Lynch and His Political Contemporaries* (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2012), 47-68.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Accommodationism” and “Black Political Officeholders,” in Steven A. Reich, ed., *The World of Jim Crow America: A Daily Life Encyclopedia, Volume 2: Politics and Warfare to Science and Technology* (Santa Barbara, CA and Denver, CO: Greenwood Press, July 2019).

Written with the Dictionary of Virginia Biography, “John Mercer Langston (1829–1897),” *Encyclopedia Virginia*. Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, First Published May 26, 2015, http://www.encyclopediaofvirginia.org/Langston_John_Mercer_1829-1897.

Refereed Journal Articles

“From the Ashes of the Old Dominion: Accommodation, Immediacy, and Progressive Pragmatism in John Mercer Langston’s Virginia,” *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 117, No. 3 (2009): 214–49.

DIGITAL HUMANITIES AND PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Creator, *History Snapshots* (2025–present): Series of AI-assisted historical micro-documentaries using LTX Studio to visualize archival narratives. First season consisting of 10 episodes will be released on various social media platforms in the Spring 2026.

Founder, *NarratED Studio* (in development): Digital workflow and platform for educators and students to create evidence-based history documentaries.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Jesuit Schools Network Leadership Scholarship, 2023–2024.

MMUF Adjunct Faculty Fellowship, Institute for Citizens & Scholars, June–December 2024.

Career Enhancement Adjunct Faculty Fellowship, Institute for Citizens & Scholars, June–December 2022.

Jacob K. Javits Fellow, U.S. Department of Education, Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program, 2010–2013.

Pre-doctoral Research Development Grant, Social Science Research Council Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program, 2012.

Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program, 2011.

Pre-ABD Graduate Fellowship, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2010–2011.

Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program, 2010.

INVITED TALKS

“‘That Our Government May Stand’: African American Politics in the Postbellum South, 1865-1918,” Center for Legislative Archives, Brown Bag Series, February 19, 2012, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

“The Politics of Uncertainty: Emigration and Fusion in the New South,” Emancipations, Reconstructions, Revolutions: African American Politics and U.S. History in the Long 19th Century, 1776-1920, February 11, 2017, McNeil Center for Early American Studies. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

“From the Ashes of the Old Dominion: Accommodation, Immediacy, and Progressive Pragmatism in John Mercer Langston’s Virginia,” Social Science Research Council Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Annual Summer Conference, June 18, 2009, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH.

CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

“Patria: Exile, Nation, and War in Cuba and the United States, 1848-1895,” History Seminar Series, October 18, 2017, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA.

“The Risen Phoenix: Black Politics in the Post-Civil War South,” A History Club Event in Celebration of Black History Month, February 23, 2016, Union County College, Cranford, NJ.

“Why the Beat Generation Matters: Some Preliminary Thoughts on Post-World War II Countercultures,” 33rd Annual Warren I. Susman Graduate History Conference, March 26, 2011, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

“The Veteran-as-Politician: Robert Smalls and Reconstruction South Carolina,” Narratives of Power: New Articulations of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Class, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, March 22, 2011, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

“Trickster Politicians and Pragmatic Rabbits: African-American Congressmen and the Political Culture of the Post-Bellum South,” 32nd Annual Warren I. Susman Graduate History Conference, March 27, 2010, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Belen Jesuit Preparatory School

Theology Department Curriculum Review Committee (2023-2025)

Mission and Accreditation Committee Co-Chair (2021-2022)

Black History Month Committee (2020-2022)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Gettysburg College–Gilder Lehrman MA in American History Program

Conflict and Reform: The United States, 1877-1920 (Fall 2025)
The Great Depression and the New Deal (Summer 2023; Summer 2024)
Historiography and Historical Methods (Fall 2023)
Jim Crow and Its Challengers (Spring 2024)
Reconstruction and Resistance: Constructing a Nation (Summer 2024)
Origins of the Civil War (Fall 2024)

Miami Dade College Online

American History II: History of the United States since 1877 (2022-2024)

Central State University

Introduction to the History of Africans in America (Spring/Summer 2022)

Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, Miami, FL

Dual Enrollment U.S. History with Florida International University (2022-Present)
AP U.S. History (2018-Present)
Honors U.S. History (2018-Present)
U.S. History College Prep (2018-2020)

Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA

History of Civilization I (Fall 2017)
History of Civilization II (Spring 2018)
U.S. History I (Fall 2017)
U.S. History II (Spring 2018)
Slavery and Race in the Early Americas (Fall 2017)
The Atlantic World in the Eighteenth Century (Spring 2018)

Homestead Middle School, Homestead, FL

IB U.S. History (2016-2017)
IB Civics (2016-2017)

Union County College, Cranford, NJ

U.S. History to 1865 (2016)

Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY

The Black Experience in America (2009)

St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, NY

U.S History II, 1865 to the Present (2008-2009)

CERTIFICATIONS

5 Year Renewable Professional Educator Certification

Florida Department of Education
License #: 1321969 | Area: Social Science 6-12

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Association of Practical Theology
Catholic Theological Society of America
Organization of American Historians
Southern Historical Association

REFERENCES

SCOTT AMOS

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