

Nicolás Becerra Urrego

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Student in History , University of California, Santa Barbara	Present
M.A. in Transcultural Studies , Kyoto University and Heidelberg University	2023
B.A. in African and Asian Studies , Autonomous University of Madrid	2020
Japanese Language Program , Kobe City University of Foreign Languages	2018

ACADEMIC POSITIONS IN 2025-2026

Fellow and Cluster Assistant at the Orfalea Center **Present**

As Teaching Assistant:

HIST 5: History of the Present	Currently
HIST 88: Introduction to South Asian History	Spring 2026
HIST 8A: Pre-Hispanic and Colonial Periods in Latin America	Winter, 2026
HIST 87: Japanese History Through Art	Fall, 2025

PRESENTATIONS AT WORKSHOPS

“Peasants of Imperial Japan in Colombia’s Agrarian Modernity, 1920s-1960s,” *The IV International Workshop on the Japanese Diaspora*, Hoover Institution (Stanford University) and the Japanese Association for Migration Studies, September 23-24, 2026 (upcoming).

“Japanese Settler Colonialism and the Development of Rural Capitalism: the case of El Valle del Cauca in Colombia (1920s-1980s),” *The 3rd Four Universities’ Graduate Workshop*, Tokyo University, Kyoto University, Nagoya University, and Ritsumeikan University, February 15, 2023.

“Re-gendering Colonial Space: the control of Venereal Diseases in Colonial Taiwan, 1895-1920,” *Transcultural Moments for the Future: How difference is made facing Global Challenges*, Heidelberg University, Kyoto University, Strasbourg University, February 21, 2022.

FELLOWSHIPS (selected)

History Associates Graduate Student Merit Fellowship, History Department, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2026.

Latin American and Iberian Studies Program Summer Research Award, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2026.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: Fluent; Japanese: JLPT N2; Spanish: Mother Tongue