

Michelle Orihel

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Specializing in history lessons in pop culture, gender history in the United States, and the English revolution

Biography

Dr. Michelle Orihel is an associate professor of early American history at Southern Utah University. She often brings her research on politics and print culture into the classroom and uses contemporary popular culture like “Assassin’s Creed,” Disney’s “Pocahontas,” and “Hamilton: An American Musical” to generate students’ interest in the early American past.

Presently, she is writing a book about how the Democratic-Republican Societies, experimental political associations that formed in the mid-1790s, organized the first opposition movement to the national government in American history. In support of this research, she has received fellowships from the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, the International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, the David Library of the American Revolution in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, and others. She has published articles on the memory of the English Revolution of the 1640s in "The Historian" and "The New England Quarterly."

Dr. Orihel earned a bachelor’s in history from Brock University, a master’s in British history from Queen’s University and a Ph.D. in early American history from Syracuse University. She teaches courses on the early American republic, the history of American journalism and the history of gender in early America.

Industry Expertise

Writing and Editing, Research, Education/Learning, Women

Areas of Expertise

Women in U.S. History, Women in Colonial America, Gender History in the United States, Political Associations, Journalism History, Revolutionary America, Gender History, Opposition Politics, Colonial America, English Revolution, Early American Culture, Early American Women, History Lessons in Pop Culture

Affiliations

American Philosophical Society, International Center for Jefferson Studies, David Library of the American Revolution

Education

Brock University

B.A. History

Queen's University
M.A. British History

Syracuse University
Ph.D. Early American History

Accomplishments

Outstanding Educator for Diversity and Inclusion
Southern Utah University

Outstanding Dissertation Award
2010
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Doctoral Prize
2010
Syracuse University

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