



Joaquín Lara Midkiff

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Joaquín Lara Midkiff is a doctoral student studying as a Dean's Fellow in the Department of History focused on Indígena communities from Mexico and Central America in social and labor movements in the United States during the twentieth century. His earlier scholarship has centered on social histories of Oregon's Indigenous migrant communities in the post-IRCA period.

Based in the Pacific Northwest, Joaquín comes from a family of working-class folks from Oklahoma and northern California and Nahua migrant farmworkers from Guerrero's cohuixca. He served Oregon communities on public and non-profit boards, including Cherriots (Salem Area Mass Transit), the Oregon Disabilities Commission, and PCUN, Oregon's farmworker union.

He has also contributed essays on houselessness, disability justice, and immigration that have appeared in the Oregonian, Truthout, and Yale Review of International Studies, among others, and poetry in *The Future Lives in our Bodies* (Abalone Mountain Press, 2022).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Dean's Scholar Award, Stanford University (2025)
- EDGE Fellowship, Stanford University (2025)
- Andrew D. White Prize in American History, Yale University (2024)
- Adrian Van Sinderen Prize, Yale University (2023)
- John C. Schroeder Award, Yale University (2022)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- B.A., Yale University