CURRICULUM VITAE
Giselle González García, PhD
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About Me

** Creator of The Cuba-Ireland Immigration Database (CIID).
** Creator of Redes Isleñas
** Collaborator of the Cuba-Ireland Digital Archive (CIDA), project led by Dr. Margaret Brehony.

Personal Information:

- *Language Skills:* Spanish (Native), English (Bilingual), French (Professional Competency), German (Intermediate)
- *Tech Skills:* Skilled in R and Python, relational database development (SQL, nodegoat), network analysis using Gephi, and digital discourse analysis (Voyant Tools, LIWC-22)

Degrees

Ph.D.	**2026**	Department of History & School of Irish Studies, Concordia University *Thesis:* "The Cuba-Ireland Immigration Database: Social Networks, Community-Building, Mobility, and Whiteness" *Supervisor:* Dr. Jane McGaughey
M.A.	**2020**	Department of History & School of Irish Studies, Concordia University *Thesis:* "Caught up between Empires: Pre-Famine Irish Immigrants in Santiago de Cuba, 1665-1845" *Supervisor:* Dr. Jane McGaughey *The Edward Eastman McCullough M.A. History Award.
Diploma	**2017**	Alberto Hurtado University, Chile & Centro Fray Bartolomé de las Casas, La Habana
B.A.	**2016**	Department of History, School of Philosophy, Sociology & History, University of Havana, La Habana, Cuba *Thesis:* "Imagined Ireland? Nationalists Ideas and Identity Building in The Dublin Penny Journal (1832-1836) and The Irish Penny Journal (1840-1841)." *Supervisor:* Dr. Danay Ramos Ruiz **Summa Cum Laude*

Scholarships, Awards & Grants

- **2026** Irish Studies Graduate Scholarship
- **2025** Irish Studies Graduate Scholarship
- **2025** Faculty of Arts and Science Graduate Student Conference Travel Award
- **2025** Concordia University Graduate Doctoral Fellowship
- **2024** Irish Studies Graduate Scholarship
- **2024** Concordia University Graduate Doctoral Fellowship
- **2023** Irish Studies Graduate Scholarship
- **2023** Concordia University Graduate Doctoral Fellowship

- **2022** Irish Studies Graduate Scholarship
- **2022** Concordia University Graduate Doctoral Fellowship
- **2021** Dagobert Broh Graduate Research Stipend
- **2021** Irish Studies Graduate Scholarship
- **2021** Concordia University Graduate Doctoral Fellowship
- **2021** Concordia University Tuition Award of Excellence
- **2020** Concordia Merit Scholarship
- **2020** Irish Studies Graduate Scholarship
- **2020** Steven Goldberg Entrance Bursary
- **2020** Concordia Graduate Fellowship in Global History
- **2019** Concordia Conference and Exposition Allowance
- **2019** Faculty of Arts and Science Conference Travel Support
- **2019** Steven Goldberg Entrance Bursary
- **2019** Irish Studies Graduate Scholarship
- **2019** Concordia Merit Scholarship
- **2019** MITACS Globalink Research Award
- **2018** Graduate Fellowship in Irish Studies
- **2018** Concordia University Merit Scholarship
- **2017** Premio Cayetano Núñez de Villavicencio

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **2020-2026** Fellowship in Irish Studies, School of Irish Studies, Concordia University
- **2024-2025** Scholar in Residence, Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling, Concordia University

Journal Articles

- **2026** "Don Santiago 'a Catholic from conviction and an Old Bachelor from necessity': A historical sociolinguistic analysis of James J. Wright's letters," in *Teanga: The Journal of the Irish Association for Applied Linguistics*, Vol.13 (2026): Special Issue 13: More Papers on Irish English: 40 Years on. https://doi.org/10.35903/teanga.v13i.11913 Co-authored with Nancy Eloína Ávila-Ledesma.
- **2024** "Irish Immigrants in Colonial Port Cities of Cuba" in *Journal of American Ethnic History*, Vol. 44, No.1 (Fall 2024): 111-134. Co-authored with Margaret Brehony.
- **2020** "Irish Hunger Strikers Monument in Havana, Cuba: Public and Private Commemorations," *The Irish Migration Studies in Latin America Journal*, Vol.9 no.3 (2020): 15-22.

Book Chapters

- **2023** "Coffee Plantations and Irish Migration to Santiago de Cuba: A Historical Case Study of Radical Environmental Transformation" in Walker, T., McGaughey, J., Machnik-Kekesi, G., Kelly, V. (eds) *Environmental Migration in the Face of Emerging Risks.* (2023) Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.
- **2019** "Dying in Havana: Microhistoy of Irish Immigrants buried in the General Cemetery, 1859-1862," *Ireland & Cuba: Entangled Histories / Irlanda y Cuba:*

Historias Entretejidas (La Habana: Ediciones Boloña, 2019). ISBN: 978-959-294-207-3.

- **2019** "Morir en La Habana: Microhistoria de los inmigrantes irlandeses enterrados en el Cementerio General, 1859-1862," *Ireland & Cuba: Entangled Histories / Irlanda y Cuba: Historias Entretejidas* (La Habana: Ediciones Boloña, 2019). ISBN: 978-959-294-207-3.
- **2019** "Presencia irlandesa en Guanabacoa durante el siglo XIX." *Coloquios Presencias Europeas en Cuba: Memorias 2017-2018.* (La Habana: Ediciones Boloña, 2019).

Other Publications

- **2024** "Archaeological Remains of Irish Coffee Plantations: A history of pre-Famine Irish migration to Cuba" in *Archaeology Ireland*.
- **2023** "If the Sources Could Talk: Evaluating Large Language Models for Research Assistance in History" in *CHR 2023: Computational Humanities Research Conference Proceedings*.
- **2020** "La Experiencia Invisible: Inmigrantes Irlandeses en el Perú by Gabriela McEvoy" (Book Review), *The Canadian Journal of Irish Studies*, Vol. 43 (2020), pp. 256-258.
- **2014-2016** Official Contributor to the Digital Encyclopedia of the Caribbean, EnCaribe.org

Conferences, Seminars, and Invited Papers

- **2026 March @ Cuban Genealogy Club of Miami:** Designed and Led the Workshop on Application of Artificial Intelligence in Genealogical Research

- **2025 June @ University of Toronto & York University:** Ceist na Teangan i Léann na hÉireann - The Language Issue in Irish Studies, Special Panel organized by Dean Farrell

- **2025 June @ University of Toronto & York University:** "A Digital History of the Irish in Cuba: Recruitment Schemes, Restrictions of Mobility, and 'Free' Labour, 1818-1868" Paper presented at the Conference of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies.

- **2025 April @ Georgetown University:** Special Panel on Ireland & Atlantic Slavery. Organized by Professor Darragh Gannon, Director of the Global Irish Studies Initiative, & the Center for the Study of Slavery. Guest Panelist on "The Black and Green Atlantic (New Voices Workshop)"

- **2024 November @ Cuban Genealogy Club of Miami:** Cuba-Ireland Digital Archive Presentation

- **2024 June @ University of Galway, Galway, Ireland:** "'...they have brought nothing but their labour...': Irish Migrant Workers in Havana, Cuba, 1818-1845." Paper presented at the Conference of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies.

- **2024 May @ Universidad de Extremadura, Cáceres, Spain:** "Don Santiago 'a Catholic from conviction and an Old Bachelor from necessity': A historical sociolinguistic analysis of James J.

Wright's letters". Paper presented at the Conference on New Perspectives on Irish English, co-authored and co-presented with Nancy Eloína Ávila-Ledesma

- **2024 March @ Concordia University:** Lecture on Irish Immigration to the Caribbean

- **2023 June @ University of Ottawa, Canada:** "Coffee Plantations and Irish Migration to Santiago de Cuba: A Historical Case Study of Radical Environmental Transformation" Paper presented at the Conference of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies.

- **2023 @ Dublin Castle:** "Archaeological Remains of Irish Coffee Plantations: A history of pre-Famine Irish migration to Cuba," Paper presented at Imirce, the Annual Conference of the Ireland National Monument Service. https://youtu.be/YoqyIlace4M?si=tnBZl18udCjeNjdQ

- **2022 June @ Online:** "Irish Migration Studies & Digital History Methods: The Gender, Migration, and Madness Project as a Case Study" Paper presented at the Conference of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies.

- **2021 June @ Online:** "So much more than 'wives and daughters'": Uncovering Irish Women in Nineteenth-Century Havana." Paper presented at the Conference of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies.

- **2021 February @ Douglass Week** – Panel including Dr. Margaret Brehony, Gera Burton, Dr. Kerby Miller, and Giselle González García on Slavery, Abolition and Empire: Ireland and Cuba. https://www.youtube.com/live/6X_QAjyRHiw?si=CuCTkUTTCR3eHzuy

- **2021 February @ Concordia University:** Lecture on Irish Immigration to Cuba

- **2020 May @ CASA: Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad**, "The Irish in Cuba," Guest Lecturer.

- **2020 February @ Palacio del Segundo Cabo, Colegio San Gerónimo, University of Havana:** "'Café hecho con sangre': James J. Wright, de cuáquero irlandés a católico esclavista en Cuba, 1790s a 1840s." Paper presented at the Simposio Internacional "Irlanda y Cuba: Historias Entretejidas".

- **2019 June @ Concordia University:** "A Transnational Life: Campbell Faloon, from Ireland to Berbice and Cuba" Paper presented at the Conference of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies.

- **2019 April @ University College Cork & Trinity College Dublin:** "Establishing and Irish Studies Field in Cuba: Potential, Challenges, and Needs" Paper presented at the VII Biannual Conference of the Society for Irish Studies in Latin America & Member of Organizing Committee.
- **2017 December @ University of Havana:** "Brexit e Irlanda: un 2017 de negociaciones" Paper presented at the I Conferencia de Estudios Europeos.

- **2017 November @ Colegio San Gerónimo, University of Havana:** II Free Software Conference, CubaConf 2017

- **2017 May @ University of Havana, Jean Monnet Chair & ADHILAC:** "Irlanda y el Brexit: entre los daños colaterales y la reunificación" Paper presented at Encuentro Problemas del Mundo Contemporáneo Pablo Arco in Memoriam.

- **2017 June @ Museo Histórico Municipal de Guanabacoa:** "Presencia Irlandesa en Guanabacoa durante el siglo XIX" (in co-authorship with Claudia Alemañy Castilla). Paper presented at the XV Coloquio Guanabacoa en la Historia. This paper won the prestigious Cayetano Núñez de Villavicencio Award given by the Historical Museum of Guanabacoa to the Best Historical Period in a Local History Research Project.

- **2017 April @ Palacio del Segundo Cabo, Colegio San Gerónimo, University of Havana:** "Presencia Irlandesa en Guanabacoa durante el siglo XIX" (in co-authorship with Claudia Alemañy Castilla). Paper presented at I Coloquio de Presencias Europeas en Cuba.

- **2017 February @ University College Cork & Palacio del Segundo Cabo, Colegio San Gerónimo, University of Havana:** "¿Un enclave irlandés en Guanabacoa durante el siglo XIX? Una Agenda para la Investigación" (in co-authorship with Claudia Alemañy Castilla). Paper presented at the VI Biannual Conference of the Society for Irish Studies in Latin America & Member of Organizing Committee.

Employment

Teaching Experience

- **2024-2025** Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Concordia University
- **2018-2019** Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Concordia University
- **2016-2018** Assistant Professor in Training, Department of History, University of Havana

Other Academic Experience

- **2019-2025** Research Assistant, School of Irish Studies, Concordia University
  Projects:
  * The Cuba-Ireland Digital Archive, Directed by Dr. Margaret Brehony
  * Gender, Migration, and Madness, Directed by Dr. Jane McGaughey
  * The Irish Novel in the 1930s, Directed by Dr. Keelan Harkin
- **2019** Volunteer at the Conference of the Oral History Association
- **2019** Member of Organizing Committee of the Graduate Student Conference "History in the Making," Concordia University
- **2019** Member of Organizing Committee of the Graduate Student Conference, North American Conference in Irish Studies, School of Irish Studies, Concordia University
- **2019** Member of Organizing Committee of the 7th Biannual Conference of the Society for Irish Latin American Studies
- **2017** Member of Organizing Committee of the 6th Biannual Conference of the Society for Irish Latin American Studies

Professional Affiliations

- **2017-present :** Society for Irish Latin American Studies (SILAS) – Executive Committee
- **2019-present :** Canadian Association for Irish Studies (CAIS)

Contributions to Media, Podcasts, & Interviews

- **2025** Rootscast 05, MAGENHA - Genetic Genealogy - Irlandeses en Hispanoamérica (Interview)
- **2022** "The Colony's Colony", The Human Resources Podcast (Interview).
- **2020** "The History of Coffee Part I (1000-1845)," Irish History Podcast (Interview)

Professionalization

Udemy

2025 R Programming A-Z: R For Data Science With Real Exercises, Instructor Kirill Eremenko, SuperDataScience Team, Ligency. 10.5 hrs

Towards a Canadian Certificate in Digital Humanities, McMaster University

2024 Introduction to Typesetting with LaTeX
2024 Visualizing with Power BI
2024 Optimizing Research Impact: Establishing and Maintaining Researcher Profiles

International Workshop, Global Institute for Research, Education & Scholarship (GIRES)

2022 Six Degrees of... A guide to Social Network Analysis, designed & led by Dr. Rada Varga

Julia Academy, Vancouver

2020 Introduction to Julia Programming Language

General Assembly @ London Metropolitan University

2019 Introduction to Python Programming
2019 Introduction to Data Science

GradProSkills Program, Concordia University

2020 Leadership – GradProSkills Ambassador Program
2019 Copyright and your thesis
2019 Professional Negotiation and Persuasion Skills
2019 Credit Scores & Identity Theft (Financial Skills for the Real World)
2019 Managing your debt (Financial Skills for the Real World)
2019 Budgeting & Expenses Planning (Financial Skills for the Real World)
2019 Introduction to Housing (Financial Skills for the Real World)
2018 Beginner's Guide to the R Programming Language
2018 Foundations of Computer Programming
2018 The Art of Grading – Best Practices for Grading & Giving Feedback to Students
2018 Editing Principles for Graduate Students
2018 Grammar for Graduate Students (ESL)
2018 Perfecting the Paragraph
2018 Writing a Literature Review

Curso de Posgrado, Universidad de las Artes (ISA), La Habana

2015 Introduction to symbolic anthropology

Personal Interests

- **2024-present :** Member of the Cuban Genealogy Club of Miami
- **2026 :** WikiTree Contributor
- Hobbies: reading, listening to music, genealogy.