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**Research interests/project:**

My research looks at the history of the twentieth-century United States in a global context. Specifically, I research the history of the commercial cut flower industry (florists, flower growers, flower holidays like Valentine's Day and Mother's Day) in the United States and Colombia, South America in order to see how something as delicate as a rose or carnation can link together the lives and labors of women and men across the Western Hemisphere.