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About

Dr Nicholas Griffiths, Senior Lecturer, was an undergraduate and postgraduate student at Cambridge University and has taught in the Department of Hispanic Studies at Birmingham since September 1991.

He is the author of **The Cross and the Serpent: Religious Repression and Resurgence in Colonial Peru** (<http://www.hispanic.bham.ac.uk/research/dept/history.shtml>) (published in both English and in Spanish) and **Sacred Dialogues: Christianity and Native Religions in the Colonial Americas 1492-1700** (<http://www.hispanic.bham.ac.uk/research/dept/history.shtml>). He is also co-editor of **Spiritual Encounters: Interactions between Christianity and Native Religions in Colonial America** (<http://www.hispanic.bham.ac.uk/research/dept/history.shtml>).

His research interests focus on History of Religion in Early Modern Spain and Spanish America; Spanish Inquisition; Christianity and Native Religions in Colonial America; Comparative History of Early Modern British, French and Hispanic America.

Teaching

Within the department, he teaches Spanish Peninsular and Spanish American history, including the modules *Conquest, Empire and Inquisition in Sixteenth- Century Spain and Spanish America*; *Vision of the Vanquished: Native Society and Spaniards in America ca. 1400 – ca. 1600*; *Great Power Intervention in the Spanish Civil War*.

His administrative role is Tutor for incoming Erasmus students (semester 1 only).

Dr Griffiths teaches exclusively in Semester 1 of each academic session.

Postgraduate supervision

Since Dr. Griffiths is a part-time lecturer, he is currently unable to undertake postgraduate supervision.

Research

He is currently working on a revised edition of his 2006 book *Sacred Dialogues*.

Publications

Selected publications

Authored books

The Cross and the Serpent. Religious Repression and Resurgence in Colonial Peru, Norman and London, University of Oklahoma Press, 1996.

Also published as: *La cruz y la serpiente. La represión y el resurgimiento religioso en el Perú colonial*, trad. por Carlos Baliñas Pérez, Lima, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Fondo Editorial, 1998.

Sacred Dialogues: Christianity and Native Religions in the Colonial Americas 1492-1700. Lulu Enterprises UK, 2007.

Edited books

(with Fernando Cervantes), *Spiritual Encounters: Interactions between Christianity and Native Religions in Colonial America*. University of Birmingham/University of Nebraska Press, 1999.

Selected essays

'Popular Religious Scepticism and Idiosyncrasy in Post-Tridentine Cuenca', in *Faith and Fanaticism: Religious Fervour in Early-Modern Spain*, edited by Lesley K. Twomey, pp.95-128. Aldershot: Variorum, 1997.

'"Inquisition of the Indians?": The Inquisitorial Model and Repression of Andean Religion in Seventeenth-Century Peru' in *European and Non-European Societies, 1450-1800*. Volume II: Religion, class, Gender, Race, edited by Robert Forster. *An Expanding World*, Volume 27, pp.359-78. Aldershot: Variorum, 1997.

'The Best of Both Faiths: The Boundaries of religious Allegiance and Opportunism in Early Eighteenth-Century Cuenca' in *Bulletin of Hispanic Studies*, LXXVII (2000): 13-40, University of Glasgow.



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