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Heather Vrana is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Florida (Ph.D, Indiana University 2013) and author of the monograph, *This City Belongs to You: A History of Student Activism in Guatemala, 1944-1996* (University of California Press, 2017). She has also edited an anthology entitled *Anti-Colonial Texts from Central American Student Movements, 1929-1983*, a collection of primary sources from Central American student movements (Edinburgh University Press, 2017). Her articles and reviews have appeared in the *Radical History Review*, *Journal of Genocide Research*, *Ethnohistory*, *e-misférica*, and *Journal of Latin American Geography*. She is a member of the Tepoztlán Collective and co-edited of *Revisiting the Guatemalan Revolution*, a volume that reframes one of the Cold War's seminal events.

Her newest project, *The Idea of Disability and the Making of Modern Central America*, traces the emergence of the category of “the disabled” and excavates the history of disability as a social phenomenon across Central America's twentieth century. The book emphasizes the development of medical expertise; changes in the locus of responsibility for care of people with disabilities from the religious organizations to the state to the family; public health and social security programs; and models for human rights after the civil wars.

She was Assistant Professor of Latin American History at Southern Connecticut State University (2013-2017) before joining the History Department at UF.

Global Research Interests

- Disability
- Human Rights
- Social movements and student movements
- Public health
- Political violence
- Social class and race
- Oral history

Region of Study

- Central America
- Guatemala
- Nicaragua
- El Salvador

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