

Conversation Project Scholar-Facilitator Profile

Elliott Young was born in New York City and has been migrating westward ever since. He has conducted research and done community development work in Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, and Ecuador. Young has been a professor of Latin American and borderlands history at Lewis & Clark College in Portland since 1997. He has directed the college's Latin American Studies program and currently serves as chair of the History Department and director of the Ethnic Studies program. He has published *Catarino Garza's Revolution on the Texas-Mexico Border* (Duke University Press, 2004), which examines the little known story of a rebellion launched from Texas soil against the Díaz government in Mexico in 1891, and *Continental Crossroads* (Duke University Press, 2004), which presents a series of essays on borderlands history. Young's new research project focuses on the Chinese diaspora in Cuba, Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. His Conversation Project program draws on this historical research as a basis for asking questions about our current economy and the communities we would like to build. He earned his BA from Princeton University and his master's and doctoral degrees in Latin American history from the University of Texas, Austin.

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