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### EMPLOYMENT

Fall 2019- University of Houston  
Department of History. Assistant Professor of History  
2016-19 Georgian Court University  
Department of History and Politics. Assistant Professor of World History  
2014-16 Northern Arizona University  
Department of History. Visiting Assistant Professor in Latin American  
History

### EDUCATION

2014 Johns Hopkins University. Ph.D. in History  
2010 Johns Hopkins University. M.A. in History  
2007 Wesleyan University. B.A. with High Honors in Latin American Studies

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Projects in progress

“‘A Black Man from India’: Between Slavery and Freedom in the Early Modern Iberian World”

“Heirs to their Houses: Families of Africans, Europeans, and Native Americans in Early North America, 1640-1820”

#### Book

*Taxing Blackness: Free Afromexican Tribute in Bourbon New Spain* (University of Alabama Press, February 2019)

#### Articles

“‘Not Even Blood Mixture Could Make Them Unworthy’: Political Loyalty and Tribute in Bourbon New Spain.” *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Studies* 24, no. 2 (Aug. 2018): 195-204.

“*Calidad*, Genealogy, and Disputed Free-Colored Tributary Status in New Spain.” *The Americas* 73, no. 2 (Apr. 2016): 139-170.

## Reviews

Review of Premo, Bianca, *The Enlightenment on Trial: Ordinary Litigants and Colonialism in the Spanish Empire*. H-Law, H-Net Reviews. Jul. 2018.

Review of Sierra, Pablo, "Urban Slavery in Colonial Puebla de los Ángeles, 1536-1708." Dissertation Reviews. Oct. 2014.

(Co-author). "Pain Coping in Latino Populations." *Journal of Pain* 10, no. 10 (Oct. 2009): 1012-1019.

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2020 Long-Term Fellowship. The John Carter Brown Library at Brown University
- 2019 Summer Stipend. National Endowment for the Humanities
- 2019 Franklin Research Grant. American Philosophical Society
- 2019 James and Sylvia Thayer Short-Term Research Fellowship. UCLA Library Special Collections [deferred]
- 2018 Jacob M. Price Visiting Research Fellowship. William M. Clements Library at the University of Michigan
- 2017 Faculty/Student Summer Research Grant. Georgian Court University
- 2014 Dean's Teaching Fellowship. Johns Hopkins University Krieger School of Arts & Sciences
- 2010-11 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities in Original Sources. Council on Library and Information Resources
- 2008-12 George and Sylvia Kagan Graduate Fellowship. Johns Hopkins University Department of History
- 2009 Travel Grant. Johns Hopkins University Program in Latin American Studies
- 2009 Student Travel Grant. American Society for Ethnohistory

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

### Panel Organization

- 2019 With Rafael Castañeda García (National Autonomous University of Mexico). Congreso Iberoamericano de Historia Urbana, "Las ciudades de la América española como escenarios económicos y sociales de los descendientes de africanos, esclavos y libres. Siglos XVII-XIX," Nov. 25-29.
- 2019 Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies, "Latin American Governance in Comparative Perspectives," Mar. 8-9.
- 2019 American Historical Association Annual Meeting, "Black Auto/Biography and History's Biographical Turn," Jan. 3-6.
- 2018 Conference on Latin American History, "Kinship, Ethnicity, and the Law in the Iberian World," Jan. 4-7.

2014 Conference on Latin American History, “Black Spaces and Port Cities in Spanish America,” Jan. 2-5.

2011 American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting, “Race and Family in Colonial Spanish America,” Oct. 19-22.

#### Papers

2019 Congreso Iberoamericano de Historia Urbana, “Redes urbanas de africanos y asiáticos esclavizados: casos preliminares de la Ciudad de México,” Nov. 25-29.

2019 Maria Sibylla Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America, Cologne, "Negociando categorías legales en contextos desiguales. Latinoamérica, S. XVI-XIX," Jun. 11.

2019 Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies, “Taxable Subjects and Family in Early North America,” Mar. 8-9.

2019 American Historical Association, “Promised Freedom: A Global Biography in a Seventeenth-Century Lawsuit,” Jan. 3-6.

2018 Conference on Latin American History, “Privilege without Purity?: Family Ties Across Time, Region, and Race in the Global Spanish Empire,” Jan. 4-7.

2016 American Historical Association, “Orphans and Foundlings in the Data Regime of Late-Colonial New Spain,” Jan. 7-10.

2014 Southwest Seminar on Latin America, “Adoption and Gender in the Construction of the Free-colored Tributary Subject in New Spain,” Oct. 2-4.

2014 Conference on Latin American History, “Royal Tribute as a Bureaucratic Black Space in Late-colonial Mexico,” Jan. 2-5.

2013 VII Jornadas de Historia y Cultura de América, Universidad de Montevideo, “La familia afromexicana y la caída de tres instituciones coloniales,” Jul. 25-26.

2013 TePaske Seminar in Colonial Latin American History, “‘All Children of the Preceding’: Afromexican Families on Bourbon Tribute Registers,” Mar. 22-23.

2011 American Society for Ethnohistory, “Lineage, Honor, and Blackness in Two Seventeenth-century Families,” Oct. 19-22.

2011 American Historical Association, “Gender, Genealogy, and Tribute Exemption in Bourbon New Spain,” Jan. 7-10.

2009 American Society for Ethnohistory, “‘I Could Not Determine the Truth’: Afromexican and Indian Disputes in Bourbon Tribute Courts,” Sep. 30- Oct. 3.

#### Roundtable Discussions

2019 Colegio de México, Conversatorio, “Los archivos de personas africanas y sus descendientes en Hispanoamérica Colonial,” Mar. 1.

2019 American Historical Association, Roundtable discussion, “Beyond *Presencia*: Afromexican History and the Biographical Turn,” Jan. 3-6.

#### Conference Organization

2014 The Humanities and Technology Camp, Johns Hopkins University, Apr. 12.

2014 “Mobility and Exchange in Latin America,” Johns Hopkins University Program in Latin American Studies, Apr. 11.

2013 “Beyond the Lungs of the World: Perspectives on Ecological Thought in Latin America,” Johns Hopkins University Program in Latin American Studies, Apr. 19.

2009 “Slaves, Soldiers, Rebels,” Johns Hopkins University Center for Africana Studies National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute. Graduate Intern

#### **INVITED TALKS**

2019 “Free People of Color in Colonial Mexico,” Ocean County College, Apr. 18.

#### **CAMPUS TALKS**

2019 “The Conquest of Mexico: A Panel Remembering 1519,” Georgian Court University, Feb. 27.

2014 “Counting Caste: Making Numbers and Race in the Spanish Atlantic,” Northern Arizona University, Oct. 14.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of Houston, 2019-

##### Undergraduate courses

“Colonial Latin American History” (Fall 2019); “Colonial Mexico” (Fall 2019).

Georgian Court University, 2016-19

##### Undergraduate courses

“African History” (Spring 2019); “Historian’s Craft” (Spring 2019); “Comparative Empires” (Fall 2018); “Mediterranean Encounters, 1100-1700” (Spring 2018);

“Atlantic World, 1400-1850” (Fall 2017); “Colonial Latin America” (Fall 2016);  
“History of Mexico” (Spring 2017); “Modern Latin America” (Spring 2017);  
“World History Survey I” (regularly); “World History Survey II” (regularly).

Northern Arizona University, 2014-2016

Specialized undergraduate courses, in addition to surveys

“Resistance, Rebellion, and Revolution in Latin America and the Caribbean” (Fall 2014, Spring 2016); “Mexico Yesterday and Today” (Fall 2014, Spring 2016);  
“Pro-Seminar Capstone: Religion in Iberian Worlds” (Spring 2015); “Topics in Latin American History: Comparative Atlantic Slavery” (Fall 2015); “Topics in Latin American History: Music and Race in Latin America” (Spring 2015).

Graduate course

“Readings in Ibero-American History, 1500-1850” (Fall 2015).

Johns Hopkins University, 2014

Dean’s Teaching Fellowship

“Gender in Latin American History” (Spring 2014).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2019-            Teaching Editor. H-Slavery Network  
2018-19        Peer Reviewer. *The Americas*; *Hispanic American Historical Review*; *Memorias: Revista Digital de Historia y Arqueología desde el Caribe*; and *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies*  
2017-18        Communications and Outreach Committee, Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2018-19        Member. Faculty Development Committee, Georgian Court University  
2017-19        Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Moderator. Georgian Court University  
2017-19        Department Representative. Curriculum Committee, Georgian Court University  
2017-19        Faculty Adviser. Honors Program and History Major, Georgian Court University  
2016-19        Departmental Liaison for Program Assessment. Georgian Court University  
2015-16        Latin American Studies Committee. Northern Arizona University  
2015-16        Undergraduate Honors Adviser. History Department, Northern Arizona University  
2014-16        Undergraduate Committee. History Department, Northern Arizona University  
2014-15        Dean’s Public Humanities Initiative. Northern Arizona University

## LANGUAGES

Spanish (reading, speaking, writing)

Portuguese (reading, speaking)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2017-19 Volunteer judge. National History Day in New Jersey  
2015-16 Member. No More Deaths/No Más Muertes, Northern Arizona University  
2015-16 Volunteer judge. National History Day in Arizona

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association  
American Society for Ethnohistory  
American Society for Legal History  
Berkshire Conference of Women Historians  
Conference on Latin American History  
Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies