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EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- University of Houston Department of History
Assistant Professor of Colonial Mexican 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

Book

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

Articles

“Black Tribute in the Spanish Atlantic,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History* (under review)

“‘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 Borucki, Alex, David Eltis, and David Wheat, *From the Galleons to the Highlands: Slave Trade Routes in the Spanish Americas*. *Bulletin for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies* 45, no. 1 (Dec. 2020).

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

- 2020-21 Co-Investigator with Guillermo De Los Reyes. Grant to Enhance Research on Racism at University of Houston
- 2021 Guest Researcher. Max Planck Institute for European Legal History [deferred]
- 2021 Affiliated Fellow. International Institute for Asian Studies at Leiden University
- 2020 National Endowment for the Humanities/John Carter Brown Library Associates Fellow. 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 [declined]
- 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 Ferguson Stipend. Johns Hopkins University Center for Africana Studies
- 2009 Student Travel Grant. American Society for Ethnohistory

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panel Organization

- 2021 With Erin Stone. Conference on Latin American History, Atlantic Studies Section, "Recent Scholarship Connecting Atlantic and Pacific Histories," Jan. 7-10.
- 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 African Studies Association Annual Meeting, "Enslaved *Mozambiques* and their Networks in Seventeenth-Century Mexico City," Nov. 21-23.
- 2019 Maria Sibylla Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America, "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 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 “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 “Africans and Afro-descendants in New Spain’s Atlantic and Pacific,” University of Texas, Nov. 12.
- 2019 “Global microhistory in a seventeenth-century demanda de libertad from Mexico City,” Universidad de Pablo Olavide, Jun. 6.
- 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” (regularly); “Colonial Mexico” (regularly).

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); “Capstone: Religion in Iberian Worlds” (Spring 2015); “Comparative Atlantic Slavery” (Fall 2015); “Music and Race in Latin America” (Spring 2015).

Graduate course

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Reviewer. *The Americas*; *Ethnohistory*; *Hispanic American Historical Review*; *Memorias: Revista Digital de Historia y Arqueología desde el Caribe*; *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies*; *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*

2021-22 Chair. Atlantic World Studies Committee, Conference on Latin American History

2020-21 Secretary. Atlantic World Studies Committee, Conference on Latin American History

2019 Teaching Editor. H-Slavery Network

2017-18 Communications and Outreach Committee, Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019- Advisor. History Honors Senior Thesis, University of Houston

2019- Mentor. Mellon Research Scholars Program, University of Houston

2019 Mentor. Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University of Houston
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 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

English (native proficiency)
Spanish (reading, speaking, writing)
Portuguese (reading, speaking)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2020- Transcriber. Smithsonian Digital Volunteers
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
Berkshire Conference of Women Historians
Conference on Latin American History