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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D. History, University of Texas at Austin
- 2013 M.A. History, University of Texas at Austin
- 2010 B.A. History (with First Class Honours), Queen Mary, University of London

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018- Lecturer in Iberian History and History of the Iberian World, 1500-1800, History Department, University College London

ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2016 Invited Scholar, Departamento de Historia, Universidad de los Andes (July - October & '17 2016, & August - December 2017)
- 2016 Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México: (December 2015 - June 2016)
- 2015 Area de Historia Moderna, Universidad de Pablo Olavide, Sevilla (January – December 2015)

LANGUAGES

English (Native), Spanish (Native), Portuguese (Advanced), French (Advanced), Arabic (Beginner; commenced informal conversation classes in February 2017)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles, in Peer Reviewed Journals

- 2017 ““They Are Blacks of the Caste of Black Christians”: Old Christian Black Blood in the Sixteenth- and Early Seventeenth-Century Iberian Atlantic.” *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 97:4, 2017, p.p. 579-612.

Reference Articles, Peer-Reviewed

2016 “Black Atlantic,” *Dictionary of American History, Supplement: America in the World, 1776 to the Present*, Edward J. Blum, Editor in Chief; Cara L. Burnidge, Emily Conroy-Krutz, and David Kinkela, Associate Editors, (Charles Scribner’s Sons: 2016).

Book Reviews

- 2016 Francisco Bethencourt, *Racisms: from the Crusades to the Twentieth Century*, (Princeton University Press: 2013), in *European History Quarterly* 46 (2016), 2, pp. 331-3.
- 2012 Erin Kathleen Rowe, *Saint and Nation: Santiago, Teresa of Avila, and Plural Identities in Early Modern Spain* (2011), Not Even Past.
- 2012 Peter Sahlins, *Boundaries: The Making of France and Spain in the Pyrenees*, (1989), Not Even Past.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Blackness in the Iberian Atlantic (1500-1640). Revising manuscript for monograph from dissertation: “Ethiopian Royal Vassals: free black itinerancy in the Iberian Atlantic (1500-1640).”

“Imagining Ethiopia in the Early Hispanic Atlantic; revisiting blackness, purity of blood, and just slavery through Alonso de Sandoval’s *Catechismo Evangelico de todos Etiopes*,” article manuscript under review with editorial board at *Revue d’histoire moderne & contemporaine* (Submitted Nov. 25 2018).

“Magdalena de Sossa,” in *Freedom in Degrees: A Collective Biography of Black Women and Emancipation in the Americas*, edited by Erica L. Ball, Tatiana Seijas, and Terri L. Snyder, (Cambridge University Press)

“Entangled Histories: Just War and Just Slavery in the Early Spanish Empire,” article manuscript to submit to peer-review journal, Spring 2019.

“Whispers, Murmurs, and Letters; Atlantic Trajectories and Transoceanic Ties Of Captive and Free Blacks in Seville, 1500-1640,” article manuscript to submit to *The William and Mary Quarterly* in Winter 2019.

FELLOWSHIPS / RESEARCH GRANTS / AWARDS

External Competitions for Fellowships & Grants

2018 Society of Fellows in the Humanities, University of Southern California (Los Angeles), 2-year postdoctoral fellowship 2018-2020, *declined*.

- 2017 Mark Cluster Mamolen Dissertation Workshop, Afro-Latin American Research Institute at the Hutchins Center, Harvard University
- 2017 American Historical Association, 2016 AHA Council Annual Meeting Grant
- 2016 John Carter Brown Library, Helen Watson Bucker Memorial Fellowship (4 Months)
- 2015-16 The Leverhulme Trust. Two-year fellowship for archival research in Spain, Mexico, and Colombia (24 months)
- 2015 Social Science Research Council, Andrew W. Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship SSRC-IDRF (12 months).
- 2015 American Historical Association, Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the Western Hemisphere
- 2015 Summer Academy in Atlantic History, Atlantic History in Global Perspective, New Research on Atlantic History and Beyond
- 2014 The Huntington Library, W. M. Keck Foundation Fellowship (2 Months)
- 2014 Renaissance Society of America Research Grant. Funding for research trip to archives in Spain in Summer 2014
- 2013 The James R. Scobie Memorial Award, Conference on Latin American History (CLAH). Funding for exploratory dissertation research trip to Spain, 2013

University-wide competitions: University of Texas at Austin

- 2018 University of Texas at Austin Graduate School Dissertation Writing Fellowship, (by History Dept. nomination of best PhD student in the program, to be held in Spring 2018)
- 2016 University of Texas at Austin Graduate School Continuing Fellowship (by History Dept. nomination of best PhD student in the program, held in 2017; 12 months)
- 2013-14 Churchill Scholarship, British Studies Program (nominated by Wm. Roger Louis, x4: Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014)
- 2014 John L. Warfield Center for African & African American Studies Graduate Student Travel Grant. Funding for research trip to archives in Spain in Summer 2014
- 2014 Tinker Summer Field Research Grant, Tereza Lozano Institute of Latin American Studies. Funding for research trip to archives in Spain in Summer 2014

Department competitions, Fellowships / Grants: History Dept., University of Texas at Austin

- 2014 History Department Continuing Fellowship. One-year fellowship to complete dissertation research (declined)
- 2014-18 Professional Development Award. Funding to present papers at conference(s) (x4)
- 2013 Summer Research Fellowship. Funding for exploratory dissertation research trip to Spain
- 2012-15 Research Travel Grant. Funding for summer research travel expenses (x4)
- 2011-12 Geraldine Hill Styles Scholarship. Recruitment Fellowship for History Graduate Program

Awards

- 2014 Jan Carleton Perry Prize for Best Masters Thesis in the Department of History at The University of Texas at Austin during 2013-2014, "Royal Subjects: Old African Christians in the Iberian Atlantic World." Report also nominated by History Department for 2014 Outstanding M.A. Thesis Award (The University of Texas at Austin Graduate School Awards).
- 2010 School of History Book Prize (offered for excellence in Undergraduate History Research Dissertations) for B.A. Dissertation: "A Comparative Analysis of black confraternities in the Iberian Peninsula; a social and cultural history, 1500-1800."

INVITED TALKS (*Upcoming)

- *2019 Workshop, Purity of Blood: The Iberian World in Comparative Perspective, organized by Francisco Bethencourt, 6-7 December, 2019.
- *2019 Keynote. Global Skins in Early Modern Europe conference-workshop organized by The [Renaissance Skin project](#) – a Wellcome Trust-funded project, King's College London, September 19-20, 2019.
- *2019 Workshop. 'Between Civic Virtue & Civil War: Global Genealogies,' Lichtenberg-Kolleg, the Institute for Advanced Study in the University of Göttingen. Monday 21st May and Tuesday 22nd May 2019.
- *2019 "Imagining and Experiencing the Indies: sixteenth-century black thought in Seville and Cadiz." Workshop: OF THE INDIES: Toward a Global History of Knowledge, An LAGLOBAL workshop, Seville-Cadiz, April 8-10, 2019.
- *2019 Workshop. "Free black vecinos of late sixteenth-century New Spain; Catholicism, Subjecthood, and Interconnected Histories," 2019 Peter Fortune Symposium, Arch Dalrymple III Department of History University of Mississippi, March 28-30, 2019
- *2019 Workshop. Religion, Medicine, and Blackness in the Iberian Atlantic, at University of Leeds. March 6th 2019.

- 2018 Talk. Untraceable ideas? Black thought in the early Iberian Atlantic (1500-1640) and the transformation of Iberian empires and epistemologies, at the Early Modern World Seminar at Oxford University, Wednesday 28th November, 2018.
- 2018 Workshop. “Caricatures of Africa in the Rule of Law for Just War and Just Slavery in the Early Spanish Empire,” Arguing for the Rule of Law: Using the Hebrew Bible and Caricatures of Foreigners in British and Spanish America, Symposium for Comparative Early Modern Legal History, October 26th, 2018. Newberry Library Chicago.
- 2018 Tracing black thought in the early Iberian Atlantic (1500-1640) and how black colonial subjects transformed Iberian empires and epistemologies, Freedom: A Mellon-Sawyer Symposium, The Graduate Center, City University New York. 28th June, 2018
- 2017 Workshop. “Black intellectuals in New Spain; Catholicism, Subjecthood, and interconnected histories,” November 19th, Departamento de Historia, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá
- 2017 Workshop. “Whispers, Murmurs, and Letters: Atlantic Trajectories and Transoceanic Ties of Captive and Free Blacks in the Early Hispanic Atlantic,” Mark Claster Mamolen Dissertation Workshop, Afro-Latin American Research Institute at the Hutchins Center, Harvard University, May 12-13, 2017
- 2017 Talk. ““They are of the caste of black Christians;” Old Christian black blood in the sixteenth- century Iberian Atlantic,” John Carter Brown Library, May 10th 2017.
- 2017 Workshop. ““They are of the caste of black Christians;” Old Christian black blood in the sixteenth century Iberian Atlantic,” New Work in Progress Workshop Series, Institute for Historical Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 9th February, 2017
- 2016 Workshop. “Etiopía e itinerancias africanas: repensando la negritud” (in Spanish & English), Invited Workshop in seminar *Imperios del Mundo Atlántico*, Department of History, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá. 22nd September, 2016
- 2016 Workshop. "La restauración de las almas de los africanos: Imaginando Etiopía en el Atlántico-hispano" (in Spanish & English), Comments by Dr. Raffaele Moro. Invited workshop *Historia Cultural del Nuevo Mundo*," held at Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico City, Friday 2nd September, 2016
- 2015 Talk. “Trayectorias Atlánticas y Vínculos Transoceánicos de Cautivos y Libres Negros en Sevilla, 1500-1640” (in Spanish), *Seminario Permanente de Historia - Esclavitudes Atlánticas: Continuidades y Transformaciones*. Coordinated by: Manuel F. Fernandez Chavez, Jose Luis Belmonte Postigo, and Rafael M. Perez Garcia, held in Universidad de Sevilla, on November, 19th 2015
- 2015 Talk. ““Son de la casta de negros cristianos”: Pureza de Sangre y el significado de ser negro en el mundo hispano Atlantico del siglo XVI,” (in Spanish), *Seminario Permanente sobre categorías socio-históricas de la identidad*, Coordinated by: Laura Giraudo (EEHA-

- CSIC) y Berta Ares (EEHA-CSIC), held in Escuela de Estudios Hispano-Americanos, Seville, Spain, September, 15th 2015
- 2015 Workshop. “Ethiopian royal vassals: free black itinerancy in the Iberian Atlantic (1500-1640),” *Fourth Summer Academy in Atlantic History*, Lancaster University, UK. Commentator: Trevor Burnard, University of Melbourne. August, 27th 2015.
- 2015 Workshop. “Negros libres itinerantes en el Mundo Atlántico Ibérico (siglo XVI)” (in Spanish), *X Ciclo de Conferencias Internacional Métodos, Teorías y Nuevas Líneas de Investigación Histórica*, organized by Área de Historia Moderna de la Universidad de Pablo Olavide, held in Escuela de Estudios Hispano-Americanos, Seville, Spain, March 23rd 2015

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY (*Upcoming)

Papers Presented

- 2018 “Black colonial settlers in late sixteenth-century New Spain; evaluating the significance of Afro-descendants' property ownership,” in panel, *The Lived Material (part I): Property, Race, and Social Dependency in Iberian Slave Societies*,” Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Barcelona, Spain May 2018
- 2018 Roundtable, *Gender in Latin America*, Gender Symposium, The University of Texas at Austin, February 9, 2018.
- 2018 “Loyal Royal Vassals; Black Vecinos and the Castilian Crown in the early Hispanic Atlantic” in panel *Re-Thinking “Race” in the Spanish Atlantic: Shaping Imperial Laws and Defining Categories of Difference, Belonging, Royal Vassalage, and Religious Lineage*, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 4-7, 2018
- 2017 “Whispers, Murmurs, and Letters; Atlantic Trajectories and Transoceanic Ties of Captive and Free Blacks in The Early Hispanic Atlantic,” Conference for Latin American History, Atlantic World Studies Committee Session organized by Jane Landers and David Wheat, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, January 2017
- 2016 “Trading in the Atlantic: Ana Gomez’s life as a merchant, a free black woman, and a Castilian native in the late sixteenth century Spanish Caribbean,” *El Significado de la Negritud II – The Meaning of Blackness II*, Universidad de Costa Rica in San José, Costa Rica, on February 15-18, 2016. Video recording: <https://webtv.fcs.ucr.ac.cr/watch/393/>
- 2016 “Afro-Iberian Old Christians: Itinerant Free Blacks in the Iberian Atlantic And Their Transoceanic Community Ties (1500-1640),” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, January 7-10th 2016. Poster presentation: <http://tinyurl.com/AHAPoster>
- 2014 “Royal Subjects: Old African Christians in the Atlantic World,” Africa 2014 Conference: African Diasporas: Old and New, held at University of Texas at Austin, April 4-6th 2014

- 2014 “Revisiting Limpieza de Sangre: Old African Christians in the Iberian Atlantic (1500-1640)” 61st Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS), New Orleans, LA, March 12-14th 2014
- 2014 “Debating Ethiopia in the Iberian Age of Discovery: appropriating myths” Thirteenth Annual Vagantes Conference on Medieval Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, March 20-22nd 2014
- 2014 “Ethiopian Royal Vassals: Black Itinerancy in the Iberian Atlantic 1500-1640” International Symposium The Meaning of Blackness / Significance of Being Black, University of Costa Rica, San Pedro, Costa Rica, February 3-6th 2014

Discussant / Moderator

- 2014 Panel: “Translation, Adaptation, Appropriation,” Thirteenth Annual Vagantes Medieval Graduate Student Conference, University of Texas at Austin, March 20-22nd 2014

Panels Organized

- 2018 Co-organized with Adriana Chira: “The Lived Material (Part I): Property, Race, and Social Dependency in Iberian Slave Societies,” Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Barcelona, Spain, May 2018.
- 2018 Co-organized with Max Deardroff: “Re-Thinking “Race” in the Spanish Atlantic: Shaping Imperial Laws and Defining Categories of Difference, Belonging, Royal Vassalage, and Religious Lineage,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 4-7, 2018.
- 2014 “African Mobility in the Early Modern Iberian World,” Africa 2014 Conference: African Diasporas: Old and New, held at University of Texas at Austin, April 4-6th 2014
- 2013 “Fifteen Minute History Podcast & Classroom Teaching Materials,” World History Association of Texas (W.H.A.T) 2013 Conference on Technology and History, St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas, March 2nd 2014

Conference Organization Activities

- 2017 Organized informal workshop, “Dissertation Chapters in Progress”, Departamento de Historia, Universidad de los Andes, November 17th 2017.
- 2014 Designed website and organized formatting and distribution of workshop participants’ papers for “Entangled Histories of the Early Modern British and Iberian Empires and their Successor Republics,” Workshop at University of Texas at Austin, Nov 21-22nd 2014 <http://sites.utexas.edu/entangledhistories/>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (*Upcoming)

*2018 Scobie Award Committee, CLAH (Conference for Latin American History)

2015-17 Graduate Student Assistant Editor of *Colonia/Colônia | Personal and Professional Notes*, N.s 3:2 through 4:3, Latin American Studies Association

PHD SUPERVISION / EXAMINATION

PhD Supervision / Examination

2019 Internal Examiner for Marina Thome Bezzi, "History, geography and colonial expansion in the works of Richard Hakluyt and Lancelot Voisin de la Popelinière," PhD Thesis, Department of Spanish, Portuguese & Latin American Studies, University College London. 21st February, 2019

*2019 Internal Examiner, Department of Spanish, Portuguese & Latin American Studies, University College London. May 2019.

FIXED-TERM TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2017-18 Instructor, Colonial Latin American History, The University of Texas at Austin (May 2017- May 2018)

2012-15 Teaching Assistant & Graduate Instructor, for US History Since 1865 with ethics component, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin (4 semesters)

2008-10 Teaching Fellow of English for Academic Purposes, Language Centre, School of Languages, Linguistics, and Film, Queen Mary, University of London

EDITING & TRANSLATION

2014 Translator (Spanish to English): Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra, "The "Iberian" Justifications of Territorial Possession by Pilgrims and Puritans in the Colonization of America (1620-1630)," *Entangled Empires, the Anglo-Iberian Atlantic, 1500-1830*, (Pennsylvania University Press: forthcoming, 2017), 161-177.

2014 Indexer: *The Black Urban Atlantic in the Age of the Slave Trade*, (eds.), Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra, Matt D. Childs, and James Sidbury, (University of Pennsylvania Press, May 2013)

2012 Graduate Research Assistant. Research assistance and copy-editing for manuscript: Jacqueline Jones, *A Dreadful Deceit: The Myth of Race from the Colonial Era to Obama's America*, (Basic Books: 2013)

IMPACT / PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT; NON-PEER REVIEWED WRITING & PODCASTS

Other Publications / Writing / Podcasts

- 2014 Article: “Learning How to Teach History through task-based learning and ethics,” Not Even Past (Featured Article, February 2014).
- 2012 Podcast: “Mapping Perspectives of the Mexican-American War,” Podcast & Classroom Teaching Materials, Fifteen Minute History, a project by Hemispheres and Not Even Past at The University of Texas at Austin.

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

Affiliations & Memberships

- 2011- American Historical Association
- 2013- Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies
- 2013- Conference for Latin American History
- 2015- FEEGI The Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction
- 2013- Latin American Studies Association, Colonial Latin American Section
- 2013- Renaissance Society of America
- 2013- Royal Historical Society
- 2014-15 Southeastern Council for the Study of Latin America (SECOLAS)