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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2018- Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Kentucky

EDUCATION

2016 PhD, History, Johns Hopkins University
2012 MA, History, Johns Hopkins University
2010 BA with Distinction, History, Boston University

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

2021-2022 Kemble Fellowship in Maritime History, The Huntington Library—unable to accept
2019 Lewis Hanke Post-Doctoral Award, Conference on Latin American History
2018 Mayer Short-Term Fellow, The Huntington Library, Pasadena, CA
2016 Butler Dissertation Fellowship, Department of History, Johns Hopkins
2015 Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins
2013 Fulbright-IIE (Mexico)—unable to accept
2013 Fellowship, Singleton Center for the Study of Premodern Europe, Johns Hopkins
2012 Lydia Cabrera Award, Conference on Latin American History
2009-2010 Grieg Fellowship, Office of the Dean, Boston University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Veracruz and the Caribbean in the Seventeenth Century, Cambridge University Press, March 2023.

Chapters in edited volumes

“Environment and the Politics of Relocation in the Caribbean Port of Veracruz, 1519-1599,” in *Spain’s Maritime Empire: The Caribbean in the Long Sixteenth Century*, edited by David Wheat and Ida Altman, University of Nebraska Press, 2019.

“The Moving Border: Black Experiences in Caribbean Frontiers and North American Borderlands in the Late Seventeenth Century,” in *Africans and Afro-Descendants in the Borderlands*, edited by Cameron David Jones and Jay Harrison, University of New Mexico Press, forthcoming 2023.

“The Limit of Afro-Mexico,” invited essay for edited volume in preparation, edited by Theodore W. Cohen and Ben Vinson III (title and press TBD).

Articles in progress

“The Slave Trade in the Circum-Caribbean, 1545-1636,” in preparation.

“Mexico, the Caribbean, and the Atlantic: Regional History in the Global Era,” in preparation.

“A Crime of Treason, Divine and Human?: Smuggling, Witchcraft, and Power in the Early Spanish Caribbean,” in preparation.

Book reviews and encyclopedia entries

William B. Taylor, *Fugitive Freedom: The Improbable Lives of Two Imposters in Late Colonial Mexico* (University of California Press, 2021) in *The Middle Ground Journal: World History and Global Studies*, forthcoming.

Alex Borucki, *From Shipmates to Soldiers: Emerging Black Identities in the Río de la Plata*. (University of New Mexico Press, 2015) in *The Latin Americanist*, vol. 64, no. 3, 2020: 360-362.

Pablo Miguel Sierra Silva, *Urban Slavery in Colonial Mexico: Puebla de los Ángeles, 1531-1706*. (Cambridge University Press, 2018) in *Hispanic American Historical Review*, vol. 100, no. 3, August 2020: 557-558.

David M. Stark, *Slave Families and the Hato Economy in Puerto Rico* (University of Florida Press, 2015) in *Hispanic American Historical Review*, vol. 98, no. 4, November 2018: 745-746.

Oxford Dictionary of Caribbean Afro-Latin American Biography, edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Franklin W. Knight (New York: Oxford University Press, May 2016).

“Esteban Dorantes (Estebanico)”

“Juana la Mulata”

“Lorenzo de Tapia”

“Pedro Alonso Niño”

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Antonia Bello’s Atlantic Networks,” Premodern Spanish History Association Midwest, Lexington, KY, March 2022

“Entanglement and Ethnogenesis: The Intercolonial Slave Trade in Mexico and the Caribbean, 1640-1791,” Southern Historical Association, Latin American and Caribbean Section, 87th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2021

“Contraband and Legal Trade in the Spanish Caribbean, 1571-1640,” Contraband Culture Symposium, Institute of the Americas, University College London, UK, May 2021

“Free-Black Mobility in Mexico and the Caribbean during the Colonial Period,” 135th American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, January 2021

“Diasporic Identity and Port City Networks in the Early Caribbean,” Afro-Latin American Research Institute, Harvard University, 1^a International Conference, Cambridge, MA, December 2019

“Religious Identity and Port City Networks in the Early Modern Caribbean,” Southern Historical Association, 85th Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, November 2019

“Beyond *Presencia*: Afromexican History and the Biographical Turn,” American Historical Association, 133rd Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2019

“Transimperial Networks in Mexico’s Maritime Borderlands, 1650-1800,” Latin American Studies Association, XXXVII International Congress, Barcelona, Spain, May 2018

“The Slave Trade to the Spanish Caribbean: A Reassessment Using Mexican Sources,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, 64th Annual Meeting, SLC, UT, April 2017

“The Free-Black Militia, Imperial Competition, and the Meanings of Race in Mexico’s Gulf Coast and the Spanish Caribbean, 1640-1700,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, 63rd Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, March 2016

“After the Slave Trade: Race and Religious Practice in Colonial Veracruz at the End of the Slave Trade to Mexico, 1640-1700,” Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples Conference, 3rd Annual Conference, Richmond, VA, October 2015

“Where the mosquitoes reign and even the *negros*: African Aspects of Early Veracruz,” American Historical Association, 128th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2014

“Urban Space in the Melancholic City: Havana and Veracruz in the Seventeenth Century,” Latin American Studies Association, XXXI International Congress, Washington, D.C., May 2013

“Port Cities and Maritime Culture in the Spanish Caribbean, 1566-1665,” Port City Lives, Centre for Port and Maritime History, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, England, June 2012

INVITED TALKS

“Piracy, Slavery, and Race in Colonial Latin America,” Department of History, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID, February 2022

“The Afro-Latino: Five Centuries of Identity, Culture and Erasure,” Martin Luther King Center, Latino Student Union, and Hispanic Studies Department, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, February 2021

“Imperial Competition and the Free-Black Militia,” Berkeley Latin American History Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, CA, October 2017

“Africa, Mexico, and the Caribbean in the Early Modern Period,” Faculty of History, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, May 2017

“The First Black Atlantic: African Diaspora in the Mexican-Caribbean World” Department of African American Studies, Princeton University, February 2017

“Environment and Society in the Port of Veracruz, 1519-1599,” Spain’s Maritime Empire, University of Florida, Gainesville, October 2016

“The Social and Cultural Significance of Trade in the Early Spanish Caribbean Port City, 1590-1700,” Port Cities in the Early Modern World, 1500-1800, The Library Company of Philadelphia, Temple University, and The McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, November 2015

“Havana and Veracruz in the Making of the Spanish Caribbean Urban System in the Seventeenth Century,” Alexandrian Society Annual Symposium, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, April 2015

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Kentucky, 2018-

LAS 201	Introduction to Latin American Studies
HIS 207	Modern Latin American History
HIS 208	History of the Atlantic World
HIS 301	Biography and History (Historian's Craft)
HIS 301	Disaster History (Historian's Craft)
HIS 301	Environments and Empires (Historian's Craft)
HIS 355	Comparative Slavery in the Atlantic World
HIS 355	Slavery, Piracy, and Rebellion: The Caribbean in World History
HIS 395	Epidemics and Public Health in Mexican History (independent study)
HIS 499	Cities in the Atlantic World (senior research seminar)
HIS 695	Race, Religion, and Syncretism in Caribbean History (graduate independent study)
HIS 700	Race and History (graduate seminar)

Albion College, 2017

HIS 142	Modern Latin America
HIS 189	Pre-Colonial Africa

Johns Hopkins University, 2014-2016

AAS 501	Comparative Slavery in the Atlantic World
HIS 369	Mexico and the World from Cortés to Cartels
LAS 362	Afro-Latin American Biography

GRADUATE COMMITTEES

University of Kentucky

2021-	Max Brown, Department of History (master's thesis)
2021-	Yertty VanderMolen, Department of Hispanic Studies
2021-	Allen Fletcher, Department of History
2020-	Stephen Jakob Turner, Department of Hispanic Studies
2018-	Gabriel Montero Mejia, Department of Anthropology

UNDERGRADUATE COMMITTEES

University of Kentucky

2021-2022	Avery Israel, Department of History, Lewis Honors College Thesis
2020-2021	Elena Liu, Department of International Studies
2020-2021	Daniela Gamez Salgado, Gaines Center for the Humanities, Honors Thesis

SERVICE

Prize Committees

2022-2023	Paul Vanderwood Prize Committee, Conference on Latin American History
2021-2022	Ralph Lee Woodward Jr. Prize Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association

Manuscript and Journal Reviews

Anuario de Estudios Americanos (Spain)
Editoriales de Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (Mexico)
Fronteras de la Historia (Colombia)
Journal of Global Slavery
Latin American Research Review
Vernon Press

University of Kentucky

2022-2023 Curriculum Committee, African American and Africana Studies
2020-2022 Equity and Inclusion Committee, Department of History
2020-2021 Planning and Priorities Committee, Department of History
2020- Coordinator, Imperial Encounters Working Group, Department of History
2019- Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate History Club, Department of History
2020 Chair Search Committee, Department of History
2018-2020 Undergraduate Committee, Department of History
2019 Co-Organizer, 5th Annual Symposium of the Program in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies, October 2019
2019 Co-Organizer, Symposium on the 500th Anniversary of the Conquest of Mexico, Departments of Hispanic Studies and History, February 2019

REASEARCH LANGUAGES

Primary: Spanish, English
Secondary: Portuguese, Italian
With effort: French

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Conference on Latin American History
Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association
Latin American Studies Association

REFERENCES

Ben Vinson III
Hiram C. Haydn Professor of History and Provost
Case Western Reserve University

Jane Landers
Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of History
Vanderbilt University

David Wheat
Associate Professor of History
Michigan State University