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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. in Latin American History, Harvard University
Certificate in Latin American Studies
Dissertation: “Minting Slavery in the Colonial Andes: Labor and Race in Potosí and Lima,” Chaired by Alejandro de la Fuente (Harvard History Department)
- 2015 M.A. in History, Florida International University
- 2009 B.B.A. in International Business *cum laude*, Boise State University

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2023-Present Assistant Professor of Latin American History, Weber State University
- 2022-Present Freelance Editor, Edita.us
- 2022-2023 Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American History, Oberlin College
- 2019-2021 William R. Tyler Fellow, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection
- 2018 Research Assistant, Enslaved Biographies Project, Hutchins Center for African American Research, Harvard University
- 2017-2018 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University
- 2015 Museum Intern, Star Island Corporation
- 2014-2015 Graduate Assistant, Centennial Celebration Archival Project, City of Miami Beach/Wolfsonian-FIU Miami Beach
- 2013-2014 Teaching Assistant, Florida International University

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2021 “Suspicious Possession: Policing Silver and Making Race in Colonial Potosí,” *Colonial Latin American Review* 30, no. 4: 545-564. DOI: 10.1080/10609164.2021.1996991

Refereed Book Chapters

- 2023 “The Market of Small Freedoms: Labor Negotiation in 17th-Century Potosí.” In Rossana Barragán R. and Paula C. Zagalsky, editors. *Potosí in the Global Silver Age (16th—19th Centuries)*, 210-242. Leiden: Brill.

Book Reviews

- 2022 Review of Eleonora Poggio's *Comunidad, pertenencia, extranjería: El impacto de la migración laboral y mercantil de la región del Mar del Norte en Nueva España, 1550-1640*, in *The Seventeenth Century*, 38, no. 1. DOI: 10.1080/0268117X.2022.2116198
- 2019 Review of Karoline P. Cook's *Forbidden Passages: Muslims and Moriscos in Colonial Spanish America*, in *The Seventeenth Century*, 34, no. 1. DOI: 10.1080/0268117X.2018.1462971

Other Publications

- 2022 “Slavery Upstairs, Slavery Downstairs: Forced Labor in the Royal Mints of the Colonial Andes,” *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America* XXI, no. 2, <https://revista.drclas.harvard.edu/slavery-upstairs-slavery-downstairs/>
- 2021 (with Thaïsa Way) “Land and Labor: Dumbarton Oaks Prior to 1920,” *Oak News*, <https://www.doaks.org/newsletter/land-and-labor-dumbarton-oaks-prior-to-1920>.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2023 Heinz Heinen Postdoctoral Fellowship, Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies
- 2022 Powers Travel Grant, Oberlin College and Conservatory
- 2021-2022 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS)
- 2021 Emergency Support Initiative Summer Award, Harvard University GSAS
- 2021 Summer Research Funding, Harvard University Department of History
- 2020 Emergency Support Initiative Summer Award, Harvard University GSAS
- 2020 Summer Research Funding, Harvard University Department of History
- 2019-2021 William R. Tyler Fellowship in Pre-Columbian Studies, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection
- 2019-2020 José Amor y Vázquez Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library
- 2018-2019 Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University GSAS
- 2019 Beca Científica (Research Grant), Casa de Velázquez École des Hautes Études Hispaniques et Ibériques
- 2019 Summer Research Funding, Harvard University Department of History
- 2018 Love of Learning Award, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- 2018 Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere, American Historical Association
- 2018 Distinction in Teaching Award, Harvard University Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2018 Jens Aubrey Westengard Summer Research and Travel Grant, Harvard University
- 2018 Short-Term Field Research Grant, Harvard University Afro-Latin American Research Institute (ALARI)
- 2018 Summer Research Funding, Harvard University Department of History
- 2017 Distinction in Teaching Award, Harvard University Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2017 Short-Term Field Research Grant, Harvard University ALARI
- 2017 Summer Research Funding, Harvard University Department of History
- 2017 (Declined) Summer Research Travel Grant, Harvard University David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS)
- 2016 Summer Research Travel Grant, Harvard University DRCLAS
- 2015-2019 Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University GSAS
- 2014-2015 Graduate Assistantship, Florida International University
- 2013-2014 Graduate Teaching Assistantship

- 2009 Dean's List with High Honors, Boise State University (Spring 2009, Fall 2006)
 2007 Dean's List with Honors, Boise State University (Fall 2007)

INVITED LECTURES

- 2022 "Entre plantación y ciudad: José Joaquín Hernández y la Casa de Moneda de Lima" (virtual presentation in Spanish), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Seminario Sociedad Indiana, Mexico City, Mexico, November 4
 2021 "La esclavitud en Charcas" (virtual roundtable in Spanish), Secretaría Municipal de Culturas/UNESCO, Potosí, Bolivia, May 28
 2020 "Esclavos de plata: Trabajo forzado en las casas de moneda de Potosí y Lima" (virtual presentation in Spanish), Instituto de Investigación Numismática – Perú, October 9
 2019 "Esclavos de plata: Trabajo forzado en las casas de moneda de Potosí y Lima" (presentation in Spanish), Instituto de Investigación Numismática – Perú (Lima, Peru), March 21
 2019 "Esclavos de plata: Trabajo forzado en las casas de moneda de Potosí y Lima" (presentation in Spanish), Asociación Numismática y Filatélica de Ica (Ica, Peru), March 5
 2019 "¿Más allá de la esclavitud? Trabajo forzado en la casa de moneda de Potosí, siglo XVIII" (presentation in Spanish), Universidad Mayor de San Andrés Carrera de Historia (La Paz, Bolivia), February 15

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences Organized

- 2022 Plantation Societies in Comparative Perspective, The Working Group on Comparative Slavery at the Afro-Latin American Research Institute (ALARI), University of Pittsburgh (PA), October 14-15
 2019 International Seminar: Comparative Studies of Slavery and Race in the Atlantic World, Working Group on Comparative Slavery at ALARI and the Instituto de Historia, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Madrid, Spain) June 17-19
 2018 The Transnational Networks of the Illegal Slave Trade in the Nineteenth Century, The Working Group on Comparative Slavery at ALARI and the Metropolis and Extra-European Societies Research Group (GRIMSE), Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain), May 21-23
 2016 Workshop: Slaves and the Law: Comparative Questions and Approaches, The Working Group on Comparative Slavery at ALARI, Brown University (Providence, RI), October 28-29

Panels Organized

- 2018 "Mining Silver and Valuing Money in Colonial Latin America," Latin American Studies Association (Barcelona, Spain), May 24

Papers Presented

- 2022 “Plantation Pressures, Urban Opportunities,” Plantation Societies in Comparative Perspective Conference, University of Pittsburgh (PA), October 14
- 2022 “¿*Peones Libres*? Race, Minting, and (Un)Free Labor (1746-1825),” Mark Cluster Mamolen Dissertation Workshop (Cambridge, MA), May 6-7
- 2022 “¿*Peones Libres*? Race, Minting, and the Rationalization of Free Labor in the Late Colonial Andes,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 8
- 2021 “Acuñando para el Rey: La contribución de afrodescendientes e indígenas en las casas de moneda de Potosí y Lima antes de la independencia” (virtual presentation in Spanish), Jornadas de Numismática Educativa III – Bicentenario, July 24
- 2021 “Libertine Slaves and Thieving Wage Workers: Rethinking Labor in Late Colonial Lima’s Mint,” Harvard-Princeton Graduate Conference in Early Modern History (virtual presentation), February 14
- 2020 “Reforming and Re-forming Andean Silver Mints: Jurisdiction, Race, and Labor in the Eighteenth Century,” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies Conference (Austin, TX), March 6
- 2020 “Recoining the Inca? Andean Structure and Inca Legacies in Potosí’s Colonial Silver Mint” Harvard-Princeton Graduate Conference in Early Modern History (Cambridge, MA), February 15
- 2019 “Minting Slavery in the Colonial Andes: Labor and Race in Lima,” 6th Summer Academy for Atlantic History (Bernried am Starnberger See, Germany), August 23
- 2019 “Esclavos de plata: Trabajo forzado en las casas de moneda de Potosí y Lima” (presentation in Spanish) International Seminar: Comparative Studies of Slavery and Race in the Atlantic World (Madrid, Spain), June 17
- 2019 “Black, White, and Silver: Policing Money Production in Colonial Potosí,” Latin American Studies Association Congress (Boston, MA), May 27
- 2018 “Plata y pan: Investigando las condiciones de trabajo forzado en la Casa de la Moneda de Potosí” (presentation in Spanish), 2nd International Convention of Historians and Numismatists (Arequipa, Peru), October 20
- 2018 “Suspicious Possession: Policing Silver and Race in Colonial Potosí,” Latin American Studies Association Congress (Barcelona, Spain), May 24
- 2018 “Minting Society: Labor and Race in Potosí, 1570-1800,” Harvard-Princeton Graduate Conference in Early Modern History (Cambridge, MA), February 10
- 2017 “Minting Sovereignty: Potosí’s Seventeenth Century Silver Mint as a Legal Forum,” Max Planck Institute for European Legal History Summer Academy (Frankfurt am Main, Germany), August 2
- 2017 “Beyond Vicuñas and Vascongados: Administering Difference in Seventeenth-Century Potosí,” Latin American Studies Association Congress (Lima, Peru), April 30
- 2016 “The Repertoire and the Archive in Progress: Post-Conflict LGBT Activism in Peru,” Latin American History Consortium Retreat, Yale University (New Haven, CT), May 14

- 2015 “Sovereignty, Slavery, and the Sea: Interimperial Conflict in the Sixteenth-Century Slave Trade,” TePaske Seminar on Colonial Latin American History, Georgetown University (Washington, DC), May 21
- 2014 “International Law in Practice: The Spanish Slave Trade, 1493-1580,” Conference of the Department of History Graduate Student Association, Florida International University (Miami, FL), April 4

Campus Talks

- 2020 “Recoining the Inca? Andean Structure and Inca Legacies in Potosí’s Colonial Silver Mint,” Harvard Andean Workshop (virtual presentation), November 20

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Visiting Assistant Professor at Oberlin College (course head)

- Latin American History: State and Nation Since Independence (Spring 2023)
 Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Latin America (Spring 2023)
 Beyond Slavery and Freedom in the Atlantic World (Fall 2022)
 Gold to Guacamole: Latin American Commodity History (Fall 2022)
 Latin American History: Invasion to Independence (Fall 2022)

As Teaching Fellow at Harvard University

- What is Social History? (Spring 2018)
 Secrets and Lies in European History (Fall 2017)

As Teaching Assistant at Florida International University

- Global Civilization (Spring 2014, Fall 2013)

PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2020 “Labor History of Dumbarton Oaks,” Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection
- 2018 Enslaved Database Project, Harvard University Hutchins Center for African & African American Research
- 2014-2015 Centennial Celebration Archival Project, City of Miami Beach/Wolfsonian-FIU

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2017-2019 *Transition* Magazine Student Editor
- 2016-Present Working Group on Comparative Slavery Conference Coordinator

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2015-2022 Harvard History Graduate Student Association
 Co-President 2017-2018
 Treasurer 2015-2017
- 2013-2015 FIU Department of History Graduate Student Association

Executive Board Member 2014-2015

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2019 Summer Academy of Atlantic History
2017 Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory Summer Academy

TEACHING AREAS

Afro-Latin America
Colonial Latin America
Modern Latin America
North America to 1815
Race and Slavery in the Atlantic World

LANGUAGES

English – Native language
Spanish – speak and read fluently, write with moderate proficiency
Portuguese – speak and read with basic competence
French – speak and read with basic competence

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Bolivian Studies Association
Conference on Latin American History
Latin American Studies Association
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

REFERENCES

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