

History Department – Women’s History Month Lecture

Marcella Hayes (University of Wisconsin-Madison),

“Black Women Political Leaders of Seventeenth-Century Lima”

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 7 pm

Lindquist Hall, Room 101

Marcella “Sally” Hayes is a historian of Latin America and early modern Iberia with an emphasis on the Andes. She holds a PhD from Harvard University and is currently Assistant Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Hayes studies how black people shaped early modern Iberian political life, using their ideas of community and methods of self-governance to rethink early modern concepts of belonging. In her research and teaching, she focuses on inclusion and exclusion, political claims-making, and the development of categories of identity. Hayes’s current book manuscript is tentatively titled *The Black Spaniards: The Color of Political Authority in Seventeenth-Century Lima*.



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