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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Leeds, Associate Professor, School of History, University of Leeds, 2022-Present

University of Leeds, Lecturer, School of History, University of Leeds, 2021-2022

Oberlin College, Associate Professor, History Department, 2021

Oberlin College, Assistant Professor, History Department, 2015-2021

Cornell University, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2014-2015

Princeton University, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2013-2014

Dartmouth College, Predoctoral Fellow, 2012-2013

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Duke University, History, May 2013
Graduate Certificate: Latin American & Caribbean Studies
Graduate Certificate: African & African American Studies

M.A. Duke University, History, 2008

B.A. Cornell University, The College Scholar Program - Afro-Mexican Studies, 2005

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

African Diaspora, Colonial Latin America, Slavery, Women's History, Legal History, Comparative Race and Ethnicity, History of the Early Modern Catholic Church, Contemporary Latin American History

PUBLICATIONS

Article, "Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz (1648–95), Renaissance Nun," *Routledge: The Renaissance World* (online) (July 2024): <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780367347093-RERW161-1>.

Afterword for Special Issue, "Captive Mobilities: Movement, Slavery, and Knowledge Production in the Iberian World," *Slavery & Abolition* 44, no. 3 (Fall 2023): 559-561.

Article "Early Modern Women and Race: State of the Study," *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 17, no. 2 (Spring 2023): 357-361.

Article, "Latin America and Sugar in 1619," *The American Historical Review* 127, Issue 4 (December 2022): 1849-1853.

Book: *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2022.

Article, “The Inconvenience of Chocolate: Disciplining the Society of Jesus in Seventeenth-Century Mexico,” *History of Religions* 60, no. 4 (May 2021): 325-357.

Article, “Finer Things: African-Descended Women, Sumptuary Laws, and Governance in Early Spanish America,” *Journal of Women’s History* 33, no. 3 (Fall 2021): 11-35.

Article, “ ‘My Conscience is Free and Clear’: African-descended Women, Status, and Slave Owning in Mid-Colonial Mexico,” *The Americas* 75, no. 3 (July 2018): 525-554.

Book Review, “David González Cruz, ed. *Represión, tolerancia e integración en España y América: Extranjeros, esclavos, indígenas y mestizos durante el siglo XVIII*,” *Journal of Latin American Studies* 49, no. 1 (February 2017): 172-174.

Book Review, “Sherwin Bryant, *Rivers of Gold, Lives of Bondage: Governing Through Slavery in Colonial Quito*,” *Colonial Latin American Historical Review* 2, no. 3 (Summer 2015): 433-434.

Article, “Polonia de Ribas, mulata y dueña de esclavos: una historia alternative. Xalapa siglo XVII.” (“Polonia de Ribas, *mulata* and slaveowner: an alternative history”) *Revista Ulúa, Revista de Historia, Sociedad y Cultura*, año 10, núm. 19, enero - junio (2012): 41-60.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book Project: *Imagining Catholic Empires: Slavery, Freedom, and the Jesuits in Colonial Mexico*

Article, “Illicit Luxury: Chocolate Desires, Value, and the Society of Jesus,” Special Issue, *Journal of Jesuit Studies*

Article, “ ‘I Do Not Owe Anything to Anyone’: Seventeenth-Century Black Women Entrepreneurs on Mexico’s Royal Road”

PRIZES, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, AND AWARDS

- 2024 Honourable Mention, Best Book by a Member of the UK Latin American Historians (UKLAH) Network
- 2024 Winner of the Best Book in the Humanities Prize from the Mexico Section of the Latin American Studies Association
- 2024 Winner of the Rosalyn Terborg-Penn Award for the Best Book in Black Women’s History from the Association for the Study of the African Diaspora
- 2023 Winner of the Murdo MacLeod Book Prize from the Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association for *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*
- 2023 Silver Medal, Best History Book, International Latino Book Awards for *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*
- 2023 Winner of the Cyprian Davis, O.S.B. Prize, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame
- 2023 Honorable Mention, Howard F. Cline Prize in Mexican History, *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*, Latin American Studies Association
- 2022 Honorable Mention, Letitia Woods Brown Book Prize, *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*, The Association of Black Women Historians
- 2022 Special Mention, The Sophie Coe Prize for Best Article in Food History, “ ‘The Inconvenience of Chocolate: Disciplining the Society of Jesus in Seventeenth-Century Mexico’ ”
- 2019 Winner of the Kimberly Hanger Article Prize for Best Article, “ ‘My Conscience is Free and Clear’: African-descended women, Status, and Slave Owning in Mid-Colonial Mexico,” The Southern Historical Association

- 2019 Winner of the Judith Lee Ridge Prize for Best Article, “ ‘My Conscience is Free and Clear’: African-descended women, Status, and Slave Owning in Mid-Colonial Mexico,” Western Association of Women Historians

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2022 University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute of International Studies Fellowship (AY 2022-23)
 2022 Research Mobility Award, University of Leeds (competitive internal grant)
 2021 University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute of International Studies Fellowship
 2021 University at Buffalo, Center of Faculty Diversity Fellowship (declined)
 2020 Oberlin College, Power’s Summer Travel Grant for archival research (competitive internal grant; travel delayed due to COVID-19)
 2018 Huntington Library Fellowship (year-long)
 2018 Woodrow Wilson Foundation, The Nancy Weiss Malkiel Scholars Award
 2018 Oberlin College, Research Status (competitive internal grant)
 2016 Oberlin College, Power’s Travel Grant (competitive internal grant)

INVITED TALKS AND KEYNOTES

- 2024 Keynote, History Lab+ Conference, Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation – Hull, England (July 2024)
 2024 Keynote Comments, Freshfields-Sponsored Research Presentation of Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Harris Hunter, Nuffield College, Oxford University – Oxford, England (July 2024)
 2024 Invited Talk, “Challenging Evangelization: Jesuits and Ideas about Blackness and Mission Work in New Spain,” University of Cambridge, Faculty of Divinity – Cambridge, England (February 2024)
 2024 Invited Talk, Black History Month Event, “Refusal: Black Women’s Fight for Survival and Humanity in Colonial Mexico,” Rice University – Houston, Texas (February 2024)
 2024 Invited Lecture, “The African Diaspora in Spanish America: Fear and Reliance,” Queens University – Belfast, Northern Ireland (January 2024)
 2023 Invited Talk, “Challenging Evangelization: Jesuits and Ideas about Blackness and Mission Work in New Spain,” The Centre for Global History, University of Edinburgh – Edinburgh, Scotland (November 2023)
 2023 Invited Talk, “Challenging Evangelization: Jesuits and Ideas about Blackness and Mission Work in New Spain, “Meanings of Blackness,” Seminar Hosted by the Making of Blackness Project (November 2023)
 2023 Invited Talk, “ ‘Taking is like candy’: Medicinal Chocolate and the Society of Jesus,” The Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome/Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut Rome – Rome, Italy (October 2023)
 2023 Invited Talk, “Challenging Evangelization: Jesuits and Ideas about Blackness and Mission Work in New Spain,” Center for Renaissance and Early Modern Studies, University of York – York, UK (October 2023)
 2023 Closing Remarks, “Afro-Latinx and the Imperative of Colonial Narratives,” Representation of Afrolatinidad Conference, University of Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh, PA (April 2023)
 2023 Invited Book Talk, *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*, The Center for Latin American Studies and the Working Group on Slavery and Visual Culture, University of Chicago – Chicago, IL (April 2023)
 2023 Invited Book Talk, *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*, Fremont Main Public Library – Fremont, CA (March 2023)
 2023 Invited Talk: “Manifesting Colonial Collectivities: Black Women and Trauma in Mid-Colonial Mexico,” Oxford Global History Centre Research Seminar, Oxford University – Oxford, UK (February 2023)
 2023 Invited Book Talk, “*The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*, The Making of Inequalities in Latin American Seminar, Harvard University – Cambridge, MA (March 2022)
 2023 Invited Talk: “Calling for Justice in a Time of Turmoil: Black Women’s Experiences in Colonial Mexico,” Richmond Public Library Foundation – virtual (February 2023)

- 2022 Invited Book Talk, *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*, History Research Seminar, John Hopkins University – virtual (October 2022)
- 2022 Invited Book Talk, *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*, History Research Seminar, University of Warwick – virtual (May 2022)
- 2022 Invited Book Talk, *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Manchester – Manchester, UK (May 2022)
- 2022 Invited Book Talk, *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Northwestern University – virtual (March 2022)
- 2022 Invited Book Talk, *The Capital of Free Women: Race, Legitimacy, and Liberty in Colonial Mexico*, History of the Gendered Body Seminar Series, University of Oxford – virtual (February 2022)
- 2021 Invited Talk: “Who Dared to Question the Word of a Priest?: Free Black Women and Social Capital in 17th-Century Mexico,” University of Oregon – virtual (February 2021)
- 2018 Invited Talk, “Piracy, African-descended Women, and Crown Concerns in Colonial Mexico,” University of California, Los Angeles
- 2017 Keynote, “The Justice They Ask From Us: Afro-Mexican History and Gendered Approaches.” International Afro-Mexican Studies Conference – Oaxaca, Oaxaca (Mexico)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Discussant, “Race, Violence, and Resistance in Afro-Latin America,” American Historical Association – San Francisco (January 2024)
- 2024 Panelist, “Kin, Clans, and Connections: Vast Early America as Family History,” American Historical Association – San Francisco (January 2024)
- 2023 Panelist, “Marking Landscapes: Black Women and Rural Economies in Colonial Mexico,” Women and Plantations: New Directions in English Colonial History Symposium, Hosted by the Royal Historical Society, University College London - London (September 2023)
- 2023 Panelist, “‘Their Superior’: Father General Claudio Acquaviva, Racialized Tropes, and the Evangelization of Black People in the Provincia Mexicana,” Christianity and Racemaking in the Early Modern Atlantic World, King’s College London – London, UK (September 2023)
- 2023 Discussant for the Panel, “Refiguring the Political and the Sacred: Racial/Gendered Belonging in the Transoceanic African Diaspora,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians – Santa Clara, California (June 2023)
- 2023 Plenary Panelist: “‘The did not appear so notably sinful like before’: The Annual Letter as Genre and Its Role in the Jesuit Evangelization of Free and Enslaved Black People in Colonial Mexico,” International Symposium on Jesuit Studies – Lisbon, Portugal (June 2023)
- 2023 Panelist, “Illicit Luxury: Chocolate Desires, Value, and the Society of Jesus,” Renaissance Society of America – San, Juan Puerto Rico (March 2023)
- 2022 Panelist, “Funding and the Future of Afro-Latinidad,” Latinx Connect Conference, University of Pittsburgh’s Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – Virtual (October 2022)
- 2022 Discussant for the Panel, “Mobility and Materiality in Enslavement and Freedom,” Conference: Captive Mobilities: Slavery, Freedom, and Knowledge Production in Latin America and Beyond, University of Bristol – Bristol, UK (September 2022)
- 2022 Panelist, “Archival erasures and listening through silences: Free African-descended women in Colonial Mexico,” CLIR Mellon Symposium – St. Louis, Missouri, USA (May 2022)
- 2022 Roundtable, “New Archival Approaches to the History and Memory of Atlantic World Slavery,” CLIR Mellon Symposium – virtual (May 2022)
- 2022 Panelist, “The 1619 Project: A Continental, Afro Latiné Perspective,” University of Texas – Austin – virtual (February 2022)
- 2021 Conference Paper, “Conditions of Freedom: Marronage and Negotiating Colonial Power,” European Association for Early American Studies, Poitiers, France – virtual (December 2021)

- 2021 Conference Paper, “ ‘[We] want to avoid the heat and the continuous plague of mosquitos’: Black Geographies and Disease in Seventeenth-Century Veracruz,” Lapidus Center Conference: “Pandemic Legacies: Health, Healing, and Medicine in the Age of Slavery and Beyond,” Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York – virtual (October 2021)
- 2021 Conference Paper, “At the Nexus of Empire: African-descended Women Entrepreneurs on Mexico’s Royal Road,” Renaissance Studies of America, Virtual Conference (April 2021)
- 2019 Conference Paper, “Speaking the Same Language: Free Women, Maroons, and Parallel Expectations,” The ALARI First Continental Conference on Afro-Latin American Studies, Harvard University - Cambridge, MA
- 2019 Conference Paper, “ ‘I Do Not Owe Anything to Anyone’: Seventeenth-Century Black Women Entrepreneurs of Mexico’s Royal Road,” World History Association/Global Urban History Project - San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2019 Roundtable, “New Approaches to Slavery, Race, and Power in the Americas,” Western Association of Women Historians - Portland, Oregon
- 2019 Panelist, “Teaching Race and the Renaissance,” Renaissance Conference of Southern California - San Marino, California
- 2019 Roundtable, “Beyond *Presencia*: Afromexican History and the Biographical Turn,” American Historical Association - Chicago, Illinois
- 2016 Conference Paper, “Taken prisoner by the enemy...”: Colonial Trauma, Memory, and Gendered Narratives.” Traces and Memories of Slavery in the Atlantic World – Montpellier, France
- 2016 Conference Paper, “Latin American Archive Stories: Pedagogical Approaches.” Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference – New York City, NY
- 2015 Conference Paper, “ ‘My Conscience is Free and Clear’: Slavery and Respectability in Mid-Colonial Mexico.” American Historical Association – New York City, NY
- 2014 Conference Paper, “Finer Things: African-descended women, sumptuary laws, and social order in early New Spain.” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians – Toronto, Canada
- 2012 Conference Paper, “Economic Negotiation and Social Credibility: Free Women of African Descent in Colonial Xalapa.” Latin American Studies Association Conference Annual Conference – San Francisco, CA
- 2011 Conference Paper, “Not a Single Impediment: Exogamy and the complexity of marriage choice among Afro-Castas in Early Eighteenth-Century Xalapa.” The Association for African American Historical Research and Preservation, Annual conference: “Black History at Home and Abroad: Uncovering the Past” – Seattle, WA

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION ENGAGEMENT

- 2024 Manuscript Workshop Convenor for Early Career International Scholars, *Colonial Latin American Review*: Lisbon and Oslo
- 2016-2021 Member of “Presente,” a Latinx Faculty and Staff Association focused on Collegiality and Latinx Student Engagement
- 2020-2021 Faculty Advisor for Afro-Latinx Student Group
- 2016-2020 Faculty Advisor for Oberlin Studies in Solidarity with Guatemala
- 2016-2020 Co-Taught on a voluntary basis “Introduction to the Study of Latin America” (LATS 100, required major course)
- 2017-2019 Faculty Advisor for a Mellon Mays Fellow
- 2017-2018 Faculty Advisor for La Alianza Latina, Latinx Student Group
- 2016-2017 Committee Member, Susan Phillips Social Justice Fellowship

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- 2021- 2022 Black Studies Reading Group – University of Leeds, Member
- 2016 - 2021 Slavery Studies Working Group – Oberlin College, Member
- 2018 - 2019 Early Modern Working Group – Huntington Library, Member

- 2013 - 2014 Slavery Studies Reading & Working Group – Princeton University, Initiator and Moderator
 2013 - 2014 Comparative Race and Ethnicity Faculty-Grad Seminar, “African/American Diasporic Literature,” – Center for African American Studies, Princeton University, Participant
 2012 - 2013 Comparative Slavery Studies – Dartmouth College, Contributing Working Group Member
 2012 - 2013 Cutter-Shabazz Affinity House – Dartmouth College, Program Coordinator and Graduate Visiting Fellow
 2008 - 2011 Cuerpo Académico: Estudios de la historia de la población negra en Veracruz, Instituto de Investigaciones Histórico-Sociales, Universidad Veracruzana – Xalapa, Veracruz, Contributing Working Group Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- Royal Historical Society (RHS)
 American Historical Association (AHA)
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
 Renaissance Society of America (RSA)
 Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
 The Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH)
 Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions (FEEGI)
 Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)
 The Association of Black Women Historians (ABWH)
 Coalition for Western Women's History
 Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association (SHA)

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

- 2024-Present Editorial Board Member, *Colonial Latin American Review*
 2017-2024 Grants Committee Member, President’s Council of Cornell Women - Cornell University
 2022-2027 Board Member, *The Journal of Women’s History*
 2021-Present Advisory Board Member, *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal*
 2020-2022 Elected Member, The General Governing Council Committee, Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
 2016-2021 Advisory Board Member, Earlham College Border Studies Program

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2024-2026 Academic Prize Committee Member, Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora
 2024 Dissertation Prize Committee Chair, *Journal of Women’s History*
 2024 Research Scholar Committee Member, *Journal of Women’s History*
 2020-2022 Prize Committee Member, Conference on Latin American History
 2022 Prize Committee Chair, The Western Association of Women Historians
 2019-2022 Prize Committee Member, The Western Association of Women Historians
 2021 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Global Slavery*
 2019-2020 Conference Committee Member, Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions
 2019 Manuscript Reviewer, *Oxford Bibliographies*

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- 2023-present Director International Activities, School of History, University of Leeds
 2023-present Research Cluster Lead: Empires and Aftermath, School of History – University of Leeds
 2021-2022 Employability Lead, School of History - University of Leeds
 2021-2022 Recruitment Committee, School of History - University of Leeds
 2015-2020 Advisory Committee Member, Latin American Studies Program - Oberlin College
 2015-2020 Advisory Board Member, The Border Studies Program - Oberlin College

2016-2019 Committee Member, The Selch Center for the Study of American Culture - Oberlin College
2016-2018 Committee Member, Susan Phillips Fellowship on Social Justice - Oberlin College
2017-2018 Subcommittee Member, Pedagogy Course Development - Oberlin College
2015-2021 Multiple Visiting Job Search Committees: Russian History, Middle Eastern History, Latinx History, South Asian History, Medieval History - Oberlin College