Curriculum Vitae
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FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

African Diaspora in Latin America (slavery; maroonage; transition to freedom; oral history; current black peasant movements); Brazilian, Amazonian, and Cuban History (19\textsuperscript{th} and 20\textsuperscript{th} century); Environmental Studies (commodity history, labor and environment); Atlantic World History (revolution, citizenship).

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2011-2012 University of Central Oklahoma, Assistant Professor of History
2012-... University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies

EDUCATION

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<td>Post-Doctoral Fellowship</td>
<td>Gilder-Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery</td>
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<td>PhD</td>
<td>University of Pittsburgh History</td>
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<td>Graduate Certificate in Latin American Social and Public Policy</td>
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GRANTS AND AWARDS

2019  Outstanding First Book Prize, Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora.

2019  Faculty Research Grant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

2017  Charlotte Research Scholars, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

2016  Junior Faculty Development Award, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

2015  Abdias do Nascimento Development Program, Brazilian Agency for Improvement of Research (CAPES), with researchers from Federal University of Pernambuco (Brazil) and University of Barcelona (Spain).

2014  Post-doctoral Fellowship, Gilder-Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University.


2014  Charlotte Research Scholars, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

2013  Faculty Research Grant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

2011  New Faculty Grant, University of Central Oklahoma.

2008-2009  Andrew W. Mellon Pre-doctoral Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh.

2005-2006  Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship, Center for Latin American Studies of the University of Pittsburgh.

2003-2004  Spanish Ministry of Education Scholarship, Department of Cultural Anthropology and History of America and Africa, University of Barcelona.

PUBLICATIONS
Books


Edited Issues in Peer-Reviewed Journals


Peer-Reviewed Articles


“The Land is Ours and We Are Free to Do All that We Want”: Quilombos and Black Protest in Amazonia, Brazil, 1917-1929,” *The Latin Americanist* 56, no. 4 (2012), 33-56.


Book Chapters

Conference Proceedings


Book Reviews and Bibliographic Essays


Review of Landscapes of Freedom: Building a Postemancipation Society in the Rainforests of Western Colombia by Claudia Leal, Hispanic American Historical Review 99 (3), 566-568.


**Works in Progress**

Thrown in the "Sumidouro": Haunted Waterscapes, Death, and Religion Among the Enslaved in Nineteenth-Century Amazonia. Article manuscript. Target publication: *Slavery & Abolition*.

**Translations**


Gregory Mixon, “"Merecemos un tratamiento mejor": Auge y caída de las milicias negras en el hemisferio occidental durante el siglo XIX”, *Boletín Americanista* 68 (2014), 55-75. English to Spanish.

**Other Publications**


OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESEARCH IN THE FIELD

Invited Research Presentations


Other Research Presentations


"From Slum to Neighborhood: Settlement, Environmental Health, and Sociability in the San Juan River, Matanzas, Cuba, 1830-1900," Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Indianapolis, IN, October 4, 2018.


“No Land Measurement Will Be Done!:” Land, Labor and Conflict in Alemquer (Pará, Brazilian Amazon), 1921-1940,” Mercyhurst Colloquium on the Americas: Labor and Migration in the Americas, April 2010.


SERVICE

Book Manuscript Evaluations

Book manuscript evaluator for University of New Mexico Press, 2019--.

Article Evaluations


Prize and Conference Committees
Main convener of Latin American Environments: Approaches from the Sciences and the Humanities, XIII Brown Conference, UNC Charlotte, April 5 and 6, 2019.

Frederick Douglass Prize Committee Member, Gilder-Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University, 2017.

Edward Moseley Student Paper Award committee member, Southeastern Council for Latin American Studies, 2017.


Edward Moseley Student Paper Award committee member, Southeastern Council for Latin American Studies, 2014.


Kimberly S. Hanger Article Prize committee member, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Section of the Southern Historical Association, 2013.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate:

Senior Research Seminar: Race and Nation in Latin America, Spring 2014 --.
Colloquium in Modern Latin American History, Spring 2013 --.

Undergraduate:

Environment, State, and Society in the Caribbean and Latin America, Spring 2019--.
World History, Summer 2016, Xi’an Jiaotong University, China.
Modern U.S. History, Summer 2016, Xi’an Jiaotong University, China.
Race in the History of Brazil, Fall 2013 --.
Environment and Economy in the Atlantic World, 1500-1900. Fall 2012 --.
Afro-Latin American History, Fall 2012 --.
World History II, Spring 2012.
Latin American History, Assistant Professor, Fall 2011.
U.S. History From 1865, Fall and Spring 2011.
Modern Latin America, Instructor, Spring 2009.

MA Thesis committees

Committee member: Juan Pimentel Otero (2014), Maria Labbato (2014), Bruno Souza (2014), Janine Rangel de Assis (2015), Emily Dallmeyer (2015); Joseph Willard (2017); Elizabeth Moore (2017); Angélica Gumucio (2017); Patrice Wilson (2017); Matthew Needham (2017); Sofia Paiva de Araujo (2019).

Thesis director:

Carolina Timoteo de Oliveira (2018): “Afro-Brazilian Culture as a Means of Transformation: Spaces, Businesses and Political Participation in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.”
Accepted at Tulane University’s Latin American Studies program.

Maria Paula Andrade Diniz de Araujo (2016): “The Catholic Church and the Free Womb Law in Recife, Pe, Brazil: An Analysis of its Social Development, 1870-1878.”
Accepted Vanderbilt University’s History PhD program.

Nicholas Ortiz (2016): “Pedro Segundo and Getúlio Vargas: National Leaders, Words, and Sociopolitical Change in Brazil During the Paraguayan War and World War II”
Accepted at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign’s History PhD program.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, 2016--.
Southern Historical Association, 2014-2016.
Southeastern Council for Latin American Studies, 2013--.
Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora, 2013--.
Instituto Histórico e Geographico do Pará, Corresponding Member, 2012--.
Brazilian Studies Association, 2012--.
American Historical Association, 2007--.
LANGUAGES

Spanish    Native
Catalan    Native
English    Fluent
Portuguese    Fluent
French    Reading comprehension

REFERENCES

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Robert Woods Bliss Professor of Latin American History and Economics
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