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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of History
University of Wisconsin-Madison

August 2021-present

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

PhD in History, May 2021

Dissertation: “The Black Spaniards: The Color of Political Authority in Seventeenth-Century Lima”

Committee: Tamar Herzog (Chair), Alejandro de la Fuente, Sidney Chalhoub, Michelle McKinley (University of Oregon), Bianca Premo (Florida International University)

AM in History, May 2017

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

BA in History, *summa cum laude*, and Spanish, with distinction in all subjects, May 2013

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS (EXTERNAL)

Long-Term Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library 2023-2024

Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute (*honor declined*) 2020-2021

Charles H. Watts Memorial Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library 2019

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award 2018

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS (INTERNAL)

Wisconsin Alumni Research Fund Fall Competition
University of Wisconsin-Madison 2023, 2025

Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship
Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 2017

John H. Coatsworth Latin American History Fellowship
David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies
Harvard University 2017

Afro-Latin American History Summer Grant
Afro-Latin American Research Institute at Harvard University 2017, 2019

Departmental Summer Funding Award
Harvard University Department of History 2016, 2019

Graduate Summer Research Grant
David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019
Harvard University

Summer School Tuition Fellowship
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University 2014

Frederic Conger Wood Undergraduate Research Fellowship
Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies at Cornell University 2012

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Founder's Prize for Completed First Book Manuscript in Development
Sixteenth Century Society 2025

Center for the Humanities First Book Workshop Award
University of Wisconsin-Madison 2024

Honored Instructor Award
University of Wisconsin-Madison 2022

Derek Bok Center Distinction in Teaching Award
Harvard University 2016, 2017, 2021

Merrill Presidential Scholar
Cornell University 2013

Anne Macintyre Litchfield Prize for Excellence in History
Department of History at Cornell University 2013

Phi Beta Kappa
Cornell University 2013

Cornelius W. DeKiewet Prize for Excellence in History
Department of History at Cornell University 2012

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Black Settlers Fight for Visibility," in *Knowing an Empire: Imperial Science in Early Modern Chinese and Spanish Empires*, Mackenzie Cooley and Wu Huiyi, eds. (Lever Press, 2025), 358-383.

“We Have Not Been Tributaries: Lima’s Black Community, Historical Memory, and the Power of Invention,” in *Dissent and Disobedience From Within: Meanings and Practices of Resistance in the Iberian Worlds, 15th-19th Centuries*, Pablo Sánchez León and Benita Herreros Cleret de Langavant, eds. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2024), 239-258.

“They Have Been United as Sisters: Women Leaders of Black Lay Confraternities in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History* 79:4 (October 2022): 559-586.

PUBLICATIONS IN PRESS

Black Self-Governance: The Making of Political Culture in Seventeenth-Century Lima (University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming 2026)

INVITED TALKS (EXTERNAL)

“Black Confraternity Finance in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” The Daily Life of Confraternities in The Early Modern Iberian World: A Research Workshop, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, November 2026

“Black Women Political Leaders of Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Annual Women’s History Month Lecture, Weber State University Department of History, March 2025

“No Easy Way Forward: The Long History of Women’s Rights and Privileges in Peru,” Guest Lecture for Modern Latin American History (Lead Instructor Prof. James Almeida), Weber State University, March 2025

“Self-Governance and Civic Leadership in Black Confraternities in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Brown Early American Graduate Seminar, April 2024

“Civic Leadership in Lima’s Black Confraternities,” Fellow’s Talk, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, March 2024

“Records of Slavery in Lima at the John Carter Brown Library,” Guest Lecture for POBS 1601K - Early Modern Global History at the John Carter Brown Library: A Research Workshop (Lead Instructor Prof. Gabriel de Avilez Rocha), Brown University, March 2024

“Black Social Life in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Guest Lecture for Introduction to Latin American History (Lead Instructor Prof. Mackenzie Cooley), Hamilton College, March 2024

“Black Self-Governance from the Margins in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Early Modern Connected Histories Workshop, Central New York Humanities Corridor, February 2024

“Slavery and Civic Leadership in Lima’s Black Confraternities,” Early Modern Workshop, Harvard University Department of History, February 2024

“Self-Governance and the African Diaspora in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Empires and Aftermath Research Cluster Seminar, University of Leeds (virtual talk), October 2023

“Respect and Neglect: Black Confraternities and Self-Governance in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” The Making of Blackness in Early Modern Spain: A Process of Cultural and Social Negotiation from the Bottom-Up Project, University of Oxford/Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (virtual talk), October 2023

“Black Life in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Guest Lecture for HSTR 431: Race in Latin America (Lead Instructor Prof. Jessica Fowler), University of Montana Western (virtual talk), March 2023

“Black Settlers of the Andean Coast,” Guest Lecture for HSTR 431: Race in Latin America (Lead Instructor Prof. Jessica Fowler), University of Montana Western (virtual visit), April 2021

“On the Basis of Virtue and Merit? : Black Militia Petitions in Colonial Peru,” Rethinking the Practice of Petitioning in the Habsburg and Colonial World, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 2019

“Los españoles negros: milicias y tributo en Lima, siglo XVII,” Ciclo de Conferencias en Historia Moderna, Universidad Pablo Olavide, Seville, Spain, October 2018

“El gremio de mulatos de Lima y su autogobernanza, siglo XVII,” II Encuentro de Investigadores de la Cultura Afroperuana, Ministerio de Cultura, Lima, Peru, June 2018

“Métodos del archivo,” Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, Peru, May 2018

INVITED TALKS (INTERNAL)

“Cape, Sword, and Dagger: Spanish Martial Nobility in Colonial Lima’s Black Militias,” War in Society and Culture Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2025

“A Space for Black Self-Governance: Electing Community Leaders in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society Faculty Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2025

“Race-Making in the Iberian Atlantic World: Limpieza de Sangre and the Casta System,” Guest Lecture for MED-HIST/HIST-SCI/AF-AM 275: Science, Medicine and Race: A History (Lead Instructor Prof. Pablo Gómez), University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, September 2022

“They Have Been United as Sisters: Women Leaders of Black Lay Confraternities in

Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Graduate Early Modern Student Society Annual Faculty Lecture, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, April 2022

“First Encounters in the New World and the Invention of International Law,” History of Law in Europe Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 2019

CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

“Black Women’s Religious Experience in Early Modern Empires,” with Michelle McKinley, Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, San Francisco, California, February 2026

“Black and Indigenous Women’s Experiences in the Spanish Empire,” with Michelle McKinley, Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2025

“Black Women’s Experiences in the Spanish Empire,” with Michelle McKinley, sponsored by Grupo de Estudios sobre la Mujer en España y las Américas (GEMELA), Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Toronto, Canada, October 2024

“Enslaved People and the Holy Tribunal in Iberoamerican Trials: Faith, Identity, and Redemption,” with Michelle McKinley, Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Chicago, Illinois, March 2024

“Uneasy Exchanges: Re-Imagining Movements of People, Nature, and Ideas Across Iberian Worlds,” with Mackenzie Cooley, Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Dublin, Ireland, March 2022

“Advances in Afro-Peruvian Studies from Conquest to Independence,” The ALARI First Continental Conference on Afro-Latin American Studies, Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 2019

“Black Futures and the Early Modern Past: Afro-Latin American Mobilization, 1600-Present,” with Brandi Waters, Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora 9th Biennial Conference, Seville, Spain, November 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Public Dispute, Private Worship: An Enslaved Confraternity Officer and Her Owner Claim a Holy Statue,” Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, San Francisco, California, February 2026

“Free Elections from the Margins: Self-Governance of Black Confraternities in Colonial Lima,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, January 2026

“Celebration in a Captive Diaspora: The *Mulatos* of Lima Reenact the Trojan War,

1632,” Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2025

Roundtable Participant, “Archival Dead Ends II: Silences, Contradictions, Distortions,” Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2025

Panel Chair, “Black and Indigenous Women’s Experiences in the Spanish Empire,” Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2025

Roundtable Participant, “Colonial Studies Section: New Directions on Colonial Women’s and Gender History,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York, January 2025

“Women Leaders of Black Communities in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Toronto, Canada, October 2024

Panel Chair, “Imperial Entanglements,” Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions Biennial Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, April 2024

“Friend of the Devil: A Black Artist Faces the Lima Inquisition, 1701,” with Ximena Gómez, Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Chicago, Illinois, March 2024

“Faith, Hope, Charity, Wax: Candlemakers as Confraternity Pawnbrokers in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, October 2023

Panel Chair, “Female Perspectives on Sodomy, Slavery, and Religious Life in Colonial Latin America,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, October 2023

“Amazons: West and West-Central African Roots of Black Women’s Political Power in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Santa Clara, California, July 2023

“Our Chapel, Our House: Black Lay Confraternities’ Control of Urban Space in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 2023

Panel Chair, “Speculative Spaces: Real and Imagined Latin American Geographies,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2022

“The *Mulata* Queens of Troy and Amazon: Women’s Leadership in Black Communities of Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2022

Panel Chair, “Brotherhoods, Confraternities, & Communities of Care in the Spanish Atlantic World,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2022

“We Have Not Been Tributaries: Lima’s Black Community, Historical Memory and the Power of Invention,” Mamolen Dissertation Workshop, Afro-Latin American Research Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 2022

“The New Trojans: Black Settlers of the Andean Coast,” Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Dublin, Ireland, March 2022

“Limitless Reason: Martín de Porres and Healing Humans and Animals,” with Mackenzie Cooley, Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory (virtual talk), November 2021

“Sharing the Weight of Enslavement: Slavery and Civic Personhood in Colonial Lima,” Mamolen Dissertation Workshop, Afro-Latin American Research Institute at Harvard University (virtual talk), January 2021

“The Classical Roots of Black Corporate Life in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Harvard-Princeton Early Modern History Graduate Student Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 2020

“Building Troy in Their Own Image: The Black and *Mulato* Guilds of Seventeenth-Century Lima,” The ALARI First Continental Conference on Afro-Latin American Studies, Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 2019

“‘The Brothers Don’t Work’: Black Women Leaders of Lay Confraternities in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Harvard-Princeton Early Modern History Graduate Student Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, February 2019

“From Vassalage to Citizenship: Loyalty and Community in the Black Militias of Colonial Lima,” AHA Presidential Panel “Loyalty, Rights, Slavery, and Power in Europe’s New World Empires, 16th-18th Centuries,” American Historical Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, January 2019

“Santa Elena Moves House: Black Confraternities, Self-Governance, and Ecclesiastical Law in Colonial Lima,” Modern Languages Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, January 2019

“The Black Spaniards: Logics of Inclusion in Colonial Lima,” Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora 9th Biennial Conference, Seville, Spain, November 2017

“The Color of Political Authority in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Fifth Summer Academy in Atlantic History, Seville, Spain, September 2017

“Toward a Black Republic: The Color of Political Authority in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History, Frankfurt, Germany, August 2017

“The *Mulato* Militia in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Lima, Peru, April 2017

“The Color of Political Authority in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Harvard-Princeton Early Modern History Graduate Student Conference, Princeton University, February 2017

“Conscripting the Silversmith: Negotiating Rights, Status, and *Mulato* Roots in Seventeenth-Century Lima,” Colors of Blood, Semantics of Race Workshop, Casa de Velázquez, Madrid, Spain, December 2016

“Loving Father, Filthy Paternalism: Fatherhood of Slave Children in Nineteenth-Century Cuba,” STARACO Summer University, Université de Nantes, France, June 2015

TEACHING

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Lead Instructor, HIST 201: The Historian’s Craft: Nation Breakers, Nation Makers: Revolution, Rebellion, and Reform in Latin America, undergraduate seminar (Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)

Lead Instructor, HIST 300: History at Work, undergraduate seminar (Fall 2022, Spring 2026)

Lead Instructor, HIST/LACIS 243: Colonial Latin America, undergraduate survey (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)

Lead Instructor, LACIS 260: Latin America: An Introduction, undergraduate survey (Spring 2022, Spring 2025)

Lead Instructor, HIST/LACIS 982: Empire and Difference in Colonial Latin America, graduate seminar (Fall 2024)

Harvard University

Teaching Fellow, HIST 1636, Introduction to Harvard History, undergraduate survey, Lead Instructor Dr. Zachary Nowak (Spring 2021)

Teaching Fellow, HIST E-1156, Early Modern Europe, undergraduate survey, Lead Instructor Prof. Tamar Herzog (Fall 2020)

Teaching Fellow, HIST S-1280: What is Europe?, undergraduate survey, Lead Instructor Prof. Stella Ghervas (Summer 2019, Summer 2020)

Teaching Fellow, HIST 97: What is Social History?, undergraduate seminar, Lead Instructor Prof. Sidney Chalhoub (Spring 2017)

Teaching Fellow, HIST 1520: Colonial Latin America, undergraduate survey, Lead Instructor Prof. Tamar Herzog (Fall 2016)

SERVICE

PhD Committees

External reader for Denise Oyuki Castillo, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Spanish and Portuguese, defended May 2024

External reader for Celia Crifasi, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History, defended April 2024

Henry Bielenberg, UW-Madison Department of History

Mariana Sarkis Olson, UW-Madison Department of History

Department Service

Faculty Advisor, Latin American History Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History, 2022-present

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2024-present

Graduate Education Task Force, 2022-2023

Faculty Senator for History, Spring 2023, Spring 2025, Academic Year 2025-26

External Service

Peer reviewer, *Espacio, Tiempo y Forma. Serie IV: Historia Moderna*

Selection Committee Member, John Carter Brown Library Long-Term Fellowships, 2025

Co-Founder and Organizer, Difference in Early Modern Iberia Working Group (2020-present)

BLOG POSTS

“Report on ‘What is a Legal Archive?’ A Half-Day Symposium Organized by the Center for History and Economics, Harvard University and the American Society for Legal History,” with Sonia Tycko, Law and History blog, February 2020

<https://legalhistoryblog.blogspot.com/2020/02/aslh-2019-symposium-report-what-is.html>

“Merchants of the Printed Word: The Circulation and Commerce of Books in the Americas and Beyond,” The John Carter Brown Library blog, January 2017

<https://blogs.brown.edu/merchantsoftheprintedword2015/>

FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND OTHER SKILLS

Newberry Library Weekend Workshop in Spanish Paleography, September 2016

Spanish (fluent); Portuguese (advanced); German (intermediate); French (can read at an intermediate level and speak at a basic level); Catalan (basic); Turkish (basic)