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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Fellow in Latin American Health History, Binghamton University	2023-present
NEH Postdoctoral Fellow, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture College of William and Mary	2022-2023
CHCI-ACLS Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh	2021-2022
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies, Duke University	2020-2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History and Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies, Duke University, 2020

M.A. History, Duke University, 2016

M.A. Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 2013

B.A. Anthropology, University of Florida, Magna Cum Laude, 2010

PUBLICATIONS

Book (In Progress)

Atlantic Antidote: Race, Gender, and the Birth of the First Vaccine

Journal Articles

“An Eradication: Empire, Enslaved Children, and the Whitewashing of Vaccine History,” *Age of Revolutions* (December 7, 2020)

“Divine Interventions: Revolution, Religion, and Smallpox in New Granada (1802-1805),” *Age of Revolutions* (February 7, 2022)

“Nahua Responses to the Matlazahuatl ‘or Mystery’ Plague of 1805,” *Journal of Ethnohistory* (forthcoming)

“Which Stranger’s Disease?: Immigration, Immunization and the Whitening of Cuba in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions,” *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* (forthcoming)

Book Chapters

“Smallpox and the Specter of Mexican Citizenship, 1826” in *Epidemic Urbanism: Contagious Diseases in Global Cities*, eds. Mohammad Gharipour and Caitlin DeClercq (Bristol: Intellect, 2021)

“Capturing Youth: Reproductive Labor and the Medicalization of Black Girlhood in the Early Nineteenth-Century Spanish Caribbean,” in *Encountering Childhoods in Vast Early America*, eds. Julia Gossard and Holly White (Routledge, 2024) (forthcoming)

Public History, Blog Posts, and Editorials

[“Smallpox and Slavery in Ah Cuzamil: a Reappraisal of Lucas Vásquez de Ayllón’s 1520 letter to Emperor Charles V.”](#) *Medicine and the Making of Race* (June 5, 2023)

[“Vaccine Voyages”](#) Edinburgh Science Festival exhibit, co-hosted by the Institute of Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh and the Edinburgh Infectious Diseases Network (April 9, 2022)

Co-authored with Martha Espinosa, Yanping Ni, Jessica Hauger, Rhea Jain, Sarah Rovit, Kacia Anderson, Nadia Bey, Audrey Alexander, and Jennifer Nguyen [“A Feminist Policy Report on Vaccine Equity and COVID-19,”](#) *Revaluing Care in the Global Economy* (July, 14 2020)

[“When Politics Go Viral: COVID-19 and Lessons from the Atlantic World”](#) *The Panorama* (April 24, 2020)

[“When Medicine is a Sin: Sex and Heresy in Colonial Mexico,”](#) *The Recipes Project* (Dec. 5, 2019)

Encyclopedia and Bibliography Entries

Co-authored with Elizabeth O’Brien, [“History of Health, Medicine, and Disease in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1600-1870,”](#) *Oxford Bibliographies in Latin American Studies* (March 23, 2022)

“Juana Aguilar: Hermaphroditism and Colonial Courts,” in *The Global Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer History*, ed. Howard Chiang (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2019) (Winner of the 2020 ALA Dartmouth Medal)

Book Reviews

Review of Sean Morey Smith and Christopher D.E. Willoughby, eds. *Medicine and Healing in the Age of Slavery* (2021) in *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 78: 3 (2023)

Review of Jessica Marie Johnson, *Wicked Flesh: Black Women, Intimacy, and Freedom in the Atlantic World* (2020) in *New West Indian Guide* 96: 3-4 (2022)

Review of Evelyn P. Jennings, *Constructing the Spanish Empire in Havana: State Slavery in Defense and Development, 1762-1835* (2020) in *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 41: 4 (2022)

Review of Jim Downs, *Maladies of Empire: How Colonialism, Slavery and War Transformed Medicine* (2021) in *Social History of Medicine* 35: 2 (2022)

Review of Benjamin Breen, *The Age of Intoxication: Origins of the Global Drug Trade* (2019) in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 101: 1 (2021)

Review of Donald Stevens, *Mexico in the Time of Cholera* (2019) in *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 45: 2 (2020)

Review of Paul Ramírez, *Enlightened Immunity: Mexico’s Experiments with Disease Prevention in the Age of Reason* (2018) in *Colonial Latin American Review* 28: 2 (2019)

Review of Nora E. Jaffary, *Reproduction and Its Discontents in Mexico: Childbirth and Contraception from 1750 to 1905* (2016) in *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 72: 3 (2017)

FELLOWSHIPS

National Endowment for the Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowship Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture	2022-2023
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship	2021-2022
Dissertation Completion Fellowship American Council of Learned Societies / Mellon Foundation	2019-2020
Graduate Scholar in Residence Fellowship Newberry Library	2019-2020

Bass Instructional Fellowship Duke University	2018
Marie L. and William R. Hartland Fellowship John Carter Brown Library	2018
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship	2017-2018
Digital Pedagogy Fellowship John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University	2014-2015
Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies Graduate Fellowship Duke University	2013-2014
Stone Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Fellowship Tulane University	2011-2013

AWARDS

Nineteenth Century Studies Dissertation Award Latin American Studies Association	2022
Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes/ American Council of Learned Societies Award Institute of Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh	2022
Richmond Brown Dissertation prize, Honorable Mention Southern Historical Association, Latin American and Caribbean Section	2021
Edwin Leiuwen Teaching Award Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies	2021
Richard E. Greenleaf Award Tulane University, best graduate student paper	2012

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Bass Connections Grant for Vaccine Equity Project	2020
Andrew W. Mellon Research Grant	2018
Anne Firor Scott Research Award	2016
Center for Human Rights Summer Research Grant, Duke University	2015
Gender and Race Research Award, Duke University	2014

TEACHING

Duke University	
GSF 89S: Gender and Science: Feminist Studies of Science and Medicine	
GSF 101: Gender and Everyday Life: Introduction to Gender Studies	
HIST 190S/AAAS 190S: Imperial Laboratories: Post/Colonial Histories of Science, Medicine, and Race	
HIST 374S Women, Gender, and Sexuality in U.S. History (Teaching Assistant)	

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Project Director, Vaccine Equity and Feminist Health Policy Duke University	2021
Research Supervisor, Global Care Policy Index Duke University and Yale-NUS	2020

INVITED TALKS AND INTERVIEWS

“Where Science Meets Slavery: Reimagining Vaccine History through Anti-Colonial Art,” 2022 Edinburgh Infectious Diseases Symposium, June 2022

“*Chismosas Coloniales*: Reading Rumours as Feminist Health History,” Institute of Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh, April 2022

“A Remedy to Empire: Preventing Smallpox in the Age of Abolition” Edinburgh Centre for Global History, University of Edinburgh, March 2022

“Fugitive Intimacy: Reimagining Vaccine Refusal as Freedom from Consent,” History of the Gendered Body Series, University of Oxford, March 2022

“From Inoculation to Vaccination,” Ben Franklin’s World Podcast, Episodes 301 and 302, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, April and May 2021

“Decolonizing COVID” Roundtable, Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest, Villanova University, 2022

“The World’s First Vaccine: A History of Gender, Race, and Rights in the Americas,” Iniciativa de Estudios Globales, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, August 2020

“Laboratories of Consent: Vaccine Science in the Spanish Atlantic World, 1779-1840,” Public Lecture at the Newberry Library, Chicago, 2019

“Controlling Contagion: Disease and the Slave Trade in the Atlantic World,” London School of Economics, International History Research Seminar, joint talk with Elise A. Mitchell, 2019

“Freedom from Smallpox: Vaccine and Medical Consent in the Iberian Atlantic World,” Public Lecture at the John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, 2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Vaccine Refusal, Women’s Labor, and ‘Cimarrón Care’ in Southern Veracruz,” Instituto Tepoztlán para la Historia Transnacional de las Américas, Tepoztlán, Mexico
- 2023 “(Re)remembering the Balmis Expedition: Global Health and Public History in the ‘Wake,’” Atlantic Studies 20th Anniversary Symposium, Madrid
- 2022 “*Xekik*: Maya Healing and History in Carlos Finlay’s ‘Primitive’ Epidemiology of Yellow Fever,” Postcolonial Fault-lines Conference, University of Glasgow
- 2021 Chair, “Epidemics in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions,” American Historical Association, New Orleans
- 2021 “Reproducing Empire: Race, Gender, and the Birth of the First Vaccine,” American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, Durham, NC
- 2021 “Gossip Girls: Smallpox, Rumors, and the Politics of Motherhood in Greater New Spain” Latin American and Caribbean Studies Section/Southern Historical Association Conference, New Orleans
- 2021 “Which Stranger’s Disease? Yellow Fever, Vaccine Technology, and the Racial Politics of Immunity in Nineteenth-Century Cuba,” *Pandemic Legacies* Conference, The Lapidus Center for the Historical Analysis of Transatlantic Slavery and Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture
- 2020 “In the Cut: Smallpox, Slavery, and the Question of Consent,” American Historical Association, New York
- 2019 “How to Preserve an Empire: Smallpox Vaccine in the Age of Revolution,” Conference on Latin American History and American Historical Association, Chicago
- 2018 “As If They Were Ministers of God: Religion and Epidemic Control in Nineteenth-Century Mexico,” History of Science Society, Seattle
- 2018 “Theaters of Impurity: Medical Consent and the Turn to Vaccination,” Tepaske Seminar in Colonial Latin American History, Emory University
- 2017 “To Save One’s Soul: Smallpox Vaccination as a ‘Divine Preservative,’” Vaccines: Values, Present and Past Workshop, Uppsala University, Sweden

- 2017 “Vaccinating Mexico City: Humanitarian Medicine in the Spanish Empire,” European Spring School on the History of Science, *Living in Emergency: Humanitarianism and Medicine*, Institut Menorquí d’Estudis, Mahon, Menorca
- 2017 “Immunity Politics: The Smallpox Vaccine in Colonial Veracruz,” Instituto Tepoztlán para la Historia Transnacional de las Américas, Tepoztlán, Mexico
- 2016 “A Most Touching Voyage: Imperial Fantasies and the Politics of Philanthropy,” Latin American Studies Association Conference, New York City
- 2016 “Bodies in Need of Saving: Medical Philanthropy in the Mexican Enlightenment,” Critical Juncture Conference, Emory University
- 2015 “For His Health, For His Remedy: Venereal Disease and the Male Body in Bourbon Mexico,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Annual meeting, Tucson, Arizona
- 2014 “Ritual Healing and Enlightened Eating in 18th Century New Spain,” Keynote Panel, Duke-UNC Annual CLACS Consortium Conference
- 2014 “Casualties of the Botanical Reconquista: New Spain and the Hispanic Enlightenment,” Graduate Student Conference on the Global Gulf, Tulane University
- 2013 “Black Brotherhoods: Confraternities and Mining in Colonial Mexico and Brazil,” XXXIII ILASSA Student Conference, University of Texas at Austin
- 2013 “Colonial Afro-Brazilian Irmandades: Sculpting Identity through Material Culture,” Latin American Studies Graduate Student Conference, Tulane University
- 2012 “Ethnogenesis, Pueblo Status, and Corporate Identity: Nahua and Afro-Mexican Relations in Colonial Mexican Communities,” Latin American Studies Graduate Student Conference, Tulane University

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND PANELS ORGANIZED

“History and Politics of Immunity” Working Group Co-Convenor with Elena Conis and Travis Lau, Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, 2021-2022

“Raising Children, Razing Empire: Reimagining Caribbean Motherhood through Radical Acts of Care” panel organized for the Southern Historical Association Conference, New Orleans, 2021

“Feminist Lessons on Vaccine Hesitancy,” Duke University and the Dr Jenner's House Museum, 2020

“Promises and Perils of a COVID-19 Vaccine” Public Workshop and Podcast, Duke University, 2020

Historians Are Writers (HAW) Working Group, 2014-2015

“Staging Sovereignty: Knowledge, Narratives, and Spaces of Governance” Graduate History Conference, co-organized with Michael Becker, Kena Wani, Erasmo Castellani, and Eladio Bobadilla, Duke University, 2015

Digital Dissertation Workshop Series, Duke University, 2013-2014

“Exhibiting the Vernacular: Salvaged Art and Urban Space,” Tulane University, 2012

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2020-present Contributing Member of the Collective for the History & Culture of the Region of the Americas
- 2021-2022 “History and Politics of Immunity” Working Group Co-Convenor with Elena Conis and Travis Chi Wing Lau, Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine
- 2021 SHA/LACS Ralph Lee Woodward Prize Committee
- 2019 Conference on Latin American History Centennial Committee
- 2018 Manuscript Review for *Colonial Latin American Review*
- 2018 History of Science and Technology Faculty Search Committee, Duke University
- 2017 Fulbright COMEXUS García-Robles Search Committee
- 2015 Social Media Committee, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies
- 2014-2015 Editorial Assistant and Blog Manager, *Hispanic American Historical Review*
- 2011-2013 Publishing Assistant, *Colonial Latin American Review*

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

"Images and Texts in Medical History" Digital History Workshop, NIH, DC, 2016

Curatorial Assistant, Historical Archaeology Lab, University of Florida, 2009-2010

University of Florida Historical Archaeology Field School, Kingsley Plantation, Summers 2009 and 2010

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, Portuguese (reading), French (reading)