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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Assistant Professor of History, University of California, Berkeley, 2013-

National Endowment for the Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, 2011-2013

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, The College of William & Mary, 2011-2013

### EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Department of History, Princeton University, 2011

M.A. Department of History, Princeton University, 2006

A.B. *Magna cum laude* with Highest Honors in History and Literature, Harvard University, 1999

### PUBLICATIONS

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*The Occupation of Havana: War, Trade, and Slavery in the Eighteenth-century Atlantic World* (The Omohundro Institute/University of North Carolina Press, under review)

“African Slavery and Spanish Empire: Imperial Imaginings and Bourbon Reform in Eighteenth-century Cuba and Beyond,” *The Journal of Early American History*, 5:1 (2015): 3-29

“Cuba,” *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*, ed. by Trevor Burnard, Oxford University Press, (<http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com>, 2016) (forthcoming)

“Esclavitud y libertad en tiempos de guerra: Respuestas negras al sitio británico de La Habana (1762-1763) [Slavery and Freedom in Times of War: Black Responses to the British Siege of Havana (1762-1763)],” (under review)

Book Review: Scott Eastman and Natalia Sobrevilla Perea, eds., *The Rise of Constitutional Government in the Iberian Atlantic World: The Impact of the Cádiz Constitution of 1812* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2015) in *The Bulletin for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies* (forthcoming)

Book Review: Gerald Horne, *Race to Revolution: The United States and Cuba During Slavery and Jim Crow* (New York: Monthly Review Press, 2014) in *Journal of American History*, 102:3 (December 2015): 826-828

Book Review: Michele Reid-Vazquez, *The Year of the Lash: Free People of Color in Cuba and the Nineteenth-century Atlantic World* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2011), in *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, 13.3/13.4

Book Review: Manuel Barcia, *The Great African Slave Revolt of 1825: Cuba and the Fight for Freedom in Matanzas* (Baton Rouge, LA: LSU Press, 2012), in *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 46:2 (May 2014)

Roundtable Book Review: D.A. Baugh, *The Global Seven Years War, 1754-1763: Britain and France in a Great Power Contest* (London: Longman, 2011), H-Diplo Roundtable Review, Volume XIV, No. 19 (6 February 2013)

Book Review: Gabriel Paquette, *Enlightenment, Governance, and Reform in Spain and Its Empire, 1759-1808* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2008), *Bulletin of Hispanic Studies* 90:3 (April 2013)

“Testerian Hieroglyphs: Language, Colonization, and Conversion in Colonial Mexico,” *Princeton University Library Chronicle*, Vol. LXIX, No. 1 (Autumn 2007): pp. 9-42; selected for publication by the committee of the Prize for Outstanding Scholarship by a Princeton University Graduate Student

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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Humanities Research Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley	2016
Townsend Center for the Humanities Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley	2015-2016
Mellon Foundation Short-term Fellowship, The Huntington Library, Pasadena, CA, <i>declined</i>	2015
Maureen Ahern Doctoral Dissertation Award in Colonial Latin American Studies, Finalist*	2014
UC Berkeley, Institute for International Studies, Manuscript Mini-Conference Grant	2014
Naomi Wulf Prize, European Early American Studies Association	2013
Jacob M. Price Fellowship, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan	2013
NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Omohundro Institute, Williamsburg, VA	2011-2013
W.M. Keck Foundation Fellowship, The Huntington Library, <i>declined</i>	2011
Center for New World Comparative Studies Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library	2010
Fellowship, Program in Early American Economy and Society	2010
Barra Dissertation Fellowship, McNeil Center for Early American Studies	2009-2010
Ferens Bursary Grant, Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery & Emancipation, <i>declined</i>	2009
Prize for Outstanding Scholarship by a Princeton University Graduate Student	2006
Research Grants, Department of History, Princeton University	2006-2009
Research Grants, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University	2006-2009
Research Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies	2005
Frederick Sheldon Prize Fellowship, Harvard University	1999-2000
Susan Anthony Potter Prize in Comparative Literature for Senior Thesis, Harvard University	1999
John Harvard and Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Scholarships, Harvard University	1996-1999
Phi Beta Kappa	1998

### **INVITED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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“Routes into Eighteenth-century Cuban Slavery: African Diaspora and Geopolitics,” “The Slave Trade to Cuba: New Research Perspectives,” Havana, Cuba, June 9-11, 2016

History Departmental Colloquium, University of California Berkeley, November 16, 2016

“An Event in Atlantic History: Space, Time, and Historical Narrative As Seen from Eighteenth-century Cuba,” Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California Berkeley, November 10, 2016

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\* Awarded every three years for the best dissertation in interdisciplinary colonial Latin American studies

“The British Occupation of Havana,” Workshop: “The World of the War of Jenkins’s Ear: War and Trade in the Greater Caribbean, 1689-1783,” Rutgers University, May 28-29, 2015

“Cuba in the Eighteenth-century Atlantic World,” Atlantic History Speaker Series, University of California, Los Angeles, May 7, 2015

“Cuba and the American Revolution,” Berkeley Latin American History Workshop, October 16, 2014

“The View from George Washington, Cuba,” Center for Latin American Studies and Department of History, Stanford University, October 9, 2014

“New Perspectives on the American Revolution,” University of Texas at Austin, British Studies lecture series, September 19, 2014

“The Royal Havana Company at the Edge of Empires,” Workshop on “Alternative States: Cities, Companies, and Corporations in the Making of Global Britain,” Duke University, May 3-4, 2014

Roundtable: “Between Colony and Independence: Revisiting Latin America,” Department of Spanish & Portuguese, UC Berkeley, October 29, 2014

“Cuba in the Atlantic World,” Bay Area Latin America Forum, Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley, October 21, 2014

“The British Occupation of Havana in 1762 and the Evolving Place of People of African Descent in Spanish Empire,” The Omohundro Institute Colloquium Series, February 19, 2013

Workshop on Anglo-Spanish Relations in the Eighteenth Century at the Huntington Library, sponsored by the Early Modern Studies Institute at USC, February 22, 2013

“Spain, Cuba, and the American Revolution: The View from George Washington, Cuba,” Early Modern Global History Seminar, Georgetown University, November 16, 2012

“The American War: Britain’s American Revolution,” Huntington Library, September 21-22, 2012

International Seminar Commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the British Occupation of Havana, Academia de la Historia de Cuba, July 2-6, 2012

“The Contest for Cuba in the Eighteenth Century,” University of Delaware History Workshop, March 20, 2012

“The Fog of War: The 1762 Invasion of Havana,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies Friday Seminar Series, February 25, 2011

“The Occupation of Havana: War, Trade, and Slavery in Eighteenth-century Cuba,” John Carter Brown Fellows Luncheon Talk, Brown University, November 17, 2010

“Writing a Dissertation at the Intersection of Cuban and Atlantic History,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies Wednesday Brownbag Series, December 9, 2009

## CONFERENCES

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“African Diaspora during European War: The British Invasion and Occupation of Havana,” Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH), Havana, Cuba, June 6-9, 2016

“Questions of Scale: Spain, Spanish America, and the Atlantic World in the Work of Christopher Schmidt-Nowara,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA), New York, NY, May 27-30, 2016

Panel Comment: “Maroons in World History” Conference, University of California Berkeley, May 5, 2016

“War, Trade, and Slavery in Eighteenth-century Havana,” Colonial Studies Committee Meeting, Committee on Latin American History (CLAH), American Historical Association (AHA), Atlanta, GA, January 7-10, 2016

Panel Comment: “Imagining Failure and Its Consequences in the Colonial Spanish Pacific World,” Conference on Latin American History (CLAH), American Historical Association (AHA), January 7, 2016

“American Revolutions: The Role of Cuba in North American Independence,” Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH), College of the Bahamas, May 18-21, 2015

Roundtable Discussion: “Edward Baptist: Slavery and American Capitalism,” University of California, Berkeley, Department of History, February 5, 2015

Panel Chair: “New Perspectives on the Spanish Atlantic: The Slave Trade to Spanish America,” American Historical Association (AHA), New York, NY, January 2-4, 2015

Panel Co-organizer: “Lust for Land, Lust for Blood: Metropolitan Imaginings of Empire during the Seven Years’ War”; Paper titles: “‘Taking the Havannah’: Cuba Won and Lost in London and Madrid” and Multimedia Presentation on the material culture of the Seven Years’ War with Christian Crouch; Society of Early Americanists, Kingston University, London, July 17-19, 2014

“Cuba, the Slave Trade, and the Evolving Place of People of African Descent in Eighteenth-century Spanish Imperial Ambitions,” Organization of American Historians (OAH), April 10-13, 2014

Panel Chair: “City Limits,” Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (FEEGI), February 21-22, 2014

“An Event in Atlantic History: Space, Time, and Historical Narrative in Eighteenth-century Cuba,” Roundtable on Iberian Atlantic History, American Historical Association (AHA), January 2-4, 2014

“African Diaspora During European War,” The Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture: “Africans in the Americas,” University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, March 14-16, 2013

“Imperial Imaginings in the Spanish Atlantic During the Era of the Seven Years’ War,” European Association of Early American Studies, University of Bayreuth, Germany, December 13-15, 2012

“The British Occupation of Havana in 1762: An Event in the History of African Diaspora,” The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, June 15-16, 2012

Panel Co-organizer: “Networks, Knowledge, and Slavery in Colonial Cuba, 1760-1860”; Paper title: “Technology Acquisition and the Expansion of Cuban Slave Trading, 1770s-1790s,” Latin American Studies Association, May 23-26, 2012

“Slavery and the Shape of Spanish Empire in the Eighteenth Century,” Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (FEEGI), April 20-21, 2012

“The Bourbon Reform of Slavery,” Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, March 23-25, 2012

“Routes of Slavery and Freedom: The ‘*Negro inglés*’ in Eighteenth-century Cuba,” Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH), May 16-20, 2011

“Cuban Loyalties during the British Occupation of Havana, 1762-3,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA), October 6-9, 2010

“British Occupation and the Limits of Imperial Sovereignty in Eighteenth-century Havana,” New York University Atlantic History Conference, February 26-27, 2010

“The British Slave Trade and Spanish Imperial Sovereignty in the Eighteenth-century Americas,” Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (FEEGI), February 19-21, 2010

“Whither Loyalty?: The Strategies of the Enslaved and *Morenos libres* during the British Siege and Occupation of Havana, 1762-1763,” American Historical Association (AHA), January 7-10, 2010

“After the Siege: Commerce, Slavery, and Political Loyalties during the British Occupation of Havana,” The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, “Contest for Continents: The Seven Years’ War in Global Perspective,” October 22-24, 2009

Panel Chair: “Fear and Desire: Early America and Its Discontents,” Graduate Student Conference of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, September 24-26, 2009

“British Havana?: Imagining Cuba’s Future in 1762,” Latin American Studies Graduate Student Conference SUNY Stonybrook, April 24, 2009

## **TEACHING**

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### **University of California, Berkeley**

History 103: “Slavery, War, and Revolution in Latin America and the Caribbean” (Seminar)

History 103: “Slavery and Freedom in the Atlantic World” (Seminar)

History 100: “Cuba in World History” (Lecture)

History 121A: “The Colonial Americas” (Lecture) with Prof. Mark Peterson

History 199: Independent Undergraduate Research (Independent Study)

History 275: “Early Latin American and Caribbean History” (Graduate Seminar)

History 280/285: “The Atlantic World” (Graduate Seminar)

History 285: “Latin American and Caribbean History” (Graduate Seminar)

### **The College of William & Mary**

History 490C: “Cuba and the Atlantic World” (Seminar)

History 491C: “Latin America and the Age of Revolutions” (Seminar)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE**

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### **Service to the Historical Profession**

Chair, Nominating Committee, Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction 2014-present  
 Conference Program Committee, Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction, 2014

Social Science Research Council (SSRC), International Research Dissertation Fellowship Application Reviewer, 2014

Postdoctoral Fellowship Application Reader, The Omohundro Institute, 2011-2013

Manuscript Reviewer for *Atlantic Studies*, *Catholic History Review*, *History Compass*, *Journal of Urban Studies*, *Latin American Research Review*, Oxford University Press, and *The William & Mary Quarterly*

### **University of California, Berkeley**

Faculty Mentor, Haas Scholars Program, 2015-2016

Co-Leader, Presidential Fellow Curriculum Enrichment Grant Program for History 1, 2014-2015

Leader, UC Alumni Cal Discoveries Trip to Cuba, 2014

Bancroft Library Fellowships Selection Committee, 2014

Panelist on Teaching for New Faculty, Teaching Excellence Colloquium, 2014

Teaching Excellence Colloquium Participant, 2013-2014

### **University of California, Berkeley, Department of History**

Graduate Placement Officer, 2016-present

Graduate Affair Committee, 2016-present

Advisory Committee, *Ex-officio* member, 2016-present

Events Committee, 2014-2015

Honors Committee, 2013-2014

Berkeley Connect Presenter, 2014-2015

Qualifying Exam Committees: Alexandra Havyrshylyn (Law & Legal Jurisprudence), Jorge Diaz Velez (Spanish & Portuguese), Aaron Hall (History), Natalie Novoa (History), Raphael Murillo (History), Hayley Rucker (History), Derek O'Leary (History), Yotam Tsal (History), Amanda Guzman (Anthropology)

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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Volunteer Co-Instructor, Adult ESL, Richmond, VA 2012-2013

Program Co-Founder, We Are Change! Youth Civic Leadership Academy, New York, NY 2009

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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Freelance evaluator of Spanish-language manuscripts, Penguin Press & HarperCollins 2006-

Associate Literary Agent, The Wylie Agency, New York, NY 2003-2004

Editorial Assistant & Assistant Editor, Random House, New York, NY 2001-2003

Editorial Assistant, Lipper Publications/The Penguin Lives, New York, NY 2000-2001

Editor & Researcher-Writer, *Let's Go* Travel Guides, Cambridge, MA

1997-1999

**MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Historical Association, Conference on Latin American History, Latin American Studies Association, Association of Caribbean Historians, Forum on European Expansion & Global Interaction

September 2016