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Current and Past Positions

- 2020-Present Assistant Professor, Department of History, The University of Texas at San Antonio.
2019-2020 Postdoctoral Fellow, Hutchins Center for African & African American Research, Harvard University.
2014-2019 Research/Teaching Assistant Michigan State University.
2016-2018 Assistant Editor of Digital Humanities Projects at H-Net, Michigan State University.
2007-2010 Assistant Professor University of Havana, Cuba.

Education

- 2019 Ph.D. in History, Department of History, Michigan State University
Dissertation Title: "Foundation and Growth of the Cuban-based Transatlantic Slave Trade, 1790-1820."
Committee: David Eltis (Co-advisor), David Wheat, Dean Rehberger, Laura Fair, Walter Hawthorne (chair and advisor)
Fields: Atlantic History, African History, Digital Humanities.
2007 B.A. History, The University of Havana, Cuba

Award and Honors

- 2022 Research Travel Grant Diaz Ayala, Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University \$2,000
2021 Co-Pi, Australian Research Council (ARC) Grant, Discovery Projects, Trans-Pacific Slave Trade Database 2021, (\$247,000).
2021 Curricular Innovation in the Post-Pandemic Digital Age Grant Program (\$ 8,000)
2017 Humanities Without Walls, The Legacies of the Enlightenment, MSU, (\$15,000).
2016 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Academic Year 2016-2017. (\$10,000)
2015 Lydia Cabrera Award, Cuban Heritage Collection, (\$5,000).
2015 Cultural Heritage Informatics Graduate Fellowship Program, Michigan State University (\$ 3,000)
2013 Research Grant, "International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World," Harvard University, (\$2,000).
2010 Research Fellowship, "The Ibero-American Institute (Iberoamerikanische Institut)," Berlin, Germany, (\$1,800).

Publications

- 2023 "Atlantic Slavery, A Bibliography." Oxford Bibliographies in African Studies (forthcoming).
2022 Coauthor with Henry Louis Gates Jr & David Eltis, "The Constitution and the Slave Trade," *The New York Review of Books*, 49:6 (April 7, 2022) 53-54.
2022 "The Demography of the Transatlantic Slave Trade," Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History, 2020 (forthcoming).
2022 Book Review in the *Colonial Latin American Review*, Evelyn P. Jennings' "Constructing the Spanish Empire in Havana. State Slavery in Defense and Development," 1762-1835. Baton

- Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 20120. xii + 283 pp. \$ 45.00. Hardcover., (forthcoming).
- 2022 Book Review, John Harris' "The Last Slave Ship." *Slavery & Abolition* (forthcoming, 2022).
- 2021 Coauthor with J., Cole, G., & Lawrance, B. "The Amistad Saga: A Transatlantic Dialogue," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*. October 2021 (Peer Reviewed).
- 2021 "Black Lives Matter Misses the Point about Cuba." *The Atlantic*, July 17, 2021.
- 2021 "I Watched Cuba Crumbled from the Inside." *The Atlantic*, July 31, 2021.
- 2021 "The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Foundation of the Kingdom of Galinhas in Southern Sierra Leone, 1790-1820," *Journal of African History*. 1-23, 2021.
- 2021 Book Review, in *African Studies Review* Henry Lovejoy's "Prieto: Yorùbá Kingship in Colonial Cuba during the Age of Revolutions. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2019. xv 219 pp. \$90.00. Cloth. ISBN: 978-1469645384., 1-3. (November 2021).
- 2021 "Afro-Cuban History is Integral to Hispanic Heritage. This is Why." In *Latinos Unidos*.
- 2020 Coauthor with David Eltis, "The Rise and Fall of the Cuban Slave Trade: New Data, New Paradigms," in Alex Borucki, David Eltis, and David Wheat, eds., *From the Galleons to the Highlands: Slave Trade Routes in the Spanish Americas* (The University of New Mexico Press, 2020), 177-200.
- 2020 "Reassessing the Slave Trade to Cuba, 1790-1820" In Alex Borucki, David Eltis, and David Wheat, eds., *From the Galleons to the Highlands: Slave Trade Routes in the Spanish Americas* (The University of New Mexico Press, 2020), 201-22.
- 2020 "Digital Resources for the Study of Slavery and the Slave Trade in Latin America," in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*, 2020.
- 2016 "The Baptismal Record Database for Slave Societies (BARDSS)," co-authored with Andrew Barsom, in *Journal of Global Slavery*, 1, (2016), pp. 137-163.
- 2015 'Prize Negroes' in Cape Town and Atlantic Abolitionism, *Southern Africa Digital History Journal*.

Teaching Experience

At the University of Texas at San Antonio

- HIS 3313: History of U.S./Latin American Relations, Fall 2022.
- HIS 3793: Caribbean History, Fall 2022.
- HIS 4603: Slavery and its Legacy in the Digital Age, Spring 2022.
- HIS 3363: From Colonial to Totalitarian Cuba: 500 Years of History, Spring 2022.
- HIS 3313: History of U.S./Latin American Relations, Fall 2021.
- HIS 6913: Teaching and Researching the Transatlantic Slave Trade in the Digital Age, Fall 2021.
- HIS 6413: The United States and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, Summer 2021
- HIS 3313: History of U.S./Latin American Relations, Spring 2021
- HIS 6913: Teaching and Researching the Transatlantic Slave Trade in the Digital Age, Spring 2021
- HIS 3313: History of U.S./Latin American Relations, Fall 2020.

At Michigan State University

- HIS 3365: The Vietnam War, Spring 2019
- IAH 203: Latin American and the World: Culture, Nationalism, and State Formation in the Modern Period, Fall 2018.

At the University of Havana

- Historical Methods, Fall 2009
- Cuban Culture, Fall 2008
- Cuban History, Fall 2007- Spring 2008.

Conference and Presentations

- 2022 “Amistad: Facts and Fictions Of Slavery In Film,” Connecticut Old State House, Sept, 2022.
- 2022 “Cuba and the Establishment of an African Kingdom,” University of Connecticut, Sept 2022.
- 2022 “The Cuban Background of the Amistad,” in Discovery Amistad Institute, April 12, 2022.
- 2022 “U.S. Merchants and the Foundation of the Cuban Slave Trade, Florida International University, May 2022
- 2019 “The Scandinavian Trans-Atlantic and Intra-American Slave Trade,” The University of Bergen, Denmark, October 2019.
- 2019 “Foundation and Growth of the Cuban-based Transatlantic Slave Trade, 1790-1820,” Harvard University, October 2019
- 2019 “Reassessing the Slave Trade to Cuba, 1790-1820,” New Directions in Cuban Studies Conference, Cuban Heritage Collection, University of Miami, October, 2019.
- 2018 “Cuba and Gallinas: The Foundation and Development of an Atlantic Slave Trading Circuit.” Workshop, The Transnational Networks of the Illegal Slave Trade in the Nineteenth Century. University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, May 2018.
- 2018 “The Intra-American Slave Trade to Cuba, 1790-1808,” American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, January, 2018.
- 2018 “The Foundation of Slave-Trading Networks between Cuba and Upper Guinea, 1808–20,” American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, January, 2018.
- 2017 Chair Panel, Chair, Panel “The Slave Trade, the Spanish Empire, and Foreign Powers in the Atlantic World,” American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Denver, January 2017.
- 2017 “The Havana-Gallinas Slave Trade Route during the Formative Period of the Cuban-based Atlantic Slave Trade,” American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Denver, January 2017.
- 2016 “Cuba and the Inter-American Slave Trade,” Southern Historical Association, Annual Meeting, St. Pete Beach, November 2016.
- 2016 “BARDSS, Baptismal Record Database for Slave Societies,” American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, January 9, 2016.
- 2015 “From Baltimore to Gallinas: The U.S. Slave Trader Jacob Faber and King Siaka’s War,” African Studies Association, Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2015.
- 2015 “Slave Biographies: The Atlantic Database Network, BARDSS,” Digital Humanities and the History of Slavery, a Workshop to Enhance Research, Collaboration, and Graduate Training, Vanderbilt University, October 2015.
- 2015 “The Slave Trade to Cuba in the 19th Century. New Perspectives and Research from Cuba,” Roundtable discussion sponsored by the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies and the Afro-Latin American Research Institute at the Hutchins Center, Harvard University October 2015.
- 2015 “Cuba and the United States in the Atlantic Slave Trade,” American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, NYC, January 2015.
- 2013 “Cuba and the U.S.: Slave Traders Connections 1789-1808” sponsored by LACAS, Binghamton University, November 2013.
- 2013 “Database Huellas de Esclavos,” International Seminar “Atlantic World Slave Databases,” Michigan State University, November 2013.
- 2013 “Cuba and the United States: The Slave Trade in the Age of Amistad” in “Rising Up: Hale Woodruff’s Murals at Talladega College,” New York University, October 2013.
- 2011 “Conexiones entre África y Cuba en la trata legal e ilegal de esclavos en el siglo XIX” Fourth International Seminar Cuba and the Plantation System. Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre, Sponsored by “Grupo Historia Social Comparada,” Universitat Jaume I, Fundacion Instituto de Historia Social, Havana, Cuba, October 2011.
- 2010 “Cultural policy: Cuba and GDR,” Workshop in The Ibero-American Institute, Berlin, June 2010.

2010 “Academic exchange between Cuba and GDR,” Workshop in the History Department, University of Cologne, July 2010.

Digital Projects

2021-Present Podcast “Talking with Historians of Slavery” – First episode featuring [Gwendolyn Midlo Hall](#).
2020-Present Editor Digital Project “The Seed of Texas: An Interactive Exploration of Bexar County History”
2019-Present Research Assistant and Editor, “People of the Atlantic Slave Trade,” (PAST).
2014-Present Editor “The Transatlantic Slave Trade Database”
2016-2018 Editor and Research Assistant, “The Transatlantic Slave Trade Database”
2015 Co-author: “Baptismal Record Database for Slaves Societies,” (BARDSS), Michigan State University, MATRIX, Department of History. (work in progress)
<http://bardss.matrix.msu.edu/>

Interviews/Public Outreach

2021 Cuba, the U.S. embargo and why people are protesting; with Jorge Felipe-Gonzalez. Tangle Podcast.
2021 Hopes and fears: Why Cuban protesters rally American left and right. The Monitor, July 23, 2021.
2021 Cuban protests against communist regime explained. Fox26 Houston, July 12, 2021
2021 Historiador de San Antonio llama a la unidad al exilio cubano en Texas. Univision, July 13, 2021.
2021 Cuban-Americans in San Antonio watch ongoing protests with safety concerns. Kens5, July 14, 2021.
2021 Local expatriates see rare protests in Cuba as hopeful sign. Loud cries for liberty heard in communist relic country. KSAT, July 17, 2021.
2021 Rebellion in Cuba. On Saturday Extra with Geraldine Doogue. ABC, Australia.
2021 Le Cuba d’hier explique les manifestations d’aujourd’hui by Nina Pareja. Slate, France

Service

2022 Organizer Nau Conference, “Race and Policing in Texas.”
2022-Present Advisory Board, Digital Humanities Initiatives, College of Liberal and Fine Arts, COLFA.
2021 Member, Search Committee, Digital Humanities Tenure Track Position, COLFA.
2021 Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of History, COLFA.

Other Professional Activities

2019-Present Editor, *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation*.
2016-2019 Editor, H-Slavery, H-Net, Michigan State University, <https://networks.h-net.org/h-slavery>.
2015-Present Co-director with Marial Iglesias Utset, Project “Cuba and the United States in the Atlantic Slave Trade,” Afro-Latin American Research Institute at the Hutchins Center, Harvard University.

- 2010-2013 General Coordinator, Working Group “Cuban Slavery and the Atlantic Slave Trade” in Havana, Cuba, under the direction of Dr. María del Carmen Barcia, 2012-2013.
2011-2013 Research Assistant, Documentary “They Are We,” Director Emma Christopher.

Professional Memberships

Member American Historical Association, Conference on Latin American History.
Member African Studies Association.
Member International Research Seminar on the Second Slavery, Binghamton University.
Member American Historical Association.

Language Skills

Spanish (advanced)
Portuguese (intermediate)
French (intermediate - reading)
German (intermediate - reading)

Academic References

Dr. Manuel Barcia, Chair of Global History at the University of Leeds, The United Kingdom - M.Barcia@leeds.ac.uk

Dr. Emma Christopher, Associate Professor, University of New South Wales, Australia - e.christopher@unsw.edu.au

Dr. Catherine Clinton, Denman Professor of American History at the University of Texas at San Antonio - catherine.clinton@utsa.edu

Dr. David Eltis,
Robert W. Woodruff Professor Emeritus of History, Emory University - deltis@emory.edu

Dr. Walter Hawthorne
Professor of African History and the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs in the College of Social Science walterh@msu.edu

Dr. Marial Iglesias Utset, Invited Research Scholar, Harvard University marial.iglesiasutset@gmail.com