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**Education**

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Ph.D., History, Duke University, 2005.  
Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies.  
Dissertation: “The Deepest Wounds: The Laboring Landscapes of Sugar in Northeastern Brazil”

M.A., History, Duke University, 2001.

B.A. *cum laude*. Biology and History, Williams College, 1996.

**Employment and Teaching**

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Associate Professor, Department of History, Emory University, August, 2013-present.

Assistant Professor, Emory, 2011-2013

Fulbright Visiting Professor, Graduate Program in History, Federal University of Pernambuco, February-July 2010.

Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies and Latin American Studies Program, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2005-2011.

**Publications**

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**Book:**

*The Deepest Wounds: A Labor and Environmental History of Sugar in Northeast Brazil* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010).

Awarded the Warren Dean Prize, Conference on Latin American History, 2011  
and Henry A. Wallace Prize, Agricultural History Society, 2011

Book Project: *Agriculture's Energy: Development, Environment, and Hunger During Brazil's Ethanol Boom*

This book uses a singular federal initiative from 1975—the National Alcohol Program—as a vehicle to discuss post-Green Revolution agricultural modernization in Brazil.

**Articles and Book Chapters:**

With Gillian McGillivray, “Populism in the Circum-Caribbean, 1920s-1950s,” in John Abromeit, Gary Marotta, and Bridget Chesterton, eds. *Transformations of Populism in*

*Europe, the United States and Latin America: History, Theories, and Recent Tendencies* (Bloomsbury Press, 2015), 153-177.

“Agricultural Transformations in Sugarcane and Labor in Brazil,” In *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*, Ed. William Beezley (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015). Published online, September 2015:  
<http://latinamericanhistory.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199366439.001.0001/acrefore-9780199366439-e-55>

“Taking the Measure of Labor: Rural Rationalization in Twentieth Century Brazil,” *International Labor and Working-Class History* 85 (Spring 2014): 138-161.

With Christine Dabat, “‘A peculiarity of labor in this region’: Workers’ Voices in the Labor Court Archive at the Federal University of Pernambuco,” *Latin American Research Review* 47, special issue (2012): 163-178.

Republished in translation: “‘Uma peculiaridade do trabalho nesta região’: A voz dos trabalhadores nos arquivos da Justiça do Trabalho na Universidade Federal de Pernambuco,” *Mundos do Trabalho* (forthcoming).

“Race, Respect, and Authority in Contemporary Brazil: Interpreting the Stories of Sugarcane Workers,” *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 8, no. 2 (Summer 2011): 123-146.

“Laboring Landscapes: The Environmental, Racial, and Class Worldview of the Brazilian Northeast’s Sugar Elite, 1880s-1930s,” *Luso-Brazilian Review* 46, no. 2 (December 2009): 22-53.

Republished in translation: “Paisagem produtiva: A visão de mundo ambiental, racial e classista da elite canaveira nordestina (décadas de 1880 a 1930),” *Ciências Humanas e Sociais em Revista* 34 no 2 (Jul/Dec 2012): 29-56.

“Geneticistas da gramínea doce em campos decadentes: Variedades de cana-de-açúcar, agrônomos e plantadores na abordagem da modernização agrícola (1930-1964)” *Clio* 26, no. 2 (2009): 161-188

“‘I choose this means to be with you always’: Getúlio Vargas’s Carta Testamento,” in Jens Hentschke, ed. *Vargas and Brazil: New Perspectives* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), 227-255.

Awarded the Sturgis Leavitt Prize, Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, 2007.

“Bustamante the Lonely Fighter: Loyalty, Justice, and Race in the Discourse of a Jamaican Populist,” *Contours: A Journal of the African Diaspora* 3, no. 1 (2005): 48-78.

### **Unrefereed Articles:**

“Milton Nascimento,” *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Franklin W. Knight, eds. (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“Pensamento geográfico de Gilberto Freyre nos anos 1920 e 1930,” *Cadernos de História: História ambiental em suas múltiplas abordagens* 8, no 8 (2011 [2013]): 80-106.

“Imaginários paisagísticos em conflito na Zona da Mata pernambucana,” *Cadernos de História: Oficina de História* 6, no. 6 (2009): 13-28.

José Lins do Rego’s *O Moleque Ricardo*, in “My Favorite Labor Novel,” *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 4, no. 4 (2007): 26-27.

### **Book and Film Reviews:**

*The Invention of the Brazilian Northeast*, Durval Muniz de Albuquerque Jr., *Hispanic American Historical Review* 96, no 3 (August 2016).

*Transforming Brazil: A History of National Development in the Postwar Era*, Rafael Ioris, *Varia Historia* 56 (maio-agosto 2015): 609-612.

*La Frontera: Forests and Ecological Conflict in Chile’s Frontier Territory*, Thomas Miller Klubock, *Hispanic American Historical Review* 95, no 2 (May 2015): 371-373.

*The Sugar Trade: Brazil, Portugal and the Netherlands (1595-1630)*, Daniel Strum, Featured Review, *The American Historical Review* 119, no 5 (2014): 1631-1634.

*In Search of the Amazon: Brazil, the United States, and the Nature of a Region*, Seth Garfield, *Hispanic American Historical Review* 94, no. 4 (November 2014): 720-722.

*Amazonia. Environment and the Law in Amazonia: A Plurilateral Encounter*, James Cooper and Christine Hunefeldt, eds., *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de America Latina* 25, no 1 (Jan-Jun 2014): 132-133.

*Uneven Development: Nature, Capital, and the Production of Space*, Neil Smith, H-LATAM, <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=31937> (November 2012).

*The Vigorous Core of Our Nationality: Race and Regional Identity in Northeastern Brazil*, Stanley Blake, *Journal of Latin American Studies* 44, no 3 (August, 2012): 608-610.

*The Devil’s Milk: A Social History of Rubber*, John Tully, *Labour History* 101 (November 2011): 230-232.

*From Rainforest to Cane Field in Cuba*, Reinaldo Funes Monzote, *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 16, no. 2 (2011): 488-490.

*This Land is Ours Now: Social Mobilization and the Meanings of Land in Brazil*, Wendy Wolford, *Hispanic American Historical Review* 91, no. 2 (May, 2011): 355-356.

*Tecido Memória*, DVD, José Sergio Leite Lopes and Rosilene Alvim, *Cadernos AEL* 16, no. 28 (2010): 235-240.

*Nós do Quarto Distrito*, Alexandre Fortes, *Hispanic American Historical Review* 88, no 3 (August 2008): 523-525.

*From Slavery to Freedom in Brazil: Bahia, 1835-1900*, Dale Torstion Graden, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 4, no 3 (2007): 131-133.

*Work, Identity, and Protest in Twentieth Century Latin America*, Vincent Peloso, ed., *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de America Latina* 16, no. 1 (2005): 183-185.

### **National Fellowships**

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Fulbright Scholar Fellowship, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil, 2010.

Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, 2010.

Fulbright Student Fellowship, Recife, Brazil, 2002-2003.

Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association, 2002-2003.

### **Prizes and Internal Grants**

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Warren Dean Prize, Conference on Latin American History, 2011. Best book on Brazilian history from 2010-2011.

Henry A. Wallace Prize, Agricultural History Society, 2011. Best book on non-U.S. agricultural history.

Faculty Research Grants, UNC Charlotte, 2005-06; 2007-2008.

Sturgis Leavitt Prize, Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, 2008. Best article or chapter published by a SECOLAS member on a Latin American or Iberian subject.

Lewis Hanke Prize, Conference on Latin American History, 2007. Best project for turning a dissertation into a book.

Jon Tolman Essay Prize, honorable mention, Brazilian Studies Association, 2006.

Duke University Graduate School Summer Research Fellow, 2004.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, academic year 2001-2002; summer 1999.

### **Invited Lectures (Selected)**

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“Brazil in Metamorphosis,” the Georgia Council of International Visitors and the Foreign Policy Association, Atlanta, March 12, 2015.

“Nature, Landscape, and History in José Lins do Rego and Gilberto Freyre's Work,” Stanford University conference “Dialogues between Brazilian History and Literature,” May 10, 2013.

“Between Two Booms: The Human and Environmental Consequences of Brazilian Ethanol Production,” Stanford University, May 9, 2013.

“The Nature of Labor: Work and the Agro-Environment of Sugarcane in Brazil,” University of Southern Mississippi, March 28, 2013.

“Race, Respect, and Authority in Contemporary Brazil: Interpreting the Stories of Sugarcane Workers,” Keynote Address, William Brown Conference at UNC Charlotte, March 20, 2012.

“Race, Respect, and Authority in Contemporary Brazil: Interpreting the Stories of Sugarcane Workers,” York University, November 21, 2011.

“The Nature of Labor: Work and the Agro-Environment of Sugarcane in Brazil,” University of Guelph, November 19, 2011.

“Comparing Slave Societies: The U.S. and Brazil,” Historic Rosedale Plantation, Charlotte, NC, February 19, 2011.

“Hunger and Environmental Destruction in Brazil’s Forgotten Ethanol Boom,” Global Perspectives Series, UNC Charlotte, November 1, 2010.

“Race, Respect, and Authority in Contemporary Brazil: Interpreting the Stories of Sugarcane Workers,” Atlantic Studies Colloquium, Florida International University, October 13, 2010.

“Fome e Destruição Ambiental no Esquecido Boom Brasileiro de Etanol,” Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, June 10, 2010.

“Conciliação: a História Ambiental e a História do Trabalho,” Working Group on Rural Labor and Social Movements, Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Guarulhos, May 20, 2010.

Golden Key International Honour Society Banquet Keynote Address, UNC Charlotte, November 10, 2008.

“African Diaspora Discussions: The Brazilian-North American Dialogue on Race in the Twentieth Century,” International House, Charlotte, NC, November 30, 2007.

“Courts, Contracts, and Captivity: The Informalization of Cane Work in 1970s Brazil,” Wake Forest University Social Science Research Seminar, November 26, 2007.

### **Conferences and Presentations (Selected)**

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“The Agronomists’ Revolution: Agricultural Modernization in the Midst of the Brazilian Miracle,” American Historical Association (AHA)/Conference on Latin American History (CLAH), Atlanta, January 7-10, 2016.

“Agriculture and Hunger in Brazil: The Roots of Food vs. Fuel,” for “Environmental Histories of Latin America: Faculty Workshop,” Stanford University, April 24, 2015.

“A Disjuncture of Scale? Linking Agroenvironmental Change to Labor Mobilization,” for “Rethinking Spaces in Latin American History,” Yale University, March 28-29, 2014.

“Making Class Consciousness under a Repressive State: Rural Unions in 1970s Brazil,” for “Class Analysis and the Politics of the People: Investigations in a Post-Colonial Mode,” conference at Emory University, November 22-23, 2013.

“The Human and Environmental Impacts of Brazil’s First Ethanol Boom, 1975-1985,” for the “Third Lemann Dialogue: Agricultural and Environmental Issues in Brazil,” University of Illinois, November 7-8, 2013.

“Local Labor Courts in Pernambuco, 1963-1981: The Legal Strategies of a Professionalizing Rural Union Movement,” AHA/CLAH, New Orleans, January 3-6, 2013.

“An Abundance of Riches: Discourses on the (Natural) Greatness of Brazil,” Brazil Committee Roundtable: Twentieth-Century Social Science Paradigms in Twenty-First-Century Perspective, CLAH, New Orleans, January 3-6, 2013.

“Fueling Development with Sugarcane: The Intent and Impact of the National Alcohol Program,” Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Urbana-Champaign, September 6-8, 2012.

“‘Less an Anthropological Element than a Social Condition’: Sugar Workers and Race in the Mid-20th Century,” at the William Brown Conference at UNC Charlotte, March 20, 2012.

“State Mediation of Rural Labor Rationalization in Pernambuco, 1963-1980,” AHA/CLAH, Chicago, January 5-8, 2012.

“A Rural Working Class in Formation: Law, Agriculture, and the Pernambuco Cane Workers’ Strike of 1979” International Conference Strikes and Social Conflicts around the World in the Twentieth Century, Lisbon, March 17-19, 2011.

“International Teaching Both at Home and Abroad: Consolidating Transnational Intellectual Community in the Classroom,” AHA/CLAH, Boston, January 5-7, 2011.

“Sugar Cane Workers and Employers Do Battle in the Courts, Pernambuco, 1963-1981,” BRASA, Brasília, July 22-24, 2010.

“A paisagem de cativo: Poder e a definição de trabalho e espaço” 4ª Oficina “Sociedades açucareiras: Abordagens e perspectivas,” Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife, March 8, 2010.

“Courts, Contracts, and Captivity: The Informalization of Cane Work in 1970s Brazil,” Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies (SECOLAS), New Orleans, April 16-18, 2009.

“The Glare of the State: Labor, State Intervention, and New Working Environments in Pernambuco, Brazil, 1963-1980,” “Workers, the Nation-State, and Beyond: The Newberry Conference on Labor History Across the Americas,” Newberry Library, Chicago, September 18-21, 2008.

A different version presented at AHA/CLAH, Atlanta, January 4-7, 2007.

“Sweet Grass Technicians in Decadent Fields: Agronomists, Planters, and Competing Discourses of the Northeast’s Sugar Landscape, 1930-1964,” AHA/CLAH, Washington, D. C., January 3-6, 2008.

A different version presented as an invited lecture at the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife, May 29, 2007.

“The Power of Voice: Courage, Conflict, and Race in the Lives of Two Brazilian Sugar Workers,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History annual meeting, Charlotte, October 3-7, 2007.

A different version presented at LASA, Las Vegas, October 6-10, 2004.

“‘A light turning on in the campo’: State Intervention, Agricultural Transformation, and Worker Responses in Northeast Brazil, 1964-1980” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) congress, Montreal, September 4-8, 2007.

“Imaginários Paisagísticos em Conflito na Zona da Mata Pernambucana,” 2ª Oficina “Sociedades Açucareiras: Abordagens e Perspectivas,” Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife, May 16, 2007.

“New Rules, New Canes: The State Discovers the ‘Civilization of Sugar’ in Northeast Brazil (1970s),” American Society for Ethnohistory, Williamsburg, November 1-5, 2006.

“Beyond Science, More than Culture: Gilberto Freyre’s Sugar Landscape of Northeast Brazil,” BRASA, Nashville, October 13-16, 2006.

Honorable mention, Jon Tolman Prize.

“‘Land is no longer the answer for these people’: Rural Unions in Northeastern Brazil, 1963-2003,” SECOLAS, Charlotte, April 6-8, 2006.

“Laboring Landscapes: Views from Above and Below,” presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Latin American Labor History Conference, “Labor and the Environment,” Duke University, April 22-23, 2005.

“‘I choose this means to be with you always’: The Career of the *Carta-testamento*,” presented at the Society for Latin American Studies conference, Leiden, April 2-4, 2004.

“Raízes de Urbanização: O Fim de Morada na Zona da Mata Pernambucana,” presented at the conference “História e a Cidade,” Universidade Católica de Pernambuco, Recife, October 28-November 1, 2002.

“Meio Ambiente, Raça, e Política na Zona da Mata Pernambucana, 1955-1985,” presented at the Pernambuco conference of the Associação Nacional de Professores Universitários em História (ANPUH), Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco, October 10-12, 2002.

“Bustamante the Lonely Fighter: Loyalty, Justice, and Race in the Discourse of a Jamaican Labor Leader,” presented at the Latin American Labor History Conference, Duke University, May 3-4, 2002.

A different version presented at the conference “Dialogues on the Diaspora,” sponsored by the UNC-Chapel Hill Center for African and African American Studies, February 22-23, 2002.

## Professional Service

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### Association Service:

General Committee Member, Conference on Latin American History (CLAH), 2014-2016.

Elinor Melville Prize Committee, CLAH, 2015.

President (2013); Vice-President (2012); Conference Program Chair (2010); and Executive Committee Member (2011-2014), Latin American and Caribbean Section (LACS) of the Southern Historical Association.

Chair, LACS Dissertation Prize committee, 2013; committee member, 2014.

James Scobie Award committee, CLAH, 2012.

Sturgis Leavitt Prize committee, SECOLAS, 2008-2011.

Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), constitution sub-committee, 2008.

**Editorial board member:**

*Brasilliana: Journal for Brazilian Studies*, 2012-present

*The Latin Americanist*, 2006-present.

**Manuscript reviewer:**

**Journals:** *Hispanic American Historical Review*, *História, Ciências, Saúde—Manguinhos*, *Agricultural History*, *Estudos Históricos* (Fundação Getúlio Vargas), *Cadernos de História* (Universidade Federal de Pernambuco), *Development and Change*, *History Compass*, *The Latinamericanist*, *Luso-Brazilian Review*, *SECOLAS Annals*.

**Presses:** Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Texas Press, University of Georgia Press, Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, University of Illinois Press.

**Grant Reviewer:**

Fulbright Scholar Fellowships, Council for International Exchange of Scholars; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

**Miscellaneous:**

Co-coordinator, FIPSE/CAPES grant to UNC Charlotte for a four-year student exchange among three Brazilian universities and two North Carolina universities, 2009-2011.

Organizer, "Labor and the Environment," the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Latin American Labor History Conference, Duke University, April 22-23, 2005.