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**Academic Appointments**

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Emory University, Department of History  
Professor, 2023-present  
Arthur Blank/NEH Chair in the Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences, 2017-2023  
Associate Professor, 2013-2023  
Assistant Professor, 2011-2013

Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Department of History  
Fulbright Visiting Professor, 2010

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

**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" (Awarded the Lewis Hanke Prize, Conference on Latin American History, 2007)

M.A., History, Duke University, 2001

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

**Publications**

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**Books and Book Projects:**

With Jeffrey T. Manuel, *The Perennial Alternative: What a Century of Biofuels in Brazil and the US Reveals About the Future* (University of Oklahoma Press, under review).

Fernando Teixeira da Silva, Alexandre Fortes, Gillian McGillivray, and Thomas D. Rogers eds., *The Entangled Labor Histories of Brazil and the United States* (New York: Lexington Books, 2023).

*Agriculture's Energy: The Trouble with Ethanol in Brazil's Green Revolution* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2022).

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

Warren Dean Prize, Conference on Latin American History, 2011

Henry A. Wallace Prize, Agricultural History Society, 2011  
 In Portuguese: *As feridas mais profundas: Uma história do trabalho e do ambiente do açúcar no Nordeste do Brasil*, translation Gilson César Cardoso de Sousa (São Paulo: Editora UNESP, 2017).

### Articles:

With Christine Dabat, “Sugarcane Workers in Search of Justice: Rural Labour through the Lens of the State,” *International Review of Social History* 62 (2017), special issue on Brazilian Labor History, pp. 217-243.

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

Republished in translation: “Tomando a medida do trabalho: Racionalização rural no Brasil do século XX,” in José Marcelo Marques Ferreira Filho and Cláudia Freitas de Oliveira, eds., *Relações de poder, sociedades e ambientes: enfoques teóricos e historiográficos* (Recife: Editora UFPE, 2023).

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* 6, no 12 (jul-dez 2014): 327-342.

“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 do mundo ambiental, racial e classista da elite canavieira 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

“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.

### Book Chapters:

“From Boi Gordo to Biofuel: Western São Paulo and the Transformation of Rural Brazil,” in Jacob Blanc and Frederico Freitas, eds., *The Interior: Rethinking Brazilian History from the Inside* (University of Texas Press, 2024), 247-269.

With Christine Dabat and José Marcelo M. F. Filho, “A ‘tempestade perfeita’ da modernidade contra os trabalhadores na Zona Canavieira de Pernambuco,” in Jefferson Evânio da Silva and Rodrigo Lins Barbosa, eds., *Tempos, Espaços, e Jogos de Poder: Pernambuco sob o signo de tramas locais* (Maceió: Editora Olyver, 2022).

With Gillian McGillivray, “Classe em formação, revolução na imaginação: Trabalhadores canavieiros no Nordeste brasileiro em anos de tumulto, 1955-1964,” in Fernando Teixeira da Silva and Alexandre Fortes, eds., *Trabalho & Labor: Histórias Compartilhadas (Brasil e Estados Unidos, século XX)* (Rio de Janeiro: Editora Sagga, 2020), 205-240.

Revised version published as “Real Labor Movements, Imagined Revolutions: The Northeastern Brazilian Sugar Zone through US Eyes, 1955-1964,” in Fernando Teixeira da Silva, Alexandre Fortes, Thomas D. Rogers, and Gillian McGillivray, eds., *The Entangled Labor Histories of Brazil and the United States* (New York: Lexington Books, 2023), 203-238.

“Milton Nascimento,” *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Franklin W. Knight, eds. (Oxford University Press, 2016).

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). [This encyclopedia is peer-reviewed.]  
<http://latinamericanhistory.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199366439.001.0001/acrefore-9780199366439-e-55>]

“‘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.

### **Other Publications:**

“The Ethanol Frontier and Brazil’s Rural Reconfiguration,” *Commodity Frontiers* 6 (Fall 2023), doi: <https://doi.org/10.26300/1fvq-ba69>

“Prefácio,” Christine Rufino Dabat, *Moradores do engenho: relações de trabalho e condições de vida dos trabalhadores rurais na zona canavieira de Pernambuco segundo a literatura, a academia e os próprios atores sociais*, 2ª edição (Recife: Editora UFPE, in press).

“Prefácio,” *Pernambuco na Mira do Golpe. Vol. 3: Mundos do trabalho e dos trabalhadores*, Marcília Gama da Silva and Thiago Nunes Soares, eds. (Porto Alegre: Editora Fi, 2021), 9-13.

Co-editor, with Juliana de Andrade e Christine Rufino Dabat, dossier on “(IN)Justiças no Mundo do Trabalho: Questões Emergentes e Desafios Permanentes,” *Anos 90* 27 (2020).  
<https://seer.ufrgs.br/anos90/issue/view/3892/showToc>.

“The View from Brazil,” in feature on “Why Does Agricultural History Matter?” *Agricultural History* 3, no. 4 (Fall 2019), 723-725.

“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 feature on “My Favorite Labor Novel,” *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 4, no. 4 (2007): 26-27.

### **Collaborative Mapping Project:**

With Luís Ferla, Karine Ferreira, et al, “Clio’s (mis)adventures with Hermes, Hestia, and Hephaestus,” *Historiografias, revista de historia y teoria* 26 (2023): 6-26.

With Jeffrey Lesser, Andrew Britt, Luís Ferla, and Rafael Laguardia, and others, “As aventuras e desventuras de Clio entre Hermes, Héstia e Hefesto,” *SIG: Histórico em perspectiva*, Rafael Laguardia, Mônica Ribeiro de Oliveira, and Vitória Schettini, eds. (Juiz de Fora: CLIO Edições Eletrônicas, 2023), 79-95.

With Luís Ferla, Karine Ferreira, et al, “Paulicéia 2.0: Enriquecendo as humanidades digitais com geocodificação e informação geográfica voluntária,” *Revista Brasileira de Humanidades Digitais* 1, no. 1 (2021): 110-133.

Fook, K.; Musa, D.; Vijaykumar, N.; Mariano, R.; Morais, G.; Silva, R.; Sansigolo, G.; Rebelo, L.; Ferla, L.; Almeida, C.; Nascimento, L.; Fontes da Silva, V.; Santos, M.; Torres, A.; Pereira, Â.; Atique, F.; Lesser, J.; **Rogers, T.**; Britt, A.; Laguardia, R.; Barbour, A.; Farias, O.; Marco, A.; Dickinson, C. and Camargo, S. (2021). “Collaborative Historical Platform for Historians: Extended Functionalities in Pauliceia 2.0.” In *Proceedings of the 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Web Information Systems and Technologies – WEBIST*, ISBN 978-989-758-536-4; ISSN 2184-3252, pages 460-466. DOI: 10.5220/0010713400003058

With Luís Ferla, et al, “Pauliceia 2.0: mapeamento colaborativo da história de São Paulo, 1870-1940,” *História, Ciências, Saúde—Manguinhos* 27, no 4 (out-dez 2020): 1207-1223.

With Luís Ferla, Karine Ferreira, et al, “A Platform for Collaborative Historical Research based on Volunteered Geographical Information,” *Information and Data Management* 9, no 3 (December 2018): 291–304.

With Karine Ferreira, et al, “Pauliceia 2.0: a computational platform for collaborative historical research,” *GEOINFO* (2017). [http://mtc-m16c.sid.inpe.br/col/sid.inpe.br/mtc-m16c/2017/12.01.20.22/doc/4ferreira\\_etal.pdf](http://mtc-m16c.sid.inpe.br/col/sid.inpe.br/mtc-m16c/2017/12.01.20.22/doc/4ferreira_etal.pdf)

### **Public and Media:**

“*O Vapor do Diabo*, de José Sérgio Leite Lopes,” *Livros de Classe* blog, Laboratório de Estudos de História dos Mundos do Trabalho, <https://lehmt.org/category/livros-de-classe/>, October 2021.

With Jeffrey T. Manuel, “Biden’s Carbon Farming Policy Must Heed Recent Lessons,” *The Hill*, January 27, 2021, <https://thehill.com/changing-america/opinion/535968-bidens-carbon-farming-policy-must-heed-recent-lessons>

With Jeffrey T. Manuel, “Os paralelos entre o Brasil e os Estados Unidos,” *Estado de São Paulo*, Blog: Gestão, Política, e Sociedade, September 28, 2020, <https://politica.estadao.com.br/blogs/gestao-politica-e-sociedade/os-paralelos-entre-o-brasil-e-os-estados-unidos/>

With Jeffrey T. Manuel, “Ethanol: Fuel for Corruption,” *Brasil Wire*, August 13, 2020, <https://www.brasilwire.com/ethanol-fuel-for-corruption/>

With Jeffrey T. Manuel, “U.S. Ethanol Industry Should Take a Leaf Out of São Paulo’s Book,” *The Brazilian Report*, March 9, 2020, <https://brazilian.report/opinion/2020/03/09/american-ethanol-industry-corn-sugarcane-sao-paulo-book/>

With Jeffrey T. Manuel, “Who is driving our ethanol policy — and why it matters,” *The Hill*, December 21, 2019. <https://thehill.com/changing-america/opinion/475861-who-is-driving-our-ethanol-policy-and-why-it-matters>

Interview, Operação Histórica, July 18, 2019. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aY01b-Lejxc>

Interview, Memorial da Justiça do Trabalho, July 10, 2019. <https://www.trt6.jus.br/portal/noticias/2019/07/10/professor-da-emory-university-visita-memorial-do-trt6>

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

*The World of Sugar: How the Sweet Stuff Transformed Our Politics, Health, and Environment over 2,000 Years*, Ulbe Bosma, *California History* (2024, in press).

*Region Out of Place: The Brazilian Northeast and the World, 1924-1968*, Courtney J. Campbell, H-LatAm, H-Net Reviews. June, 2023. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=58187>

*Arquitetura espacial da plantation açucareira no Nordeste do Brasil (Pernambuco, século XX)*, José Marcelo Marques Ferreira Filho, *Brésil(s): Sciences humaines et sociales* 21 (2022): <http://journals.openedition.org/bresils/12068>.

*The Invention of the Brazilian Northeast*, Durval Muniz de Albuquerque Jr., *Hispanic American Historical Review* 96, no 3 (August 2016): 587-588.

*Transforming Brazil: A History of National Development in the Postwar Era*, Rafael Ioris, *Varia Historia* 31, no 56 (mai-ago 2015): 287-290.

*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, H-Net Reviews. November 2012. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=31937>

*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 Torston 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.

## **Grants and Fellowships**

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Collaborative Research Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), with Jeffrey T. Manuel, 2018-2020.

Dean's Completion Leave, Emory College, Fall 2017.

São Paulo Researchers in International Collaboration (SPRINT) Grant, funded by the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), in partnership with Emory University's office of Global Strategy and Initiatives, 2016-2017.

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

Co-director, Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE)-Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES), U.S.-Brazil Grant. Operated out of UNC Charlotte, a four-year student exchange among three Brazilian universities and two North Carolina universities, 2009-2011.

Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, 2010.

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

Duke University Graduate School Summer Research Fellow, 2004.

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

Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association, 2002-2003.

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

## **Prizes**

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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.

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.

## **Invited Lectures (Selected)**

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“‘Lost Decade’ or Democratic Revival? Latin America in the 1980s,” Living Room Learning, Atlanta History Center, February 7, 2024.

“Development, Dictatorships, and Debt in 1970s Latin America,” Living Room Learning, Atlanta History Center, January 25, 2023.

“A poluição de energia verde: Vinhoto e degradação dos rios durante Proálcool,” for Natureza em disputa: Histórias de conflitos socioambientais, live-streamed by the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, August 26, 2021.

“Humans All the Way Down: A Discussion on Teaching the Humanities,” Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities, Auburn University, February 26, 2021.

“Food and Hunger During Brazil’s Ethanol Boom, 1975-1985,” York University, March 7, 2020.

“Cuba: The Rise of Castro and Revolution,” Living Room Learning, Atlanta History Center, January 15, 2020.

“Como os trabalhadores rurais na cana de açúcar tornaram-se refeição? A história do bóia-fria nos anos 70,” Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, July 11, 2019.

“Plant Cane, Harvest Fuel: Modern Agriculture and Hunger in Brazil,” University of California San Diego, March 14, 2019.

“The History of Brazil, South American Giant,” Center for Life Enrichment, Highlands, NC, August 27, 2018.

“‘The people, united, will not be polluted’: Popular and State Responses to Biofuel Pollution in Brazil,” University of Toronto, April 6, 2018.

“‘Normality for Us’: Contemporary Brazil in Historical Perspective,” delivered at: The future of Brazil: States of Change, Social Innovation, and the Transformation of Citizenship, Georgia State University, March 8, 2018; and: Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce, Southeast, 2017 Brazilian Economic Outlook, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, November 2, 2017.

“Latin America’s Political Pendulum: The Case of Brazil,” Georgia Council of International Visitors and the Foreign Policy Association, January 26, 2017.

“How Brazil’s Biofuel Program Made a Meal of Rural Workers,” Dirty History: An Interdisciplinary Workshop in Agriculture, Environment, and Capitalism, University of Georgia, January 20, 2017.

“Reduced the Hunger: Food, Agriculture, and Sugarcane in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” Tennessee Workshop on Food, Agriculture, and Society, University of Tennessee, October 28, 2016.

“O povo unido não será poluído: O impacto ambiental de Proálcool e respostas do estado e do público,” Federal University of São Paulo (UNIFESP), September 27, 2016.

“Dialogues in the Diaspora: Race in Brazil and the United States,” 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Alton Hornsby, Jr. Lecture, Morehouse College, April 7, 2016.

“Fueling Growth with Sugarcane: What a 1975 Alternative Energy Policy Tells Us about Dictatorship and Development in Brazil,” York University, Toronto, March 4, 2016.

“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,” Dialogues between Brazilian History and Literature, Stanford University, May 10, 2013.

“Between Two Booms: The Human and Environmental Consequences of Brazilian Ethanol Production,” Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis, 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, 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.

### **Conference Presentations (Selected)**

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“Contingent Engineering: The Bumpy Road for Ethanol Cars in Brazil,” American Historical Association (AHA)/Conference on Latin American History (CLAH), Philadelphia, January 5-8, 2023.

“Soy, Sugar, and Carbon Sinks: Agribusiness and Climate Change in South America,” Late-breaking session, AHA/CLAH, New York, January 3-6, 2020.

“How Brazil’s 1970s-80s Biofuel Program Turned Rural Workers into a Cold Lunch,” AHA/CLAH, Washington, DC, January 5-7, 2018.

With Gillian McGillivray, “Classe em formação, revolução na imaginação: Trabalhadores canavieiros no Nordeste brasileiro em anos de tumulto, 1955-1964,” Seminário História do Trabalho Brasil-Estados Unidos, UNICAMP, São Paulo, August 16-17, 2017.

“How Brazil’s National Alcohol Program Made a Meal of Rural Workers,” Politics and Democracy in Our Time: Technologies, Genealogies, Conjunctures, Emory University, April 15-16, 2016.

“Agriculture’s Energy: Brazil’s National Alcohol Program in Context,” American Society for Environmental History, Seattle, March 30-April 3, 2016.

“The Agronomists’ Revolution: Agricultural Modernization in the Midst of the Brazilian Miracle,” AHA/CLAH, Atlanta, January 7-10, 2016.

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

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

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

“The Human and Environmental Impacts of Brazil’s First Ethanol Boom, 1975-1985,” 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 cativeiro: 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 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,” 2<sup>a</sup> 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,” 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*,” Society for Latin American Studies conference, Leiden, April 2-4, 2004.

“Raízes de Urbanização: O Fim de Morada na Zona da Mata Pernambucana,” “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,” Pernambuco conference of the Associação Nacional de Professores Universitários em História (ANPUH), Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco, October 10-12, 2002.

## Service Activities

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### Association Service:

American Historical Association (AHA): Albert J. Beveridge Grants Committee Member (2021-2023).

Conference on Latin American History (CLAH): General Committee Member (2014-2016); Elinor Melville Prize Committee Chair (2016) and member (2015); James Scobie Award committee (2012). Program Committee member (2020) and Chair (2021). Tibesar Prize Committee Member (2021).

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

Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies (SECOLAS): Sturgis Leavitt Prize committee (2008-2011).

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

### Editorial board member:

*Topoi. Revista de História*, 2024-present

*Luso-Brazilian Review*, 2015-present

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

*The Latin Americanist*, 2006-2024

### Manuscript reviewer:

**Journal articles:** *Agricultural History*, *Cadernos de História* (Universidade Federal de Pernambuco), *Development and Change*, *Estudos Históricos* (Fundação Getúlio Vargas), *Hispanic American Historical Review*, *História, Ciências, Saúde—Manguinhos* (Instituto Oswaldo Cruz), *History Compass*, *The Latinamericanist*, *Luso-Brazilian Review*, *SECOLAS Annals*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*

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

### Grant Reviewer:

Albert J. Beveridge Award, American Historical Association

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipends

Fulbright Scholar Fellowships, Institute of International Education (two terms of service)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Rosenberry Graduate Fellowship, Forest History Society

### Tenure and Promotion Referee:

8 public and private universities, 2014-2023

### Emory University Service:

#### Leadership Positions:

Arthur Blank/NEH Chair in the Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences, 2017-2023

Director of Graduate Studies, History Doctoral Program, 2016-2017; 2018-2019; 2022-23

President, AAUP Emory Chapter, 2019-2024

Co-coordinator, Public Humanities Workshop, Mellon Interventions Program, Laney Graduate School, 2019, 2021, 2023

Co-leader, Teaching Enhancement Fellows program for early-career faculty, Emory College, 2018-2019; 2021; 2022  
 Co-director, Mellon Graduate Teaching Fellows program, Laney Graduate School, 2018-2019  
 Chair, Latin American History Postdoctoral Fellow search committees, 2018, 2022

**University and Administrative Service:**

Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry Executive Committee, 2022-present  
 Center for the Study of Law and Religion Faculty Advisory Committee, 2023-present  
 CFDE advisory board, 2016-2017  
 Sustainability Visioning Committee, Emory University, 2014-2016; 2024-  
 Sustainability Faculty Advisory Committee, 2016-2021  
 University Senate Committee on the Environment, 2013-2014  
 Fellow, Emory Global Health Institute, 2015-2016

**Laney Graduate School Service:**

Laney Graduate School Executive Council, 2023-present  
 Eleanor Main Mentor Award committee, 2024  
 Liberal Arts Edge syllabus committee and instructor, 2021-2022  
 Emory Graduate Diversity Fellowship committee, 2013  
 Graduate Faculty in Hispanic Studies, 2016-present  
 LGS Professional Development Support committee, 2016

**Emory College Service:**

Mentor, Mariposa Scholars, 2019-present  
 Emory Williams Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, 2018-2019; 2021-2022  
 Implementation Advisory Committee, Inclusive Excellence through Academic Interdisciplinarity, funded by Howard Hughes Medical Institute, 2020-2022  
 Emory College Grievance Committee, 2020-2022  
 Office of Undergraduate Education fellowships, 2012-2022  
 Woodruff (Undergraduate) Scholars Faculty Advisory Committee, 2014-2017  
 Dewey-Hinton Study Abroad Scholarship, 2013  
 Education Abroad Committee, 2012-2013

**Professional Mentorship:**

Jola Ajibade, Environmental Sciences, 2023-present  
 Yami Rodríguez, History, 2022-present  
 Achille Castaldo, Italian, 2021  
 Tehila Sasson, History, 2019-present

**History Department Service:**

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2020-2022  
 History Honors Coordinator, 2020-2022  
 Atlantic World History Search Committee, 2014, 2015  
 Graduate Studies Committee, 2011-2013

**Education-related Community Service:**

Community mentor, REACH program, Decatur High School, 2023-present  
 Board of Trustees, Eagle's Nest Foundation (educational non-profit, Pisgah Forest, NC), Member, 2012-present; President, 2017-2020  
 Academic Bowl Coach, Renfroe Middle School, Decatur, GA, 2017-2020

## Graduate Advising

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### Completed Doctoral Dissertations (advisor or co-advisor):

1. Arthur Victor Gonçalves Gomes de Barros (Univ. Federal de Pernambuco, February 2024), “‘Desperta com orações o avanço industrial vem trazer nossa redenção’: O Grupo de Estudos do Açúcar e a modernização da agroindústria canieira em Pernambuco (1963-1966).”
2. Alexandra Lemos Zagonel (December 2022), “Blessed Generation: Countercultural Youth, Music, and Spirituality in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Authoritarian Brazil.”
3. María de los Ángeles Picone, Assistant Professor, Boston College (May 2019), “Landscapes of Nationhood and Belonging: The Patagonian Andes, 1895-1958.”
4. Jonathan Coulis, Coordinator, Emory Oral History Program (December 2019), “Marching Rows of Coffee: The Pursuit of Modern Agriculture in Brazil, 1950–1990.”
5. Andrew Britt, Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor, UNC School of the Arts (August 2018), “‘I’ll Samba Somewhere Else’: Constructing Identity and Neighborhood in São Paulo, 1930s-1980s.”

### Completed Doctoral Dissertations (committee member, Emory unless noted):

1. Kyungtaek Kwon (August 2023), “Identifying the City: Komsomol’sk-na-Amure Transformation from Military Outpost to the City of Youth in the Soviet Far East, 1932-1982.”
2. Stephanie Bryan (May 2023), “‘Domesticated Outlaws’: Indigenous Species and Monocultural Capitalism in the American South.”
3. José Rodrigo de Araújo Silva (Univ. Federal de Pernambuco, March 2023), “Violência, crime e prisão: a atuação do aparato jurídico-policial em processos de trabalhadores rurais na Zona da Mata sul de Pernambuco (1946-1964).”
4. Rachel Lambrecht (December 2021), “Encountering Sovereignities: Popular Politics and State-Building in the Río de la Plata (1810-1820).”
5. Sarah Whitaker (Anthropology, December 2020), “Climate Change and Well-Being in the Italian Alps.”
6. Júlia López Fuentes (August 2020), “Thinking Europe, Thinking Democracy: Spanish Intellectuals and the Struggle for European Democracy in Spain, 1949-1986.”
7. Alessandra Belo Assis Silva (Universidade Estadual de Campinas, June 2020), “Os Trabalhadores e o Tribunal Superior do Trabalho no Contexto da Redemocratização e do Pós-Guerra (1946-1953).”
8. Shatam Ray (May 2020), “Labors of Malwa: Opium, Environment, Work, and the Making of Modern Life in Nineteenth Century Malwa, c. 1790-1918.”
9. Emma Meyer (May 2020), “Resettling Burma’s Displaced: Labor, Rehabilitation, and Citizenship in Visakhapatnam, India, 1937-1979.”
10. Iouliia Fenton (Anthropology, December 2019), “Edible Wealth, Edible Health: Managing Risky Food Ecologies in Guatemala.”
11. Christopher Brown (August 2018), “Envisioning a City through Soccer in the Brazilian Amazon: Manaus, 1896-2016.”
12. Hilary King (Anthropology, August 2017), “How to Make a Tortilla: Markets and Social Relations in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas.”
13. José Marcelo Marques Ferreira Filho (Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, June 2017), “Arquitetura especial da *plantation* açucareira no Nordeste do Brasil (Pernambuco, século XX).”

14. Michael Camp (May 2017), “Greater Abundance: Energy and Environmental Politics in the United States after the OAPEC Embargo.”
15. Ben Nobbs-Thiessen (August 2016), “Cultivating the State: Migrants, Citizenship and the Transformation of the Bolivian Lowlands, 1952-2000.”
16. Ariel Svarch (May 2016), “Four Jews, Five Identities: Representation, Popular Culture, and Language Politics, in the Making of Jewish-Argentines (Buenos Aires, 1920-1950).”
17. Glen Goodman (August 2015), “From ‘German Danger’ to German-Brazilian President: Immigration, ethnicity, and the making of Brazilian identities, 1924-1974.”
18. Jennifer Schaefer (May 2015), “Rebels, Martyrs, Heroes: Authoritarianism and Youth Culture in Argentina, 1966-1983.”
19. Lena Suk (August 2014), “Becoming Modern at the Movies: Gender, Class, and Urban Space in Twentieth-Century Brazil.”
20. Alicia Monroe (May 2014), “Brotherhoods of Their Own: Black Confraternities and Civic Leadership in São Paulo, Brazil, 1850-1930.”
21. Leonardo Marques (December 2013), “The U.S. and the Transatlantic Slave Trade to the Americas, 1776-1867.”
22. Kristin Wintersteen (Duke University, December 2011), “Fishing for Food and Fodder: The Transnational Environmental History of Humboldt Current Fisheries in Peru and Chile since 1945.” Current institution: University of Houston.

**Current Doctoral Dissertations (member or advisor for 7, Emory unless noted):**

1. Renata Siqueira Cahu (Univ. Federal de Pernambuco, scheduled completion 2024).
2. Raíssa Orestes Carneiro (Univ. Federal de Pernambuco, scheduled completion 2024).
3. Anjuli Webster (scheduled completion May 2024).
4. Ayssa Yamaguti Norek (**co-advisor**, scheduled completion May 2026).
5. Alejandro Guardado (scheduled completion May 2026).
6. José Londoño, Hispanic Studies (scheduled completion May 2026).
7. Bruna Cerveira (**co-advisor**, scheduled completion May 2028).

**Completed Master’s Theses (committee member, or advisor if noted):**

1. Kerolayne Correia de Oliveira (Univ. Federal de Pernambuco, February 2022), “Entre Expressivas Ausências e Tímidas Presenças: a representação dos trabalhadores e trabalhadoras através de fotografias na Zona Canavieira de Pernambuco (1930 a 1950).”
2. Bárbara Maria Costa e Silva (Univ. Federal de Paraíba, December 2022), “O ‘Ciclo de Greves’ dos trabalhadores canavieiros de Pernambuco (1979-1985): Cultura histórica, consciência histórica e consciência de classe.”
3. Lara Maria de Holanda Soares (Univ. Federal de Pernambuco, April 2021), “‘Como é de Direito e de Justiça’: Um embate de classe entre trabalhadores e empregadores da agroindústria açucareira nos processos trabalhistas da JCJ Goiana/PE (1971-1973).”
4. Shari Wejsa (**Advisor**, August 2020), “The Politics of Refugee Aid: Portuguese Community Organizations, Lusotropicalism, and Migrants from Angola in Brazil, 1974-77.”
5. Renata Borba Cahú Siqueira (Univ. Federal de Pernambuco, January 2020), “Canavieiras em embates na Justiça do Trabalho: Precarização do trabalho, relações de gênero e luta para defender direitos conquistados (região sul da Zona da Mata de Pernambuco, 1972-1975).”
6. Camila Maria de Araújo Melo (Univ. Federal de Pernambuco, December 2017), “Entre dois senhores: o patrão e a fome. As greves dos trabalhadores no município do Cabo de Santo Agostinho 1966-1968.”

7. Cid Standifer, (December 2017), “Women’s Precarity in the Late Colonial and Postcolonial Congo.”
8. Anthony Tipping (**Advisor**, July 2017), “Reform, development, and modernization in a belle époque. A study into competing visions of urban renewal in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: c., 1898-1908.”
9. Arthur Victor Gomes de Barros (Univ. Federal de Pernambuco, May 2017), ““A pobreza como estopim da revolução’: a Aliança para o Progresso em Pernambuco (1959-1964).”