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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Ph.D. in History. 2025. Dissertation: "The Indigenous and Black Caribbean: Guajiro Power and Trans-Imperial Struggles, 1696-1808."

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University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Latinx Studies. 2022

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Master of Arts, History. 2021

Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá (Colombia)

Master of Arts, History. 2014. Honors: Distinction.

Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá (Colombia)

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology; Minor in History. 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Rastreando la Flota del Berceau: Metáforas orgánicas, epidemia y revolución en el Caribe Transimperial de inicios del siglo XIX." *Fronteras de la historia* 27, no. 2 (2022): 41-60.
<https://doi.org/10.22380/20274688.2062>.

With Forrest Hylton. "The Limits of Atlantic Revolution: Indigenous Power, Spectres of Saint-Domingue, and the Maracaibo Conspiracy of 1799." *Revista Mundos do trabalho* 14 (2022): 1-22.
<https://doi.org/10.5007/1984-9222.2022.e86968>.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Impactos de la Revolución Haitiana en las provincias de Rio Hacha y Santa Marta, 1789-1809." In *Santa Marta en el siglo XVIII*, edited by Edgar Rey Sinning, 123-154. Santa Marta: Caja de Compensación Familiar del Magdalena (Cajamag), 2017.

"Contrabando, lazos comerciales y mestizaje en la Guajira del siglo XVIII." In *Conexiones Caribe: relaciones económicas, empresariales, políticas, sociales y culturales del gran Caribe*, compiled by Alexander de Jesús Parejo Rodríguez and Joaquín Vilorio de la Hoz, 125-141. Bogotá: Universidad Sergio Arboleda, 2018.

Reviews in Academic Journals

Review of *Contrabando, poder y color en los albores de la República: Nueva Granada 1822-1824*, by Muriel Laurent. *Revista Estudios Sociojurídicos* 17, no. 1 (2015): 221-28. <https://doi.org/10.12804/revistas.urosario.edu.co/sociojuridicos/a.3528>.

PRESENTATIONS

“Guajiros/Wayuu en el Caribe transimperial del siglo XVIII: Entre conexiones y fragmentaciones.” Coloquio. Departamento de Historia y Geografía. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá (Colombia), March 3, 2025.

“Tracing the Berceau’s Fleet: Emancipation and Slavery in the Transimperial Caribbean, 1789-1808.” Workshop: Imagining Emancipation in the Atlantic World: 1750-1888. Copenhagen, University of Copenhagen, June 13, 2024.

“El Sistema pacífico: Relaciones entre españoles e indígenas en la Península de la Guajira a finales del siglo XVIII y principios del XIX.” 14th International Conference of the ADHILAC. Willemstad (Curaçao). June 7, 2024.

“The Indigenous Caribbean: Guajiros in the Age of Revolutions, 1748-1808.” Graduate Student Research Symposium, CLALS, University of Pennsylvania. 2024.

“Curaçaoan Jewish Merchants on New Granada’s Indigenous Frontier in the Caribbean (1762-1769).” The Latin American Jewish Studies Association (LAJSA) 20th International Conference. Waltham (MA), Brandeis University. July 6, 2023.

“Newspapers, letters, sailors, and spies: Understanding the French revolutions in *Tierra Firme*.” Workshop: Imagining Emancipation in the Atlantic World: 1750-1888. Exeter (UK), University of Exeter. June 3, 2023.

“Con suavidad y alguna fuerza a la vista”: La ley Guajira y la “campaña de pacificación” de Arévalo (1772-1776). *Historia desde los márgenes: comparaciones entre Colombia y Brasil*. LASA2023 Hybrid Congress: América Latina y el Caribe. May 27, 2023.

“Mapa de un diario de “pacificación” en la Guajira (1772-1776).” Ethnohistory Symposium: Disposessions in the Americas, CLALS, University of Pennsylvania. July 15, 2022.

“La llave de la Tierra Firme: Trade and Imperial Transformation in a Black and Indigenous Caribbean (1748-1808).” Graduate Student Research Symposium, CLALS, University of Pennsylvania. May 10, 2022.

“*Sur une terre habitée par des sauvages*: Indigenous and Black revolutionaries in Tierra Firme.” Annenberg Seminar in History. Series: Graduate Research in Progress. Department of History, University of Pennsylvania. November 24, 2020.

“The effects of the Haitian Revolution in the Province of Riohacha.” *Revolutions: Moments and Movements in Historical Perspective*, 6th Annual Symposium of Comparative History, Seton Hall University. February 7, 2020.

“Contagiando la insurrección: Los indios guajiros y los revolucionarios franceses, 1769-1804.” Seminario Alzamiento Wayuu de 1769. Banco de la República de Colombia. Riohacha (Colombia), 2019.

“Influence of the Haitian Revolution in Santa Marta and Riohacha provinces, 1789-1809.” Conference at the Fourth Tertulia Samaria. Caja de Compensación Familiar del Magdalena (Cajamag). Santa Marta (Colombia), 2016.

“Smuggling, commercial alliances, and miscegenation in the Guajira Peninsula during the second half of the 18th century.” Paper presented at the Third International Congress of Caribbean Studies, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Universidad del Magdalena, and Universidad del Norte. Santa Marta (Colombia), 2014.

“Guajiros and French insurgents: relations between French Caribbean and the Guajira Peninsula during late 18th century.” Conference within the Seminario Conexiones Caribe: relaciones históricas entre el Caribe colombiano y el Caribe francés, holandés y sueco. Banco de la República de Colombia. Santa Marta (Colombia), 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

External

Casa de Velázquez, Écoles françaises à l'étranger, École des Hautes études hispaniques et ibériques, Research Grant (2023).

John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, Short-term Fellowship (July-October 2022).

Nederlandse Taalunie (Union for the Dutch Language) and Columbia University, Dutch Language Summer Intensive Fellowship (paleography and seventeenth-century texts) (2020).

Beca Excelencia Cerrejón, Full tuition and scholarship for Undergraduate Studies for best ICFES (SAT equivalent) scores (2008-2011).

Andres Bello Award (Premio Andrés Bello), Ministerio de Educación de Colombia, best Icfes (SAT equivalent) scores, Social Sciences and Biology, (2007).

Internal (competitive)

SAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Penn Arts & Sciences Graduate Division, University of Pennsylvania. Fellowship for Graduate Studies (2024-2025).

Wolf Humanities Center Doctoral Fellow (2023-2024), University of Pennsylvania (2023). Declined.

Rattner Dissertation Research Award, University of Pennsylvania, Summer Research Award (2023).

Pennfield Dissertation Research Award, University of Pennsylvania, Summer Research Award (2023).

Center for Latin American and LatinX Studies (CLALS), University of Pennsylvania, Summer Research Grant (2023).

SASGov Small Grant, the Graduate Student and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA), University of Pennsylvania, Research Grant (Fall 2022).

Center for Latin American and LatinX Studies (CLALS), University of Pennsylvania, Summer Research Grant (2021).

Captain Victor Gondos, Jr. Foundation for Graduate Students in History, Research Grant (2021).

John Edwin Pomfret Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, Fellowship for Graduate Studies (2019-2020).

Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, Fellowship for Graduate Studies (2019-2024).

Beca Centro de Español, Universidad de los Andes, Full scholarship for Graduate Studies (2013).

Beca Germán Colmenares, Universidad de los Andes, Fellowship for Graduate Studies (2012).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Penn Arts & Sciences, Department of History, Era of Revolutions in the Atlantic World, HIST 197, Undergraduate course, Spring 2022, University of Pennsylvania.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Penn Arts & Sciences, Department of History, Africa since 1800, HIST 076, Undergraduate course, Fall 2021, University of Pennsylvania.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Penn Arts & Sciences, Department of History, Africa since 1800, Hist 076, Undergraduate course, Fall 2020. University of Pennsylvania.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Universidad de los Andes, Centro de Español, Bogotá (Colombia). 01/2013 -11/2013.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá (Colombia). Graduate Research Assistant, Department of History 03/2012 -12/2012.

Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá (Colombia). Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology. Archaeological project, “Water Ancestors and Memory in the watersheds of Huandoy Glacier,” Cordillera Blanca, Peru (2009-2011).

Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá (Colombia). Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology. Archaeological Project, “Sopó en Contexto archaeological project,” regional archaeology of Sopó, Colombia (2009).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fiscalía General de la Nación, Bogotá (Colombia). Researcher at the Human Rights Direction, 08/2016 – 08/2019.

Office of the Attorney General of Colombia.

Geocol Consultores S.A.S., Castilla La Nueva (Colombia). Archaeologist, 01/2016-07/2016.

Geocol is a service company in the hydrocarbon sector that provides consulting services in social and environmental studies. It was in charge of the preventive archaeology program for the Cubarral oil block. Archeologists have found some of the most important settlements in Colombia's Eastern plains, inhabited from the fourteenth to early seventeenth century A.D.

Departamento Administrativo de la Función Pública, Bogotá (Colombia). Advisor of the National Peace Building Strategy, 06/2015–12/2015.

National Government Agency in charge of public governance and employment policies.

Unidad de Restitución de Tierras, Sincelejo and Bogotá (Colombia). Researcher in the National Government Agency in charge of supporting victims in documenting cases of land dispossession and forced displacement. 04/2015-08/2015.

Consorcio Megaoil – Consorcio Betaoil, Castilla La Nueva (Colombia). Archaeologists, 09/2014-03/2015.

Service Companies in the hydrocarbon sector that provided consulting services in social and environmental studies. Megaoil and Betaoil were in charge for the Preventive Archaeology Program for the Cubarral oil block from 2014 to 2015.

UT Ingedisa-Acon Nueva Esperanza, Bogotá (Colombia). Archaeologist, 02/2014-09/2014.

Service Company that oversaw the Preventive Archaeology Program for the archaeological site Nueva Esperanza, inhabited from the fifth to seventeenth century AD, is the largest Muisca settlement unearthed and one of Colombia's most significant archaeological projects.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Native Speaker)

English (Fluent)

Portuguese (Fluent)

French (Proficient)

Dutch (Reading)