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EDUCATION

PH.D. CANDIDATE (abd), FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, DOCTORAL PROGRAM in ATLANTIC HISTORY, Miami, Florida (2011-Present)

- *Dissertation Topic:* “Revolution, Reconciliation, and Rupture: The Loyalist Reintegration Conflict in Southeastern Pennsylvania”
- *Comprehensive Fields:* Causes of the American Revolution; Religion and the American Revolution; British American Loyalism; Puritans and Witchcraft; Indigenous Nations and the Middle Ground; Slavery and Race in Early America; Development of US Political Parties 1790-1860; the Market Revolution; Causes of the Civil War; US Social History from Revolution to Civil War; Late 18th and Early 19th Century Atlantic History; Spanish American Independence; Popular Rebellion in Bourbon Spanish America; Slavery and Race in Latin America; Nation-State Building in Latin America
- *Other Doctoral & Scholarly Concentrations:* Early American Republic; Late 19th and Early 20th Century United States; Early Modern Europe; Spanish American Royalism; Comparative British American and Spanish American Fidelity during the Independence Struggles; East Florida during the Second Spanish Period (1784-1821); Cuban Society in the late 18th and Early 19th Centuries

M. A., HISTORY, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Miami, Florida (2009-2011)

- Concentration in American History with emphasis on politics and society in the Early Republic

MASTER in INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION, SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING, Brattleboro, Vermont (1981)

- Curriculum in management and administration for international development

B. A., COMMUNICATIONS, SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, South Orange, New Jersey (1977)

- Liberal Arts curriculum with specialization in journalism, radio, television and film

PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “In Defense of the King: Observations on Spanish American Royalism in the Era of Independence,” *Panoramas*, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, (February 2015), web-based academic journal at <http://www.panoramas.pitt.edu/content/defense-king-observations-spanish-american-royalism-era-independence>
- ❖ “Spanish American Royalism in the Age of Revolution,” *Latin American Research Review: Journal of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)*, Vol. 49, No. 1 (2014): 270-281. Co-authored with Victor Uribe-Urán.
- ❖ “Obraje y obreros en la construcción del Canal de Panamá,” *Economía y Región*, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, Vol. 7, No. 1 (June 2013): 231-238.

AWARDS

- ❖ Fellowship, David Library of the American Revolution, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania (2015-16) <http://www.dlar.org/fellowships.htm>

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ “Race in the Spanish East Florida Rebellion of 1793-1795,” Florida Conference of Historians, Sarasota, Florida (March, 2013)
- ❖ “Caught in the Middle: The Case of Free Black Abril in the Spanish East Florida Rebellion of 1795,” Florida International University, Department of History Graduate Students Association Atlantic History Conference (March, 2013)
- ❖ “Navigating the Seas of Uncertainty: Trade and International Politics in East Florida during the Second Spanish Period, 1784-1821,” Florida International University, Department of History Graduate Students Association Atlantic History Conference (March, 2012)
- ❖ “The Enemy Within: *Rutgers vs. Waddington* and the Loyalist Problem in the New Republic,” Florida International University, History Graduate Committee (May, 2011)

ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- “Origins of Early American Civilization” (AMH) with Dr. Kirsten Wood (Fall 2011 & Spring 2012)
- “Early European Civilization: Greeks and Romans” (EUH) with Dr. Darden Pyron (Summer 2012)
- “Western Civilization: Europe in the Modern Era” (EUH) Online with Dr. Brian Peterson (Fall 2012)
- “Early European Civilization: Babylon to Rome” (EUH) with Dr. Tovah Bender (Spring 2013)
 - Instruction as part of the federally funded Writing Fellows Program, Title V Project Gateways for Hispanic-Serving Institutions of the U.S. Department of Education
- “Western Civilization: Medieval to Modern Europe” (EUH) with Dr. Tovah Bender (Fall 2013 & Spring 2014)
 - Instruction as part of the federally funded Writing Fellows Program, Title V Project Gateways for Hispanic-Serving Institutions of the U.S. Department of Education
- “Modern American Civilization: U.S. Civil War to Present” (AMH) with Dr. Joyce Peterson (Fall 2014)
- “World Civilization: Africa, India, China, and Islam” (WOH) Online with Dr. Brian Peterson (Spring 2015)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Research identifying eighteenth and nineteenth century travel journals from the United States, Latin America and Europe in order to facilitate design of graduate class on the significance of travel in Atlantic history – for Dr. Kirsten Wood (Summer 2013)
- Research of Spanish-language newspapers in Colombia during nineteenth century on the relationship between the Colombian Congress and the political press in order to assist in preparation of conference presentation – for Dr. Victor Uribe-Urán (Summer 2014)
- Research gathering data on the economic, social and political role of taverns in the United States from the late 18th to mid-19th centuries – for a book project by Dr. Kirsten Wood (Summer 2015)

PROFESSIONAL & LIFE EXPERIENCE

Mr. Silva was born in Havana, Cuba and lived his early childhood on the island. Exiled with his family, he was raised in the northeastern United States. He decided to pursue his PhD in History late in his professional career. Prior to that decision, he was an executive with extensive experience in business, education, and the non-profit sector. His career includes ventures in entrepreneurship, as well as management responsibilities with the University of Miami, the Cuban American National Foundation, and contractors with the US Department of Labor. In addition, he has worked in executive recruitment on Madison Avenue in New York, real estate and mortgage finance in Florida, and as a professional Spanish-English translator. He is currently engaged full-time in his doctoral studies.