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### **Education:**

Ph.D in Atlantic History with an emphasis in Latin America and Africa, Florida International University, Summer 2011

B.A in History, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan, Spring 2004

### **Employment:**

Assistant Professor of Colonial Latin American History and Latin American Studies and Affiliate of Africana Studies Department University of North Carolina-Charlotte 2012-to present

Lecturer in the Africana Studies Department, and Affiliate Member of the Latin American Studies Department University of North Carolina-Charlotte 2011-2012

### **Research Interests:**

Atlantic History, African Diaspora, Pre-Colonial Atlantic African Political Economy, State-Formation, Sexuality, Urban Slavery

### **Articles:**

“Mestizaje, Cordoba’s Patria Chica (Small Nation): Beyond the Disappearance of the Black Population” *African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal* in a special issue “There are no Blacks in Argentina: Policing the Border” forthcoming

“Mestizaje, la patria chica de Córdoba: La desaparición de la comunidad negra,” *Afrodescendientes La Publicación oficial de la Diáspora Africana de la Argentina*, no. 1, August 2012.

“An African Tree Produces White Flowers: Black Consciousness in the Argentine Community During the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries,” *Islas*, Vol. 2, no. 8, September 2007, 50-62.

“Un árbol africano produce flores blancas: La conciencia negra en la comunidad afroargentina durante los siglos diecinueve y veinte,” *Islas*, Vol. 2, no. 8, September 2007, 50-62.

## Other Publications:

Book Review Essay: “Living Just Enough for the City: Black Urban Experiences in the Americas” books include: *Workshop of a Revolution: Plebeian Buenos Aires and the Atlantic World, 1776-1810* by Lyman Johnson, *Black Townsmen: Urban Slavery and Freedom in the Eighteenth-Century Americas* by Mariana Dantas, and *The Urban Black Atlantic during the Era of the Slave Trade*, co-edited by Matt Childs, James Sidbury and Jorge Canizares-Esguerra in the *Journal of Urban History* forthcoming

Book Review: “Workshop of a Revolution: Plebeian Buenos Aires and the Atlantic World, 1776–1810,” by Lyman Johnson for *The Latin Americanist* forthcoming

Book Review, “Blackness in a White Nation: A History of Afro-Uruguay” by George Reid Andrews for the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, Vol 16, no.2, November 2011, 481-483.

“Argentina: Afro-Argentines,” in *Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora: Origins, Experiences, and Culture* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC Clio, July 2008, 92-97.

Film Review “Afroargentines” for the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, Vol 13, no.1, April 2008, 224-226.

## National Fellowships and Grants:

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2009 - 2010

Fulbright Fellowship, 2008 - 2009

Tinker Field Research Grant, Summer 2006

## Florida International University Fellowships and Grants:

Dissertation Year Fellowship, University Graduate School, 2010-2011

Doctoral Evidence Acquisition Fellowship, University Graduate School, Jan. - Aug. 2009

College of Arts and Sciences Conference and Travel Grant, Summer 2008

College of Arts and Sciences Conference Grant, 2007

Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, 2007

McKnight Fellow, Fall 2004 -Spring 2011

## Scholarly Presentations:

“Sex and the City: Black Women’s Honorable Intentions,” invited speaker for University of North Carolina at Wilmington and community lecture, Feb 2013

“Slavery in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century” invited speaker for University of South Carolina History Center March 2013

“Thy Will Be Done: Sexual Scandal and Barrio Politics, Córdoba, Argentina,” accepted for Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities January 2013

“Faithfully Serving, Patiently Waiting: The Gradual Abolition of Slavery in Córdoba, Argentina 1776-1853,” TePaske Seminar in Colonial Latin American History, Davidson College, March 2012

“Human Property to Individual Rights: The Gradual Abolition of Slavery in Córdoba, Argentina” 27th Annual Symposium on African American Culture & Philosophy, Purdue University, December 2011

“Divinely Favored to the Humanly Selected: Marriage Choice in Córdoba, Argentina, 1776-1853,” American Historical Association, January, 2011

“Race and State-Formation, Córdoba, Argentina, 1776-1853: Roundtable on Current Research,” 8th Annual Southern Florida Latin American and Caribbean Graduate Student Conference, Miami, Florida April 2010

“What’s Love Got to Do with It: Marriage in Córdoba, Argentina, 1810-1850,” Latin American Studies Association, Río de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2009

“Decilo fuerte “¡Soy negro y argentino!” La reconciliación de la raza y la nación en Buenos Aires, Argentina,” VIII Jornadas Nacionales y V Latinoamericanas del grupo de trabajo Hacer la Historia, Córdoba, Argentina, October 2008

“Say it Loud “I’m Black and I’m Argentine!” The Reconciliation of Race and Nation in Buenos Aires, Argentina” Tepoztlán Institute for Transnational History of the Americas, Tepoztlán, Mexico July 2008

“A Search for National Identity: Afro-Argentines in Buenos Aires, 1820-1905” Southern Historical Association, Richmond, Virginia November 2007

“An African Tree Produces White Flowers: Black Consciousness in the Argentine Community during the Nineteenth Century,” Florida Conference of Historians, Miami Beach, Florida May 2006

### **Courses Taught:**

Colonial Latin American History

From Subjects to Citizens: The Long Nineteenth Century in Latin America

Afro Latin American History

Global and Intercultural Connections

### **Teaching Honors and Awards:**

Certificate of Achievement for the Introduction to Teaching: An Intensive Two-Day Workshop, August 2010

TEFL/TESOL certification 2009

Nominee, Graduate TA Excellence in Teaching Award, March 2006

Nominee, Excellence in Teaching Award, 2005

Lead Teaching Assistant, Spring 2005

### **Research Honors and Awards:**

Outstanding Student Life Award for Graduate Student Leadership, April 2011  
 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition by the United States Congress, January 2008  
 Nominated for the Grand Valley State University Young Alumni Award, January 2008  
 High Pass on Doctoral Comprehensive Exams, January 2008  
 Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in History April 2007  
 First Place Paper, 5th Annual Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Miami, Miami, Florida March 2007

### **Professional Service:**

Latin American Studies Community Outreach Coordinator UNC-Charlotte Dec 2012- present  
 Co-Coordinator for the “Bill Brown Conference for Latin American Studies” for the Latin American Studies Program UNC-Charlotte November-present  
 Brown Bag Organizer, History Department, UNC-Charlotte August 2012 to present  
 ESL volunteer Instructor for the Latin American Coalition Summer 2012  
 Guest Discussant of Book in progress and chapter “Thy Will Be Done” for the Colonial Latin American History Seminar, April 2012  
 Roundtable “Atlantic History” Graduate History Student Forum for the History Department, April 2012  
 “Pioneers of Freedom: Slave Revolt, Rebellion and Revolution in the Atlantic World” invited speaker for the Harvey Gantt Museum of African-American Arts and Culture, Charlotte, North Carolina, March 2012.  
 Associate Editor of the UNC-Charlotte Africana Department’s Newsletter 2011-2012  
 Academic Committee for the Annual Journal of the School of History, University of Córdoba, Córdoba, Argentina August 2011-present  
 Open House Resource Fair “Explore UNC-Charlotte, recruitment for the Africana Studies Department October and November 2011  
 Chair for the panel “A Focus on the Afro-Andean Region,” at the conference Afro-Latino Social Movements: from “Monocultural Mestizaje” and “Invisibility” to Multiculturalism and State Corporatism/Cooptation, Feb 2011  
 Graduate Student Advisory Board for the University Graduate School 2010-2011  
 Chair for the Graduate Student Funding Committee, Student Government Association, July 2010 -December 2010  
 Graduate Student Senator for the Student Government Association 2010 -2011  
 Book Review Editor, *The Atlantic Millennium: A Graduate History Journal on Atlantic Civilization*, May-July 2009  
 Graduate Student Representative, Department of History Graduate Program Committee 2005 -2007  
 Editor, *Florida Conference of Historians Journal*, 2005 - 2006  
 Vice President, Department of History Graduate Student Association 2005 - 2006

**Mentorship:**

- “La Negra tiene tumbao (The Black Woman has Swagger): Afro-Latino Cultural Influences,” guest lecturer for the “Afro-Tinos Program” sponsored by the Alpha Lambda Chapter Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, UNC-Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 2011
- “Going Beyond and Looking Forward,” McKnight New Fellow’s Orientation, Tampa, Florida June 2010
- “Advice for Incoming Fellows,” Fulbright Presentation for incoming US-Fellows, Fulbright Commission, Buenos Aires, Argentina March 2010
- “Now What? Students’ Experiences in the Archives,” Department of History Graduate Student Association, Florida International University, Miami, Florida February 2010
- “Guidelines for Searching Fellowships” presentation given to Argentine Fulbright Fellows Re-entry Orientation, Fulbright Commission, Buenos Aires, Argentina October, 2009
- “Guidelines for the Graduate School Application Process: Writing Tips for the Personal Statement and Statement of Purpose” presentation given to Argentine Fulbright Fellows at the Fulbright Commission, Buenos Aires, Argentina September 2009
- “Advice for Incoming Fellows,” Fulbright Presentation for incoming US-Fellows, Fulbright Commission, Buenos Aires, Argentina March 2009
- Co-Coordinator of the “Latin American Film Series,” 2005 - 2006
- “How to Survive Graduate School,” Department of History Teaching Assistants, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, October 2005

**Languages:**

- Spanish: Fluent  
Portuguese: Basic

**Memberships:**

- The Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)
- American Historical Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- Conference on Latin American History
- Grupo de Estudios Afrolatinoamérica (GEALA), Instituto de Historia Argentina y Americana  
“Dr. Emilio Ravignani”
- Argentine Fulbright Alumni Association
- Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association