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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- Assistant Professor of History, Princeton University  
2017-2019 Assistant Professor of History, University of Miami  
Fall 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor at the Gilder Lehrman Center at Yale University

### EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. in History, Brown University  
Dissertation: *On the Imminence of Emancipation: Black Geopolitical Literacy and Anglo-American Abolitionism in Nineteenth-Century Brazil*  
Committee Members: James N. Green, Roquinaldo Ferreira, Michael Vorenberg, and Sidney Chalhoub (Harvard University)
- 2012 Master of Arts, Brown University
- 2005 Master's in History, State University of Campinas (UNICAMP), São Paulo, Brazil
- 2003 B.A. in History, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Brazil

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Book Manuscript

“An Afro-Brazilian Atlantic: Slavery and Anglo-American Abolitionism in the Age of Emancipation.” Book manuscript under contract with the University of Pennsylvania Press.

#### Essays in Edited Volumes

“Escravos abolicionistas nas terras diamantinas (Minas Gerais, 1864)” [‘Abolitionist Slaves in the Brazilian Diamond Hinterlands (Minas Gerais, 1864)’]. In: Reis, João José (ed). *Coletânea Revoltas Escravas*. Rio de Janeiro: Companhia das Letras, forthcoming (August 2019).

“Eu indo com ela pra lá, ela não volta mais pra cá:’ letramento, emancipação e as experiências de africanos livres entre Brasil e África.” [‘If I go there with her, she will never come back here’: Literacy, Emancipation, and the Experiences of Liberated Africans Between Brazil and Africa] In: Gomes, Flávio dos Santos, Marcelo Mac Cord e Carlos Eduardo Moreira de Araujo. *Rascunhos cativos: educação, escolas e ensino no Brasil escravista*. Rio de Janeiro, Editora 7Letras, 2017, 100-120.

With Flávio dos Santos Gomes, “Rituais e poder: controle social, temores e violência no Brasil escravista.” [Rituals and Power: Social Control, Fear, and Violence in a Brazilian Slave Society] In *Violência na História*. Edited by André Chevitaese. Rio de Janeiro (Brazil): Editora Mauad, 2009, 85-112.

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Other Geographies of Struggle: Afro-Brazilians and the U.S. Civil War.” *Hispanic American Historical Review* 100.1, forthcoming Feb. 2020.

“The U.S. Civil War and Slave Rebellions in Brazil.” In: *The Brazil Reader: History, Culture, and Politics*. 2nd edition. Edited by James Green, Victoria Langland and Lilia Moritz Schwarcz. Durham: Duke University Press, 2018, p. 218.

"Para além dos gabinetes: repensando o impacto da Guerra de Secessão americana no Brasil." [Beyond Cabinet Politics: Rethinking the Impact of the U.S. Civil War in Brazil] *Cadernos do CHDD*, Ano 15, no. 29 (2016): 17-28.

“Rebelião Escrava nos Sertões Diamantinos.” [Slave Rebellion in the Diamond Hinterlands] *Revista do Arquivo Público Mineiro*, 50:1, Julho-Dezembro de 2014, 62-77.

“Liberdade escrava na economia informal: quilombolas entre as matas e a cidade de Diamantina, Minas Gerais (1862-1866).” [Pockets of Freedom within the Informal Economy: the Maroons of Diamantina, Minas Gerais (1862-1866)] *Revista Cadernos de Pesquisa do CDHIS* 23-1 (2010), 133-154.

“A galinha estava morta e pronta e só faltava assar-se: A revolta escrava do Serro (Minas Gerais, 1864).” [‘The Chicken is Dead and Ready to Be Roasted:’ The Serro Slave Revolt (Minas Gerais, 1864)] Campinas (Brazil): *Revista de História Social* 12 (2008).

#### Book Reviews

Muller, Dália Antonia. *Cuban Émigrés & Independence in the Nineteenth-Century Gulf World* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017), Cuban Studies, forthcoming 2019.

#### Translations

“Social Life and Civic Education in the Rio de Janeiro City Jail,” by Prof. Amy Chazkel, Queens College, NY. Published in Portuguese by Rocco Press (2010). (English/Portuguese)

“Jogando para valer na Primeira República carioca,” [“Gambling Hard in the Carioca First Republic”] by Prof. Amy Chazkel, Queens College, NY. Lecture delivered in Brazil, 2007. (English/Portuguese)

“Vidas entre impérios: Movimento e liberdade de consciência no mundo Luso-Hispânico,” [Lives Among Empires: Movement and Freedom of Conscience in the Luso-Hispanic World”] by Prof. Stuart B. Schwartz, Yale University. Lecture delivered in Brazil, 2005. (Spanish/Portuguese)

#### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2019-21 National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), Brazil, collective research project under the direction of Prof. Flávio dos

- Santos Gomes. “Escrita, escolarização, cor e letrados no Brasil da escravidão e da pós-emancipação (1860-1908): as experiências de escravizados, libertandos, libertos e seus descendentes.”
- 2019 University of Miami, Provost’s Research Award (declined)
- Fall 2018 Slavery, Abolition, and Resistance Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Gilder Lehrman Center, Yale University.
- 2018 Faculty Seed Grant, Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas, University of Miami.
- 2016-17 Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice at Brown University.
- 2015 Social Sciences Research Council (SSRC), International Research Dissertation Fellowship.
- 2012-14, 2016 Thomas Skidmore Summer Travel Fund, Brown University.
- 2012, 2016 International Travel Grant, Brown University.
- 2014 Brazil Grant for Faculty and Doctoral Research in Brazil, Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies (CLACS), Brown University.
- 2013, 2014 Joukowsky Summer Research Award, Brown University.
- 2003-2005 Master’s Thesis Fellowship, FAPESP (The State of São Paulo Research Foundation), Brazil.
- 2003 Master’s Thesis Fellowship, CAPES (Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel), Brazil.

### **INVITED LECTURES AND SEMINARS**

Distinguished Fellows’ Research Colloquium (discussant), University of Miami Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas, April 19, 2019.

“An Afro-Brazilian Atlantic: Slavery and Anglo-American Abolitionism in the Age of Emancipation.” Brown Bag lecture at the Gilder Lehrman Center, Yale University, Nov. 14, 2018.

"New Trends in the Study of Atlantic Slavery and Freedom." Roundtable Discussion with Dr. Lisa Lindsay. Moderated by Dr. Hilary Jones and Dr. Okezi Otovo. Florida International University, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

“On the Imminence of Emancipation: Slavery and Anglo-American Abolitionism in Nineteenth-Century Brazil.” Symposium on Global American Studies, Harvard’s Warren Center for Studies in American History, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Viva os Ingleses!?”: Slave Renderings of British Abolitionism in Nineteenth-Century Brazil.” American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 2019.

“Life in the Diaspora: African Americans, Brazilian Slavery, and The Ban on Black Emigration to Brazil.” Annual Meeting of the Southern History Association (SHA), Birmingham, AL, 8-11 Nov. 2018.

“Racialized Borders: The 1831 Law and African American Emigration to Brazil.” XIV Congress of the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), PUC-Rio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 26 July 2018.

“Afro-Brazilian Abolitionism and the Political Economy of Slavery in the Americas.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Philadelphia, 22 June 2018.

“Slave Literacy and Black Abolitionism in Nineteenth-Century Brazil.” Language and Democracy: An Interdisciplinary Symposium, University of Miami, May 4, 2018.

“Hemispheric Connections: The American Civil War and Afro-Brazilian Geopolitical Imagination.” American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., January 2018.

“Literacy and Black abolitionism in Late Nineteenth-Century Brazil.” XIII Congress of the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Brown University, March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

“Reading About Freedom: Slaves, Newspapers, and the Repercussion of the U.S. Civil War in Brazil (1850-1865).” XII Congress of the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), King’s College, London, UK August 20-23, 2014.

“Slave Revolt and the Geographic Imagination.” Panel with Professors Roquinaldo Ferreira, Natasha Lightfoot, and Vincent Brown. Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Brown University, March 31, 2014.

“Slaves also have newspapers”: Literacy, Slave Politics, and the Impact of the American Civil War in Brazil (1861-1865).” Graduate Student Colloquium on Slavery, Brown University, Oct 19-20, 2013.

“Negros que liam vários jornais para os outros escutarem”: alfabetização, protesto escravo e a repercussão da Guerra Civil Americana no Brasil.” [‘Blacks who read several newspapers for others to listen’: Literacy, Slave Protest, and the Repercussions of the American Civil War in Brazil.”] Fifth International Symposium on Brazilian History. Casa de Rui Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 19-21, 2013.

### **PUBLIC HISTORY**

“The 2018 Presidential Elections and Brazil’s Slave Past.” *The Gilder Lehrman Center Newsletter*, 15 Oct. 2018, <https://glc.yale.edu/news/2018-presidential-elections-and-brazils-slave-past>.

*Slavery and Its Legacies*, podcast episode, The Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, 2018.

### **TEACHING**

#### **Princeton University**

Slave Emancipation in Latin America (Junior Seminar)

**University of Miami, 2017-2019**

Modern Brazil (Lecture)

Race in Latin America (Seminar)

Latin America in the Age of Emancipation (Seminar)

**Brown University (Teaching Assistant), 2012-2014**

Brazil: From Abolition to Emerging World Power, Prof. James N. Green, Fall 2014

Religion, Politics, and Culture in America, 1865 – Present, Prof. Linford Fisher, Spring 2014.

History of Capitalism, Prof. Seth Rockman, Fall 2013.

American Empire Since 1890, Prof. Naoko Shibusawa, Spring 2013.

History of Brazil, Prof. James N. Green, Fall 2012

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association (AHA)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)

Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)

Southern History Association (SHA)

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS)

**UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

University of Miami, Subcommittee on Graduate Awards, Spring 2018 & 2019.

University of Miami, Drop-In Advisor, 2017-19.

LASA, Brazil Section Dissertation Prize Committee, 2018.

**LANGUAGES**

Portuguese (native), Spanish (fluent), and French (advanced proficiency).