

# JAMES ALMEIDA

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D. in Latin American History, Harvard University  
Certificate in Latin American Studies  
Dissertation Title: “Minting Slavery in the Colonial Andes: Labor and Race in Potosí and Lima”  
Dissertation Advisor: Alejandro de la Fuente

2015 M.A. in History, Florida International University

2009 B.B.A. in International Business *cum laude*, Boise State University

### PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2022-2023 Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American History, Oberlin College

2019-2021 William R. Tyler Fellow, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection

2018 Research Assistant, Enslaved Biographies Project, Hutchins Center for African American Research, Harvard University

2017-2018 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University

2015 Museum Intern, Star Island Corporation

2014-2015 Graduate Assistant, Centennial Celebration Archival Project, City of Miami Beach/Wolfsonian-FIU Miami Beach

2013-2014 Teaching Assistant, Florida International University

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Refereed Journal Articles

2021 “Suspicious Possession: Policing Silver and Making Race in Colonial Potosí,” *Colonial Latin American Review* 30, no. 4: 545-564. DOI: 10.1080/10609164.2021.1996991

#### Book Chapters

In Press “The Market of Small Freedoms: Labor Negotiation in 17<sup>th</sup>-Century Potosí.” In *Potosí and the World*, edited by Rossana Barragán Romero and Paula Zagalsky. Leiden: Brill.

#### Book Reviews

2019 Review of Karoline P. Cook's *Forbidden Passages: Muslims and Moriscos in Colonial Spanish America*, in *The Seventeenth Century*, 34, no. 1. DOI: 10.1080/0268117X.2018.1462971

#### Other Publications

2022 “Slavery Upstairs, Slavery Downstairs: Forced Labor in the Royal Mints of the Colonial Andes,” *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America* XXI, no. 2, <https://revista.drclas.harvard.edu/slavery-upstairs-slavery-downstairs/>

2021 (with Thaïsa Way) “Land and Labor: Dumbarton Oaks Prior to 1920,” *Oak News*, <https://www.doaks.org/newsletter/land-and-labor-dumbarton-oaks-prior-to-1920>.

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

2022-2023 Heinz Heinen Postdoctoral Fellowship, Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies

2021-2022 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS)

2021 Emergency Support Initiative Summer Award, Harvard University GSAS

2021 Summer Research Funding, Harvard University Department of History

2020 Emergency Support Initiative Summer Award, Harvard University GSAS

2020 Summer Research Funding, Harvard University Department of History

2019-2021 William R. Tyler Fellowship in Pre-Columbian Studies, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection

2019-2020 José Amor y Vázquez Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library

2018-2019 Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University GSAS

2019 Beca Científica (Research Grant), Casa de Velázquez École des Hautes Études Hispaniques et Ibériques

2019 Summer Research Funding, Harvard University Department of History

2018 Love of Learning Award, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

2018 Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere, American Historical Association

2018 Distinction in Teaching Award, Harvard University Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning

2018 Jens Aubrey Westengard Summer Research and Travel Grant, Harvard University

2018 Short-Term Field Research Grant, Harvard University Afro-Latin American Research Institute (ALARI)

2018 Summer Research Funding, Harvard University Department of History

2017 Distinction in Teaching Award, Harvard University Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning

2017 Short-Term Field Research Grant, Harvard University ALARI

2017 Summer Research Funding, Harvard University Department of History

2017 (Declined) Summer Research Travel Grant, Harvard University David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS)

2016 Summer Research Travel Grant, Harvard University DRCLAS

2015-2019 Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University GSAS

2014-2015 Graduate Assistantship, Florida International University

2013-2014 Graduate Teaching Assistantship

2009 Dean’s List with High Honors, Boise State University (Spring 2009, Fall 2006)

2007 Dean’s List with Honors, Boise State University (Fall 2007)

### **INVITED LECTURES**

2021 “La esclavitud en Charcas” (virtual roundtable in Spanish), Secretaría Municipal de Culturas/UNESCO, Potosí, Bolivia, May 28

- 2020 “Esclavos de plata: Trabajo forzado en las casas de moneda de Potosí y Lima” (virtual presentation in Spanish), Instituto de Investigación Numismática – Perú, October 9
- 2019 “Esclavos de plata: Trabajo forzado en las casas de moneda de Potosí y Lima” (presentation in Spanish), Instituto de Investigación Numismática – Perú (Lima, Peru), March 21
- 2019 “Esclavos de plata: Trabajo forzado en las casas de moneda de Potosí y Lima” (presentation in Spanish), Asociación Numismática y Filatélica de Ica (Ica, Peru), March 5
- 2019 “¿Más allá de la esclavitud? Trabajo forzado en la casa de moneda de Potosí, siglo XVIII” (presentation in Spanish), Universidad Mayor de San Andrés Carrera de Historia (La Paz, Bolivia), February 15

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Conferences Organized

- 2022 Plantation Societies in Comparative Perspective, The Working Group on Comparative Slavery at the Afro-Latin American Research Institute (ALARI), University of Pittsburgh (PA), October 14-15
- 2019 International Seminar: Comparative Studies of Slavery and Race in the Atlantic World, Working Group on Comparative Slavery at ALARI and the Instituto de Historia, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Madrid, Spain) June 17-19
- 2018 The Transnational Networks of the Illegal Slave Trade in the Nineteenth Century, The Working Group on Comparative Slavery at ALARI and the Metropolis and Extra-European Societies Research Group (GRIMSE), Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain), May 21-23
- 2016 Workshop: Slaves and the Law: Comparative Questions and Approaches, The Working Group on Comparative Slavery at ALARI, Brown University (Providence, RI), October 28-29

### Panels Organized

- 2018 "Mining Silver and Valuing Money in Colonial Latin America," Latin American Studies Association (Barcelona, Spain), May 24

### Papers Presented

- 2022 “¿*Peones Libres*? Race, Minting, and (Un)Free Labor (1746-1825),” Mark Cluster Mamolen Dissertation Workshop (Cambridge, MA), May 6-7
- 2022 “¿*Peones Libres*? Race, Minting, and the Rationalization of Free Labor in the Late Colonial Andes,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 8
- 2021 “Acuñaando para el Rey: La contribución de afrodescendientes e indígenas en las casas de moneda de Potosí y Lima antes de la independencia” (virtual presentation in Spanish), Jornadas de Numismática Educativa III – Bicentenario, July 24

- 2021 “Libertine Slaves and Thieving Wage Workers: Rethinking Labor in Late Colonial Lima’s Mint,” Harvard-Princeton Graduate Conference in Early Modern History (virtual presentation), February 14
- 2020 “Reforming and Re-forming Andean Silver Mints: Jurisdiction, Race, and Labor in the Eighteenth Century,” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies Conference (Austin, TX), March 6
- 2020 “Recoining the Inca? Andean Structure and Inca Legacies in Potosí’s Colonial Silver Mint” Harvard-Princeton Graduate Conference in Early Modern History (Cambridge, MA), February 15
- 2019 “Minting Slavery in the Colonial Andes: Labor and Race in Lima,” 6th Summer Academy for Atlantic History (Bernried am Starnberger See, Germany), August 23
- 2019 “Esclavos de plata: Trabajo forzado en las casas de moneda de Potosí y Lima” (presentation in Spanish) International Seminar: Comparative Studies of Slavery and Race in the Atlantic World (Madrid, Spain), June 17
- 2019 “Black, White, and Silver: Policing Money Production in Colonial Potosí,” Latin American Studies Association Congress (Boston, MA), May 27
- 2018 “Plata y pan: Investigando las condiciones de trabajo forzado en la Casa de la Moneda de Potosí” (presentation in Spanish), 2nd International Convention of Historians and Numismatists (Arequipa, Peru), October 20
- 2018 “Suspicious Possession: Policing Silver and Race in Colonial Potosí,” Latin American Studies Association Congress (Barcelona, Spain), May 24
- 2018 “Minting Society: Labor and Race in Potosí, 1570-1800,” Harvard-Princeton Graduate Conference in Early Modern History (Cambridge, MA), February 10
- 2017 “Minting Sovereignty: Potosí’s Seventeenth Century Silver Mint as a Legal Forum,” Max Planck Institute for European Legal History Summer Academy (Frankfurt am Main, Germany), August 2
- 2017 “Beyond Vicuñas and Vascongados: Administering Difference in Seventeenth-Century Potosí,” Latin American Studies Association Congress (Lima, Peru), April 30
- 2016 “The Repertoire and the Archive in Progress: Post-Conflict LGBT Activism in Peru,” Latin American History Consortium Retreat, Yale University (New Haven, CT), May 14
- 2015 “Sovereignty, Slavery, and the Sea: Interimperial Conflict in the Sixteenth-Century Slave Trade,” TePaske Seminar on Colonial Latin American History, Georgetown University (Washington, DC), May 21
- 2014 “International Law in Practice: The Spanish Slave Trade, 1493-1580,” Conference of the Department of History Graduate Student Association, Florida International University (Miami, FL), April 4

### **Campus Talks**

- 2020 “Recoining the Inca? Andean Structure and Inca Legacies in Potosí’s Colonial Silver Mint,” Harvard Andean Workshop (virtual presentation), November 20

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **As Visiting Assistant Professor at Oberlin College (course head)**

Beyond Slavery and Freedom in the Atlantic World (Fall 2022)  
Gold to Guacamole: Latin American Commodity History (Fall 2022)  
Latin American History: Invasion to Independence (Fall 2022)  
Latin American History: State and Nation Since Independence (Spring 2023)  
Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Latin America (Spring 2023)

### **As Teaching Fellow at Harvard University**

What is Social History? (Spring 2018)  
Secrets and Lies in European History (Fall 2017)

### **As Teaching Assistant at Florida International University**

Global Civilization (Spring 2014, Fall 2013)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2019-2020 “Labor History of Dumbarton Oaks,” Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection  
2018 Enslaved Database Project, Harvard University Hutchins Center for African & African American Research  
2014-2015 Centennial Celebration Archival Project, City of Miami Beach/Wolfsonian-FIU

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

2017-2019 *Transition* Magazine Student Editor  
2016-Present Working Group on Comparative Slavery Conference Coordinator

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2015-2022 Harvard History Graduate Student Association  
Co-President 2017-2018  
Treasurer 2015-2017  
2013-2015 FIU Department of History Graduate Student Association  
Executive Board Member 2014-2015

## **EXTRA TRAINING**

2019 Summer Academy of Atlantic History  
2017 Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory Summer Academy

## **TEACHING AREAS**

Afro-Latin America  
Colonial Latin America  
Modern Latin America

North America to 1815  
Race and Slavery in the Atlantic World

## **LANGUAGES**

English – Native language  
Spanish – speak and read fluently, write with moderate proficiency  
Portuguese – speak and read with basic competence  
French – speak and read with basic competence

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association  
Bolivian Studies Association  
Latin American Studies Association  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

## **REFERENCES**

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