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### RESEARCH AREAS

*Caribbean and Afro-Latin American History*: Comparative slavery and freedom; race, gender, migration, and freedom in the age of revolution; Cuba, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Haiti.

*Caribbean and Afro-Latinx History: in the U.S.*: Race, ethnicity, identity, and migration; politics, labor, and community formation; expressive culture; inter-ethnic/racial solidarities; Midwest and Southeast; Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Dominican.

### EDUCATION

2004 University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D. in Latin American and Caribbean History.  
1997 University of Maryland at College Park, M.M. in Ethnomusicology and Jazz Studies.  
1990 Emory University, B.A. in Music and Spanish.

### CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018- University of Pittsburgh, Department of Africana Studies, Associate Professor.  
Graduate Faculty.  
Secondary Appointment: Department of History. Affiliated Faculty: African Studies Program, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Center for Global Studies.

### RECENT RESEARCH AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP APPOINTMENTS

2020-2021 Faculty Fellow, Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh.  
2019-2020 Faculty Fellow, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh.  
Fall 2020 Faculty Fellow, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh.

### RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

2018- Director, Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies Initiative (Representations, 2018-2019; Transnational Dialogues, 2020-2021), University of Pittsburgh.  
2018-19 Director, Afro-Latin American Studies in Cuba, Graduate Study Abroad Program, University of Pittsburgh and University of Havana.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### **Books:**

2011 *The Year of the Lash: Free People of Color in Cuba and the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World*, Athens: University of Georgia Press, Early American Places Series, 2011.

#### **Under Contract with the University of Pennsylvania Press:**

*Black Mobilities in the Age of Revolution: Comparative Politics, Migration, and Freedom in the Caribbean*.

#### **Select Articles and Reviews:**

2021 "Blood, Fire, and Freedom: Enslaved Women and Rebellion in Nineteenth-Century Cuba," *Routledge Companion to Black Women's Cultural Histories*, Janel Hobson, editor – forthcoming 2021.  
2020 Review of Alejandro de la Fuente and George Reid Andrews, editors, *Afro-Latin American Studies: An Introduction* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 100, no. 1 (February 2020): 130-132.  
2019 "Caribbean-Atlantic Discourses of Race, Equality, and Humanity in the Age of Revolution," *Journal of Black Studies*, Volume 50, Issue 6 (May 2019), 507- 527.

- 2019 "Formidable Rebels: Enslaved and Free Women of Color in Cuba's Conspiracy of La Escalera, 1843-1844," *Breaking the Chains, Making the Nation: The Black Cuban Fight for Freedom and Equality, 1812-1912*, Aisha Finch and Fannie Rushing, editors, Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 158-177.
- 2012 "Tensions of Race, Gender and Midwifery in Colonial Cuba," *Africans to Colonial Spanish America: Expanding the Diaspora*, Rachel O'Toole, Sherwin Bryant, and Ben Vinson III, editors. Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2012, 186-205.
- 2010 "Empire, Loyalty, and Race: Militiamen of Color in Nineteenth-Century Cuba," *Documenting Latin America: Gender and Race, Empire and Nation*, Volume 1, Erin E. O'Connor and Leo J. Garofalo, editors, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2010, 498-513.
- 2005 "The Yoruba in Cuba: Origins, Identities, and Transformations," *The Yoruba Diaspora in the Atlantic World*, Toyin Falola and Matt Childs, editors. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005, 111-129.
- 2004 "Protesting Service: Free Black Response to Cuba's Reestablished Militia of Color, 1854-1865," Special Issue, "Introducing the "New" African Diasporic Military History in Latin America," Ben Vinson III and Stewart King, editors, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 5, no. 2 (Fall 2004): 1-22.

#### **RECENT HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2020 Pitt Momentum Funds Teaming Grant, "Transnational Dialogues in Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies" project, Office of the Provost, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2020 Global Studies Faculty Fellowship, "Transnational Dialogues in Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies" project, Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2020 Global Studies Faculty Fellowship, "El Caribe in the Rust Belt" research, Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2019 Departmental and University Collaborative Funding, "Race, Gender, and Representation in the Africana World" series, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2019 Faculty Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2018 Lapidus Center Fellowship, Lapidus Center for the Study of Transatlantic Slavery, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

#### **RECENT CONFERENCES AND INVITED LECTURES**

- 2020 Organizer and Co-Moderator, "Transnational Dialogues in Afrolatinidad: Migration, Policing, and Political Movements," University of Pittsburgh, October 2020.
- 2020 Invited Keynote Speaker, " Afro-Latinx Perspectives: History, Identity, and Resilience," La Alianza Student Conference, Case Western Reserve University, October 2020.
- 2020 Invited Panelist, "The African Diaspora and the History of Inequity," "Toxic Recipe: The Historical Ingredients of American Inequity" Town Hall Webinar, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, University of Pittsburgh, July 2020.
- 2019 "Personalized and Experiential Learning: Afro-Latin American Studies Abroad in Cuba," ASWAD Conference, Williamsburg, VA, November 2019.
- 2019 "Caribbean Transcolonial Networks in the Age of Revolution," African American Intellectual History Association, University of Michigan, March 2019.
- 2019 "Inscribing Equality: Caribbean Voices in the Age of Revolution," American Historical Association Conference, Chicago, January 2019.
- 2018 Invited Speaker, "Countering Disposability: Black Mobility and Resistance in the Age of Revolution," Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar, Pennsylvania State University, October 2018.
- 2018 "Networks of Liberty and Equality in the Revolutionary Caribbean," Association of Caribbean Historians Conference, Barbados, June 2018.