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EMPLOYMENT

Vasco da Gama Assistant Professor of Early Modern Portuguese History, Brown University: July 2020 –

Assistant Professor of History, Drexel University: September 2016 – June 2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of History, New York University, 2016

B.A. (*magna cum laude*), Department of Literature, Harvard College, 2008
Certificate in Latin American Studies, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Atlantic Acceleration: Making Empire from the Global Commons in the Long Fifteenth Century. Under contract with University of Pennsylvania Press. Series ed., Peter Mancall (“Early Modern Americas”). Anticipated publication date: 2024.

With Kenneth Maxwell, Bruno Carvalho, and John Huffman, *O livro de Tiradentes: Transmissão atlântica de idéias políticas no século XVIII*, (São Paulo: Companhia das Letras, 2013).

Articles and Chapters

With Leonardo Marques, “A história ambiental do capitalismo no mundo colonial, séc. XV ao XIX” [“The environmental history of capitalism in the colonial world, 15th-19th centuries”]. Marques & Rocha, eds., Special issue of *Revista Tempo* 28:1 (Jan.-Apr. 2022): 145-159.

“The Pinzones and the Coup of the *Acedares*: Fishing and Colonization in the Fifteenth-Century Atlantic.” *Colonial Latin American Review* 28.4 (2019): 427-449.

“The Azorean Connection: Trajectories of Slaving, Piracy, and Trade in the Early Atlantic” in Ida Altman and David Wheat, eds., *The Early Spanish Atlantic: The Caribbean in the Long Sixteenth Century* (Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 2019): 257-278.

“Maroons in the *Montes*: Toward a Political Ecology of Marronage in the Sixteenth-Century Caribbean.” In Miles Parks Grier, Nick Jones, and Cassander Smith, eds., *Early Modern Black Diaspora Studies: A Critical Anthology* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018): 15-35.

“Politics of the Hinterland: Taxing Fowl in and beyond the Ports of Terceira Island, 1550-1600.” *Early American Studies* 15:4 (2017): 740-768.

“Plunder and Profit in the Name of Protection: Royal Iberian Armadas in the Early Atlantic” in Bain Attwood, Adam Clulow, and Lauren Benton, eds., *Protection and Empire: A Global History* (Cambridge University Press, 2017): 72-90.

Book Reviews

Christopher L. Parsons, *A Not-So-New World: Empire and Environment in French Colonial North America*. *William & Mary Quarterly* 78.2 (April 2021): 373-376.

Tamar Herzog, *Frontiers of Possession: Spain and Portugal in Europe and the Americas*. *Law and History Review* 35.2 (May 2017): 545-547.

Susanna Hecht, *The Scramble for the Amazon and the ‘Lost Paradise’ of Euclides da Cunha*. *Terrae Incognitae* 46:1 (April 2014), pp. 53-54.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Visiting Fellowship Award, Eccles Centre for American Studies, British Library: 2023

Brown University History Department PPC Junior Faculty Development Award: 2022

2021 Best Early Career Article Prize, Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies (for “The Pinzones and the Coup of the *Acedares*”)

Writing Residency Award: Arizona Center for Renaissance and Medieval Studies. Arizona State University: 2019-20

Finalist, World History Association Dissertation Prize: 2017

Richard S. Dunn Dissertation Fellowship, McNeil Center for Early American Studies,

University of Pennsylvania: 2015-16

Warren Dean Fellowship, Department of History, New York University: 2014-15

International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (SSRC): Portugal, Spain, United States: 2014

Seminar Participant and Scholar-in-Residence, Huntington-Clark Summer Institute, “The Early Modern Global Caribbean”: Huntington Library, 2014

Fulbright U.S. Student Award: Fulbright Institute of International Education, Instituto Camões: Portugal, 2013-14

Torch Prize Fellowship, New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences: 2013-14

Dissertation Development Grant and Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Mellon Mays Foundation: 2012, 2014

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (Harvard College): 2005-2008.

RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

John Carter Brown Library -- Providence, RI

Academic Advisory Board Member, 2020- present

Institute at Brown for Environment and Society – Providence, RI

Faculty Affiliate, 2021-present

Center for Latin American Studies at Brown University – Providence, RI

Affiliated Faculty, 2021-present

McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, PA

Research Associate: 2016-2020

History Department, New York University – New York, NY

Program Coordinator for the NYU Atlantic World Workshop: 2014-15

Research Assistant for Lauren Benton: 2013-15

Research Assistant for Karen Ordahl Kupperman: 2011-12

Centro de História Além-Mar, Universidade Nova de Lisboa – Lisbon, Portugal
Visiting Researcher, 2013-14

Brazil Studies Program, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS), Harvard University – Cambridge, MA
Student Advisory Committee, Co-Chair, Spring 2008
Research and Teaching Assistant for Kenneth Maxwell, 2006–07
DRCLAS Intern, 2005–06

Fundação Casa de Rui Barbosa – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Visiting Researcher, 2005

TEACHING

History Department / Department of Portuguese & Brazilian Studies, Brown University – Providence, RI
Instructor of Record: “Graduate Readings in Atlantic History.” Spring 2022
Instructor of Record: “Portuguese Discoveries and Early Modern Global History.” Fall 2021
Instructor of Record: “The Ocean in Global History.” Summer 2021, Spring 2022
Instructor of Record: “Colonial Encounters in the Early Atlantic.” Summer 2021

History Department, Drexel University – Philadelphia, PA
Instructor of Record: “Introduction to History II”: Winter 2020
Instructor of Record: “Themes in African-American History I”: Spring 2019; Spring 2020
Co-instructor: “History of Philadelphia”: Spring 2019
Co-instructor: “Transnational History of Science, Technology, and Environment”: Spring 2019
Instructor of Record, “Global Environmental History”: Summer 2018, Winter 2019; Spring 2020
Instructor of Record, “The Black Atlantic: Slave Societies of the Colonial Americas” and History 101: Fall 2017.
Instructor of Record, “Ages of Exploration”: Spring 2017, Spring 2019.

History Department, New York University – New York, NY
Instructor of Record, “From Stonehenge to the Internet: The Commons in World

History”: Summer 2015.

RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, Brazilian Historians in the United States (BRAHUS) Faculty Speaker Series. March 22, 2022.

Presenter, NYU Atlantic History Workshop. February 22, 2022.

“Resisting Empire: Physical and Intellectual Opposition to Colonial Expansion.” Speaker, Council of Latin American History (CLAH) Atlantic World Studies Committee Session. *American Historical Association* Annual Meeting. New Orleans, January 2022.

“Paleografia sem fronteiras: O Arquivo Nacional da Torre do Tombo como ponto de partida para o estudo do mundo atlântico, séculos XV-XVII”. Departamento de História, Universidade de Brasília. October 22, 2021. (online)

Conference speaker, *Global Trade in Africa, the Atlantic Islands, and America, c. 1450-1550: Revising the Role of European Merchant Networks*. German Historical Institute in Rome (DHI-Roma), Oct. 12 and 19, 2021. (online)

Seminar speaker, “Colonial Latin American Historiography”. Prof. Christopher Heaney, Pennsylvania State University. September 21, 2021. (online)

“Global Peninsular Studies and Race.” Roundtable speaker, *El Taller*. King Juan Carlos Center, New York University. April 9, 2021. (online)

“East Atlantic Crossings Before 1550.” Presentation for Atlantic Seminar, UCLA Department of History. April 1, 2021. (online)

“Margins of Liberation on the Tejo: Positioning Mariners of Color in Sixteenth-Century Lisbon.” Speaker, Oxford Iberian History Seminar: February 24, 2021. (online)

“Runaway Ecologies: Rethinking Empire, Insurgency, and Nature in the Atlantic World, 1480-1560.” Public Event. Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. December 3, 2020. (online)

“Marronage at the Foundations of Colonial Latin America.” Latin American and Latinx Studies External Speaker Series, University of Pennsylvania. November 11, 2020. (online)

“The Great Fire of 1533 on São Tomé.” Presentation for “In the Wake: Response and Recovery in the Premodern World.” *Oecologies Seminar*. October 23, 2020. (online)

Conference speaker, *The Early Modern Global Caribbean*. The Huntington Library. San

Marino, California. September 18-19, 2020. (online)

“Hasta una Historia Ambiental pan-atlántica del cimarronaje: Entre los matos de São Tomé y los montes del Caribe en el siglo XVI.” *Esclavitud, visualidad y memoria: Prácticas de reactivación*. Working Group on Slavery and Visual Culture, University of Chicago / Yale University. Workshop at Universidad de Cartagena, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia: June 26-29, 2019.

“Ecologies of Marronage and Colonial State Formation in the Sixteenth-Century Caribbean.” Mellon Sawyer Seminar, CUNY. New York, NY, June 28, 2018.

“Fishing and Plunder in the Early Atlantic: New Findings on Martín Alonso Pinzón and the First Columbian Voyage.” *Princeton Early Modern History Workshop*. Princeton, NJ, February 28, 2018.

Organizer and Participant, *The Red Dragon* Mini-Conference, UCLA History Department. Los Angeles, CA, February 16, 2018.

“Rethinking the Black Legend of ‘Simon Fernandez’: New Perspectives from the Iberian Atlantic”: First Colony Foundation Symposium on Sir Walter Raleigh’s Lost Colony. Roanoke, NC, October 27-29, 2017.

“*Cimarrones* in the Commons: Marronage’s Ecologies in the Early Colonial Caribbean”: Friday Seminar, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania: Philadelphia, April 2017.

Omohundro Institute Manuscript Roundtable, College of William & Mary: Williamsburg, VA, March 2017.

“*Montes y Palenques*: Toward a Political Ecology of Marronage in the Early Colonial Greater Antilles”: Early Modern Iberian Working Group, University of Pennsylvania Department of Spanish and Portuguese: Philadelphia, November 2016.

“The Azorean Connection”: 16th-Century Spanish Caribbean Symposium, University of Florida Gainesville: October 2016.

“Floating Bulwarks: Luso-Castilian Patrols of the Middle Atlantic in the Sixteenth Century”: *Protection and Empire* World History Workshop, Harvard University: April 2016.

RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presentations:

“Ecologias em fuga: ambientes coloniais e seus fugitivos em São Tomé e no Caribe, c. 1480-1530.” *Projecto RESISTANCE Simpósio V: Escravizados, Nativos, e Roceiros*.

Salvador, Bahia. June 8-10, 2022.

“Runaway Ecologies: Fugitive Transformations of Contact-Era Environments in the Early Sixteenth-Century Atlantic.” *Revisiting the Columbian Exchange*. American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. Online, April 2022.

“Marronage at the Foundations of Empire: Fugitivity and Colonial State Formation in Sixteenth-Century São Tomé and the Caribbean”. *Fugitive Practice, Fugitive Life*. Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Online, May 2021.

“Liberation on the Tejo: Mariners of Color and River Labor in Sixteenth-Century Lisbon.” *Black Iberia*: Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, April 2020. Rescheduled to virtual program, April 2021.

Roundtable Participant, “Early American Environmental History.” *Organization of American Historians* 2019 Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, April 4-6, 2019.

Roundtable Participant, “Late-Breaking Session: *Nunca Mais?*: Reflections on the Brazilian Presidential Election of 2018.” *American Historical Association* 2019 Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL, January 2019.

“Maroons in the *Montes*: Towards a Political Ecology of Marronage in the Sixteenth-Century Caribbean.” Accepted paper for *Reckoning with Slavery: New Directions in the History, Memory, Legacy, and Popular Representations of Enslavement*. Lapidus Center for the Historical Analysis of Transatlantic Slavery, Schomburg Center, New York Public Library, New York, NY: November 2017.

“The New Device of the *Acedar*: Fishing and its Discontents in the Early Iberian Atlantic.” Accepted paper for *Fire and Water: Entangled Histories of Empire and Science in the Early Modern Americas*. John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI: September 2017.

“‘We fyllyd water and wood and burned a toune of the Negros’: The *Red Dragon* in the South Atlantic, 1586-7.” Council of Latin American History Panel, American History Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO, January 2017.

“Azores-Caribbean Connections in the Long Sixteenth Century”: Accepted Paper for 47th Annual Meeting of the Association of Caribbean Historians. Havana, Cuba. June 2016.

“‘Pretendyd to the Indydes’: The *Red Dragon* in the South Atlantic, 1586-7”: Accepted Paper for *Translation and Transmission in the Early Americas: The Fourth Early Ibero/Anglo Americanist Summit*. Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture. Washington, D.C. and College Park, MD, June 2016.

Panel Discussant:

“Ordering the Anthropocene: Law and the Environment in the Indian Ocean World”:
Drexel University, October 4, 2019.

“Litigating Occupation”: *Spaces of Law in the Bay of Bengal*. Drexel University, March 2018.

“Environmental Reconstruction”: *History and Sociology of Emerging Markets Lecture Series*, Institute for New Economic Thinking and Drexel University, February 2017.

“Social Ecologies of Colonization”: *Experts and Expertise in the Atlantic World*, New York University Atlantic Conference, May 2016.

“Disputing Imperial Caveats and Gray Areas”: *Legends of Empire: Negotiating the Imperial Moral Compass*, New York University Atlantic World Conference, February 2012.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Portuguese (native, fluent)

Spanish (fluent)

French (fluent)

Italian (reading proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:

American Historical Association

Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies

Conference on Latin American History

American Society for Environmental History

Association of Caribbean Historians

Renaissance Society of America

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)

The Medieval Academy