

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**April J. Mayes**  
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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in History, University of Michigan	2003
Dissertation: "Sugar's Metropolis: The Politics and Culture of Progress in San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic, 1870-1930" (advisor: Sueann Caulfield)	
B.A. in History, cum laude, Pomona College	1994

**EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Professor of History, Pomona College	2013-present
Assistant Professor of History, Pomona College	2006-2013
Visiting Asst. Professor of History and Africana Studies, Virginia Tech	2004-2006
Visiting Asst. Professor of History and Chicano Studies, Pomona College	2003-2004

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

Pomona College Hirsch Research Initiation Grant \$12,170	Dec. 2018
Pomona College Wig Award for Distinguished Teaching	May 2016
Public Affairs Section of the United States Embassy, Dominican Republic Title: "Gender and History Seminar" Co-Organizer \$23,000	June 2011
Public Affairs Section of the United States Embassy, Dominican Republic Title: "Transnational Hispaniola" Principal Organizer \$18,200	January 2010
Fulbright Lecture/Researcher Fellowship, Dominican Republic	2009-2010
Minority Scholar-in-Residence, Pomona College	2002-2003
Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship, Dominican Studies Institute, City University of New York	Jan.-June 1999
Mellon Dean's Fellowship, University of Michigan,	1998
Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan	1995-2000
Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, Thomas J. Watson Foundation	1994-1995

## PUBLICATIONS

### Single-Authored Book

The Mulatto Republic: Race, Class, and National Identity in the Dominican Republic, Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2014.

*Winner of the Isis Duarte Book Prize of the Haiti-Dominican Republic Section of the Latin American Studies Association*

### Co-edited Books

April J. Mayes and Kiran C. Jayaram, eds. Transnational Hispaniola: New Directions in Haitian and Dominican Studies. University of Florida Press, 2018.

Candelario, Ginetta, Elizabeth Manley, and April J. Mayes, eds., Cien años de feminismos dominicanos. Tomo I: “El fuego tras las ruinas,” 1861-1931, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: Archivo General de la Nación, 2016.

Candelario, Ginetta, Elizabeth Manley, and April J. Mayes, eds., Cien años de feminismos dominicanos. Tomo II: “Las siempre fervientes devotas,” 1931-1965, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: Archivo General de la Nación, 2016.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

Jayaram, Kiran and April J. Mayes, “Borders as Bellwethers: Border of Lights, Transnational Hispaniola, and American Futures.” The Border of Lights Reader, eds. Edward Paulino and Megan Myers, Amherst College Press, in press.

Jayaram, Kiran and April J. Mayes, “Transnational Hispaniola: The First Decade in Support of a New Paradigm for Haitian and Dominican Studies.” Caribbean Migrations: The Legacies of Colonialism, edited by Anke Birkenmaier, Rutgers University Press, 2020.

Mayes, April J. “Black Feminist Formations in the Dominican Republic since *La Sentencia*.” Afro-Latin American Politics, eds., Kwame Dixon and Ollie Johnson III, Rutgers University Press, 2019.

Mayes, April J. “Ties that Bind: *La Sentencia* and Citizenship in Contemporary Hispaniola.” Transnational Hispaniola: New Directions in Haitian and Dominican Studies, eds., April J. Mayes and Kiran C. Jayaram, University of Florida Press, 2018.

Mayes, April J. “African-Descended Americans, Displacement, and Neoliberalism: Environmental Justice as a Human Right,” Latin American Perspectives, vol. 41, no. 6 (November, 2014): 3-8.

Mayes, April J., et. al., “Transnational Hispaniola: Towards New Paradigms in Haitian and Dominican Studies,” Radical History Review, issue 115, Winter 2013.

Stephanie Román and April J. Mayes, “‘A Patriarchal Rite of Passage’: An Exploration of Gendered Migration Histories and the Erasure of Women,” Al-Raida, Journal of the Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World, Lebanese American University, nos. 133-133 (Spring-Summer 2011).

Mayes, April J. "Ser Negro y dominicano es posible: Notas sobre los Ingleses, los Cocolos y el Sancocho Dominicano," Estudios Sociales, vol. XL, no. 151 (2009).

Mayes, April J. "Tolerating Sex: Prostitution, Gender, and Governance in the Dominican Republic, 1880s-1924." In Health and Medicine in the Caribbean: Historical Perspectives, eds., Juanita De Barros, Steven Palmer, and David Wright, New York/London: Routledge Press, 2009.

Mayes, April J. "Why Dominican Feminism Moved to the Right: Class, Colour and Women's Activism in the Dominican Republic, 1880s-1940s." Gender & History, vol. 20, issue 2 (August, 2008).

### **CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

Co-Organizer along with Kiran Jayaram and Darlene Duboisson, "Transnational Hispaniola III: Theory into Practice,"  
Port-au-Prince, Haiti June 2016

Co-Organizer along with Yveline Alexis, Carlos Decena, Kiran Jayram, and Yolanda Martín, "Transnational Hispaniola II: Bodies, Commodities, Cultures, and Regimes of Mobility,"  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey April 2012

Organizer, "Intercambiando Historias: Género y Política en la República Dominicana,"  
International Seminar sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Academia Dominicana de Historia (Dominican Academy of History), Instituto Filosófico Pedro Francisco Bonó. the Centro de Estudios de Género, INTEC  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic June 2011

Co-Organizer along with Yolanda Martín, Pablo Mella, and Kiran Jayaram, "Transnational Hispaniola. Shared History, Shared Future: Converging Paths in the Haitian and Dominican Trans-Border Experience," International Conference sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and Institute Filosófico Pedro Francisco Bonó  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic June 2010

### **INVITED AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

"The Manifest Destiny of Haitian Presence at the U.S.-Mexico Border." Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD),  
Williamsburg, Virginia November 2019

"A Post-Earthquake Event? Re-Thinking Environmental Change and Haitian Migration after 2000." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Haitian Studies Association, Gainesville, Florida  
October 2019

- “Hispaniola’s Borderlands: Narratives about Haitian Migration.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Studies Association, Santa Marta, Colombia June 2019
- “Hispaniola’s Global Borderlands: Changing the Narrative about Haitian Migration in the Americas” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Modern Language Association, Keynote Panel, “Liberation Narratives: Recontextualizing Haiti in the Americas,” Chicago, IL January 2019
- “Haitians in Tijuana: What does the future hold?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Haitian Studies Association, Port-au-Prince, Haiti November 2018
- “Manufacturing Precarity in Hispaniola: The Political Economy of *La Sentencia* and Haitian Immigrants’ Rights in the Dominican Republic.” Presentation for the Research Center, Threatened Orders—Societies Under Stress.” University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany. June 22, 2018
- “Black Feminist Formations in the Dominican Republic in the Wake of *La Sentencia*,” paper presented at the Annual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain. May 2018
- “Afro-Latin Americans/Afro-Latin America.” Black History Month Speaker. Invited by Dr. Yolanda Cleveland Friday, Dean, Chaffey College, Fontana Campus. February 27, 2018
- “We Speak as British Subjects: Narrating and Mapping a History of Afro-Antillean Presence across Northern Hispaniola.” Paper Presented at the Annual Conference of the Haitian Studies Association, Cap Haitien, Haiti. November, 2016
- Panelist, “Explorando las Afro-Dominicanidades.” Organized by Saudi García. New York University, New York City. March 4, 2017.
- “A Caribbean Rwanda? Hispaniola, Human Rights, and the U.S. Imperial State.” Circulated for the Seminar, “Ethical Subjects: Moralities, Laws, Histories,” The Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University. December 1, 2015.
- “Debating Dominicans’ Race: Human Rights and Nationality in Hispaniola,” Presented at Colby College. October 1, 2015.
- “Reflections on the work of Helen Safa in the Dominican Republic,” Workshop Presentation, “Feminist Latin American Studies: Helen Safa’s Academic, Institutional, and Political Legacy,” Presented at the Annual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico. May 2015.
- “‘I Felt Torn from my Community:’ Exploring the Costs of ‘Making It’ among First-Generation Students of Color at a Liberal Arts College,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Cultural Studies Association, Riverside, California. May 21-24, 2015.
- “Feminism and the Struggle for Justice in Neoliberal Dominican Republic,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association San Juan, Puerto Rico. November 2014

- “The Limits of Multiculturalism: Reflections on Dominican Nationalisms and the Current Crisis over Status and Citizenship,” invited lecturer, Gettysburg College  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. October 2014
- “Hispaniola’s Contributions to Anti-Racist Pan Americanism in the Nineteenth Century Caribbean: Anténor Firmin and Gregorio Luperón in Conversation,” paper presented at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association Chicago, Illinois. May 2014
- “Excavating Gender in the Archives: Making Primary Documents Available to a New Generation of Scholars in the Dominican Republic,” workshop presented at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association  
Chicago, Illinois May 2014
- “Hostos (and the Woman Question) in Santo Domingo: A Consideration of Gender and Nation Building in Hostosian Thought and Practice.” Invited lecture given at Hostos Community College, “Hostos 2014,”  
Bronx, New York March 2014
- “Hispaniola’s Contributions to Anti-Racist Pan Americanism in the Nineteenth Century Caribbean: Anténor Firmin and Gregorio Luperón in Conversation,” paper presented at the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD),  
INTEC, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic November 2013
- “Transnational Hispaniola: Towards New Paradigms in Haitian and Dominican Studies,”  
Roundtable presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Haitian Studies Association, York College, New York, New York. November 2012
- “Gender, Governance, and the Emergence of Feminism in Occupied Haiti and the Dominican Republic,” paper presented at Transnational Hispaniola II: Bodies, Commodities, Cultures, and Regimes of Mobility,  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey April 2012
- “Debating Caribbean and African Diaspora Connections,” Roundtable, Annual Meeting of the Conference of Latin American Historians at the American Historical Association,  
Chicago, Illinois January 2012
- “That Ever-Moving Target: Dominicans, Race, and the U.S. Academy,” paper presented at the Second Conference on Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean,  
University of California, San Diego November 2011
- “Third Space: Gender and Women’s Rights in the Struggle for Democracy in the Dominican Republic,” paper presented at the XXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association,  
Toronto, Canada October 2010
- “Ser Negro y dominicano es posible: Notas sobre los Ingleses, los *Cocolos* y el Sancocho Dominicano,” paper presented at the Conversatorio, “La Integración de los Cocolos en la

- sociedad dominicana,” OBMICA (Observatorio Migrantes del Caribe),  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic July 2010
- “Afro-Americans and the Struggle for Environmental Justice,” paper presented at the  
XXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association,  
Montreal, Canada September 2007
- “The Black Transatlantic Origins of Dominican Liberalism, 1860s-1899,” paper presented  
at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association,  
Honolulu Hawaii July 2007
- “The Roots of Dominican Nationalist Feminism, 1910s-1920s,” paper presented at the  
XXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association,  
San Juan, Puerto Rico March 2006.
- “Crafting Spaces for a Women’s Movement under the Shadow of Empire: Feminism and  
Transnational Women’s Activism in the Dominican Republic, 1900-1940,” paper presented  
at the Annual Meeting of the Conference of Latin American Historians held in conjunction with  
the 119<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Historical Association,  
Seattle, Washington January 2005.
- “Race, Racial Formation and Dominican Diasporas: Reflections on the Intersections between  
Dominican and African American History in the life of Gregoria Fraser Goins,” paper presented  
at the XXV International Congress of the Latin America Studies Association,  
Las Vegas, Nevada October 2004.
- “Why Maternal Politics? Feminist Activism in the Dominican Republic, 1920s-Present,” paper  
presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Southwest Women’s Studies Association,  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, California April 2003.
- “British West Indian Political Discourse and Activism in the Dominican Republic, 1890-1930,”  
paper presented at the Exploring the Black Atlantic Conference  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey April 1999
- “‘La historia secreta del género:’ Reflexiones sobre el género en la historia Caribeña,” paper  
presented at the Race and Citizenship Conference, Cienfuegos, Cuba March 1998

### **RESIDENCIES, KEYNOTES, WORKSHOPS, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Visiting Scholar, “Threatened Orders,” Collaborative Research Centre (223), University of  
Tübingen June-Aug., 2018
- Workshop Facilitator, “Listening to Black Women: Researching Social Movements in Afro-  
Latin America.” Presentation for the Research Center, Threatened Orders—Societies Under  
Stress.” University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany. June 22, 2018

Workshop Facilitator, “Cultural or Structural Competence? Confronting Inequities in Health Care,” Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Family Medicine Residents’ Retreat. UCLA Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead, CA.

October 12-14, 2018

Panelist, “Unpacking Academics,” Latina Writers Conference , Plaza de la Raza, Los Angeles.

September 8, 2018

Keynote Address, “Forms of Intersectional Discrimination: Immigration and Citizenship Policies in the Dominican Republic.” Cerritos Community College Women’s History Month,” Cerritos Community College

March 29, 2018.

Keynote Address, “Moving Towards Transformation by the Office Hour.” Johnson County Community College, Kansas City, KY.

September 9, 2016

### **PUBLIC-FACING WORK**

Mayes, April. “The ‘Crisis at the Southern Border’: Myths and Realities,” Black Latinas Know Collective Blog, August 7, 2019.

With Miguel Tinker Salas. “Los migrantes y la crisis humanitaria en México,” La Jornada, July 25, 2019.

With Miguel Tinker Salas. “América latina y el caribe, continente en movimiento,” La Jornada, May 13, 2018.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Historia social latinoamericana

Matrimonio y la familia en el Caribe

Colonial Latin America

Women and Politics in Latin America

Afro-Latin America

Women of Honor, Women of Shame: Women’s Lives in Latin America and the Spanish-Speaking Caribbean, c.1200-1900

U.S.-Latin American Relations

The Caribbean: The Crucible of Modernity

Sexuality, Race, and Empire in the Modern Caribbean

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Member, Editorial Board, Critical Caribbean Studies Book Series

2018-Present

Discipline Reviewer, CIEE Fulbright

2014-2018

Co-Chair, Haiti/Dominican Republic Section

2010-2016

Latin American Studies Association

Manuscript/Book Reviewer for:

American Historical Review

Gender & History

Journal of Women's History

Journal Iberoamericana

The Americas

The Black Scholar

Latin American Perspectives

New West Indian Guide

Handbook of Latin American Studies

Duke University Press

Rutgers University Press

University of Alabama Press

University Press of Florida

Latin American Research Review

Cambridge University Press

University of Pennsylvania Press

Citizenship Studies

Atlantic Studies

Sociologias, Journal of the Graduate Program in Sociology -UFRGS, Brazil