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Academic Positions

Professor of History	Pomona College, 2022-present
Associate Professor of History	Pomona College, 2013-2022
Assistant Professor of History	Pomona College, 2006-2013
Affiliated Professor of History,	Instituto Filosófico Pedro Francisco Bonó, 2009-present
Visiting Asst. Professor of History and Africana Studies, Virginia Tech	2004-2006
Visiting Asst. Professor of History and Chicana Studies, Pomona College	2003-2004

Publications

Books

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

April J. Mayes and Kiran Jayaram, eds. Transnational Hispaniola: New Directions in Haitian and Dominican Studies, in press, 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

With Kiran Jayaram, “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, 2021. Online access: <https://doi.org/10.3998/mpub.12278109>

With Elizabeth S. Manley, "Situating Blackness and Antiracism in a Global Frame," Kalfou, vol. 7, no. 2 (Fall 2020): 415-425.

With Kiran Jayaram, "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.

"Black Feminist Formations in the Dominican Republic since *La Sentencia*." Comparative Racial Politics in Latin America, eds., Kwame Dixon and Ollie Johnson III, Rutgers University Press, 2018.

"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.

With Yveline Alexis, Carlos Decena, Kiran Jayaram, and Yolanda Martín, "Transnational Hispaniola: Towards New Paradigms in Haitian and Dominican Studies," Radical History Review, issue 115 (Winter 2013).

With Stephanie Román, "'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).

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

"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.

"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).

Reviews

Review of Sheridan Wigginton and Richard T. Middleton, Unmastering the Script: Education, Critical Race Theory, and the Struggle to Reconcile the Haitian Other in Dominican Identity (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2019). New West Indies Guide, vol. 96, nos. 1-2 (2022): 21-22.

Review of Eric P. Roorda, Lauren Derby, and Raymundo González, The Dominican Republic Reader (Durham: Duke University Press, 2014): Bulletin of Latin American Research, vol. 37, no. 2 (2018): 232-234.

Review of Lisa Ze Winters, The Mulatta Concubine: Terror, Intimacy, Freedom, and Desire in the Black Transatlantic (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2016): American Historical Review, vol 122, no. 2 (2017): 487-488.

Review, “Dominican Republic” in Handbook of Latin American Studies: History, vol 70 (2015).

Review of Ginetta E.B. Candelario, Black behind the Ears: Dominican Racial Identity from Museums to Beauty Shops (Durham: Duke University Press, 2007): Caribbean Studies, vol. 37, no. 2 (2009): 200-203.

Review of Jesse Hoffnung-Garskoff, A Tale of Two Cities: Santo Domingo and New York after 1950 (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008): Itinerario (Leiden University), vol. 33, no. 3 (2009): 155-157.

Works in Progress

Article

With Todd Shimoda, “Data Analytics as Historical Thinking: Using the Early California Population Project in an Undergraduate History Survey Course.” Under Revision, The History Teacher.

Review

Review of Rachel Afi Quinn, Becoming La Dominicana: Race and Identity in the Visual Culture of Santo Domingo (Urbana. University of Illinois Press, 2021): In Progress.

Book Contribution

“Forward” to The Otherness Triangle: Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and the International Community, eds. Henry Carey and Karen Richman. Manuscript Submitted to Editors.

Public-Facing and Digital Humanities

With Tania García Barajas, Paulina Olvera Cárdenas, and Domila P. Pazzini, “‘In Tijuana, It’s Very Hard to Have Rights’: The Impact of COVID-19 on Refugee/Migrant Communities.” Field Report. Refugees International. December 2021: [December Report](#).

With Miguel Tinker Salas, “Protestas: *Made in the USA*,” La Jornada, Jun 5, 2020: <https://www.jornada.com.mx/2020/06/05/opinion/018a2pol>.

“The ‘Crisis at the Southern Border’: Myths and Realities,” Black Latinas Know Collective Blog, August 7, 2019: <https://www.blacklatinasknow.org/post/the-crisis-at-the-southern-border-myths-and-realities>.

With Miguel Tinker Salas. “Los migrantes y la crisis humanitaria en México,” La Jornada, July 25, 2019: <https://www.jornada.com.mx/2018/05/13/opinion/022a1mun>.

With Miguel Tinker Salas. “América latina y el caribe, continente en movimiento,” La Jornada, May 13, 2018: <https://www.jornada.com.mx/2019/07/25/politica/020a2pol>.

With Miguel Tinker Salas and members of the seminar, “Mexico-U.S. Border.” “U.S.-Mexico Border: Deportees, Refugees, and Exiles. Haitian Migrants, Black Immigrant Lives, Building Solidarity,” completed May 2018: <https://transnationalhispaniola.wordpress.com/>.

With members of the seminar, “Women and Politics in Latin America.” “Latin American Feminisms: A Series of Exhibits,” completed May 2016: <https://latinamericanfeminisms.omeka.net/exhibits?page=1>.

Fellowships and Grants

Hispanics in Philanthropy	January 2022-January 2025
Title: From Tapachula to Tijuana: Providing Resources to Haitian Migrants Border to Border	
Initiator and Co-Supervisor	
\$50,000	
Border Narratives Change Grant	October 2020-October 2022
Title: “Blackness at/as Borderlands”	
Principle Investigator	
\$20,000	
Pomona College, Humanities Studio Fellow	September 2020-June 2021
Title: Indigeneity	
American Jewish World Service	April 2020
Title: “Island Anthropologies”	
Sponsor	
\$7,000	
Public Affairs Section of the United States Embassy, Dominican Republic	June 2011
Title: “Gender and History Seminar”	
Co-Organizer	
\$23,000	
Public Affairs Section of the United States Embassy, Dominican Republic	January 2010
Title: “Transnational Hispaniola”	
Principal Organizer	
\$18,200	
Fulbright Lecture/Researcher Fellowship, Dominican Republic	2009-2010
Minority Scholar-in-Residence, Pomona College	2002-2003
Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship,	Jan.-June 1999
Dominican Studies Institute, City University of New York	
\$10,000	
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

Honors and Awards

Visiting Scholar, “Threatened Orders,” Summer 2018
Collaborative Research Centre (223), University of Tübingen
Pomona College Wig Award for Distinguished Teaching May 2016
Office of Black Student Affairs
Prolific Scholar Award April 2016

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

Professional Presentations

“From Guantanamo to Tijuana: Carceral Archipelagos and Haitian (Im)mobilities in
Contemporary Migrations across the America,” paper presented at the Annual Conference of
the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Abroad, Virtual.

June 17-20, 2021

“The Formation of Black Studies for Hispaniola, 1960s-1980s,” paper presented at the IX
Biennial Dominican Studies Association Conference, DSA2020 Virtually@Hostos
Community College, Bronx, New York.

December 2020

“The Haitian Diaspora in Mexico,” paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of
the International Studies Association (ISA), Honolulu, Hawaii. Conference cancelled due to
COVID.

March 2020

“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

“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

“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

“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

“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 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

“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

“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

“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

“Afro-Américans 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 119th 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

Other Presentations

“Racismo, prejuicio racial y discriminación en RD,” Invited Facilitator, Espacio Formación Crítica para Dominicanos/as de Ascendencia Haitiana, IV Encuentro. Tema: Racismo,

Prejuicio y Discriminación. Black Lives Matter, Más Allá de EEUU, Virtual, September 4, 2021.

“Black Lives Matter and the Struggle for Immigrant Justice: The Struggle in New York City and Beyond,” Invited Lecture, Kingsborough Diversity Symposium 2020, Kingsborough Community College, City University of New York, November 17, 2020

“The Borderlands of Haiti and the Dominican Republic with April Mayes, Edward Paulino, and Anne Eller,” Invited Lecture, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, November 12, 2020

“‘To Be Haitian Means to Leave’: Refusal and Survivance from Brazil to Mexico, 2016-Present,” Invited Lecture, University of Colorado, Latin American Studies Center, November 5, 2020

“Afro-Latinidades in Transnational Context.” Latinx History Month Keynote Panel, Taft Humanities Research Center, University of Cincinnati, October 22, 2020

“Afro-Latinidad: A History, Tribute, and Celebration of Black Latinos in the United States and the Americas.” Hispanic Heritage Month Keynote Panel, United States Attorney’s Office, Los Angeles, October 1, 2020

“Nuevas interpretaciones sobre la Restauración Dominicana,” “Diaspora Dialogues Series, Organized by Reconocí.do (live event online: https://youtu.be/Fj_NobMhITk), August 13, 2020.

“Dismantling Racism in the Fight for Family Immigration,” Online Panel Discussion organized by Armando Carmona, Value our Families, featuring, Sonali Kolhatkar, Rising Up, Marta Conner, TPS Alliance, and Diana Konate, African Communities Together. July 7, 2020.

“Lo que significa Juneteenth,” Edición Digital California (televised), June 19, 2020.

“Not (Quite) a Post-Earthquake Event: Rethinking Time and Scale in Haitian Migration to the American Mainland.” Haiti, 10 Years after the Earthquake Symposium, Humanities Center, Scripps College, February 8, 2020

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

“Unpacking Academics,” Invited Panelist, Latina Writers Conference , Plaza de la Raza, Los Angeles. September 8, 2018

“Manufacturing Precarity in Hispaniola: The Political Economy of *La Sentencia* and Haitian Immigrants’ Rights in the Dominican Republic,” Research Center, Threatened Orders—Societies Under Stress, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, June 22, 2018

“Listening to Black Women: Researching Social Movements in Afro-Latin America,”
University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, June 22, 2018

“Forms of Intersectional Discrimination: Immigration and Citizenship Policies in the Dominican Republic.” Keynote address, Cerritos Community College Women’s History Month,” Cerritos Community College, March 29, 2018

“Afro-Latin Americans/Afro-Latin America,” Keynote address, Chaffey College, Fontana Campus, February 27, 2018

Commentator and Discussant, “Explorando las Afro-Dominicanidades.” Organized by Saudi García. New York University, New York City, March 4, 2017

Roundtable Discussion, “Análisis de las pasadas elecciones en los EE.UU y las consecuencias para la región,” OBMICA and FLACSO, Santo Domingo, November 18, 2016

“Moving Towards Transformation by the Office Hour,” Keynote address, Johnson County Community College, Kansas City, KY., September 9, 2016

Interview about Cien Años publication: Uno Más Uno, Teleantillas. June 20, 2016, <https://youtu.be/qI7X7MqRjFs>

“A Caribbean Rwanda? Hispaniola, Human Rights, and the U.S. Imperial State.” 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,” Colby College, October 1, 2015

“The Limits of Multiculturalism: Reflections on Dominican Nationalisms and the Current Crisis over Status and Citizenship,” Gettysburg College, October 20, 2014

“Hostos (and the Woman Question) in Santo Domingo: A Consideration of Gender and Nation Building in Hostosian Thought and Practice,” Keynote address, Hostos Community College, “Hostos 2014,” March 19, 2014

“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

Professional Service

Member, Executive Council, Haitian Studies Association 2021-Present

Member, Editorial Board, Critical Caribbean Series, Rutgers University Press

Co-Chair, Haiti/Dominican Republic Section	2018-Present
Latin American Studies Association	2010-2016
Discipline Reviewer, CIEE Fulbright	2014-2016
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	
Bulletin of Latin Ameri	
Handbook of Latin American Studies	
Duke University Press	
Rutgers University Press	
University of Alabama Press	
University Press of Florida	
Latin American Research Review	
Itinerario	
Cambridge University Press	
University of Pennsylvania Press	
Citizenship Studies	
Atlantic Studies	
Sociologias, Journal of the Graduate Program in Sociology -UFRGS, Brazil	

College Service

Division III Rep, HHMI Inclusive Excellence Cmt.	2021-Present
Chair, History Department	2018-2021
Faculty Representative, Strategic Planning Steering Committee	2018-Present
Faculty Coordinator, Draper Center for Community Partnerships	2018-Present
Member, Campus Climate Survey Task Force	Spring, 2021
Member, President's Advisory Committee on Diversity	2014-2016
Chair, Student Affairs Committee	2014-2016
Quest Faculty Mentor	2014-2016
Dean of Women, Pomona College	2013-2016
Faculty-In-Residence	2013-2016
Coordinator, Latin American Studies	2013-2016
Member, Curriculum Committee	2011-2014
Steering Committee Member, Gender and Women's Studies	2010-2013
Member, Parental Leave Policy Ad-Hoc Committee	2008-2009
Coordinator, Pomona College Peer Mentoring Program	2006-2008
Member, Watson Fellowship Nominating Committee	2006-2007
Member, Fulbright Nominating Committee	Fall, 2006

Community Service

Treasurer, Board of Directors, Haitian Bridge Alliance 2019-Present
Member, Black Latinas Know Collective 2017-Present

Leadership Development

Moving from Inclusivity Talk to Equity in Action in International Education Leadership Workshop

Dickinson College and IIE, January 28-29, 2021

Advancing Equity Practices Amid Crisis and Uncertainty
Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Connect, May 5, 2020

Academy for Inclusive Excellence
Office of Diversity and Inclusion
University of California, Irvine, September 26, 2017

Culture of Respect (CORE), Ending Sexual Assault, Training
Pomona College, August 25, 2015

Leveraging Latin@ Student Strengths to Foster Student Success
AAC&U Pre-Conference Workshop, March 26, 2015

Mapping the Curriculum
Intercollegiate Feminist Center for Teaching, Research, and Engagement, February 13, 2015

HERS Denver Summer Institute June 2015

- Designed a leadership project related to faculty professional development and inclusive excellence
- Trained in Negotiation, Team Building, Assessment, Issue Framing, Career Mentoring, Budgeting and Financial Reports,

Women's Centers Committee (WCC) Leadership Workshop
National Women's Studies Association Pre-Conference, November 13, 2014

Professional Organizations

Latin American Studies Association
Haitian Studies Association
Organization of American Historians
Dominican Studies Association
The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
Caribbean Studies Association