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Thoughtful and intentional leader who combines decades of expertise in historical research and writing about class, race, gender, and sexuality with current best practices in the area of inclusive excellence in support of faculty development. A collaborative, community builder with years of experience serving the Latin American Studies Association as co-chair of the Haiti-DR Section and as an active member of the Feminist and Gender Studies, ERIP, and Latinx Studies Sections. A judicious and communicative administrator with experience managing budgets and working closely with staff.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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

Dickinson College and IIE Workshop, 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 AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Treasurer, Board of Directors, Haitian Bridge Alliance	2019-
Member, Editorial Board, Critical Caribbean Studies Book Series	2018-
Discipline Reviewer, CIEE Fulbright	2014-2018
Co-Chair, Haiti/Dominican Republic Section Latin American Studies Association	2010-2016
Girl Scout Troop Leader, Troop 10224	2010-2015

EDUCATION

PhD	University of Michigan, History
BA	Pomona College, Concentration in History Cum Laude

HONORS AND AWARDS

Border Narrative Change Grant	November 2020
For a public-facing, community-centered project on Blackness in the U.S. borderlands	
Pomona College Hirsch Research Initiation Grant	December 2018
For research project about Haitians at the U.S.-Mexico Border and in Southern Mexico	
Visiting Scholar, "Threatened Orders,"	Summer 2018
Collaborative Research Centre (223), University of Tübingen	
Pomona College Wig Award for Distinguished Teaching	May 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pomona College	2013-Present
Associate Professor, History	
Pomona College	2006-2013
Assistant Professor, History	
Virginia Tech	2004-2006
Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Africana Studies	

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 Publications

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, 2021. Online access: <https://doi.org/10.3998/mpub.12278109>

Manley, Elizabeth S. and April J. Mayes, “Situating Blackness and Antiracism in a Global Frame,” Kalfou, vol. 7, no. 2 (Fall 2020): 415-425.

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).

Article Under Review

Mayes, April J. and Todd Shimoda, “Data Analytics as Historical Thinking: Using the Early California Population Project in an Undergraduate History Survey Course.” Submitted to The History Teacher.

Conference Papers

“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, Held Virtually. 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 Haitian, 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

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Invited Lectures

“Black Lives Matter and the Struggle for Immigrant Justice: The Struggle in New York City and Beyond,” 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,” 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,” 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

“La importancia de la Restauración en la historia dominicana,” Reconoci.do and We Are All Dominican, August 13, 2020

“Unpacking Academics,” 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

“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

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.

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

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

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

Symposium Presentations

“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

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

“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

Workshop Facilitations

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

“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

PUBLIC-FACING WORK

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

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

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

Mayes, April. “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>.

LANGUAGES

List the languages that you know, along with your level of proficiency. Use an appropriate proficiency scale such as the ACTFL which provides guidelines for Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Superior, and Distinguished levels in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

Bilingual in Spanish and English

Haitian Creole: Intermediate Listener, Intermediate Speaker, Intermediate Reading and Writing

French: Novice Speaking, Intermediate Reading

Portuguese: Beginning Speaking, Intermediate Reading

COMPUTER SKILLS

Applications: Microsoft Office Suite, Qualtrics, Atlas.ti, SharePoint, OneDrive, Slack,

Platforms: Omeka, WordPress

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Manuscripts 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