

Molly C. Ball

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2013, Ph.D. in History, University of California, Los Angeles

2008, M.A. in History, University of California, Los Angeles

2005, B.A. in History, B.A. in Spanish, Clemson University, *Summa cum laude*

EMPLOYMENT

University of Rochester, History Department

Lecturer, 2017-present

Adjunct Professor, 2013-2017

RESEARCH

Monographs

Daily Life, Debt, and Development: An Introduction to Latin American Economic History. Routledge Tópicos series, 2024.
(invited submission currently under review)

Navigating Life and Work in Old Republic São Paulo. University of Florida Press, 2020.

Publications

“Neighborhoods in Transition: (Im)migrant interactions in the second wave of the Great Migration.” (in preparation)

“La asistencia escolar en momentos de crisis: São Paulo, Brasil, 1914-1930.” Invited submission for *Historia Económica de Uruguay* (forthcoming, 2021).

“Prices, Wages and the Cost of Living in Old Republic São Paulo: 1891-1930” *Research in Economic History*, v.34, December 2018.

“Wife, Mother and Worker: the Decision to Work in Early-Twentieth Century São Paulo” *Journal of Women’s History*, v.29.4, December 2017.

“Portuguese Diasporas: A Survey of the Scholarly Literature,” with Edward A. Alpers in Michel Cahen, Ed., *Imperial Migrations: Colonial Communities and Diaspora in the Portuguese World*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

Book Reviews

“Review of Jessica Lynn Graham, *Shifting the Meaning of Democracy: Race, Politics, and Culture in the United States and Brazil*” H-Diplo online review, March 2021.

“Review of James Woodard *Brazil’s Revolution in Commerce: Creating Consumer Capitalism in the American Century*” in *Journal of Social History*, Winter 2020.

“A Colonial Reformer through Rose-Colored Glasses” review of *The Bishop’s Utopia: Envisioning Improvement in Colonial Peru*, by Emily Berquist Soule. *Reviews in American History*, March 2016.

Review of *Reinventing State Capitalism: Leviathan in Business, Brazil and Beyond*, by Aldo Musacchio and Sergio G. Lazzarini. *Enterprise and Society*, August 2014.

Major Fellowships

Andrew Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar “Unbordering Migration in the Americas: Causes, Experiences, Identities,” co-organizer and collaborator, 2020 – 2022.

Boren Fellowship, National Security Education Program, 2010.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, US Department of Education, 2008.

Invited Talks

“The Price of Bread: A Family Solution to Declining Real Wages in São Paulo” Queens University. Economic History Workshop. Kingston, Ontario, Canada. March 18, 2016.

“Wife, Mother Worker: Understanding Working-Class Women in Early-Twentieth Century São Paulo.” University of California, Los Angeles. Brazilian History Research Workshop. Los Angeles, California. March 11, 2014.

“Wage and Labor Inequality in Old Republic São Paulo, SP.” CalTech Social Science History lunch. Pasadena, California. February 26, 2013.

Conference Participation

Contingent Faculty in a Time of Coronavirus: Views from the Front Lines. Organization of American Historians. April 17, 2021. Invited Panelist.

“Accepting Women’s Work: World War I’s Enduring Impact in São Paulo, Brazil.” 18th Berkshire Conference of Women, Genders and Sexualities: Environments. May 2020 Conference Canceled.

Im/migrant Worker Conference: Health Care Barriers and Solutions. University of Rochester Medical Center. February 23, 2019. Invited Panelist.

“Please Bring Socks and Paper: São Paulo industrial shortcomings revealed” 2018 Southern California Brazilian Studies Conference. Irvine, California. February 11, 2018. Paper presented.

“Working Girls and Mothers in the City of São Paulo, 1915-1930.” 2013 Conference on Latin American History Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana. January 5, 2013. Panel organizer and paper presented.

“Real Wage Evolution in São Paulo, Brazil, 1891-1930.” Economic History Association 72nd Annual Meeting. Vancouver, Canada. September 21, 2012. Paper presented.

“Immigrants in the São Paulo Labor Market: 1900-1930” / <<Los Imigrantes en el Mercado de Trabajo de São Paulo: 1900-1930>>, Congreso Latinoamericano de Historia Económica II, Mexico City, Mexico. February 3, 2010. Paper presented.

2009 “Origins of Industrial Inequality: São Paulo, 1889-1930,” Latin American Studies Association XXVIII International Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. June 13, 2009. Paper presented.

Campus Presentations

“Moving Past GDP: Quality of Life as a Woman’s Measure.” Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies Faculty Lecture Series. Rochester, New York. October 10, 2019.

Other Scholarly Activities

2019, 2020 Insper Economic History Workshop. São Paulo, São Paulo Brazil.

Invited Selection Committee member

2015 – present University of Rochester

Rochester Center for Community Engagement faculty affiliate

Course-related community partnerships: Center for Teen Empowerment; Corn Hill Neighborhood Association; Frederick Douglass Library; Frederick Douglass Recreation Center; Worker Justice Center; Clarissa Street Reunion

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses: Colonial Latin America; Modern Latin America*; Film as History: Modern Latin America (film studies cross-list); Racial Democracies: Brazil vs. Mexico^o; Public History – Theory and Practice*^o; History of Brazil; Urban History of Latin America^o; Immigration in the Americas*^o; Society and Culture in Modern Latin America; Big Business in the South: Business History of Brazil (economics cross-list)

Undergraduate Research Adviser: Mexican Gender Norms in Midwestern Settlement Houses; The Education Debate: Immigration in California and Texas, 1986-1994; Public History internship faculty supervisor (RMSC, Center for Teen Empowerment)*; Gendered Historical Development; Historiography of Digital Slave Histories in the Americas; An Urban History of Havana

Directed Graduate Readings: Gender in 20th Century Latin America

(* denotes classes with community-engaged coursework distinction)

(^o denotes classes with graduate sections)

ADVISING AND ADMINISTRATION

2014 – present

Pre-major advisor for first years and sophomores; Specialized DACA and Dreamers undergraduate advisor; History major/minor advisor; Latin American Studies

2020 – present
Latin American Studies minor coordinator

SERVICE

Workshop/Event Organization

New York State Latin American History Workshop. University of Rochester. March 15, 2019.
Workshop Co-organizer and Coordinator

“Alufa Rufino, A Man of Faith and Sorcery on the Periphery of Islam,” a talk by distinguished historian João José Reis. Part of the History Department Verne Moore lecture series. October 31 - November 2, 2018.
Humanities Project Faculty P.I and Organizer of related campus events

“Planting a Seed: Migrant Workers in the American Landscape” University of Rochester Humanities Center event series. March 22-April 2, 2018. *Series Organizer and Participant*

New York State Latin American History Workshop. University of Rochester. March 7, 2014.
Workshop Co-organizer and Coordinator

Committees

Humanities Center Grupo working group on Latin American studies; University of Rochester Undoc/DACA Support Advisory Committee; University of Rochester Fulbright selection committee; Latin American Studies Minor Curriculum Committee

Community Outreach

“Latin America (Im)migration in Historical Perspective.” Rochester City School District Professional Development series. October 6, 2021.

Bilingual Elementary Classroom Volunteer. Rochester City School District. 2016 – present.

Refereeing

Journal of Economic History, International Labor and Working-Class History, Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History

LANGUAGES

Native English Speaker. Native fluency in Portuguese and Spanish. Paleography capabilities in both Portuguese and Spanish. Beginner Nahuatl.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association (AHA), Economic History Association (EHA), Conference on Latin American History (CLAH), Organization of American Historians (OAH), Latin American Studies Association (LASA)