

CURRICULUM VITAE

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European Research Council (ERC) Project “Atlantic Exiles: Refugees and Revolution in the Atlantic World, 1770s-1820s”, led by Jan C. Jansen.

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Academic Expertise

US & Latin American History; Social & Political History; Slavery & Resistance; Refugee History; 18th-19th centuries (USA, Mexico, Caribbean and Chile).

Academic Employment

2021-	University of Duisburg-Essen, Postdoctoral Researcher
2020- 2021	Leiden University, Institute for History, Assistant Professor
2015-2020	Leiden University, PhD Candidate
2019	Roosevelt Institute for American Studies (RIAS), Short-Term Fellowship (Fall 2019)

Academic Degrees

2015-2020:	Leiden University, PhD in History (Distinction: “ <i>Cum Laude</i> ”). [Thesis: <i>Conditional Freedom: Free Soil and Fugitive Slaves from the US South to Mexico’s Northeast, 1803-1861</i> (supervision by prof. Dr. Damian A. Pargas and prof. Dr. Marlou Schrover)].
2013-2015:	Sciences Po Paris, Graduate Studies, Master in Research in History. [Thesis: “Africains et Afrodescendants du Chili (1750-1850) : Esclavage, Conflictualités et Emancipations” (supervision by prof. Dr. Roberto Zaugg)].
2012-2013:	Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile - Exchange Program.
2010-2013:	Sciences Po Paris - Undergraduate Studies (Distinction: “ <i>Cum Laude</i> ”).

Publications:

“An unlawful and contemptible adventure”: the Ducoudray-Holstein expedition and US foreign policy in the early 1820s Caribbean, *Atlantic Studies* (2021), DOI: [10.1080/14788810.2021.1948283](https://doi.org/10.1080/14788810.2021.1948283)

“Looking for Freedom in the Borderlands: U.S. Black Refugees from Slavery in Early Independent Mexico”, in Ronald A. Johnson and Ousmane Power-Greene (eds.), *In Search of Liberty: African-American Internationalism in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World* (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2021), 57-86.

[Book review] Matthew J. Clavin, *The Battle of Negro Fort: the Rise and Fall of a Fugitive Slave Community*. New York: New York University Press, 2019. *Journal of Global Slavery* 5:2 (2020), 314-317.

“‘Le véritable esclavage des vices et de la mendicité’: discours et ambivalences du républicanisme chilien aux croisements entre esclavage, égalité raciale et citoyenneté (1810-1823)”, *Esclavage et Post-Esclavage, Slavery and Post-Slavery*, n°1, “Citoyenneté et contre-citoyenneté” (Nov. 2019).

[Book review] Jeffrey R. Kerr-Ritchie, *Rebellious Passage: the Creole Revolt and America's Coastal Slave Trade*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2019. *La Vie des Idées/Books and Ideas*. 21 November 2019. ISSN: 2105-3030. <http://booksandideas.net/Slave-Ship-Rebellions.html>.

"Slavery, Resistance(s) and Abolition in Early Nineteenth-Century Chile", *Journal of Global Slavery* 4:3 (2019), 372-403.

"Freedom at the fringes? Slave Flight and Empire-Building in the Early Modern Spanish Borderlands of Essequibo-Venezuela and Louisiana-Texas" (with Bram Hoonhout), *Slavery & Abolition* 40:1 (2019), 61-86.

"Abolitionists, Smugglers and Scapegoats: Assistance Networks for "Fugitive Slaves" in the Texas-Mexico borderlands (1836-1861)", *Mémoire(s), Identité(s), Marginalité(s) dans le Monde Occidental Contemporain* [online], n°19 (2018). URL: <https://journals.openedition.org/mimmoc/2731>.

[Book review] Aline Helg, *Plus jamais esclaves! De l'insoumission à la révolte, le grand récit d'une émancipation (1492-1838)*, Paris, Editions La Découverte, 2016, 422 pp., € 26.00 (paperback), ISBN 978-2707188656, *Journal of Global Slavery* 2:1-2 (2017), 214-215.

"Proceso abolicionista y sociedad post-esclavista en Chile. Dinámicas históricas y perspectivas de estudio (fines s. XVIII - comienzos s. XIX)", *Historias que vienen: Revista de Estudiantes de Historia*, n°6, Santiago de Chile, Universidad Diego Portales, (May 2015), 39-60.

Forthcoming

"Mexico and Transnational Antislavery Connections in 19th century North America", in Lawrence Aje and Claudine Reynaud (eds.), in *Ending Slavery: The Abolitionist Struggle in Perspective* (Montpellier, Presses Universitaires de la Méditerranée, forthcoming).

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks:

2021 "Mexico and Transnational Antislavery Connections in 19th century North America", *European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC) 2020* [postponed to 24-27 March 2021]

2019 "Déracinés ou Réunis: Famille et Marronage à la Frontière Mexicano-Américaine (19^e siècle)". Studying North American and Caribbean Slavery in Europe. Theme: Slave Families and Households, 17th-19th centuries, Paris, 18 October 2019.

"Slave Flight to Mexico, Sectionalism and Proslavery Mobilization in the US South (1850s), *The British Association for American Studies (BAAS) 64th Annual Conference*, University of Sussex, Brighton (United Kingdom), 25-27 April 2019.

2018 "Reconstructing the experiences of US fugitive slaves in northeastern Mexico, c.1800-1860", *Slave Subjectivities in the Iberian Worlds (15th-20th centuries)*, International Conference, Lisbon (Portugal), 2-4 July 2018.

"Looking for Freedom in the Borderlands: Fugitive Slaves, Free-Soil and Settlement in Early Independent Mexico", *Annual Posthumus Conference*, N.W. Posthumus Institute, Utrecht (Netherlands), 24-25 May 2018.

- “Conditional Freedom: US fugitive slaves in Mexican Texas, 1821-1836”, *The 32nd European Association for American Studies and 63rd British Association for American Studies Conference (EBAAS)*, London (United Kingdom), 4-7 April 2018.
- 2017 “Self-Liberated Slaves in Territorial Louisiana and Spanish Texas (1803-1812)”, *Research Seminar in American History*, Roosevelt Institute for American Studies, Middelburg (Netherlands), 15-17 November 2017.
- “‘Y preguntado la causa de su fuga’: motives for escape to the Mexican *noreste* among enslaved African Americans from the US South, c.1800-1860”, *Masterclass on Slavery in the Americas*, Leiden University and N.W. Posthumus Institute, Leiden (Netherlands), 17 March 2017.
- 2016 “Slave refugees in the US-Mexico borderlands, 1800-1860”, *ESTER Research Design Course (RDC) for PhD students in Economic and Social History*, Pisa (Italy), 19-21 October 2016.
- “Slave Refugees and Notions of Independence, Texas, c.1830-1860”, *International Colloquium Indépendance(s), 2016-1776*, Université Paris 8 Vincennes-St Denis, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre-La Défense, Saint-Denis (France), 13-15 October 2016.
- “Abolitionists, Smugglers and Scapegoats: Assistance Networks for “Fugitive Slaves” in the Texas-Mexico borderlands (1836-1861)”, *The Emancipation of Bound Laborers in the Americas before the Abolition of Slavery*, Université Montpellier III-Paul Valéry, Montpellier (France), 7 October 2016.
- 2015 “‘La ley bárbara de hacer esclavo al semejante’: esclavaje et pensée libérale au Chili (fin XVIIIe-début XIXe siècle)”, *Libertés et esclavages dans le monde atlantique, XVe-XXe siècles*, Summer School of STARACO Project, Université de Nantes, Nantes (France), 22-26 June 2015.
- “A micro-historical perspective on slavery in the region of Coquimbo through judicial archives: the Gallardo case (Chile, 1800-1808)”, *The many faces of slavery: non-traditional slave experiences in the Atlantic world*, Université Montpellier III-Paul Valéry, Montpellier (France), 21-22 May 2015.
- 2014 “Africanos y afromestizos en Chile tardo colonial y en el periodo republicano temprano. Propuestas acerca del declive de la esclavitud, y para una historia de la presencia negra en las primeras décadas del Chile republicano (1750-1850)”, *VI Jornadas de Estudiantes de Historia*, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile (Chile), 30 October 2014.

Conference and Panel Organization:

Panel “Transnational Antislavery Connections in North America and the Caribbean, 1776-1865”, *European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC) 2020* [postponed to 24-27 March 2021]

Seeking Refuge: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Refugees and Asylum, Roosevelt Institute for American Studies, Middelburg, 27-28 September 2018.

Masterclass on Slavery in the Americas, Leiden University and N. W. Posthumus Institute, Leiden, 17 March 2017.

Teaching Experience:

Instructor of *The Birth of an Empire? The US in the World from the American Revolution to the Late Nineteenth Century*, Leiden University, Institute for History (Spring Semester 2021).

Instructor of *An American Century? US Foreign Relations from 1898 to the Present*, Leiden University, Leiden University College (LUC), The Hague (Spring Semester 2021).

Instructor of *Seeking Refuge from Slavery in North America (19th century)*, Leiden University, Institute for History (Fall Semester 2020).

Instructor of Research Methods, Thematic Seminar *Slavery and Public Memory*, Leiden University, BA International Studies, The Hague (Fall Semester 2020).

Instructor of the Honours College Capstone Course *Refugees*, Leiden University, Humanities Lab (Spring Semester 2018).

(Co)-instructor of *Historical Research Methods*, Leiden University, Leiden University College (LUC), The Hague (Spring Semester 2017).

“Meelopen” Teaching Assistant for *Imagining the Spanish Empire*, MA Research Class, Leiden University, Institute for History (Spring Semester 2016).

Supervision Experience:

BA theses at International Studies Department and History Institute, Leiden University (2020-2021)

Peer Review Activities:

Historia Crítica (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia)

Journal of Global Slavery

Professional Affiliation:

Member of FEEGI (Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction).

Professional Training:

Veni Pre-proposal Workshop, LURIS Leiden University (11 June 2019).

“Writing an Excellent Research Grant Proposal”, LURIS Leiden University (May-June 2019).

Basic and Advanced Trainings in Economic and Social History, N.W.Posthumus Institute (2015-2019).

Funding:

2021- : ERC Project, Starting Grant, “Atlantic Exiles: Refugees and Revolution in the Atlantic World, 1770s-1820s” (granted to Jan C. Jansen).

2019: RIAS Short Term Research Fellowship.

2015-2019: NWO-VIDI Grant “Beacons of Freedom: Slave Refugees in North America, 1800-1860” (granted to Damian A. Pargas).

2014: Research Grant from Sciences Po Paris (2-month research stay in Chile).

Languages:

French (native language); English (fluent in reading, writing and speaking); Spanish (fluent in reading, writing and speaking); Dutch (intermediate in reading, basic in writing and speaking); Italian (advanced in reading, intermediate in writing and speaking); Portuguese (upper-intermediate in reading, basic in writing and speaking)

