

CURRICULUM VITAE

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

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Academic Expertise

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

Academic Employment

2021- University of Duisburg-Essen, Postdoctoral Researcher

2020- 2021 Leiden University, Institute for History, Assistant Professor

2019 Roosevelt Institute for American Studies (RIAS), Short-Term Fellowship (Fall 2019)

2015-2020 Leiden University, PhD Candidate

Academic Degrees

2015-2020: Leiden University, PhD in History (Distinction: “*Cum Laude*”).

[Thesis: “Conditional Freedom: Free Soil and Fugitive Slaves from the US South to Mexico’s Northeast, 1803-1861” (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 Émancipations” (supervision by prof. Dr. Roberto Zaugg)].

2012-2013: Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile - Exchange Program.

2010-2013: Sciences Po Paris - Undergraduate Studies (Distinction: “*Cum Laude*”).

Book

Conditional Freedom: Free Soil and Fugitive Slaves from the US South to Mexico’s Northeast, 1803-1861

(Boston and Leiden: Brill, Studies in Global Slavery, Dec. 2022). <https://brill.com/view/title/63301>

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Mexico and Transnational Antislavery Connections in Nineteenth-Century North America”, in Lawrence Aje and Claudine Raynaud (eds.), *Ending Slavery: The Abolitionist Struggle in Perspective* (Montpellier: Presses Universitaires de la Méditerranée, 2022), 179-199.

“‘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

“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.

“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” [online] (Nov. 2019).

“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). <https://journals.openedition.org/mimmoc/2731>.

“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.

Book Reviews

[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.

[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>.

[Book review] Aline Helg, *Plus jamais esclaves! De l’insoumission à la révolte, le grand récit d’une émancipation (1492-1838)*, Paris, Éditions La Découverte, 2016. *Journal of Global Slavery* 2:1-2 (2017), 214-215.

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

2022 “Exile, Imperial ‘Improvement’, and Global Capitalism in Western Cuba during the Age of Revolutions”, *Valuing Empires in the 19th and 20th Centuries*, SciencesPo Paris, Centre d’Histoire, Paris (France), 9-10 November 2022.

“Exile and Empire in Western Cuba during the Age of Revolutions”, *Kolloquium Wintersemester* Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Bochum (Germany), 26 October 2022.

“‘Emigrados’ and ‘Réfugiés’: Labels and Governance of Exile in Western Cuba in the Shadow of the Haitian Revolution, c.1790-1815”, *Who is a Refugee: Concepts of Exile, Refuge, and Asylum, c.1750-1850*, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Essen (Germany), 30 June-1 July 2022.

- “We’d be free as soon as we crossed the Rio Grande’: Seeking Refugee from Slavery between the US South and Mexico, 1800-1860”, *Kolloquium im Sommersemester 2022, Forschungsprobleme der Global- und Frühneuzeitgeschichte*, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Essen (Germany), 24 May 2022.
- 2021 “An Unlawful and Contemptible Adventure’: The Ducoudray-Holstein Expedition against Puerto Rico and US Foreign Policy in the Early 1820s Caribbean”, *Colonisations, Revolutions and Reinventions in Early America and the Atlantic World, 1492-1848*, European Early American Studies Association (EEASA) 2021 Conference, Université de Poitiers, Poitiers (France), 8-10 December 2021.
- “A Refuge for Blacks who wished to Escape Slavery and Prejudice’: Abolitionism between Mexico and the US during the 19th Century”. *Laboratory for the Economics of Africa’s Past (LEAP) Webinar Series 2021, ‘Slavery, Emancipation, Legacies’*, Stellenbosch University (South Africa), 22 September 2021.
- “Mexico and Transnational Antislavery Connections in Nineteenth-Century North America”, *European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC) 2020*, Universiteit Leiden, Leiden (Netherlands) [postponed to 24-27 March 2021 due to Covid-19]
- 2019 “Déracinés ou Réunis: Famille et Marronage à la Frontière Mexicano-Américaine (19^e siècle)”. *Studying North American and Caribbean Slavery in Europe. Slave Families and Households, 17th-19th centuries*, Maison de la Recherche, Sorbonne Université, Paris (France), 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, Universiteit 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’ : esclavage et pensée libérale au Chili (fin XVIIIe-début XIXe siècle)”, *Libertés et esclavages dans le monde atlantique, XIVe-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 afroestizados 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

Who is a Refugee: Concepts of Exile, Refuge and Asylum, c.1750-1850, University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen (Germany), 30 June-1 July 2022.

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 & 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).

Instruction of *BA International Studies Thesis Seminar*, Leiden University, BA International Studies, 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 Track and History Institute, Leiden University (2020-2021)

Peer Review Activities

Historia Crítica (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia)

Journal of Global Slavery

Professional Affiliation

EEASA (European Early American Studies Association)

FEEGI (Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction).

Professional Training

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

Research Funding Record

2021-2025: 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).

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