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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024 Assistant Professor of History, Stony Brook University

### EDUCATION

2017 – 2024 Ph.D., Department of History, **University of Toronto**;  
Food Studies Collaborative Specialization, Culinary Research Centre  
Dissertation: “Navigating Amphibious Lives: Free People of Colour,  
Ecology, and Food Along Colombia’s Magdalena River (1770-1860)”  
Committee: Drs. Tamara Walker, Jeffrey Pilcher, Shauna Sweeney, William  
Nelson, Christian Abizaid, Manuel Barcia Paz

2018-2024 Food Studies Collaborative Specialization, *Culinary Research Centre*

2016 M.A., **University of Guelph**, History  
Thesis: “Spoonful of Spanish: Religiosity, Cuisine, and the Formation of  
Creole Identities” – Supervised by Dr. Karen Racine.

2014 Honours B.A., **University of Toronto**, History, English Literature.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Articles and Book Reviews in Refereed Journals

Mantilla Morales, Valeria. “Amphibious Landings: Free people of Color, Food supply, and  
Contested Land Tenure on the Magdalena River Network, 1792-1805.” *Atlantic Studies:  
Global Currents* 21 (1): 2024.

Mantilla Morales, Valeria. Book review of John R. Gust and Jennifer P. Mathews, *Sugarcane and Rum:  
The Bittersweet History of Labor and Life on the Yucatán Peninsula*, in *Gastronomica: The Journal of  
Food Studies* (2021) 21 (2): 116–117.

Mantilla Morales, Valeria. “Edible Identities: Shaping Spanish and Creole Palates in Early Colonial  
Lima and Cuzco,” *Past Tense: Graduate Review of History* 6 (2018): 28–50.

#### Book Chapters

Mantilla Morales, Valeria. “Colombia’s Magdalena and the River as Labor.” Chapter in edited volume titled  
*Rivers on the Move*, workshopped at Brown University (Rhode Island, USA), June 2023. Edited by  
Bathsheba Demuth, Mark Healey, Giacomo Parrinello, and Larry Smith.

\*Under contract with Duke University Press.

For more information, see: <https://sites.brown.edu/rivers/>  
<https://www.sciencespo.fr/histoire/en/actualites/rivers-move.html>

### SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

#### Major Fellowships

2025-2027 British Academy International Fellowship, University of Strathclyde,  
(Glasgow, Scotland)

2022-2023 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

2020-2022 Doctoral Fellowship, Canada’s Social Science and Humanities Research  
Council (SSHRC)

## **Other Fellowships, Awards, and Grants**

- 2024 Finlayson Gold Medal for most outstanding dissertation, History Department, University of Toronto
- 2024 The Dana Wessell-Lightfoot Long-Term Service Award, History Department, University of Toronto
- 2022-2023 Graduate Fellowship, Culinaria Research Centre, University of Toronto
- 2022 Director's New Initiative Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
- 2022 Short-Term Research Fellowship, The Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, (alternate)
- 2019 Natalie Zemon Davis Fellowship, University of Toronto
- 2018 Government of Canada History Award
- 2017 C.P. Stacey-Connaught Graduate Fellowship, University of Toronto

## **INVITED LECTURES**

- 2023 "El río como metodología: maneras de navegar el xix." Guest lecture for "Colombia Moderna," History course. Professor Laura Buenaventura Gómez. Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 2023 "Mary on the Magdalena: Women and Imperial Environments in nineteenth century Latin America." Invited lecture for HIS395 – Gender in Nineteenth Century Latin America, Dr. Catalina Rodríguez. University of Toronto
- 2022 "Foodways and Knowledge on the Magdalena River" – Speaker Series, Culinaria Research Centre, University of Toronto.
- 2021 "Sentidos plurales de la paz, historia, educación y enfoque diferencial" – Cátedra Nacional: Sentidos plurales de la paz, Universidad Nacional, Colombia.
- 2020 "History in the Time of Covid-19" – Roundtable discussion, Intellectual Community Committee, Department of History, University of Toronto.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2024 "Fluir hacia la paz: el río Magdalena, historia ambiental e imaginarios espaciales," Coloquio internacional "Guerra, paz y medioambiente en América Latina. Del siglo XIX a nuestros días," Instituto Francés de Estudios Andinos (IFEA), Museo Nacional, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 2024 "Building Amphibious Homes" – Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 2022 "Comidas en bosques y un mundo al revés" – DIAITA 8.º Colóquio Luso-Brasileiro de História e Culturas da Alimentação, Universidad de Coimbra, Portugal.
- 2022 "Los biceps del río: alimentación, navegación, y conocimiento en el río Magdalena. (1750-1800)" - Jornadas Internacionales de Historia del Mundo Atlántico en la Modernidad Temprana, Universidad de La Plata, Argentina.
- 2021 "Labourers of the Magdalena River: Food and Riverine Geographies" - Conférence Internationale d'Histoire et des Cultures de l'Alimentation, IEHCA (Institut Européen d'histoire et des cultures de l'alimentation).

- 2018 “From Cancún to Caracas: Ingesting Authenticity in Toronto’s Restaurants” – Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.
- 2016 “Edible Identities: Shaping Spanish and Creole Palates in the Viceroyalty of Peru” – Migration With(out) Boundaries Graduate Conference, Lansing, MI.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Course Instructor**

HIS380 – Topics in Latin American History: Diasporic Foodways, Spring 2025, Stony Brook University

HIS/POL214 – Modern Latin America, Spring 2025, Stony Brook University

HIS213 – Colonial Latin America, Fall 2024, Stony Brook University

HIS291HF – Colonial Latin America, Fall 2023, University of Toronto.

HIS291H1S – Colonial Latin America, Summer 2021, University of Toronto.

### **Teaching Assistant**

HIS389H1S: Criminalization and Protest in Latin American History, Winter 2022, Teaching Assistant, Dr. Luis Van Isschot, University of Toronto.

HISB37H3F: History of Mexico, Summer 2020, Dr. Jeffrey Pilcher, University of Toronto Scarborough.

HIS230: Indigenous and Early Colonial Caribbean History, Fall 2019, Dr. Melanie Newton, University of Toronto.

HIS262: Canada: A Short History of Here, Fall 2019, Dr. Heidi Bohaker, University of Toronto.

HIS291: Colonial Latin America, Fall 2018, Dr. Tamara Walker, University of Toronto.

FST01: Foods that Changed the World, Fall 2018, Dr. Jeffrey Pilcher, University of Toronto.

HIST103Y: Strategy and Statecraft, Fall/Winter 2017-2018, Dr Timothy Sayle, University of Toronto.

HIST2250: Environment and History, Winter 2016, Dr. Susan Nance, University of Guelph.

HIST3130: Popular Culture and Punishment, Fall 2015, Dr. Linda Mahood, University of Guelph.

HIST1250: Science and Technology in a Global Context, Winter 2015, Dr. David Smillie, University of Guelph. HIST1010: The Early Modern World, Fall 2014, Dr. Peter Goddard, University of Guelph.

### **Research Assistant**

2022-Present Researcher and co-author, Biblioteca Virtual Colombiana (BVC) – Biblioteca Bicentenario: Volumen de voces populares. Directed by Dr. Francisco Ortega. Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

2020- Present Researcher and co-author, Centro de pensamiento pluralizar la paz. Directed by Dr. Francisco Ortega. Bogotá, Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

2020 HIS390H5F: Revolutions and Nations in Latin America, Fall 2020, Research Assistant, Juan Carlos Mezo, University of Toronto Mississauga.

2019 Research Assistant for Dr. Jeffrey Pilcher, Research Project: “Is That Grapefruit in My Beer? Creating and Documenting a Global Taste Community.” University of Toronto.

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND CREDENTIALS**

- 2023 Participant, LLILAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections, Spanish Paleography and Digital Humanities Institute Summer Course, The University of Texas at Austin. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC).
- 2023 Participant and Contributor, Visualizing Foodways Field School (Mexico City). Coordinated by Hemispheric Encounters: Developing Transborder Research-Creation Practices, a project created by the Canadian Consortium on Performance and Politics in the Americas.
- 2021-2022 Copy Editor, *Past Tense Graduate Review of History*. University of Toronto.
- 2019-2020 Managing Editor, *Global Food History Journal* (Taylor & Francis).