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# ALINE HELG

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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- 1981-83 University of Geneva. "Doctorat es Lettres" (Ph.D.), History (1983).  
1978-81 University College London, Department of History (M.Phil. Program).  
1973-77 University of Geneva. "Licence es Lettres" (M.A.), major studies: History, Spanish, Political Science (1977).  
"Demi-Licence es Economie" (1975).

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### LANGUAGES

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French (mother tongue); English and Spanish (full proficiency); German and Portuguese (reading only).

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### EXPERIENCE

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- 2019-- Professor emeritus, Département d'histoire générale, Faculté des Lettres, University of Geneva, Switzerland.  
2019 (October) Senior Visiting Professor, Postdoctoral Interdisciplinary Program "Desigualdades Globais e Justiça Social: Diálogos Norte e Sul", Colégio Latino-Americano de Estudos Mundiais, University of Brasília.  
2003-2018 Professor, Département d'histoire générale, Faculté des Lettres, University of Geneva, Switzerland.  
2017 (February) Invited Professor, Maestría en Historia de América latina. Universidad Pablo de Olavide de Sevilla, Spain.  
2008 (March) Invited Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, France.  
2006 Invited Professor, International History and Politics Unit, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Département d'histoire et politiques internationales, spring semester.  
1995-2003 Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin  
2000-1 Fellow, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.  
1989-95 Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin.

- 1992-95 Director and designer of a scholarly exchange program between the Univ. of Texas-Austin, and the University of Havana, Cuba. Financed by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Program on Peace and International Cooperation.
- 1986-89 Visiting Scholar, Institute of Latin American Studies, Univ. of Texas-Austin. Research work in Cuba and Argentina.
- 1984-89 "Maître-assistante" (Assistant Professor), Department of Education and Institute of Development Studies, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1981-84 "Assistante" (Instructor), Department of Education, University of Geneva.
- 1979-81 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOKS

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- 2019 *Slave No More: Self-Liberation before Abolitionism in the Americas*. Transl. Lara Vergnaud. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.  
<https://www.uncpress.org/book/9781469649634/slave-no-more/>
- 2018 *¡Nunca más esclavos! Una historia comparada de los esclavos que se liberaron en las Américas*. Transl. Julia García Aranzazu. Bogotá: Fondo de Cultura Económica-Banco de la República.  
<https://www.fondodeculturaeconomica.com/DetalleEd.aspx?ctit=003785R>
- 2016 *Plus jamais esclaves ! De l'insoumission à la révolte, le grand récit d'une émancipation (1492-1838)*, Paris : Editions La Découverte.
- 2011 *Libertad e Igualdad en el Caribe colombiano, 1770-1835*. Bogotá, Medellín: Banco de la República-Fondo Editorial de la Universidad EAFIT.
- 2004 *Liberty and Equality in Caribbean Colombia, 1770-1835*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 363 pages.
- \* Winner, 2005 John E. Fagg, American Historical Association.
- 2001 *La educación en Colombia, 1918-1957. Una historia social, económica y política*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Bogotá: Plaza & Janés-Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, 334 pages.
- 2000 *Lo que nos corresponde: La lucha de los negros y mulatos por la igualdad en Cuba, 1886-1912*. Transl. from English (American) by José Antonio Tabares del Real. Havana: Imagen Contemporánea, 371 pages.
- 1995 *Our Rightful Share. The Afro-Cuban Struggle for Equality, 1886-1912*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 361 pages. Reprinted in 1998.
- \* Winner, 1995 Wesley-Logan Prize, American Historical Association.
- \* Winner, 1997 Elsa Goveia Book Prize, Association of Caribbean Historians.
- \* Winner, 1998 G. K. Lewis Memorial Award from the Caribbean Studies Association.
- 1987 *La educación en Colombia, 1918-1957. Una historia social, económica y política*. Translation of *Civiliser le peuple et former les élites*. Bogotá: CEREC, 334 pages.
- 1984 *Civiliser le peuple et former les élites. L'éducation en Colombie, 1918-1957*. Paris: L'Harmattan, 350 pages.

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 EDITED VOLUME
 

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- 2012 *Latin America 1810-2010: Dreams and Legacies*. Claude Auroi and Aline Helg (eds), London: Imperial College Press

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 CHAPTERS IN A BOOK, HANDBOOK, OR ENCYCLOPEDIA
 

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- 2019 "Introduction to Part III". In *Breaking the Chains, Forging the Nation: The Afro-Cuban Fight for Freedom and Equality, 1812-1912*, edited by Aisha Finch and Fannie Rushing. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2019, p. 213-221.
- 2017 "Orality and Writing in the Historiography of Afro-descendant Slaves." In *Orality, Identity, and Resistance in Palenque (Colombia). An Interdisciplinary Approach*, edited by Armin Schwegler, Bryan Kirschen and Graciela Maglia. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company, 2017, p. 295-314.
- 2016 "Une autre Restauration: Ruptures et continuités en Amérique espagnole après la restauration des Bourbons en 1814." In *Quand le monde a changé... L'entrée de Genève dans la Confédération suisse*, edited by Irène Hermann. Genève, Georg Editeur, 2016, p. 73-113.
- 2016 "Exposer l'outrage pour se libérer ? Femmes esclaves, Code noir espagnol et manumission à la fin du 18e siècle." Journée *Femmes et vie publique : sors de ta chambre !*. [http://www.unige.ch/lettres/files/8714/6047/1736/FVP\\_Helg.pdf](http://www.unige.ch/lettres/files/8714/6047/1736/FVP_Helg.pdf)
- 2015 "Les 'tours de force' des planteurs : affranchis et engagés dans les Antilles britanniques et françaises après l'abolition de l'esclavage." In *Deux Mondes, une planète / Two Worlds, One Planet. Mélanges offerts à Bouda Etemad / Essays in Honor of Bouda Etemad*, Jean Batou et al. (eds.), Lausanne, Editions d'en bas, p. 183-195.
- 2013 "De castas à pardos : Pureté de sang et égalité constitutionnelle dans le processus indépendantiste de la Colombie caraïbe". In *Les indépendances hispano-américaines, un objet d'histoire*, Véronique Hébrard and Geneviève Verdo (eds.). Madrid: Casa de Velásquez. Pp. 181-196.
- 2012 "Oralidad y escritura en la historiografía de los esclavos afrodescendientes". In *Palenque Colombia: Oralidad, identidad y resistencia*, Graciela Maglia and Armin Schwegler (eds.). Bogotá: Instituto Caro y Cuervo-Universidad Javeriana. Pp. 85-106.
- 2012 "Introduction." In *Latin America 1810-2010: Dreams and Legacies*, Claude Auroi and Aline Helg (eds.), Londres: Imperial College Press. Pp. 1-20.
- 2012 "Afro-Latin Americans and the Limits of Equal Rights, 1810-1910-2010." In *Latin America 1810-2010: Dreams and Legacies*, Claude Auroi and Aline Helg (eds.), Londres: Imperial College Press. Pp. 477-98.
- 2011 "El general José Padilla, en busca de la igualdad en la guerra y en la paz." In *Padilla Libertador del Caribe Grancolombiano*. Cartagena de Indias: Ediciones Unitecnológica. Pp. 29-47. [http://www.red-redial.net/doc\\_adj/4659-expedicion-padilla.pdf](http://www.red-redial.net/doc_adj/4659-expedicion-padilla.pdf)
- 2011 "Violence, révolution sociale et hiérarchies socio-raciales : l'indépendance cubaine dans le miroir de la Révolution haïtienne." In *L'heure des brasiers. Violence et révolution au 20e siècle*, Stéfanie Prezioso, David Chevrollet (eds.), Lausanne, Editions d'En Bas. Pp. 179-198.
- 2011 "El desplazamiento forzado de los afrodescendientes del Pacífico colombiano: pasado y presente." In *Expulsados, desterrados, desplazados. Migraciones forzadas en América Latina y los países luso-africanos*, Martin Lienhard (ed.), Madrid / Frankfurt, Iberoamericana / Vervuert. Pp. 171-181.

- 2011 "Race in Post-Abolition Afro-Latin America". Co-author Kim D. Butler. In *The Oxford Handbook of Latin American History*, José Moya (ed.), New York: Oxford University Press. Pp. 257-280.
- 2010 "Participación del Caribe en el proceso independentista." In *El gran libro del bicentenario*, Juan Carlos Torres (ed.), Bogotá: Editorial Planeta. Pp. 169-177.
- 2010 "Afro-Cubans in Cuba's War for Independence (1895-98)." In *War, Protest and Identity: Military Struggle and the Formation of Race, Community and Nation in Latin America 1850-1950*, René Harder Horst and Nicola Foote (eds.), Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. Pp. 59-82.
- 2009 "Cuba, anti-racist movement and the Partido Independiente de Color." In *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500 to the Present*, Immanuel Ness (ed.), Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing. Pp. 911-914.
- 2008 "Abolition and Afro-Latin Americans." In *Blackwell Companion to Latin American History*, Thomas H. Holloway (ed.), Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing. Pp. 247-63.
- 2007 "La negación de la cuestión racial en la Colombia caribeña en los albores de la construcción nacional (1810-1828)". In *Cultura política en los Andes, 1750-1950*, Nils Jacobsen and Cristóbal Aljovín de Losada, (eds.), Lima: Fondo editorial de la UNMSM et Cooperación regional francesa para los países andinos-Instituto francés de estudios andinos, Pp. 291-317.
- 2007 "To Be Black and to Be Cuban: The Dilemma of Afro-Cubans in Post-Independence Politics." In *Beyond Slavery: The Multilayered Legacy of Africans in Latin America*, Darién J. Davis (ed.), Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. Pp. 123-142.
- 2007 "Cartagena." In *Encyclopedia of Western Colonialism since 1450*, Thomas Benjamin (ed.). 3 vols. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA. Pp. 1:183-84.
- 2006 "The Aftermath of Slavery in the Spanish-Speaking Caribbean: Historiography and Methodology." In *Beyond Fragmentation: Perspectives on Caribbean History*, Juanita DeBarros, Audra Diptee and David Trotman (eds.), Princeton, NJ: Markus Weiner Publishers. Pp. 141-162.
- 2005 "Race and Politics in Cuba". In *Contemporary Caribbean Societies and Cultures*, Franklin W Knight and Teresita Martínez Vergne (eds.), Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press. Pp. 183-205.
- 2005 "Sociedad y raza en Cartagena a fines del siglo XVIII". In *Cartagena de Indias en el siglo XVIII*, Haroldo Calvo Stevenson and Adolfo Meisel Roca (eds.), Bogotá: Banco de la República. Pp. 319-364.
- 2005 "Silencing African Descent: Caribbean Colombia and Early Nation Building, 1810-28." In *Political Cultures in the Andes, 1750-1950*, Nils Jacobsen and Cristóbal Aljovín (eds.), Durham: Duke University Press. Pp. 184-206.
- 2004 "Constituciones y prácticas socio-políticas de las minorías de origen africano: una comparación entre Colombia y Cuba", in *Utopía para los excluidos. El multiculturalismo en Africa y América Latina*, Jaime Arocha (ed.), Bogotá, Universidad Nacional de Colombia-Facultad de Ciencias Humanas. Pp. 23-45. <http://www.bdigital.unal.edu.co/1561/3/02CAPI01.pdf>
- 2001 "A Fragmented Majority: Free 'of All Colors,' Indians, and Slaves in Caribbean Colombia during the Haitian Revolution". In *The Impact of the Haitian Revolution in the Atlantic World*, David Geggus (ed.), Charleston, SC.: University of South Carolina Press. Pp. 157-75.
- 2001 "The Problem of Race in Cuba and the United States". In *The South and the Caribbean*, Douglass Sullivan-González and Charles Reagan Wilson (eds.), Jackson: University Press of Mississippi. Pp. 49-89.

- 2000 "Raíces de la invisibilidad del afrocaribe en la imagen de la nación colombiana: independencia y sociedad, 1800-1821". In *Museo, memoria y nación*, Gonzalo Sánchez and María Emma Wills (eds.), Bogotá: Ministerio de Cultura-Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo. Pp. 219-51.
- 2000 "Afro-Cuban Political Mobilization, from Independence to 1912". In *Encarta Africana. The Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora*, Kwame A. Appiah and Henry L. Gates (eds.). 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. CD-ROM, Microsoft Corporation.
- 1999 "The Broken Dream of Cuba's Independence: Life and Death of the First Black Party of the Americas". In *Africana: An Introduction and Study*, Leonard L. Bethel (ed.), Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company. Pp. 113-30.
- 1996 "Kolumbien". In *Handbuch der Geschichte Lateinamerikas*, Walther L. Bernecker and Hans Werner Tobler (eds.), 3 vols., Stuttgart: Ernst Klett Verlag, 1992-96. Vol. III, pp. 703-732.
- 1993 "Education and Training in Colombia, 1940s to 1960s". In *Welfare, Poverty and Development in Latin America*, Christopher G. Abel and Collin M. Lewis (eds.), London: Macmillan Press Ltd. Pp. 239-255.
- 1990 "Race in Argentina and Cuba, 1880-1930: Theory, Policies, and Popular Reaction". In *The Idea of Race in Latin America, 1870-1940*, Richard Graham (ed.), Austin: University of Texas Press. Pp. 37-69.
- 1989 "La educación en Colombia, 1946-1957." In *Nueva historia de Colombia*, Álvaro Tirado Mejía (ed.), 6 vols., Bogotá: Planeta Colombiana Editorial S.A. Vol. IV, pp. 111-134.
- 1989 "La educación en Colombia, 1958-1980." In *Nueva historia de Colombia*, Álvaro Tirado Mejía (ed.), 6 vols., Bogotá: Planeta Colombiana Editorial S.A. Vol. IV, pp. 135-158.

## ARTICLES

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- 2018 "Dominga Pérez, una frágil libertad a fines del siglo XVIII". *Boletín Museo del Oro*, nº 57, Dec. 2018, pp. 86-112.  
<<https://publicaciones.banrepcultural.org/index.php/bmo/article/view/20546>>
- 2017 "Slave but Not Citizen: Free People of Color and Blood Purity in Colonial Spanish American Legislation," *Millars. Espai i història* 52 (Spring 2017), p. 75-99.
- 2014 "La limpieza de sangre bajo las reformas borbónicas y su impacto en el Caribe neogranadino". In *Boletín de Historia y Antigüedades* (Academia Colombiana de Historia), vol. 100, nº 858 (Jan-June 2014), pp. 143-180.
- 2014 "Os afro-cubanos, protagonistas silenciados na história cubana". In Dossiê especial: Afrodescendentes nas Américas e Caribe: novos olhares, novas perspectivas em um contexto global multicultural, *Revista de Estudos e Pesquisas sobre as Américas*, vol. 8, no 1, 2014, pp. 29-51.
- 2012 "Los Independientes de Color, o de la dificultad de ser orgullosamente cubano y negro hace cien años". *Debates Americanos. Revista semestral de estudios históricos y socioculturales*, Dossier 1812-1912-2012: Para una reflexión serena et profunda, nº 4, July-Dec 2012, p. 10-26.
- 2012 "La masacre de los Independientes de Color en Cuba en la historiografía cubana (1912-2012)". En *Acerca del centenario de la masacre de los Independientes de Color en Cuba, 1912-2012 / On the centennial of Cuba's Independent Party of Color, 1912-2012*, *Bulletin de la Société Suisse des Américanistes*, Nº 74 (2012), p. 37-43.
- 2012 "Simón Bolívar's Republic: A Bulwark against the "Tyranny" of the Majority." In *Revista de Sociología e Política*, vol. 20, No. 4, June 2012, pp. 123-147. issn 0104-4478. Dossier: "Novas

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- 2011 "El general José Padilla: un itinerario militar y político en la construcción de la Nueva Grenada independiente." In *Aguaita: Revista del Observatorio del Caribe Colombiano*, No. 23 (December 2011): pp. 122-131.
- 2009 "L'oral et l'écrit dans l'historiographie des esclaves afro-descendants." In *Amériques noires : Réflexions, Bulletin de la Société Suisse des Américanistes*, special issue, p. 11-21.
- 2003 "Simón Bolívar and the Spectre of *Pardocracia*: José Padilla in Post-Independence Cartagena". *Journal of Latin American Studies*, vol. 35, no. 3 (August 2003): 447-71.
- 2001 "La Mejorana Revisited: The Unresolved Debate between Antonio Maceo and José Martí". *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*, vol. 10, no. 1 (winter), pp. 61-89.
- 2000 "Black Men, Racial Stereotyping and Violence in the U.S. South and Cuba at the Turn of the Century". *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, vol. 42 (July), pp. 576-604.
- 1999 "Esclavos y libres de color, negros y mulatos en la investigación y la historia de Colombia". *Revista Iberoamericana*, vol. 188-189 July-December), pp. 697-712.
- 1999 "The Limits of Equality: Free People of Color and Slaves during the First Independence of Cartagena, Colombia (1810-15)". *Slavery & Abolition*, vol. 20 (August), pp. 1-30.
- 1998 "El sentido de la participación de los negros en la guerra de independencia de Cuba". *Revista de Indias*, vol. 58 (January-April), pp. 47-63.
- 1997 "Race and Black Mobilization in Colonial and Early Independent Cuba: A Comparative Perspective". *Ethnohistory*, vol. 44 (winter), pp. 53-74.
- 1996 "Cultura oficial y cultura prohibida: Blancos y negros en Cuba después de la independencia". *Historia y Cultura* (Revista de la Facultad de Ciencias Humanas de la Universidad de Cartagena), vol. 4, pp. 25-49.
- 1996 "Políticas raciales en Cuba después de la independencia: Represión de la cultura negra y mito de la igualdad racial." *América Negra*, vol. 11, pp. 63-79.
- 1991 "Afro-Cuban Protest: The Partido Independiente de Color, 1908-1912." *Cuban Studies/ Estudios Cubanos*, vol. 21, pp.101-121.
- 1989 "Los intelectuales frente a la cuestión racial en el decenio de 1920: Colombia entre México y Argentina". *Estudios Sociales* (Medellín), vol. 4, pp. 37-53.
- 1986 "Les tribulations d'une mission militaire suisse en Colombie, 1924-1929". *Revue Suisse d'Histoire*, vol. 36, pp. 204-214.
- 1980 "La educación durante el primer gobierno de Alfonso López Pumarejo, 1934-1938 (Proyectos y realizaciones)". *Revista Colombiana de Educación*, vol. 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> semestre), pp. 9-36.

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## SAMPLE OF TALKS

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- 2019 "Bolívar, la Gran Colombia y la pardocracia." Keynote address, Congreso Internacional "El Perú en los tiempos de la Gran Colombia," Lima, 10-12 September.
- 2019 "Más allá de La Marie-Séraphique: del comercio de africanos esclavizados a la Revolución haitiana." Ciclo Bicentenario de la Independencia: doscientos años de una nación en el mundo, Museo de Oro, Bogotá, 13 February.
- 2019 "Los pardos en la independencia de la Colombia caribeña desde la perspectiva de Pedro Romero y José Padilla". Ciclo de conferencias "Etnias en la independencia," Bogotá, Biblioteca Luis Ángel Arango, 12 February.

- 2018 "Broadcasting Liberation Theology? Bishop Gerardo Valencia Cano's discourse to Afro-Colombians in Buenaventura." Conference "Liberation Theology and the Other(s): Contextualizing Catholic Activism in 20th Century Latin America", University of Bern, October 19-20.
- 2017 "Au-delà du mythe de l'esclave concubine généreusement affranchie par son maître : l'auto-affranchissement des femmes esclavisées par l'achat de la liberté (Amérique latine, 1600-1888)." Gender Studies Cycle of conferences, University of Geneva, 1 December.
- 2017 "De la rébellion servile de Saint-Domingue à la Révolution haïtienne: une exception historique." International Conference *Haiti's Resonance*, University of Geneva, 19 October.
- 2017 "Huir, pagar o rebelarse: Liberación de los esclavizados de las Américas hasta 1851." Ciclo de conferencias Sujeción y Emancipación: América latina y el Caribe organizado por la Universidad nacional de Colombia y el Instituto francés de Estudios andinos, Bogotá, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, 22 May.
- 2017 "Le culte rendu à Bolívar, Libérateur de l'Amérique latine". Festival Histoire et Cité « Croire, faire croire », Genève, 1 April.
- 2017 "Buscando la libertad: los esclavizados de las Américas en la era de las independencias (1760-1825)", Cátedra Luis Antonio Restrepo dedicada en su vigésima octava versión al decenio de los pueblos afrodescendientes: cuatro siglos de resistencias, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Sede Medellín, 24 March.
- 2016 "Slave self-liberation before abolitionism in the Americas: some comparative insights". International workshop "The Black Atlantic: New Perspectives" organized by Françoise Vergès and Marcus Rediker, Collège d'études mondiales, Paris, 8 November.
- 2016 "À la recherche de la liberté : les esclaves des Amériques à l'ère des révolutions". Séminaire "Empires. Histoire des colonisations" dirigé par Hélène Blais (ENS-IHMC), Armelle Enders (Paris-Sorbonne, CRHXIX), Emmanuelle Sibeud (Paris 8-IDHES), Pierre Singaravélou (Paris I-IRIS/IUF) et Sylvie Thénault (CNRS), Paris, Ecole Normale Supérieure, 13 June.
- 2016 "Comprar su libertad: ¿una excepción ibérica en las Américas?". Seminario internacional "Esclavitud y Raza en Iberoamérica y el Caribe" organicé par Consuelo Naranjo, Madrid, Instituto de Historia del Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), 26-27 May.
- 2016 "Les difficultés de la mobilisation collective et de l'action politique des minorités raciales et ethniques face à la discrimination et à la marginalisation étatiques dans les Amériques". Séminaire mensuel TEPSIS/UMR 8168, « Entre mobilisation armée et action politique. Les autres lieux du politique. Europe-Amériques, XIXe-XXe siècles » organisé par Véronique Hébrard. Université Paris 1-Sorbonne, 22 January.
- 2015 "The Struggle of Afro-Cubans for Equality, 19th-20th Centuries". Invited talk, University of Missouri at Columbia, The Afro-Romance Institute, The Department of Romance languages and Literatures, and the Chancellor's Distinguished Visitors Program, 23 October.
- 2015 "De la colonia esclavista a la república negra: el impacto político del exilio de Simón Bolívar en Jamaica y Haití". Workshop "El exilio en la época de las independencias latinoamericanas", Universität Hamburg, Historisches Seminar, 19 June.
- 2015 "Améliorer la race : Réflexions sur une obsession latino-américaine, 1900-1935". Journées d'études STARACO (STAtuts, « RAce » et COuleurs dans le monde atlantique de l'Antiquité à nos jours) « Du sang, des crânes et des gènes. Science, savoirs et catégorisations raciales dans les mondes atlantiques contemporains (XIXe-XXe siècle) », Archives départementales de Loire-Atlantique - Université de Nantes, 15 juin.
- 2014 "Race, Blood Purity and Slavery in Spanish America". Invited talk, Latin American Studies Forum, School of Modern Languages, Queen's University, Belfast, U.K. 2 April.

- 2014 "Les livres de couleur de l'Amérique espagnole entre « pureté de sang » et « souillure de l'esclavage » : quelle(s) liberté(s) ?" Journées d'études STARACO (STATuts, « Race » et COuleurs dans le monde atlantique de l'Antiquité à nos jours) « Les livres de couleur dans l'espace atlantique », Centre de Recherches en Histoire Internationale et Atlantique (EA 1163 – Université de Nantes), 13-14 February.
- 2013 "Rumeurs, conspirations et révoltes : les esclaves des Amériques en quête de liberté face aux monarchies européennes et à l'ère des révolutions." Invited talk, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, France. Seminar MASCIPO-CERMA-INE- URMIS *Anthropologie des sociétés post-esclavagistes*. Études comparées à partir de la Caraïbe et des Amériques Noires, 25 November.
- 2013 "Les Afro-Cubains, de citoyens républicains à citoyens socialistes: victimes ou protagonistes de l'histoire?" Invited talk, Journée d'étude *Justice et sociétés post-esclavagistes : quelle citoyenneté?*, Université Nice Sophia Antipolis, 25 October.
- 2013 "Crisscrossing Afro-Latin-American History: A Reflection on Space and Time". Keynote address, conference *Refashioning Blackness: Contesting Racism in the Afro-Americas*, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies & Warfield Center for African and African American Studies, University of Texas, Austin, 20-22 February.
- 2012 "Constitutions, 'minority' rights, and territory in Colombia since Independence". Hispanic Heritage Month Academic Seminar: New Directions in the Social and Political History of Colombia and Latin America. Florida Gulf Coast University, 18 October.
- 2012 "To rebel or not to rebel: slave resistance in the Americas in comparative perspective". Invited talk, Research Colloquium in Extra-European and Global History, Institute of History, ETH-Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich), 4 October.
- 2012 "Race, Blood Purity, and Slavery: The Bourbon Reforms and their Climax in Cuba". 54 International Congress of Americanists, Vienna, July 15-20, simposio "Raza, Sangre y Pureza: Debates sobre la teorización de la diferencia colonial".
- 2011 "El general José Padilla en la guerra de independencia y la nueva república". Conférence, Seminario internacional "Bicentenario de la Independencia de Cartagena de Indias: Reflexiones sobre su historia", Cartagena, 16 November.
- 2011 "De l'esclavage au racisme pseudo-scientifique: (re)construction de l'altérité dans les Amériques". Cours public et interfacultaire « Regards sur l'interculturalité : Invention de l'altérité et de la diversité culturelle », Genève, Université de Genève, 13 October.
- 2010 "Simón Bolívar's Gran Colombia: Fraternity or Hierarchy?". Latin American History and Caribbean Studies Workshop at the University of Chicago, 18 November.
- 2010 "Comparative slavery, slave resistance and revolt in the Americas". Latin American History and Caribbean Studies Workshop at the University of Chicago, 16 November.
- 2010 "Bolívar's Raceless Nation." Session: New Republics: Nation-building in 19th Century Latin America, 21st International Congress of Historical Sciences, Amsterdam, 25 August.
- 2009 "Raza e Independencia en Colombia", Conferencia "Independencias en la Nueva Granada", Biblioteca Luis Ángel Arango and Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, 19 October.
- 2008 "El desplazamiento forzado en el Pacífico colombiano y sus efectos sobre la construcción de la identidad de la población afrocolombiana." Interdisciplinary Symposium *Expulsados, desterrados, desplazados. Migraciones forzadas en América Latina y los países luso-africanos*. Coord. Martin Lienhard, Université de Zürich, Centro Stefano Franscini, Monte Verità (Ascona), 27 April – 2 May.
- 2008 "Ecrire l'histoire des descendants d'Africains face au mythe de l'égalité raciale en Amérique latine. Séminaire « Mondes Américains: Sociétés, circulations, pouvoirs, XVe-XXIe siècles », Paris, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), 14 March.



- 2007 "Colombia's Armed Conflict in Perspective." Paper, Global Studies Forums: "Beyond the Washington Consensus: The View from Latin America". Benedictine University, Lisle, Illinois, 11 September.
- 2007 "Comparative aspects of race and nation in Colombia and Cuba". Paper, panel "Transnational Perspectives on Identity, "Race" and Nation in Latin America." XXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Montréal, Canada, 4-9 September.
- 2007 "Haiti and the abolition of the slave trade and slavery in Simón Bolívar's Gran Colombia, 1816-1830." Invited paper, Conference "The Bloody Writing is for ever Torn": Domestic and International Consequences of the First Governmental Efforts to Abolish the Atlantic Slave Trade," organized by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture (Williamsburg, Virginia), held in Accra and Elmina, Ghana, August 8-12.
- 2007 "The Spanish Código Negro (1789) in the Context of the Revolutionary Era: A Bill of Rights for Slaves?" Invited lecture, Conference on 'Empires and human rights', Centre for the Study of Colonial & Postcolonial Societies, School of Humanities, University of Bristol, UK, 6 June.

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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- 2015-16 "Indigenous and Afro-Descendants' rights and state policies: Challenges of transdisciplinary (interdisciplinary and collaborative) research." With Prof. Claudia Briones (Universidad Nacional de Río Negro, Argentina) and Dr. Sabine Kradolfer Morales (University of Lausanne). A one-year research Seed Money Grant, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) Leading House.
- 2011-14 "The Dynamics of Transcultural Management and Governance in Latin America". With Profs. Marc Hufty (IHEID, Geneva), Stephan Rist (University of Bern), Yvette Sánchez and Corinne A. Pernet (University of St. Gallen). A 3-year ProDoc Program financed by the Swiss National Fund for the interdisciplinary training of graduate students in Human Geography, Social Sciences and in Cultural Studies through workshops, field research, and network building.
- 2002-03 (With filmmaker Gloria Rolando) Rockefeller Foundation Program "Diasporic Racisms: Racial Processes in the Americas and the Transformation of U.S. Race Relations" Grant for the film documentary and article project "Massacre, Memory, and Racial Processes in Today's Cuba"
- 2002-03 Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies Mellon Foundation Grant for the film documentary and article project "Massacre, Memory, and Racial Processes in Today's Cuba"
- 2001-02 Special Research Grant, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2000-01 Fellowship, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC, to write a book manuscript entitled *Liberty and Equality: Free People of Color, Elite Whites, and Slaves in Caribbean Colombia, 1770-1851*.
- 2000-01 Senior Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, Declined.
- 2000-01 Faculty Research Assignment, University of Texas at Austin.
- 1997 Grant from the Ford Foundation Social Science Concepts in Area Studies for the project "Racial Identity, State Formation, and the Formulation of Cubanidad: From Slavery through Independence to Revolution" to support graduate students' research in Cuba.
- 1995-97 Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research, Research Grant.
- 1995 American Philosophical Society, Research Grant.
- 1995 Mellon Fellowship, Institute of Latin American Studies, Univ. Texas-Austin.

- 1994 Center for African and African American Studies, Univ. of Texas-Austin, Summer Research Grant.
- 1991 American Philosophical Society, Research Grant.
- 1991 Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research, Research Grant.
- 1991 University of Texas Research Institute, Summer Research Award.
- 1991 National Endowment for the Humanities, Travel Grant to Collections.
- 1986-89 Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research, Postdoctoral Research Grant.
- 1980-81 Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research, Research Grant.
- 1979-80 Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Research Grant.

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## BOOK AWARDS AND HONORS

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- 2005 American Historical Association: John E. Fagg Prize to *Liberty and Equality in Caribbean Colombia, 1770-1835* "for the best publication in the history of Spain, Portugal and Latin America."
- 1998 Caribbean Studies Association: the Gordon K. Lewis Memorial Award to *Our Rightful Share. The Afro-Cuban Struggle for Equality, 1886-1912* "for an outstanding book that addresses a Pan-Caribbean problem or issue."
- 1997 Association of Caribbean Historians: the Elsa Goveia Book Prize to *Our Rightful Share. The Afro-Cuban Struggle for Equality, 1886-1912* "for the best book on Caribbean history published in the last two years."
- 1995 American Historical Association: the Wesley-Logan Prize to *Our Rightful Share. The Afro-Cuban Struggle for Equality, 1886-1912* "for an outstanding book on some aspect of the history of the dispersion, settlement, and adjustment, or return of people originally from Africa."

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## RESEARCH AND OTHER SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

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The African Diaspora in the Western Hemisphere, race relations, comparative racial systems, ethnicity, and racism.

Comparative slavery, slave resistance and slave revolt.

Liberation Theology and Afro-American Pastoral.

Independence and nation building.

Comparative citizenship.

Socioeconomic and cultural history of Cuba, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Special interest in gender/race and labor, Afro-Cuban movements up to the present.

Socioeconomic and cultural history of Colombia, 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Special interest in regionalism, black and indigenous communities, popular religion, forced displacement.

Current developments in Cuba and Colombia.