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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024–present **Associate Professor of History**, Flagler College, Department of Humanities. Coordinator of History Program since 2022.
- 2020–2024 **Assistant Professor of History**, Flagler College, Department of Humanities.
- 2021–2023 **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow**, University of Cologne, Institute of History. Individual Fellowship, Migrating Knowledge (Grant 889078), €174,806.
- 2017–2020 **ERC Research Fellow**, University of Lisbon, Institute of Social Sciences. Historian for ERC project The Colour of Labour (Grant 695573; PI Cristiana Bastos).
- 2015–2017 **Fellow**, University of Göttingen, Lichtenberg-Kolleg Institute of Advanced Studies. Workgroup: Globalizing the Enlightenment.
- 2014–2015 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, National Autonomous University of Mexico and University of Potsdam. EU project Philosophy of History and Globalisation of Knowledge (Grant 612644).
- 2010–2013 **Marie Curie Doctoral Fellow** (salaried), University of Potsdam, Institute of History. Doctoral network Enlightenment and Global History (Grant 238285).

## EDUCATION

- 2014 **Ph.D. in History**, University of Potsdam, summa cum laude. Dissertation: “Difference and Progress: The World History of the Family in the Scottish Enlightenment.”
- 2009 **Master of Studies in History**, University of Oxford, Lincoln College, with distinction.
- 2008 **Bachelor of Arts in History**, University of Durham, Van Mildert College, first-class honours.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Population; intellectual history; migration and labor; plantation societies; colonialism; practices of comparison in world history; global history, c. 1650–1900.

## PUBLICATIONS

### ***Monograph***

- 2017 *John Millar and the Scottish Enlightenment: Family Life and World History*. Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment. Voltaire Foundation.

### ***Edited Volumes***

- 2025 *Plantation Knowledge: Agricultural Colonization, Exploitation, and Exchange Since 1500*. Edited with Ulrike Lindner. State University of New York Press. Open access. Paperback edition, 2026.
- 2020 *Cameralism and the Enlightenment: Happiness, Governance and Reform in Transnational Perspective*. Edited with Ere Nokkala and Anthony La Vopa. Routledge. Paperback edition, 2021.
- 2013 *Ausblicke aus Europa für junge Europäer der Aufklärungszeit*. Edited with Pauline Pujo. Wehrhahn Verlag.

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- 2024 “Entanglements of Coerced Labor and Colonial Science in the Atlantic World and Beyond.” *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 21, no. 1: 11–26. Roundtable contribution with Zachary Dörner, Patrick Anthony, Jody Benjamin, and Kate Mulry.
- 2020 “Trading Sovereignty and Labour: The Consular Network of Nineteenth-Century Hawai‘i.” *International History Review* 42, no. 2: 260–277.
- 2020 “Crossing Seas and Labels: Hawaiian Contracts, British Passenger Vessels, and Portuguese Labor Migrants, 1878–1911.” *Portuguese Literary and Cultural Studies* 33: 69–94.
- 2017 “The Perils of Progress and Gustatory Pleasure in the Scottish Enlightenment: Lord Kames on the Art of Cookery.” *De Achttiende Eeuw* 48, nos. 1–2: 47–61.
- 2014 “Espacios de pensamiento: historia transnacional, historia intelectual y la Ilustración.” *Ayer: Revista de Historia Contemporánea* 94, no. 2: 97–120.

### **Book Chapters**

- 2025 “Sugar and Sovereignty in Hawai‘i: John Adams Kuakini Cummins and Waimānalo Plantation, 1878–1895.” In *Plantation Knowledge* (op. cit.), 87–120. State University of New York Press.
- 2025 “Introduction: Plantation Knowledge: Concept, History, and Research.” In *Plantation Knowledge* (op. cit.), 1–26. State University of New York Press. Co-authored with Ulrike Lindner.
- 2025 “Authority, Love, and Sexuality in the Works of John Millar.” In *Love and Sexuality in Social Theory*, edited by Emiliano Bevilacqua, Mariano Longo, and Michael H. Jacobsen, 15–26. Routledge.
- 2024 “Family Resemblance? Colonialism, Sovereignty and the Global Royal Family in Nineteenth-Century Hawai‘i and Johor.” In *Global Royal Families: Cultures of Transnational Monarchy in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*, edited by Robert Aldrich, Falko Schnicke, and Cindy McCreery, 77–101. Oxford University Press.
- 2024 “John Millar and Sociology: Disciplinary History and Its Discontents.” In *The Sociological Heritage of the Scottish Enlightenment*, edited by Tamás Demeter and Eric Schliesser, 330–354. Edinburgh University Press.
- 2023 “Plantation Colonialism in Late Nineteenth-Century Hawai‘i: The Case of Chinese Sugar Planters.” In *Global Plantations in the Modern World: Sovereignities, Ecologies, Afterlives*, edited by Colette Le Petitcorps, Marta Macedo, and Irene Peano, 177–213. Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2023 “Indentured Labour and Colonial Education: A Comparative Reappraisal.” In *Post-Emancipation Indenture and Migration: Identities, Racialization and Transnationalism*, edited by M. S. Hassankhan, Kalpana Hiralal, Cristiana Bastos, and Lomarsh Roopnarine, 97–118. Manohar.
- 2020 “Cameralism and the Politics of Populationism: Comparative Perspectives.” In *Cameralism and the Enlightenment* (op. cit.), 127–147. Routledge.
- 2020 “Introduction: Cameralism and the Enlightenment.” With Ere Nokkala. In *Cameralism and the Enlightenment* (op. cit.), 1–20. Routledge.
- 2019 “El estado inca y la política del ejemplo histórico.” In *Predicar con el ejemplo. Ser y deber (de) ser en lo público*, edited by Ricardo Gutiérrez Aguilar, 243–262. Edicions Bellaterra.
- 2018 “Philosophical History at the Cusp of Globalization: Scottish Enlightenment Reflections on Colonial Spanish America.” In *Philosophy of Globalization*, edited by Concha Roldán, Daniel Brauer, and Johannes Rohbeck, 191–204. De Gruyter.
- 2016 “Revealing the ‘Little Society’: Marriage between Sacred History and the Science of Man in Scottish Enlightenment Histories of Civil Society.” In *The Changing Faces of Religion in 18th-Century Scotland*, edited by Raquel Cantero and Julio Seoane, 227–250. Georg Olms Verlag.

- 2013 “Schlüsselkategorie Rousseaus: die Familie.” In *Rousseau und die Moderne*, edited by Iwan D’Aprile and Stefanie Stockhorst, 72–82. Wallstein Verlag.
- 2013 “The Status of Women and Writing the Global History of the Family: Enlightenment and Contemporary Perspectives.” In *New Perspectives in Global History*, edited by Iwan-Michelangelo D’Aprile et al., 341–352. Wehrhahn Verlag.
- 2013 “La pintura de castas: An Enlightened Genre? An Enlightened Intent?” In *Images off from Enlightenment*, edited by Dariusz Dolanski and Anna Janczys, 21–32. Oficyna Wydawnicza Uniwersytetu Zielonogórskiego.
- 2013 “Locke and His Late Seventeenth-Century English Geographical Pedagogical Context.” In *Ausblicke aus Europa für junge Europäer der Aufklärungszeit*, edited by Nicholas B. Miller and Pauline Pujo, 25–56. Wehrhahn Verlag.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2025 Review of *Ideas of Poverty in the Age of Enlightenment*, edited by Niall O’Flaherty and R. J. W. Mills. *Intellectual History Review* 35, no. 4: 856–858.
- 2025 Review of *Chinatown, Honolulu: Place, Race, and Empire*, by Nancy E. Riley. *Australian Outlook*, 18 February 2025.
- 2023 Review of *Leveraging Sovereignty: Kanihōhonu’s Global Strategy for the Hawaiian Nation, 1825–1854*, by J. Susan Corley. *Hawaiian Journal of History* 57: 118–121.
- 2022 Review of *California & Hawai‘i Bound: U.S. Settler Colonialism and the Pacific West, 1848–1959*, by Henry Knight Lozano. *Hawaiian Journal of History* 56: 150–152.
- 2021 Review of *The Power of the Steel-tipped Pen: Reconstructing Native Hawaiian Intellectual History*, by Noenoe K. Silva. *Global Intellectual History* 6, no. 3: 414–416.
- 2019 Review of *The Portuguese of Trinidad and Tobago: Portrait of an Ethnic Minority*, rev. ed., by Jo-Anne S. Ferreira. *e-Journal of Portuguese History* 17, no. 2: 637–640.
- 2018 Review of *Charles Areskine’s Library: Lawyers and Their Books at the Dawn of the Scottish Enlightenment*, by Karen Baston. *Eighteenth-Century Scotland* 32.
- 2016 Review of *Legal Practice in Eighteenth-Century Scotland*, by John Finlay, and *Law, Lawyers, and Humanism*, 2 vols., by John W. Cairns. *Eighteenth-Century Scotland* 30: 10–13.
- 2012 Review of *The Enlightenment: A Genealogy*, by Dan Edelstein. *Contributions to the History of Concepts* 7, no. 1: 102–105.
- 2012 Review of *The Crises of Multiculturalism: Racism in a Neoliberal Age*, by Alana Lentin and Gavan Titley. *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 20, no. 2: 244–245.

### **Public and Other Writing**

- 2025 “Das andere Amerika.” *Le Monde Diplomatique*, German edition, July 2025: 9.
- 2025 “Brief aus Florida.” *Le Monde Diplomatique*, German and Swiss editions, April 2025: 3.
- 2025 “Florida Goes National: Democrats Adrift in the State That Passed the Stop WOKE Act.” *Le Monde Diplomatique*, English edition, April 2025: 9.
- 2024 “Episode 5: The Mariana Islands.” *Ancestry Traveller* (University of Porto), series on Encounters, Equivocations, and Extensions of Memory: Legacies of the Circumnavigation Voyage of Magellan, 26 June 2024.
- 2023 “Brief aus Florida.” *Le Monde Diplomatique*, German edition, November 2023: 3.
- 2020 “Bittersweet Connections: The Mauritian Model in Hawai‘i.” *Aapravasi Ghat Magazine* 5: 54–56.
- 2019 “Of Dodos, Cane and Migrants: Networking Migrant Knowledge between Mauritius and Hawai‘i in the 1860s.” *Migrant Knowledge* (German Historical Institute), 17 June 2019.

## MAJOR GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| 2022–2024 | Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), Portuguese Republic — joint project award on legacies of the Magellan expedition; fieldwork in the Philippines.                                                                                                     |
| 2021–2023 | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (European Commission), Migrating Knowledge: The Global Knowledge Networks of German Medic, Botanist and Migration Commissioner Wilhelm Hillebrand in Hawai‘i (1821–1886), Grant 889078. Individual award: €174,806. |
| 2020      | ERICS Prize, University of Lisbon — publication prize for “Trading Sovereignty and Labour.”                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2017      | ERICS Prize, University of Lisbon — publication prize for Cameralism and the Enlightenment.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2010–2014 | Marie Curie Doctoral Fellowship (European Commission), Enlightenment and Global History, Grant 238285. Salaried doctoral fellowship, University of Potsdam.                                                                                                      |

## VISITING APPOINTMENTS

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| 2025–2026 | Visiting Professor in History and American Studies, University of Würzburg, Germany.             |
| 2018      | Visiting Professor, Languages and Literatures of Europe and the Americas, University of Hawai‘i. |
| 2017      | Visiting Scholar, East-West Center, Honolulu.                                                    |
| 2014      | Herzog-Ernst Postdoctoral Fellow, Gotha Research Center, University of Erfurt, Germany.          |

## TEACHING

As of Fall 2026, 48 sections across 23 courses across Flagler and prior university appointments, including liberal-arts Core teaching, discussion-based seminars, writing-intensive historical methods, senior capstones, independent study, and study abroad.

### *Selected Courses, Flagler College, 2020–present*

- Western Civilization, 1400–2000
- Great Works Mentor (Flagler College Honors Program)
- The Enlightenment, 1680–1780
- Age of Revolutions, 1760–1848
- Modern Britain, since 1688
- Early Modern Empires, 1400–1800
- History of Portugal
- Migration in Global and Historical Perspective
- Historical Methods
- Colonialism & Imperialism in Southeast Asia, 1600–1900
- Global History of Hawai‘i, 1780–1880
- Senior Seminar in History

### *Other University Teaching*

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| 2025–2026 | University of Würzburg: Colonialism in Historical and Global Perspective (MA); Hawai‘i and the Plantation Complex (MA, American Studies). |
| 2022      | University of Cologne: Plantation Systems (MA), co-taught with Ulrike Lindner.                                                            |
| 2015–2020 | CIEE, Berlin and Lisbon: European Immigration; History of Economic Thought; Migration & Globalization; Colonialism & Post-Colonialism.    |
| 2011–2013 | University of Potsdam: The Scottish Enlightenment; Atlantic History, 1750–1850; European Images of the Aztecs and Incas, 1519–1800.       |

## RESEARCH SUPERVISION

- 17 B.A. senior theses, principally in 18th- and 19th-century history, colonial history, memory, and gender.
- Informal mentorship of two doctoral researchers in the ERC project *The Colour of Labour*, on the history of genetics in Portugal and tea plantations in Mauritius.

## ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2022–present Coordinator, History Program, Flagler College.
- 2022–present Coordinator / Literacy Mentor, Historical Inquiry component of Flagler College Core Curriculum.
- 2021–present Founding Coordinator, Medieval & Early Modern Studies, Flagler College.
- 2025–present Member, Admissions Committee, Faculty Senate, Flagler College.
- 2023–2025 Member, Academic Advising Committee, Faculty Senate, Flagler College.
- 2022 Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Assistant/Associate Professor of Colonial America / Atlantic World History, Flagler College.
- 2022 Member, faculty searches for Director and three professorships in Classical and Liberal Education, Flagler College.
- 2019–present Peer reviewer for journals and academic presses including *Journal of Modern History*, *Slavery & Abolition*, *Intellectual History Review*, *History of Intellectual Culture*, *History of Education*, *Journal of Religious History*, *Afro-Asia*, Bristol University Press, and Bedford/St. Martin's.
- 2019–2022 Reviews Editor, H-Migration.

## SELECTED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2026 St. Augustine Historical Society Speaker Series: “The Plantations of Northeastern Florida in Global Perspective,” public lecture, Flagler College, March 9.
- 2025 University of Würzburg, public panel “Freiheit? Über den Zustand der Demokratie in den USA,” roundtable discussion, November 17.
- 2025 Flagler College Lifelong Learning Institute: lead instructor for seminars and field-based programs in Portuguese history, including a one-week educational excursion to Lisbon.
- 2024 National Council for History Education, Immigration and the American Experience Summer Colloquium for secondary-school teachers: six-lecture series on immigration history.

## LANGUAGES

- English Native.
- German Advanced professional and speaking proficiency (CEFR C1); Research proficiency.
- Portuguese Intermediate speaking proficiency (CEFR B1); Research proficiency.
- Spanish Intermediate speaking proficiency (CEFR B1); Research proficiency.
- French Research proficiency.

## SELECTED RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AND PRESENTATIONS

### *Workshops and Panels Organized*

- 2023 History and Comparison in Eighteenth-Century Debates on Slavery, Plantations, and Colonialism, panel organized for the 16th International Congress for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Rome, 3–7 July.
- 2022 Plantation Knowledge: An International Workshop, University of Cologne, 15–17 June. Co-organized with Ulrike Lindner.
- 2017 Commercial Society, Population and Family: Diversity and Happiness, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Göttingen, 10–11 November.
- 2017 Nature and Order: Ideas in Practice, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Göttingen, 25–26 April.
- 2016 Cameralism and the Enlightenment World: Transfer and Translations, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Göttingen, 12–13 October.
- 2016 Enlightenment Sexualities: Texts, Practices, Species and Spaces, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Göttingen, 7–8 November.

### ***Selected Invited Talks***

- 2025 Uppsala University, Scientific Instructions and Colonialism workshop: “Migrating Instructions: Wilhelm Hillebrand’s Mission to Asia for the Kingdom of Hawai‘i (1865–1866).” 28 Feb.–1 March.
- 2023 Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory: “John Ricord (1813–1861): Purveyor of Law and Constitutions.” 27–28 April.
- 2023 International Congress for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Rome: “History and Comparison in Eighteenth-Century Debates on Slavery, Plantations and Colonialism.” 5 July.
- 2022 University of Pittsburgh, Plantation Societies in Comparative Perspective: “Indigenous Elites and the Emergence of Plantation Societies in the Imperial Asia Pacific.” 14 October.
- 2020 Leiden University, Relocating Governance in Asia: “Chinese Merchants, Indigenous Monarchs and Euro-American Agents: Governing Migration across Southeast Asia and the Pacific.” 23 January.
- 2020 German Historical Institute London, Global Royal Families: “Kalākaua of Hawai‘i and Bakar of Johor: Indigenous Kingship, Contract Labour and Pan-Malay Overtures.” 16 January.
- 2018 University of Greifswald, Reinventing Liberal Universalisms: “John Stuart Mill and His Discussants in Hawai‘i: Liberalism and the Question of Contract Labor.” 26 February.
- 2017 German Historical Institute West at UC Berkeley, Histories of Migration: “Sweet Surrender? Futures Past of Immigrant Labor, Integration and Education in the Late Kingdom of Hawai‘i.” 31 October.
- 2017 Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Göttingen: “Populationism and the Comparative Horizons of Academic Cameralism.” 11 October.
- 2016 German Historical Institute / University of Montréal: “Navigating Gendered and Sexual Diversity in Late Eighteenth-Century Germany: Meiners, Millar and Bergk on the Global History of Women.” 13 April.

### ***Selected Conference and Workshop Presentations***

- 2025 University of Würzburg, Chair of Modern History: “Populationism in Nineteenth-Century Hawai‘i: Migration, Reproduction, and the Road to Eugenics.” 11 November.
- 2025 University of Würzburg, American Studies: “Knowing the Plantation: Global Forms, Local Variations and the Elasticity of Exploitation.” 3 November.
- 2023 International Congress for 18th-Century Studies, Rome: “History and Comparison in Eighteenth-Century Debates on Slavery, Plantations and Colonialism.” 5 June.
- 2023 Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum, Cologne, Imperial Lives seminar: “The Archives of German Scientific Travelers in the Kingdom of Hawai‘i: Collection, Colonialism, and Plantation Labor Migration.” 30–31 March.
- 2022 Science History Institute, Gordon Cain Conference, Philadelphia: “Bonding Labor and Knowledge: Botanists, Plantation Labor and the Colonial Governance of Migration, 1820–1870.” 2–4 June.
- 2019 Global Labour Migration Network, Amsterdam: “Networking Indenture to Hawai‘i: Wilhelm Hillebrand in China (1865) and Madeira (1876–78).” 21 June.