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## **Education**

Ph.D. 2015-2021                      US History, University of Texas at Austin      Anticipated May 15, 2021

*Dissertation Title:* “South of Slavery: Freedom Fighters & Black Movement Across a Global Frontier, Mexico, the United States and Beyond, 1790-1868.”

*Advisor:* Dr. Daina Ramey Berry

African and African Diaspora Studies Portfolio

Women and Gender Studies Portfolio

M.A. 2015                              Atlantic World History, East Carolina University.

*Master’s Thesis:* “The *Other* Underground Railroad: Hidden Histories of Slavery and Freedom across the Porous Frontiers of Nineteenth- Century United States, Mexico, and the Caribbean.”

B.A. 2012                              History Major, Honors College, East Carolina University

*Honor’s Thesis:* “Cocaine Wars: Mexico and its Discontents.”

University Honors & *Magna Cum Laude*

Received Best Honors Essay in History Award

Received ECU History Department’s 2011- 2012 Outstanding Senior Award

## **Publications**

### **Book Chapters:**

Hammack, María E., “Adeline Stuart: A Black Woman’s Story of Resilience and Survival in the Lone Star State,” in Bruce A. Glasrud, ed., *We Did It: Portraits of African American Women in Texas History* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2021), *In Press*.

Hammack, María E, “Mary Susan Moore, M.D.: A Healthcare Champion for Black Texans,” in Bruce A. Glasrud, ed., *We Did It: Portraits of African American Women in Texas History* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2021), *In Press*.

Castañeda García, Rafael y María Esther Hammack, “El comercio de esclavizados desde el atlántico Ibérico a la Nueva España: Notas historiográficas,” in Manuel F. Fernández Chaves y Rafael M. Pérez García, eds., *La trata de esclavos en el Atlántico Ibérico. Siglos XVI-XVII* (Sevilla: Editorial de la Universidad de Sevilla, 2021), *In Press*.

Hammack, María Esther. “Gone to Texas: Black Women & The Geographies of Smuggling Across Mexican Texas,” in Brian Stauffer & Mark Lambert, eds., *The Struggle Over Slavery in Mexican Texas: A Documentary Reader of the Texas General Land Office, Under Contract with University of Texas Press, 2021*), *Submitted*.

### **Book Reviews:**

Hammack, María E. (2020) Review of *Liberated Africans and the Abolition of the Slave Trade 1807-1896*, edited by Richard Anderson and Henry B. Lovejoy. *H-Net, Humanities & Social Sciences Online. In Progress*.

Hammack, María E. (2020) Review of *South to Freedom: Runaway Slaves to México and the Road to the Civil War*, By Alice Baumgartner. *The Los Angeles Review of Books*. Accepted. Publication date: November 24, 2020.

Hammack, M. E. (2019). *Managed Migrations: Growers, Farmworkers, and Enforcement in the Twentieth Century* by Cristina Salinas. *The Journal of Agricultural History*, 93 (4), 776-778.

Digital Publications:

Hammack, María E. “Love in the Time of Texas Slavery.” *Fourth Part of the World: Online Journal of Black and Native History I*, no. 2. (Feb. 2019).

<https://fourthpartoftheworld.wordpress.com/2019/02/26/love-in-the-time-of-texas-slavery/>

Hammack, María E. “Thanksgiving Reconsidered: A Brief History of an Early American Tradition.” *Fourth Part of the World: Online Journal of Black and Native History I*, no. 1. (December 2018),

<https://fourthpartoftheworld.wordpress.com/2018/11/26/thanksgiving-reconsidered-a-brief-history-of-an-early-american-tradition/>

Garza Alejandra and María E. Hammack. “Textbooks, Texas, and Discontent: The Fight Against Inadequate Educational Resources.” *Not Even Past*. (November 14, 2016).

<https://notevenpast.org/textbooks-texas-and-discontent-the-fight-against-inadequate-educational-resources/>

Hammack, María E. “The Illegal Slave Trade in Texas, 1808-1865.” *Not Even Past*. (February 17, 2016). <https://notevenpast.org/the-illegal-slave-trade-in-texas-1808-1865/>

**Select External Fellowships & Awards**

2020-21	Mellon ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2020	CCWH/Berks Dissertation Research Fellowship
2019-20	Fulbright Open Research Fellowship (Canada)
2019-20	The P.E.O. International Fellowship
2019	Ford Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship, <i>Alternate</i>

**Select Internal Fellowships & Awards**

2019	Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Award
2018-2019	The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History Research Fellowship
2015-2016	The University of Texas at Austin. Department of History Recruitment Fellowship
2014	East Carolina University. Research & Creative Achievement Research Poster Competition, First Place Award in the Social Sciences

**Select Conferences & Symposia**

Hammack, María E. “American Slavery, Mexican Freedom: Reconceptualizing Freedom and Abolition South of US Slavery, 1810-1865.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting. January 4, 2020.

Hammack, María E. “Smuggling Human Beings: Texas, México, and the Suppression of the Illegal Slave Trade Across the Gulf, 1821-1865.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting. January 4, 2020.

Hammack, María E. “She Obligates and Binds Herself Faithfully to Serve, as a Servant and Laborer”: Enslaved Women, Removal Contracts, and Freedom Pathways on the Texas Borderlands, 1821-1866. Texas State Historical Association’s Annual Meeting. Corpus Christi, Texas. February 1, 2019.

Hammack, María E. “From Slave to Servant in the War for Freedom: How Black Women Fought Bondage on the Texas Frontier 1829-1865.” ASALH Annual Conference. Indianapolis, Indiana. October 6, 2018.

### **Select Public History**

#### Public Talks

Hammack, María E. “Borderlands & River Crossers: Re-examining Freedom & Safe Havens in Upper Canada.” Amherstburg Freedom Museum & Archive, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. (Due to Covid19 Talk was delivered Online).

Hammack, María E. “Channels of Liberation: Freedom Seekers to Mexican and Canadian Destinations.” The Essex County Black History Society & the Chimczuk Museum. February 20, 2020.

Hammack, María E. “South of Slavery: Black Routes to Mexico.” Dolph Briscoe Center for American History. March 7, 2019.

Hammack, María E. “South of Slavery: Reconsidering the Underground Railroad to Mexico.” Texas Slavery Symposium. The African American Museum at Dallas. January 19, 2019.

Hammack, María E. “El *Otro* Ferrocarril Subterráneo: Historias Ocultas de Esclavitud y Libertad en las fronteras porosas de México, Estados Unidos, y el Caribe en el Siglo XIX.” Universidad Veracruzana. Xalapa, Veracruz. June 2017.

#### Digital Projects & Collaborations

Hammack, María E. Research Assistant. Documentary Series: *Women Who Changed America*. Enlight Productions. Spring 2018.

Hammack, María E. Founding Member & Writer. *Fourth Part of The World: A Journal of Black & Native History*. 2018-2020.

Hammack, María E. Documentary Collaborator. “Just A Ferry Ride to Freedom.” February 20, 2019. Final Product: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfiHYULKDKM>

Hammack, María E. Researcher & Writer. Berry, D.R. & Winston, R. (PI). “Mapping Texas Slave Trade Routes,” Humanities Media Grant, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin, 2015-2016. Final Product: <https://txdst.la.utexas.edu/>

#### Podcasts

Hammack, María E. “Finding Freedom South of the Border with Maria Hammack.” Podcast. *The Hour of History* (HoH) *Episode 57*.

Hammack, María E. Podcast. “Behind the Tower: New Histories of the UT Tower Shooting.” *Fifteen Minute History*. The University of Texas at Austin. August 1, 2016.