

Professional Appointments

July 1, 2021- July 2023

Barra Postdoctoral Fellow, The McNeil Center for Early American Studies, The University of Pennsylvania.

Education

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

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

Portfolio: African and African Diaspora Studies

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

Selected 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*.

Digital Publications:

Hammack, María E. "Love in the Time of Texas Slavery." *Not Even Past*, 2019, <https://notevenpast.org/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/>

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/>

Selected External Fellowships & Awards

2021-2024	Society of Fellows Postdoctoral Fellowship/Associate Professor in the Department of History, The University of Michigan, <i>Declined</i>
2020-21	Mellon ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2020	CCWH/Berks Dissertation Research Fellowship
2019-20	Fulbright Research Fellowship (Canada)
2019-20	The P.E.O. International Fellowship
2019	The John H. Jenkins Fellowship, The Texas State Historical Association
2019	Lapidus Predoctoral Fellowship, Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture

Select Internal Fellowships & Awards

2020	Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Award
2018	John L. Warfield Center for African & African American Studies, Professional Development Grant
2018-2019	The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History Research Fellowship
2017	Department of History Summer Research Fellowship
2016	John L. Warfield Center for African & African American Studies Travel Grant
2015-2016	The University of Texas at Austin. Department of History Recruitment Fellowship

Select Conferences, Symposia & Workshops

Hammack, María E. "Black Liberation & Resistance South of Slavery." Educator Workshop. Teaching Lecture. Hemispheres Summer Institute. June 16, 2021.

Hammack, María E. "History, Deadlines & Feminist Care: Tracing Black Liberation on the US-Mexico Borderlands & Dissertating in Times of Crisis." Digital Poster Presentation. The Rest for US Conference. The Center for Women's & Gender Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. March 25, 2021.

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." CLAH, American Historical Association Annual Meeting. January 4, 2020.

Hammack, María E. “Knowledge Production: Activism, Struggle, and Preventing Historical Erasure in Education.” IUPLR 6th Biennial Siglo XXI Conference. The University of Texas at San Antonio. May 2017.

Hammack, María E. “Empowering Mexican American Voices through Education: The Importance of Knowledge Production in the Prevention of Historical Erasures of the Mexican American Past.” NACCS Tejas-Foco Conference. Texas A&M University. Feb 2017.

Hammack, María E. “Mexico’s Lost Decade: The Peculiar Consequences of NAFTA.” Poster Presentation. 7th Annual Research & Creative Achievement Week. East Carolina University. April 2013.

“Cocaine Wars: Mexico & its Discontents.” Undergraduate Poster Presentation. State of North Carolina Research & Creativity Symposium. East Carolina University. November 2012.

Select Public History, Projects & Events

Public Talks

Hammack, María E. “Hammack, María E. “Juneteenth Across Borders: Legacies of Black Liberation across the US-Mexico Borderlands.” Hosted by Black Professionals at Charles Schwab. Upcoming.

Hammack, María E. “Freedom & Juneteenth in Mexico.” Juneteenth Virtual Event. Hosted by Merck Boston. Upcoming

Hammack, María E. “Rethinking Underground Railroads: On Freedom Fighters who Claimed Freedom in Mexico.” *19th Century American: Fiends, Fugitives & Friends Conference*. Hosted by The Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. May 27, 2021.

Hammack, María E. “Hablando Entre Mujeres.” Plática en Celebración de la Mujer. Hosted by AMEXCAN. March 17, 2021.

Hammack, María E. “The Underground Railroad Reconsidered: Freedom Fighters and Liberation in Mexican Destinations. Winter Colloquium. The University of California Santa Barbara. Co-hosted by the Departments of Black Studies and Chicano Studies. March 1, 2021.

Hammack, María E. “The Underground Railroad Experience Through Texas into Mexico.” Co-Presenter with Roseann Bacha-Garza. The University of the Incarnate Word. February 24, 2021.

Hammack, María E. “Borderlands & River Crossers: Re-examining Freedom & Safe Havens in Upper Canada.” Amherstburg Freedom Museum & Archive, May 8th, 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. “To Never Return to Their Masters”: WPA Texas Narratives of Enslaved People Who Fled to Mexico.” Co-Keynote Speaker. Austin Community College History Symposium. October 18, 2018.

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.

Service: Academic & Community

2020-Present	Western History Association 2022 Program Committee Member
2021-2024	AHA Graduate and Early Career Committee Representative
2020-Present	Mentor. Fulbright Latinx
2019-Present	Consultant. Webber Family. Project to designate Black Historical District & Markers.
2019-Present	Editorial Assistant. <i>The Journal of African American History</i> .
2018-2020	Graduate Student Representative. Association of Black Women Historians.
2018-2019	Planning & Advisory Board Member. <i>Black Communities</i> .
2016-2017	Grad-Student Representative, Dean’s Student Advisory Council. UT Austin.
2005-Present	Volunteer & ESL tutor Association of Mexicans in North Carolina (AMEXCAN).