

Elizabeth Shesko

Academic Positions

- Oakland University, Rochester, MI**
2020-Present Associate Professor of History
2014-2020 Assistant Professor of History
2017-Present History Department Undergraduate Adviser
- Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine**
2013-2014 Postdoctoral Research Associate
2012-2013 Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in History and Latin American Studies
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Education

- 2005-2012 **Duke University, Durham, North Carolina**
Ph.D. in History, GPA: 4.0, Dissertation: "Conscript Nation: Negotiating Authority and Belonging in the Bolivian Barracks, 1900-1950" (John D. French, adviser)
Certificate in Latin American Cultural Studies (May 2008)
Examination Fields, John D. French - Chair (April 2008): Modern Latin America (Jocelyn Olcott), Colonial Latin America (Pete Sigal), Cultural Anthropology (Orin Starn)
- 1998-2002 **Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine**
A.B., Spanish and English, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, GPA: 3.93
Departmental Honors in Spanish, Thesis: "Fusionando dos mundos: El diálogo con la oralidad en *Sula* y *Cien años de soledad*" (Enrique Yepes, adviser)
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Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Conscript Nation: Coercion and Consent in the Bolivian Barracks*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2020.
- "'Same as Here, Same as Everywhere': Social Difference among Bolivian Prisoners in Paraguay." In *The Chaco War: Environment, Ethnicity, and Nationalism*, edited by Bridget María Chesterton, 21-41. New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2016.
- "Mobilizing Manpower for War: Toward a New History of Bolivia's Chaco Conflict, 1932-1935." *Hispanic American Historical Review* 95, no. 2 (2015): 299-334.
- "Constructing Roads, Washing Feet, and Cutting Cane for the *Patria*: Building Bolivia with Military Labor, 1900-1975." *International Labor and Working-Class History* 80 (Fall 2011): 6-28.
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Book Reviews and Other Publications

- Review of Carmen Soliz. *Fields of Revolution: Agrarian Reform and Rural State Formation in Bolivia, 1935-1964*, *Hispanic American Historical Review* (forthcoming).
- Review of Ben Knobbs-Theissen. *Landscape of Migration: Mobility and Environmental Change on Bolivia's Tropical Frontier, 1952-Present*, *The Latin Americanist* 65:4 (December, 2021).
- Forum on Contemporary Bolivia and History, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, <http://hahr-online.com/forum-contemporary-bolivia-and-history/> December, 2019.
- Review of Laura Gotkowitz, ed. *Histories of Race and Racism: The Andes and Mesoamerica from Colonial Times to Present*, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 14:2 (Summer, 2013).
- Review of Kathryn Burns. *Into the Archive: Writing and Power in Colonial Peru*, *Journal for the Society of North Carolina Archivists* 8:2 (Winter, 2010): 59-63.

“Hijos del inca y de la patria: Representaciones del indígena durante el Congreso Indigenal de 1945.” *Fuentes: Revista de la Biblioteca y Archivo Histórico de la Asamblea Legislativa Plurinacional* 4, no. 6 (2010): 5-10 (La Paz, Bolivia).

Selected Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2019, 2015 Oakland University URC Faculty Research Fellowship
2016 Marian P. Wilson Award for best book or article by OU humanities faculty, 2012-2015
2009-2010 Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Research in Spanish
2009 Summer FLAS Fellowship for Aymara
2005-2009 James B. Duke Fellowship (competitive university-wide grant to supplement stipend)
2006 Tinker Foundation Graduate Student Research Grant
2006 Summer FLAS Fellowship for Portuguese
2002 *Phi Beta Kappa*, Bowdoin College

Selected Conference Presentations

“Long Horizons of Revolution and Reaction in Bolivia,” Conference on Latin American History, Virtual due to COVID-19, January 9, 2021.

“Serving the Dictatorship: Gary Prado Salmón and the Manchego Regiment,” Latin American Studies Association annual meeting, Boston, MA, May 25, 2019.

“Military Conscription in the Early 20th-Century Bolivian Periphery,” Presented at European Social Science History Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland, April 5, 2018.

“What Difference Did a Revolution Make? Conscription in the MNR’s Bolivia, 1952-1958, Presented at American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C., January 5, 2018.

“The Effects of Bureaucracy: State Capacity and Social Categories in Bolivian Military Conscription Records,” Presented at “Paper Technologies: The Materiality of Empire and State Formation in Latin America,” hosted by Yale University and Wesleyan University, New Haven, CT, May 5, 2017.

“Encouraging Separatism: Cruceño Prisoners and Paraguayan Propaganda during the Chaco War,” Presented at Latin American Studies Association, New York, NY, May 28, 2016.

“The Civilizing Power of the Barracks: Conscription and Race in Early 20th Century Bolivia.” Presented at Social Science History Association, Baltimore, MD, November 15, 2015.

“Life and Labor in the Bolivian Barracks: Sociability, Discipline and the Reshaping of Inequalities” for “Soldiering On: Military Labor in Global Historical Perspective” at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, October 27, 2014.

“ ‘Making the Indian a Useful Citizen for the Nation’: Military Conscription in Bolivia. Presented at the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, May 30, 2013.

“Conscript Nation: Negotiating Authority and Belonging in the Bolivian Barracks, 1900-1950.” Presented at the American Historical Association, New Orleans, January 4, 2013.

“ ‘With Skin the Color of Copper’: Reading Race in Bolivia’s Military Archives.” Presented at the American Historical Association, Chicago, January 7, 2012.

“ ‘Our Sons who Defend the Honor and Integrity of the Patria’: Using Military Sources to Rethink the ‘Indian Problem’.” Presented at the American Historical Association, Boston, January 9, 2011.

“Conscripting the State: Contributions of Obligatory Military Service to the Bolivian Economy.” Presented at the Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, October 6, 2010.

Service to the Profession

2013-2021 **Peer Reviewer** for *Hispanic American Historical Review* (6 articles)
2020 **Peer Reviewer** for University of Calgary Press (1 book manuscript)
2019 **Peer Reviewer** for Routledge (1 book proposal)
2018-2019 **Peer Reviewer** for *The Americas* (2 articles)
2018 **Peer Reviewer** for *Journal of Latin American Studies* (1 article)
2016 **Peer Reviewer** for *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de América Latina y el Caribe* (1 article)
2014 **Peer Reviewer** for *The Michigan Academician* (1 article)

Languages

Spanish: professional working proficiency
Portuguese: limited working proficiency
Aymara: elementary proficiency