

# Elizabeth Shesko

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## Academic Positions

	<b>Oakland University, Rochester, MI</b>
2023-Present	Director of International Studies Program
2020-Present	Associate Professor of History
2014-2020	Assistant Professor of History
	<b>Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine</b>
2013-2014	Postdoctoral Research Associate
2012-2013	Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in History and Latin American Studies

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## Education

2005-2012	<b>Duke University, Durham, North Carolina</b> Ph.D. in History, 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	<b>Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine</b> A.B., Spanish and English, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa Departmental Honors in Spanish, Thesis: "Fusionando dos mundos: El diálogo con la oralidad en <i>Sula</i> y <i>Cien años de soledad</i> " (Enrique Yepes, adviser)

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## Peer-Reviewed Book

*Conscript Nation: Coercion and Citizenship in the Bolivian Barracks*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2020.

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## Other Peer-Reviewed Publications

- "Registering Race: Inclusion and Omission in Bolivian Military-Service Records." Available in First View online from *The Americas* (2024).
- "Chaco War." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Military History*. Edited by Kaushik Roy. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023.
- "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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## Publications Under Review

- "Shaped by Difference: The Effects of Gender and Social Class on Military Service in Bolivia." *Conscription in the Global Twentieth Century*, edited by Amy J. Rutenberg. University Press of Kansas.
- "Arbitrary Justice: Military Tribunals in Bolivia, 1905-1945." *Military Justice in the Modern Age*, edited by Urs Matthias Zachmann and Kelly Maddox. De Gruyter.

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## Book Reviews and Other Publications

Review of Robert Niebuhr. *¡Vamos a avanzar! The Chaco War and Bolivia's Political Transformation, 1899-1952*. *Journal of Military History* 86, no. 3 (October, 2022): 1013-1014.

Review of Carmen Soliz. *Fields of Revolution: Agrarian Reform and Rural State Formation in Bolivia, 1935-1964*, *Hispanic American Historical Review* 102:3 (August, 2022): 577-578.

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): 570-571.

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).

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## 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	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> , Bowdoin College

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## Selected Conference Presentations

“Rank-and-File Soldiers in Cold War Latin America” roundtable at American Historical Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 6, 2023.

“Arbitrary Justice: Military Tribunals in Bolivia, 1905-1945,” at Military Justice in the Modern Era, 1850-1945, Berlin, July 28-30, 2022.

“Commemorating Defeat: Chaco War Monuments in Bolivia,” at Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Conference, Virtual due to COVID-19, April 8, 2022

“Remembering Defeat: Bolivian Histories of the Chaco War,” at the *Rethinking War* virtual conference sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Health Law at the University of Pittsburgh, March 18, 2022.

“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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Service to the Profession

**Area Adviser** (South America) for *Oxford Bibliographies in Military History*

**Peer Reviewer** of two book manuscripts for University of Texas Press and University of Calgary Press

**Peer Reviewer** of 14 articles for *Hispanic American Historical Review*, *The Americas*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Journal of Urban History*, *Historia Crítica* (Colombia), *Historia* (Chile), *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de América Latina y el Caribe*, and *The Michigan Academician*

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## Languages

Spanish: professional working proficiency

Portuguese: limited working proficiency

Aymara: elementary proficiency