

Austin Nelsen

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Candidate Latin American History, University of Florida, expected 2026
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Needell
Fields: Colonial Brazil and the Caribbean, Modern Brazil and the Caribbean, Colonial Spanish America, Modern Spanish America, Atlantic History, Enslavement, and Resistance to Enslavement
- B.A. History, Weber State University, 2019

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2022 James R. Scobie Memorial Award, Conference on Latin American History

Internal

- 2020 - Present Graduate School Funding Award, University of Florida
2022 Graduate Student Scholarship, University of Florida Women's Club
2018 - 2019 Long-Term Research Grant, Office of Undergraduate Research, Weber State University

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 Annual Haigh Prize for the Outstanding Graduate Student in Latin American History, Department of History, University of Florida
2022 Annual Haigh Prize for the Outstanding Graduate Student in Latin American History, Department of History, University of Florida
2019 Graduate Speaker, Weber State University's 153rd Commencement Exercises
2019 Most Outstanding Student Researcher, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Weber State University
2019 Stan Layton Prize for Best Senior Thesis, Department of History, Weber State University

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 "Peeking through the Palisades at Palmares: The Impact of Environment on History." *Ergo*. Vol. 13 (Summer 2019): 192-7.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

2022 “*Shabat on the Sertão: Investigating the Myth of a Jewish Maroon Enclave in Brazil.*” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MA. November 12th, 2022

Invited Talks and Workshops

2020 Utah Academy of Arts, Science, and Letters Annual Conference. “Peeking through the Palisades at Palmares: A Composite Social History.” Salt Lake City, Utah. March 13th, 2020. **Conference Canceled Due To COVID-19**

2019 Phi Alpha Theta 2019 Regional Conference. “Peeking through the Palisades at Palmares: A Composite Social History” St. George, Utah. March 29th, 2019.

2019 Weber State University’s 15th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. “Peeking through the Palisades at Palmares: A Composite Social History” Ogden, Utah. March 25th, 2019.

2019 Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research. “Peeking through the Palisades at Palmares: A Composite Social History” Ogden, Utah. February 22nd, 2019.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

AMH 2020 – American History Since 1877 (Spring 2021, Fall 2022)

Grader

HIS 3470 – Introduction to Caribbean History

LAH 3100 – The Emergence of New Nations, Latin American History, ca. 1750-1870s

AMH 3423 – Florida History since the Civil War

HIS 3942 – From Histories to Headlines (Practicum)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Portuguese (Advanced Reading and Conversational Proficiency, Advanced Paleography)

Spanish (Intermediate Reading Proficiency)