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Gildred Professor of Latin American Studies, Professor of Environmental Social Sciences, Senior Fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment and Professor, by courtesy, of Iberian and Latin American Cultures

History

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, History
- Professor, Environmental Social Sciences
- Senior Fellow, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
- Professor (By courtesy), Iberian and Latin American Cultures
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Stanford, (2015- present)
- Director, Program on Urban Studies, Stanford University, (2013-2019)
- Visiting Associate Professor, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, (2012-2012)
- Associate Professor, Stanford University, (2008-2015)
- Assistant Professor, Stanford University, (2000-2008)
- Lecturer, Illinois State University, (1999-2000)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching, Stanford University (2019)
- Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (2016-17)
- Dean's Award, Distinguished Achievements in Teaching, Stanford University (2008)
- Graves Award, Excellence in Humanities Teaching, administered by Pomona College in conjunction with the ACLS (2008)
- Conference Prize, Conference on Latin American History (2006)
- Strugis Leavitt Award, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (2006)
- Robertson Prize, Conference of Latin American History (2005)
- Office of Technology Licensing Research Initiative Award, Stanford (2001-02)
- Dissertation Research Fellowship, Fulbright-Hays, Brazil (1997)
- Graduate College Fellow, University of Illinois (1996)
- FLAS Title VI Fellowship (Portuguese), University of Illinois (1993-95)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Steering Committee, Faculty Senate, Stanford University (2019 - 2020)
- Elected Member, Faculty Senate, Stanford University (2019 - 2020)
- Elected Member, Academic Council Advisory Board, Stanford University (2019 - present)
- Committee Member, CASBS Fellowship Selection Committee (2017 - present)
- Committee Member, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve Faculty Advisory Committee (2019 - present)
- Founding Director, Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis, Stanford University (2012 - 2016)
- Board Member, Editorial Board, Stanford University Press (2019 - present)
- Director, Spatial History Project, Stanford University (2010 - present)
- Core participant, Stanford Spatial History Project, funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation and the Office of the Dean of Humanities and Sciences. (2007 - 2012)
- Member of selection committee, American Council of Learned Societies, Digital Innovation Fellowship Program (2013 - 2014)
- Thesis Prize Committee, Centro de Pesquisa em Historia Social da Cultura, UNICAMP, Brazil (2009 - 2009)
- Organizer, Poverty and Inequality in Latin America, Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University (2006 - 2006)
- Organizer, Terrain of History, Stanford Humanities Center (2006 - 2006)
- Affiliated faculty member, Urban Studies Program, Stanford University (2006 - present)
- Affiliated faculty member, Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University (2007 - present)
- Affiliated faculty member, Woods Institute for the Environment (2009 - 2011)
- Member of Editorial Board, Cadernos de Historia (academic journal, Belo Horizonte, Brazil)
- Screener, SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowships (2005 - 2005)
- Screener, SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowships (2008 - 2008)
- Manuscript reviewer, University of New Mexico Press, Yale University Press, and Stanford University Press
- Article Reviewer, Business History Review, Journal of Latin American Studies, Comparative Studies in Society and History, and Revista de História Economica
- Co-director, with Richard Roberts, Court Records and Humanities," an interactive digital archive project in the Stanford Humanities Laboratory (2003 - present)
- Commentator, Hewlett-Brazil Workshop, University of Illinois (2001 - 2001)
- Commentator, Political Culture in the Andes, a NEH conference held at the University of Illinois (2000 - 2000)
- Director, Program on Urban Studies (2013 - present)
- Chair, Digital Humanities Faculty Search (DLCL & English) (2013 - present)
- Director, Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (2012 - present)
- Appointed member, ad-hoc committee on online learning, VPOL (2012 - 2013)
- Appointed member, SUES subcommittee on breadth (2011 - 2012)
- Appointed member, C-ACIS (2011 - present)
- Member, Committee in Charge, Program in Modern Thought and Literature (2011 - present)
- Elected member, Faculty Senate, Stanford University (2010 - 2012)
- Executive Committee member, Urban Studies Program, Stanford University (2010 - present)
- Board member, Latin American Studies Center, Stanford University (2006 - present)
- Director, Honors Program in History, Department of History, Stanford University (2001 - 2003)
- Selection Committee, External and Internal Faculty Fellowships, Stanford Humanities Center (2010 - 2010)

- Selection Committee, Graduate Fellowships, Stanford Humanities Center (2006 - 2006)
- Book prize committee, AHA-Pacific Coast Branch, 2006-08; Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies (2006 - 2007)
- Member, Latin American History search committee, Stanford University (2002 - 2003)
- Faculty supervisor, Summer Honors College (2002 - 2002)
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- Faculty supervisor, Summer Honors College (2004 - 2004)
- Co-director, Empires and Cultures Workshop, Stanford Humanities Center (2001 - 2005)
- Member, History Department Policy Committee, Stanford University (2002 - 2003)
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Stanford University (2000 - 2002)
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)
- Conference organizer, Latin America and Global Trade," Social Science History Institute, Stanford University (2001 - 2001)
- Secretary, Department of History, Stanford University (2000 - 2001)
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Latin American Studies Center, Stanford University (2001 - 2001)
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Latin American Studies Center, Stanford University (2007 - 2007)
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor for students in History, Latin American Studies, and International Relations
- Member or chair, doctoral examination committees in History and Political Science
- Honors Award Committee, Department of History, Stanford University (2001 - 2001)
- Honors Award Committee, Department of History, Stanford University (2002 - 2002)
- Member, Feminist Studies Resource Faculty (2000 - present)
- Member, American Historical Association
- Member, Economic History Association
- Member, Economic History Society
- Member, Mexican Economic History Association
- Member, Brazilian Studies Association
- Corresponding Member, Instituto Historico e Geognifico de Mato Grosso

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Latin American Studies
- Modern Thought and Literature

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign , History (1999)

Research & Scholarship

PROJECTS

- Urbanization and its Discontents
- Historical Demography of the Rio das Mortes, Brazil - Federal University of Minas Gerais
- The Casa dos Contos Project - Stanford

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Human Society and Environmental Change: EARTHSYS 112, EARTHSYS 212, ESS 112, HISTORY 103D (Aut)
- The Historical Ecology of Latin America: HISTORY 278B, HISTORY 378 (Win)
- Workshop in Environmental Behavioral Sciences: Theory and Praxis: EBS 300 (Aut, Win, Spr)

2024-25

- Graduate Colloquium: Explorations in Latin American History and Historiography: HISTORY 371 (Win)
- Human Society and Environmental Change: EARTHSYS 112, EARTHSYS 212, ESS 112, HISTORY 103D (Aut)
- Spatial History, Part II: HISTORY 401B (Spr)
- Spatial History: Concepts, Methods, Problems: HISTORY 401A (Win)

2023-24

- Beyond Borders: Approaches to Transnational History: HISTORY 306 (Aut)
- Human Society and Environmental Change: EARTHSYS 112, EARTHSYS 212, ESS 112, HISTORY 103D (Aut)
- The Historical Ecology of Latin America: HISTORY 378 (Spr)

2022-23

- Graduate Colloquium: Explorations in Latin American History and Historiography: HISTORY 371 (Win)
- Graduate Pedagogy Workshop: HISTORY 305 (Win)
- Human Society and Environmental Change: EARTHSYS 112, EARTHSYS 212, ESS 112, HISTORY 103D (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Shubhangni Gupta, Miri Powell, Hong Song, Adele Stock

Orals Chair

Joao Viana

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Farah Bazzi, Olavo Passos de Souza, Christian Robles-Baez

Orals Evaluator

Mariana Calvo, Karventha Kuppusamy, Jackie Olson, William Parish, Olavo Passos de Souza, Miri Powell, Christian Robles-Baez, Hong Song, Nina de Meira Borba

Master's Program Advisor

Samuel Minev Benzecry, Nicha Rattanabut, Rowan Schnebly

Doctoral (Program)

Farah Bazzi, William Parish, Olavo Passos de Souza, Christian Robles-Baez, Nina de Meira Borba

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **The Geography of 'Fear', 'Sadness', 'Anger' and 'Joy': Exploring the Emotional Landscapes in the Holocaust Survivors' Testimonies** *TEKSTY DRUGIE*
Ezeani, I., Rayson, P., Gregory, I., Cole, T., Steiner, E., Frank, Z.
2025
- **Towards an Extensible Framework for Understanding Spatial Narratives**
Ezeani, I., Rayson, P., Gregory, I., Haris, E., Cohn, A., Stell, J., Cole, T., Taylor, J., Bodenhamer, D., Devadasan, N., Steiner, E., Frank, Z., Olson, et al
edited by Moncla, L., Martins, B., McDonough, K., Hu
ASSOC COMPUTING MACHINERY.2023: 1-10
- **Ejidos, Urbanization, and the Production of Inequality in Formerly Agricultural Lands, Guadalajara, Mexico, 1975-2020** *LAND*
Barleta, L., Carrillo, M., Frank, Z., Steiner, E.
2020; 9 (12)
- **REGION, NATION, AND SOCIAL SCIENCE: An Interview with Joseph L. Love on 50 Years of Studying Brazil** *AMERICAS*
Frank, Z., Goodman, G., Woodard, J.
2019; 76 (1): 137–52
- **Wines of Altitude in the State of Santa Catarina: the signature of an identity** *TEMPO E ARGUMENTO*
Nodari, E., Frank, Z.
2019; 11 (26): 183–200
- **Naming Practices in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-century Brazil: Names, Namesakes, and Families in the Parish of Sao Jose, Minas Gerais** *JOURNAL OF FAMILY HISTORY*
Libby, D. C., Frank, Z.
2015; 40 (1): 64-91
- **An historical land conservation analysis in the San Francisco Bay Area, USA: 1850-2010** *LANDSCAPE AND URBAN PLANNING*
Santos, M. J., Thorne, J. H., Christensen, J., Frank, Z.
2014; 127: 114-123
- **Review of The Laws of Chance** *Journal of Social History*
Chazkel, A.
2013; 47 (1)
- **Entre ricos e pobres o mundo de Antonio Jose Dutra no Rio de Janeiro oitocentista**
Frank, Z.
Sao Paulo: Editora Annablume.2012
- **Risk, Incentives, and Contracts: Partnerships in Rio de Janeiro, 1870-1891** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC HISTORY*
Abramitzky, R., Frank, Z., Mahajan, A.
2010; 70 (3): 686-715
- **The Slave Market in Rio de Janeiro circa 1869: Movement, Context, and Social Experience** *the Journal of Latin American Geography*
Frank, Z.
2010; 9 (2)
- **Review of The Forbidden Lands** *Hispanic American Historical Review*
Langfur, H.
2010; 90 (3)
- **Returning to the Parish Registers of Colonial Minas Gerais: ethnicity in Sao Jose do Rio das Mortes, 1780-1810** *REVISTA BRASILEIRA DE HISTORIA*
Libby, D. C., Frank, Z.
2009; 29 (58): 383-415

- **Voltando aos registros paroquiais de Minas colonial: etnicidade em Sao Jose do Rio das Mortes, 1780-1810** *Revista Brasileira de Historia*
Frank, Z.
2009; 29 (58): 383-415
- **Exploring International Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration in the Americas**
Frank, Z.
2008
- **Layers, flows and intersections: Jeronimo Jose de Mello and artisan life in Rio de Janeiro, 1840s-1880s** *JOURNAL OF SOCIAL HISTORY*
Frank, Z.
2007; 41 (2): 307-?
- **The Partnership Puzzle: Business Partnerships in Rio de Janeiro, 1870-1891** *paper presented to the VonGrep Economic History Workshop, UCLA*
Frank, Z.
2007
- **Cities and wealth in the South Atlantic: Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro before 1860** *COMPARATIVE STUDIES IN SOCIETY AND HISTORY*
Johnson, L. L., Frank, Z.
2006; 48 (3): 634-668
- **Of Birth and Bondage** *Working Paper for the Early Modern History Workshop*
Libby, D.
2006
- **Conclusion: Commodity Chains and Globalization in Historical Perspective** *From Silver to Cocaine*
Marichal, C., Topik, S.
edited by Marichal, Topik, Frank
Duke University Press.2006: 352-360
- **Stature in Nineteenth-Century Rio de Janeiro: Preliminary Evidence from Prison Records** *Revista de Historia Economica: Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*
Frank, Z.
2006; 24 (3): 465-490
- **From Silver to Cocaine** *Latin American Commodity Chains and the Building of the World Economy, 1500-2000*
edited by Marichal, C., Topik, S.
Durham: Duke University Press.2006
- **Review of Stringing Together a Nation** *Hispanic American Historical Review*
Diacon, T.
2006; 86 (3)
- **Introduction: Commodity Chains in Theory and in Latin American History** *From Silver to Cocaine*
Marichal, C., Topik, S.
edited by Marichal, Topik, Frank
Duke University Press.2006: 1-24
- **Brazil in the International Rubber Trade, 1870-1930** *From Silver to Cocaine*
Musacchio, A.
edited by Marichal, Topik, Frank
Duke University Press.2006: 271-299
- **Review of Native Capital: Financial Institutions and Economic Development in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 1850-1920** *Business History Review*
Hanley, A.
2006; 80 (3)
- **Rentiers and Renters: The Urban Property Market in Rio de Janeiro** *Poverty and inequality in Latin America*
Frank, Z.

2006

- **Exploring parish registers in colonial Minas Gerais, Brazil: Ethnicity in Sao Jose do Rio das Mortes, 1780-1810** *COLONIAL LATIN AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW*
Libby, D., Frank, Z.
2005; 14 (3): 213-244
- **Wealth holding in southeastern Brazil, 1815-60** *HAHR-HISPANIC AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW*
Frank, Z.
2005; 85 (2): 223-257
- **Wealth Holding in Southeastern Brazil** *Hispanic American Historical Review*
Frank, Z.
2005; 85 (2): 221-255
- **Dutra's World** *Wealth and Family in Nineteenth-Century Rio de Janeiro*
Frank, Z.
Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press.2004
- **Review of Within Her Power: Propertied Women in Colonial Virginia** *The Journal of Economic History*
Sturtz, L. L.
2003; 63 (3)
- **Review of Labour Relations and Industrial Performance in Brazil: Greater Sao Paulo, 1945-60** *The Journal of Economic History*
Colistete, R.
2002; 62 (2)
- **The International Natural Rubber Market, 1870-1930**
Frank, Z., Musacchio, A.
edited by Whaples, R.
2002
- **Review of The Many and the Few** *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*
Sabato, H.
2002; 33 (4)
- **Exports and inequality: Evidence from the Brazilian frontier, 1870-1937** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC HISTORY*
Frank, Z. L.
2001; 61 (1): 37-58
- **Review of Banking and Economic Development: Brazil 1889-1930** *The Journal of Economic History*
Triner, G.
2001; 61 (4)
- **Elite families and oligarchic politics on the Brazilian frontier: Mato Grosso, 1889-1937** *LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH REVIEW*
Frank, Z. L.
2001; 36 (1): 49-74