

Lara Elizabeth Putnam

Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh, 2013-present

(Associate Professor, 2006-2012; Assistant Professor 2003-2006)

Director, Global Studies Center, 2023-present

Secondary appointment, School of Computing and Information, 2020-present

Researcher and tenure-stream professor, Centro de Investigaciones Históricas de América Central and Posgrado en Historia, Universidad de Costa Rica, 2000-2003

Education

University of Michigan, Ph.D. in History, 2000.

Harvard University, B.A. *summa cum laude* in History and Literature, 1990.

Sole-authored books

Radical Moves: Caribbean Migrants and the Politics of Race in the Jazz Age. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013.

The Company They Kept: Migrants and the Politics of Gender in Caribbean Costa Rica, 1870-1960. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002.

Género, poder y migración en el Caribe Costarricense, 1870-1960. San José, Costa Rica: INAMU, 2014. (Translation of *The Company They Kept*.)

Co-edited books

Caribbean Military Encounters: A Multidisciplinary Anthology from the Humanities. Shalini Puri and Lara Putnam, eds. London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

Honor, Status, and Law in Modern Latin America. Sueann Caulfield, Sarah Chambers, and Lara Putnam, eds. Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.

Select peer-reviewed academic articles

With Jena Martin. "Everything New is Old Again: The Coming Metaverse, Platforms as Premises, and Addressing Harms that Occur Behind the Veil of Scale," *Yale Journal of Law & Technology* 27, no. 1 (2025): 151-246.

"The Transnational and the Text-Searchable: Digitized Sources and the Shadows They Cast." *American Historical Review* 121, no. 2 (April 2016): 377-402.

"Sentiment and the Restrictionist State: Evidence from the British Caribbean Experience, circa 1925." *Journal of American Ethnic History* 35, no. 2 (Winter 2016): 5-31.

"Citizenship from the Margins: Vernacular Theories of Rights and the State from the Interwar Caribbean." *Journal of British Studies* 53, no. 1 (2014): 162-191. [Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize for 2014-2015 from the Association of Caribbean Historians.]

"To Study the Fragments/Whole: Microhistory and the Atlantic World," *Journal of Social History* 39, no. 3 (Spring 2006): 615-630.

Writing for general audience: Includes *Tech Policy Press*, *WIRED*, *New York Review of Books*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*, *Vox.com*, *New Republic*

50 Ph.D. dissertation committees completed, 11 as chair/co-chair; 7 more in progress

Select service to the discipline

President, Conference on Latin American History, 2017-2018.

Consulting editor for digital initiatives, *American Historical Review*, 2019-2022. Member, Board of Editors, 2016-2019.

Program Committee, American Historical Association 2013 Annual Meeting.

Co-Senior Editor, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 2007-2012.