

# Latin American History at Penn State



We encourage applications to study the history of Spanish America from the sixteenth through the twentieth centuries. The [Penn State Department of History](#) has a dynamic MA and PhD program which stresses broad training combined with intensive individualized study in a specialized field situated within several areas of strength among our faculty.

Students who study Latin American history at Penn State can benefit from outstanding faculty resources. [Professor Matthew Restall](#) covers the colonial period, and has published books on the history of the Spanish Conquest, Afro-Mexico, the Mayas of Yucatan, and other topics. [Professor Solsiree Del Moral](#) covers the modern period, and works on race, citizenship, and nation-building in the Spanish Caribbean. [Professor Amy Greenberg](#) has written a book on filibusters in nineteenth-century Central America, and her current project is a cultural history of the US-Mexican War. [Professor Grace Delgado](#) studies transnational Chinese communities in the US-Mexico borderlands.

Latin American history faculty members are projected to grow in 2008 as the result of a nationwide search. In addition, complementary perspectives are offered via strong faculty representation in other areas within History—such as early modern European history, gender history, African Diaspora studies, and comparative colonialism—as well as in other departments within the College of Liberal Arts (see [Latin American Studies](#)).

Recent graduates from our program wrote doctoral dissertations on religion and politics among the Nahuas of colonial Mexico and on Totonac rebellions in Veracruz. They have achieved success in the field, and future graduates are expected to benefit from an expanding academic employment market. We are committed to thorough training and to placing our graduates well.

Among our current students, [Rob Schwaller](#) is in Spain researching a dissertation on the casta system in colonial Mexico; [Spencer Delbridge](#) is working on colonial Maya culture and identity; [Mark Christensen](#) is focusing on Nahua and Maya contributions to the Spiritual Conquest; and [Marcus McArthur](#) is studying the relationship between US-based black radicals and revolutionary Cuba.

We are currently accepting applications from students interested in pursuing graduate degrees under the guidance of Profs. Delgado, Del Moral, and Restall.