

# FREDERICO FREITAS

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, 350 WITHERS HALL, CAMPUS BOX 8108  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, NC 27695-8108

(650) 468-8281, (919) 515-2483

f\_freitas@ncsu.edu  
fredericofreitas.org

## POSITIONS

**Assistant Professor** of Digital and Latin American History  
Core Faculty at the Visual Narrative Cluster  
North Carolina State University

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** in Latin American History (2016)  
Stanford University

Dissertation: “Boundaries of Nature: National Parks and Environmental Change at the Argentine-Brazilian Border, 1890-1990.”

Committee: Zephyr Frank (Chair), Richard White, Mikael Wolfe.

Examination Fields: Modern Latin America with Zephyr Frank, Colonial Latin America with Tamar Herzog, Environmental and Spatial History with Richard White, Transnational History with J. P. Daughton.

**M.A.** in Latin American History (2011)  
Stanford University

**B.A.** in History (2008)  
University of São Paulo

## PUBLICATIONS (REVIEWED)

“Terras públicas e política de conservação da natureza: o caos fundiário na formação do Parque Nacional do Iguaçu.” *História Ambiental 3: Natureza, Sociedade, Fronteiras*. Rio de Janeiro: Garamond, 2019, forthcoming.

*Big Water: The making of the borderlands between Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay*. Co-edited with Jake Blanc. University of Arizona Press, 2018.

“Argentinizing the Border: Conservation and Colonization in the Iguazú National Park, 1890s-1950s.” Individual contribution to the *Big Water* volume, 2018, 105-128.

“Introduction.” Co-written with Jacob Blanc for the *Big Water* volume, 2018, 2-21.

“Ordering the Borderland: Settlement and Removal in the Iguaçu National Park, Brazil, 1940s-1970s.” *The Nature State: Rethinking the History of Conservation*. New York: Routledge, 2017, 158-175.

“A Park for the Borderlands: The Creation of the Iguaçu National Park in Southern Brazil, 1880-1940.” *Hib: Revista de Historia Iberoamericana* 7, no. 2 (2014): 65-88.

“As Viagens de Francisco Moreno: Visões da Natureza e Construção da Nação no Extremo Sul Argentino, 1873-1906.” *Revista Angelus Novus* 1 (2010): 115-143.

## PUBLICATIONS (OTHER)

Review of Javiera Barandiarán. *Science and Environment in Chile: The Politics of Expert Advice in a Neoliberal Democracy*. H-Environment (2019, forthcoming).

“How Brazil’s Neo-Fascism Threatens the Planet.” *Current Affairs* (November 2018).

“The Brazilian Nostalgia for Dictatorship.” *Current Affairs* (October 2018).

Review of Thomas Nail. *Theory of the Border*. H-Environment (January 2017).

“Espaço, História e Ambiente: Entendendo o Desmatamento Através do SIG Histórico, Minas Gerais 1750-1840.” In *Ensaio em Ciências Ambientais: Crises Riscos e Racionalidades*, edited by Doris Aleida Villamizar Sayago et al. Rio de Janeiro: Garamond, 2016, 217-248.

“The Guarani and the Iguazu National Park: An Environmental History.” *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America* 14, no. 3 (Spring 2015): 18-22.

“Spatial History and Digital Humanities, an Interview with Brazilianist Zephyr Frank.” *História e Cultura* 3, no. 1 (2014): 375-392.

“Land Use and Deforestation in Southeastern Brazil, 1753-1840.” *Fronteiras: Journal of Social, Technological, and Environmental Science* 2, no. 2 (2013): 49-77.

Review of Martha Few and Zeb Tortorici (Org.). *Centering Animals in Latin American History* in *Historia Ambiental Latinoamericana y Caribeña* 3, no. 1 (2013-2014): 229-232.

Translation from Portuguese to English: Eduardo Viveiros de Castro. “Some Reflections on the Notion of Species.” *E-Misférica/Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics* 10, no. 1 (2013).

Translation from English to Portuguese: Ed Cohen. “Tendências Humanas.” *E-Misférica/Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics* 10, no. 1 (2013).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

Book Manuscript: *Boundaries of Nature: National Parks and Environmental Change at the Argentine-Brazilian Border, 1890-1990*.

Article (under review): “Conservation frontier: The creation of protected areas in the Brazilian Amazonia.”

Encyclopedia entry (under contract): “Protected Areas in Brazil: History and Current Status,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*.

Co-Investigator, “Urban Panorama,” Visual Narrative Initiative, North Carolina State University. (2017- )

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

“Boundaries of Nature: National Parks and Environmental Change at the Argentine-Brazilian Border, 1890-1990.” Roundtable talk at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 2019.

“Deforestation and greenhouse gases emissions in Brazil – Lessons from the Workers’ Party years.” Paper presented at the The Future of the Left in Latin America Conference, The New School, New York, NY, October 2018.

“Amazonia as a natural frontier: national parks and development in the 1970s.” Paper presented at the International Conference of the Brazilian Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 2018.

“Urban Panorama: A Digital History Project.” Paper presented at the Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis at Stanford University, CA, April 2018.

“Nature State as a Frontier State: national parks and frontier development in Brazil, 1937-1980.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Society of Environmental History, Riverside, CA, March 2018.

“Hunters, Rangers, Cougars, and Jaguars: human and nonhuman territories at the Argentine-Brazilian border, 1960s-1980s.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January 2018.

“Agrarian Reform at the Border: Settler Removal and Resistance in the Iguazu National Park, Brazil, 1944-1982.” Paper presented at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Peru, April 2017.

“Colonization Parks: Nature Conservation and State-Sponsored Settlement in Argentine National Parks, 1934-1978.” Paper accepted at the Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Salt Lake City, April 2017.

“Inspecting the boundary: the discourse and practice of conservation surveillance at the Argentine-Brazilian border.” Paper presented at the Conference of the Southeastern Conference of Latin American Studies, Chapel Hill, March 2017.

“Territorializing Nature: The Making of National Parks at the Argentine-Brazilian Border.” Paper presented at the Global Brazil Humanities Lab, Duke University, November 2016.

“O Foco da Desordem: Navegação e Segurança Nacional na Bacia do Paraná, Argentina e Brasil, 1890-1940.” Paper presented at the Workshop on Maritime History, Navigation, and Geopolitics, University of São Paulo, July 2016.

“Boundaries of Nature: National Parks in a South-American Borderland, 1930s-1980s.” Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, May 2016.

“Cat Geographies: Encounters between Humans, Cougars, and Jaguars at the Argentine-Brazilian border, 1950s-1980s.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Society for Environmental History, Seattle, March 2016.

“The Contradictions of Argentine Conservationism: Development and Conservation in Argentina’s National Parks, 1934-1980.” Paper presented at the Intersections of Development in Latin America Symposium, Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, May 2015.

“Conserving the Iguazu Falls between Brazil and Argentina, 1950-1980.” Paper presented at the Environmental Histories of Latin America Faculty Workshop, Stanford University, April 2015.

“Territories of Nature: the Military and National Park Displacement in Southern Brazil, 1940-1980.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Society for Environmental History, Washington DC, March 2015.

“Boundaries, Settlers, and Forests: Occupation and Displacement in a Brazilian National Park.” Paper presented at the Archaeologies of Inhabitation and Displacement, Blokker Research Workshop in the Humanities, Stanford University, March 2015.

“Territories of Nature: Settlement and Removal in the Iguazu National Park, 1940-1980,” and “Cataratas em Disputa: Geopolítica e a Criação do Parque Nacional do Iguazu no Brasil dos Anos 30.” Papers presented at the 7th Symposium of Environmental History in Latin America and the Caribbean, University of Quilmes, Argentina, October 2014.

“The Organic Territory: The Vargas Regime and the Environmental Legislation Boom in Brazil, 1930-1945.” Paper presented at the 2nd World Congress of Environmental History, University of Minho at Guimarães, Portugal, July 2014.

“Disputed Falls: National Parks and the Brazilian Southwestern Borderlands 1910s-1940s.” Paper presented at the Questioning Spaces of Citizenship in Latin America and the Caribbean Conference, Columbia University, April 2014.

“Desafios e Possibilidades da História Ambiental: um balanço dos últimos 40 anos da disciplina.” Federal University of Paraná, Brazil, September 2013.

“Storyboarding for Interactive Visualizations.” Spatial History Laboratory, Stanford University, July 2012.

“Adobe Illustrator and GIS.” Spatial History Laboratory, Stanford University, July 2012.

“Latin America and the International System before 1945.” Guest lecture at the “History of the International System Since 1914” course, Stanford University, May 2012.

“Desafios e possibilidades ao uso dos Sistemas de Informação Geográfica na História.” Paper presented with Martha Rabelatto at the 5th Symposium on Slavery and Freedom in Southern Brazil, Federal University of Porto Alegre, Brazil, May 2011.

“O Impulso da Automação - Racionalismo e Controle na Relação entre os Homens e os Outros Animais no Pós-Guerra.” Paper presented at the 3rd Seminar on Animal Studies, University of São Paulo, Brazil, December 2009.

## GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Fellowship - 2019-2020.

DELTA Blended Learning Grant (co-PI), North Carolina State University - 2017-2018.

Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University - 2015-2016.

The American Society for Environmental History, Travel Grant - 2015.

John D. Wirth Fund - Department of History, Stanford University, Research Grant - Summer 2014.

Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis, Stanford University, Research Grant - Summer 2014.

American Historical Association, Albert J. Beveridge Grant for research in the history of the Western hemisphere - 2013.

School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University, Graduate Research Opportunity Funds (GRO) - Spring 2013.

Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, Working Group Grant - 2013.

Department of History, Stanford University, Doctoral Fellowship - 2010-2015.

National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), Brazil - 2008.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Principal Investigator**, “Urban Panorama Project,” Visual Narrative Initiative, North Carolina State University, 2016-.

**Co-Investigator**, “Spatial History of Rio de Janeiro,” Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis, Stanford University. (2015-16)

**Research Coordinator**, Professor Zephyr Frank, Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis, Stanford University, Summer 2015.

**Principal Investigator**, “Boundaries of Nature Project,” Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis, Stanford University, Winter 2014—Summer 2015.

**Research Coordinator**, Visiting Professor Iris Kantor (University of São Paulo), “Colonial Portuguese Lands Project,” Spatial History Lab, Stanford University, Winter—Spring 2012.

**Research Coordinator**, Professor Zephyr Frank, “Terrain of History Project,” Spatial History Lab, Stanford University, Summer 2011.

#### OUTSIDE/PEER REVIEWER

*Journal of Latin American Studies*, April 2018

National Geographic Society grant, February 2017.

NEH, Digging into Data Challenge grant, November 2016.

#### DIGITAL HUMANITIES PORTFOLIO

**The Making of a Forest: Landscape Change at the Argentine-Brazilian Border**, visualization, 2017

<https://arcg.is/uquTq>

**Spatial History of Rio de Janeiro**, animated prototype, 2015

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=4I54tB1dF4k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4I54tB1dF4k)

**Boundaries of Nature: Sixty Years of Landscape Change in the Iguazu National Park, Brazil**, visualization, 2014

[cesta.stanford.edu/projects/boundaries/](http://cesta.stanford.edu/projects/boundaries/)

**The Posthumous Memoirs of Bras Cubas**, visualization, 2011

[web.stanford.edu/group/spatialhistory/cgi-bin/site/viz.php?id=377&](http://web.stanford.edu/group/spatialhistory/cgi-bin/site/viz.php?id=377&)

**The Plays of França Júnior**, visualization, 2011

[web.stanford.edu/group/spatialhistory/cgi-bin/site/viz.php?id=375&](http://web.stanford.edu/group/spatialhistory/cgi-bin/site/viz.php?id=375&)

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### **Assistant Professor**

“U.S.-Latin American relations,” graduate/undergraduate seminar, 2018.

“Latin America since 1826,” undergraduate survey, 2016-2019.

“Spatial History,” graduate seminar, 2017, 2019.

“Theory and Practice of Digital History,” graduate/undergraduate seminar, 2016-2018.

**Teaching Fellow**

“From Coffee to Cocaine: Commodities, Environment, and Society in Modern South America,” upper undergraduate seminar for history majors, Stanford University, 2013.

**Teaching Assistant**

“Human Society and Environmental Change” (Zephyr Frank, Roz Naylor, Rodrigo Pizarro), undergraduate seminar for earth-systems majors. Stanford University, 2012.

“The International System Since 1914” (Norman Naimark), undergraduate survey lecture and discussion sessions, Stanford University, 2012.

“Culture, Society and Politics in Latin America” (Patrick Iber), undergraduate survey lecture and discussion sessions, Stanford University, 2011.

## TEACHING FIELDS

Digital Humanities/Historical GIS  
 Latin American History (Colonial and Modern)  
 Environmental History (Early Modern and Modern)  
 Global History (Modern)  
 Political Ecology  
 Animal Studies

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Symposium Coordinator**, “R. L. Rabb Science and Society Symposium—Urban Sustainability in Latin America and South Asia,” North Carolina State University, September 2018.

**Interviewer**, Park Scholarships Finalists, North Carolina State University, 2018.

**Committee Member**, Curriculum Committee, Points Committee, North Carolina State University, 2016-.

**Graduate Student Coordinator**, “Environmental Histories of Latin America: Faculty Workshop,” Stanford University, April 2015.

**Symposium Coordinator**, “Dialogues Between Brazilian History and Literature,” Stanford University, May 2013.

**Workshop Coordinator**, “The Southern Cone Research Network,” Stanford University, May 2012.

**Search Committee Member**, Stanford History Department Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Latin American History, 2011-2012.

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER

**Art Director** at Tempo Design. (2000-2009)

*Developed motion graphics for advertisement, cinema, and broadcast. Worked with corporate clients such as Coca-Cola, Volkswagen, MTV, Globo. Created multimedia projections for museum and theater. Designed for print.*

**Art Director** at Cinética Design. (1999-2007)

*Developed motion graphics for advertisement, cinema, and broadcast. Designed for print.*

**Graphic Designer** at Galactiae Studios. (1996-1999)

*Executed motion graphics for advertisement, and broadcast.*

## DESIGN/MOTION GRAPHICS PORTFOLIO

**Frederico Freitas**, personal website, 2015

[fredericofreitas.org](http://fredericofreitas.org)

## SKILLS

Image Edition/Illustration/Design (Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator) *advanced*

2D Motion Graphics (Adobe After Effects) *advanced*

Film Editing (Adobe Premiere, Final Cut Pro) *intermediate*

3D Animation (Autodesk Maya) *basic*

Coding (Html, JavaScript) *basic*

GIS (ESRI ArcGIS, QGIS) *intermediate to advanced*

Remote Sensing Analysis (ENVI) *basic*

## LANGUAGES

Portuguese – native/academic

Spanish - fluent speaking, reading, and writing

French and Italian - reading