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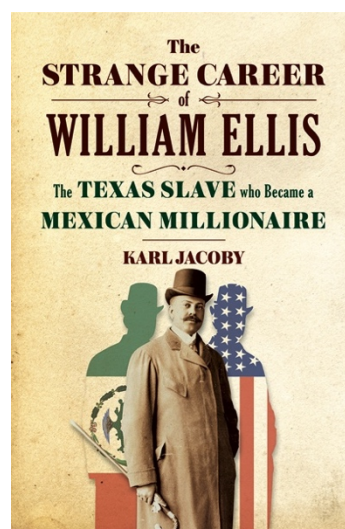
The Center for Public History  
Department of History  
Center for Mexican American Studies

*Invite you to a talk and book presentation by*

## **Professor Karl Jacoby**

Department of History and Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race  
Columbia University

## **The Strange Career of William Ellis: The Texas Slave Who Became a Mexican Millionaire**



**Karl Jacoby** has devoted his career to understanding the ways in which the making of the United States intertwined with the unmaking of a variety of other societies—from Native American nations to the communities of northern Mexico—and the ecologies upon which they rested. His scholarship is distinguished by its close attention to questions of narrative and storytelling, in-depth micro-historical approach, and border-crossing nature. Jacoby’s published work straddles multiple boundaries—not only the geographic divisions between East and West, and Mexico and the United States, but also the methodological divides between labor history and environmental history, genocide studies and Native American history, and borderlands history and African-American history. He is also the author of two previous books, *Crimes Against Nature: Squatters, Poachers, Thieves, and the Hidden History of American Conservation* (University of California Press, 2003) and *Shadows at Dawn: A Borderlands Massacre and the Violence of History* (Penguin Press, 2008).

**Date and Time:** Thursday February 23, 2017, 5:00 pm

**Location:** UH Honors College Lounge, MD Anderson Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Parking Information:** Welcome Center Garage, 4434 University Dr., Houston, TX 77204

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