

Latina/Latino Histories

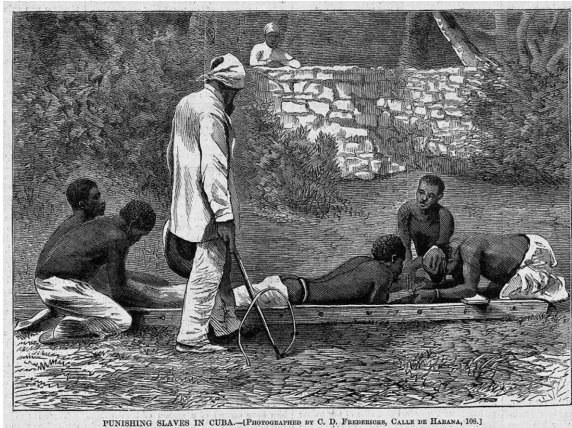
History 3394: Selected Topics in U.S. History

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PUNISHING SLAVES IN CUBA.—(Photographed by C. D. FREDERICKS, CALLE DE HABANA, 1863.)



The growth of Latina/o groups has transformed communities throughout the United States, and has led to debates about Latina/o political power, cultural influence, citizenship, and ethnic and racial categorization. While this increased attention to Latina/os may seem “new,” Latina/o communities have played a pivotal role in U.S. history for centuries. This course will explore Latina/o histories from the colonial era to the present day. We will begin by looking at transitions from Spanish colony to independent nation-states and from slavery to emancipation in the Americas. We will continue to examine U.S. imperialism in Latin America and the ties that developed between the two regions. We will follow Latina/o migration streams and look at the lives that Latina/o peoples built for themselves in the U.S. while maintaining connections to Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central America throughout the nineteenth and twentieth century. Ultimately, you will leave this course with a deeper understanding of the issues and histories that bring Latina/os together, those that continue to divide them, their multiple and shifting racial classification, and the long struggles for equality and belonging that have animated their histories.

Readings include:

Juan Gonzalez, *Harvest of Empire: A History of Latinos in America*

Pablo Mitchell, *West of Sex: Making Mexican America, 1900-1930*

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