



Historians' Lectures



Jane Landers Biography

Jane Landers is an historian of Colonial Latin America and the Atlantic World specializing in the history of Africans and their descendants in those worlds. She is the author of *Atlantic Creoles in the Age of Revolutions* (Cambridge, Mass., 2010) which was awarded the Rembert Patrick Book Award and honorary mention for the Conference on Latin American History's 2011 Bolton Johnson Prize. Her first monograph *Black Society in Spanish Florida* (Urbana, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2005) was awarded the Frances B. Simkins Prize for Distinguished First Book in Southern History and was a CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title.

Landers co-authored the college textbook, *The Atlantic World: A History, 1400-1888* (Harlan Davidson, 2007) and edited *Slavery and Abolition in the Atlantic World: New Sources and New Findings* (Oxfordshire, England, 2017), *Colonial Plantations and Economy in Florida* (Gainesville, 2000, 2001) and *Against the Odds: Free Blacks in the Slave Societies of the Americas* (London, 1996).

Landers directs the Slave Societies Digital Archive hosted by the Jean and Alexander Heard Library at Vanderbilt which is preserving endangered ecclesiastical and secular documents related to slavery in the Atlantic World. With grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council for Learned Societies, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the British Library Endangered Archives Programme, The Historic St. Augustine Research Institute, and the Diocese of St. Augustine, and with the help of her graduate students, Landers and her international teams have preserved records in Cuba, Brazil, Colombia, Spanish Florida, and Cape Verde, the oldest dating from the 16th century.

She also directs the Black Atlantic Speakers Series supported by the Vanderbilt University History Department, the Center for Latin American, Caribbean and LatinX Studies, the Jean & Alexander Heard Libraries, the Department of African American and Diaspora Studies, and the Robert Penn Warren Center.



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