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Lecturer in U.S. History, Department of Historical Studies (History), University of Bristol

EDUCATION

- 2016** *Ph.D. in American Studies, University of Nottingham (UK)*
Dissertation's title: *Which Way to Emancipation? Race and Ethnicity in American Socialist Thought, 1876-1899*. Supervisors: Dr. Christopher Phelps and Dr. Robin Vandome.
- 2012** *M.Sc. in Political Theory, London School of Economics (UK)*
Dissertation's title: *Social Norms and Legal Rules. A Comparison of the Theories of Friedrich Hayek, Herbert L. A. Hart and John Rawls*. Final mark: Merit. Supervisor: Professor Paul Kelly.
- 2010** *M.A. in History, Università degli Studi di Torino (Italy)*
Dissertation's title: *An American Way to Socialism. The Life and Thought of Daniel De Leon*. Final mark: 110/110 *cum laude* (ECTS grade: A).
- 2008** *B.A. in History, Università degli Studi di Torino (Italy)*
Dissertation's title: *Upton Sinclair. The Life and Thought of an American Intellectual of the Twentieth Century*. Final mark: 110/110 *cum laude* (ECTS grade: A).

TEACHING AND OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2020-present** *Lecturer in U.S. History since 1890, University of Bristol, Department of History*
Modules delivered:
- Race in U.S. History, MA level;
 - American Empire, Level 3;
 - Capitalism, Level 3;
 - The American Civil War, Level 2.
- 2017-20** *Teaching Fellow in U.S. History, University of Birmingham, Department of History*
Modules designed and convened:
- American Dreamers: Radicalism in the U.S., 1776 to the present, Level 3.
 - Mass Culture and the Modern United States, 1877-1939, Level 2.
 - The 1960s: 'Years of Hope, Days of Rage,' Level 2.
 - The African American Experience, from 1607 to Barack Obama, Level 2.
- 2013-17** *Teaching and Research Associate, University of Nottingham, Department of American and Canadian Studies*
Modules delivered:
- U.S. History, 1776 to the present, Level 1.
 - Approaches to American Culture 1, Level 1.
 - Roads to Modernity, 1789-1945. Level 1.

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPH

L. Costaguta, *Workers of All Colors Unite: Race and the Origins of American Socialism* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2023)

EDITED COLLECTIONS

L. Costaguta, Steven Parfitt, John Tiplady, Matthew Kidd (eds.), *Working Class Nationalism and Internationalism before 1945: Essays in Global Labour History* (Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018).

ARTICLES

L. Costaguta, "Before Baku: The Second International and the Debate on Race and Colonialism," in Anne Garland Mahler, Paolo Capuzzo (eds.), *The Comintern and the Global South: Global Designs/Local Encounters* (London: Routledge, 2022).

L. Costaguta, "Must they Go? American Socialism and the Racialization of Chinese Immigrants, 1876-1890," *Contemporanea: Rivista di Storia dell'800 e del 900*, 1:2022

L. Costaguta, "For a Racial and Transnational History of the Origins of American Socialism," *USAbroad: Journal of American History and Politics* 4:2020

L. Costaguta and Johannes Lotze, "Multilingualism and Transnationalism in the Study of Socialist Movements: a Letter from Friedrich A. Sorge to Karl Marx," *RSA Journal* 31:2020, 227-252

L. Costaguta, "'Geographies of Peoples:' Scientific Racialism and Labor Internationalism in Gilded Age American Socialism." *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 2:2019, 199-220

L. Costaguta, "Teaching the Sixties: Politics, Pedagogy and the Meaning of a Decade," *Jam It! Journal of American Studies in Italy* 2:2019, 29-40

L. Costaguta, V. Pignagnoli, "Teaching American Studies in Europe: Perspectives and New Directions for the Twenty-First Century," *RSA Journal* 29:2018, 161-194.

L. Costaguta, "Marxismo, Identità, Nazione: la Vita e il Pensiero di Daniel De Leon" [Marxism, Identity, Nation: the Life and Thought of Daniel De Leon], in Pierpaolo Poggio (ed.), *L'Altronevecento: Comunismo Eretico e Pensiero Critico [The Counter-Twentieth Century: Heretical Communism and Critical Thought]* (Milano: Jaca Book 2013).

L. Costaguta, "Social Norms and Legal Rules. A Comparison of the Theories of Friedrich Hayek, Herbert L.A. Hart and John Rawls," *Annali della Fondazione Luigi Einaudi*, vol. XLVI-2012, Torino 2012, 361-384.

BOOK REVIEWS

Jefferson Cowie, *The Great Exception: The New Deal and the Limits of American Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2016), in *Storia del Pensiero Politico* (2017).

Daniel Di Salvo, *Government Against Itself: Public Union Power and Its Consequences* (New York; Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), in *Ricerche di Storia Politica* 1 (2017).

David Roediger, *Seizing Freedom: Slave Emancipation and Liberty for All* (London: Verso, 2014), in *Journal of American Studies* 50 (2016), 261-263.

Dennis Brennan, *The Making of an Abolitionist: William Lloyd Garrison's Path to Publishing The Liberator* (Jefferson: McFarland, 2014), in *H-Net Socialisms* (August, 2015).

Allison Clark Efford, *German Immigrants, Race, and Citizenship in the Civil War Era* (Washington D.C.; Cambridge: German Historical Institute: Cambridge University Press, 2013), in *49th Parallel: An Interdisciplinary Journal of North American Studies* 35 (2015), 84-86.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2022** *Transatlantic Socialism and the Origins of Marxism in the United States*, Transfers, Circulations and Exchanges within Nineteenth-century Socialism, Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland
- 2021** *On the Imperial Frontline: Race, Labor and Empire in the Second International*, Workers on the Frontline, 2021 Conference of LAWCHA (Labor and Working Class History Association), **University of Chicago**
- 2020** *Socialism and the Construction of a Global White Consciousness: Race and Colonialism in the Second International (1889-1914)*, HOTCUS Conference, **University of Edinburgh** (paper accepted, conference cancelled due to Covid-19).
- 2019** *'Must they Go? Chinese Immigrants and American Socialism in the 1870s*, Workers on the Move, Workers' Movements, 2019 Conference of LAWCHA, **Duke University, Durham**
- Color-blind, race-less or...? Notes for a Better Definition of Racially-inclusive Socialism*, Marx and Marxism in the United States: a One-day Symposium, **University of Nottingham**
- 2018** *Daniel De Leon and the Americanisation of the Socialist Labor Party*. EBAAS Conference 2018, **University of London**.
- 2017** *Race in the Second International, 1889-1914: A Working Paper*. Second Conference of the European Labour History Network. **Université Paris-Nanterre**
- The Socialist Labor Party and African Americans, 1876-1890*. Scales of Struggle: Communities, Movements and Global Connections., **University of Washington, Seattle**
- 2016** *Which Way to Emancipation? Ideas of Race and Ethnicity in the American Socialist Movement, 1876-1899*. BrANCH Annual Conference, **University of Cambridge**
- Race and Class in the Socialist Labor Party: Scientific Racialism and the Birth of Colourblind Socialism*. Resisting Race: Identity Politics and the Project of Liberation, **University of Oxford**
- "Regardless of color:" German American Socialism, Race and Class in the Socialist Labor Party, 1876-1890*. IBAAS Conference, **Queen's University Belfast**
- 2015** *German Americans in the "Transatlantic Harbor." Race and Socialism from 1876 to 1890*. AISNA Conference, **Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"**
- Radicalism and Anti-capitalist Thinking in the Gilded Age*, Widening Participation Summer School, **University of Nottingham**
- Which Way to Emancipation? Race and Ethnicity in American Socialist Thought, 1876-1899*. **Heidelberg Spring Academy**
- "Geographies of Men": Scientific Racialism and Darwinism in Late-nineteenth Century German American Socialism*. Radical Americas, **University College London**

- 2014 *Patterns of Exclusion: The Socialist Labor Party and the Chinese Question, 1876-1890*. BAAS Conference, **University of Birmingham**
- 2013 *Transnationalism at work: the case of Daniel De Leon*. AISNA Conference, **University of Trieste**
- 2012 *Socialist Propaganda: the American foundational myths in Daniel De Leon's thought, 1890-1900*, *Forgotten Voices*. Imperatives of memory and the vagaries of history in American culture, from settlement to 1900, **University of Nottingham**

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 Roundtable. *Imagining Republic. Political Culture, Emotions and Communication Networks (XVII-XIX centuries)*. Summer School organised by the Centre européen des études républicaines (Paris Sciences Lettres), **Université de Neuchâtel, Università di Pisa**. Ascona, 13-18 June 2021.
- Roundtable. *Circulating America(s): History, Aesthetics, Politics*, **Centro Studi Americani**, Rome, 3-5 May.
- 2020 Talk. “*Without Regard to Color:*” *Race and the Origins of American Socialism*, “Multiple Identities. Problems, Methodologies and Sources, from the Antiquities to Today,” **Università degli Studi di Pisa**
- Talk. *The American Civil War and Reconstruction in History and Memory*, **Università degli Studi di Bergamo**
- 2019 Seminar Series. *Race and Class in U.S. Labour History at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*. MSc in Global Cultures, **Università degli Studi di Bologna**
- 2018 Paper. *Socialism, Labour, and Working Class Mobilization, 1880-1914*. Roundtable. **University of Nottingham**
- Workshop. *Age of Fracture: Citizenship, Ideology, Global Politics*. **Università degli Studi di Bologna**
- Talk. *Donald Trump One Year Later: A Roundtable*. **University of Lincoln, UK**.
- 2017 Lecture. “*When the Alternatives Were Clearer:*” *The Gilded Age, Radicalism, and the Construction of Modern Liberalism*. MA Program in American Studies, **Università degli Studi di Torino**
- 2016 Workshop. *The post-American Century and the Crisis of the American Middle Class*. **CISPEA Summer School in U.S. History**

AWARDS, FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2022 British Association of American Studies:** recipient of the BAAS Development Fund for the organisation of an event series for the American Studies Research Group, University of Bristol. £640.
- 2018 University of Birmingham:** recipient of the College of Arts and Language Teaching Development Fund to subsidize my participation at the LAWCHA Conference in Durham, North Carolina - £910.
- 2017 Royal Historical Society:** recipient of the Conference Travel Grant to subsidize my participation at the LAWCHA Conference in Seattle - £750.
- 2015 Economic History Society:** recipient of a competitive grant to organise the international conference “Workers of All Lands Unite? Working Class Nationalism and Internationalism until 1945” - £600.
- 2014 Santander International Mobility Scholarship:** recipient of a competitive grant to undertake a 10-week research period in Texas, Missouri, New York and Michigan - £4200.
- 2013 European Association of American Studies, Travel Prize:** recipient of a competitive grant to undertake a 5-week research period in New York, Ohio and Wisconsin - €1800.
Eccles Centre Postgraduate Fellowship in American Studies: recipient of a competitive grant to undertake a period of research at the British Library - £600.
- 2012 School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies, University of Nottingham:** Ph.D. scholarship -£7000 per annum.
- 2011 Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Torino (Italy):** Research and studying scholarship. Research project title: *Political Parties and Public Opinion in the thought of James Bryce* - €12000.

Other institutions from which I have obtained travel awards and funding for event organisation include:

- Centre for the Study of Political Ideologies, University of Nottingham (2016 - £200);
- School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies, University of Nottingham (2012-2016 – Total awarded: £1550);
- Department of American and Canadian Studies, University of Nottingham (2013-2016 – Total awarded: £950);
- Department of History, University of Nottingham (2015 - £250);
- AISNA - Italian Association of North American Studies (2013-2016 – Total awarded: € 480);
- BrANCH - British Nineteenth Century Americanist Historians (2013, Peter J. Parish Fund - £500);
- British Association of American Studies (2013 - £500);
- Irish Association of American Studies (2013 - €500);
- Graduate School, University of Nottingham (2012 - £600).

EDITORIAL AND PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

September 2022-ongoing

Chair of the Funding Sub-committee of the American Studies Research Group, University of Bristol.
[\(https://americanstudies.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/\)](https://americanstudies.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/)

September 2021-ongoing

Coordinator of the working group “Labour and Empire” of the European Labour History Association.
 [\(https://socialhistoryportal.org/elhn/wg-empire\)](https://socialhistoryportal.org/elhn/wg-empire)

February 2021-ongoing

Editor in Chief of *USAbroad: Journal of American History and Politics*, the first Italian peer-reviewed journal of American history and politics. (<https://usabroad.unibo.it/>)

September 2019-ongoing

Elected member of the Executive Board of the Italian Association of North American Studies.

February 2017- January 2020

Assistant Editor for *USAbroad: Journal of American History and Politics*

March 2015-September 2019

Co-Chair of the AISNA Graduate Forum.

January 2013-June 2015

Articles Editor for *49th Parallel: An Interdisciplinary Journal of North American Studies*.

CONFERENCE AND EVENTS ORGANISATION

2023 Organiser of the international one-day conference *Working-class Anti-imperialism and the Global Left: New Directions of Study*, University of Bristol, 30 June.

2019 Organiser and chair of the talk *Karl Marx and the Cycles of American Capitalism* with Professor **Andrew Hartman** (Illinois State University), held at the University of Birmingham, March 6th 2019.

2018 Coordinator of *Rethinking 1968 and the Global Sixties*, International Conference organised by the AISNA Graduate Forum (September 2018, Centro Studi Americani, Rome). Keynote Speaker: **Jeffrey R. Stewart** (University of California–Santa Barbara).

Organiser and chair of the panel *American Studies in Europe: The Experience of Postgraduates Students and Early Career Researchers*, featuring members of the Spanish, Polish, Irish and Italian PGR and ECR American Studies communities (April 2018, University of London)

2017 Organiser of the talk *Radical Life on the Mississippi: A Global History of the US Civil War* with Professor **Andrew Zimmerman** (George Washington University), held at the University of Nottingham, May 15th 2017.

2016 Organiser and speaker at the roundtable *What's Next? Post-doctoral Opportunities in the American Studies in Europe*, AISNA General Meeting, Università degli Studi di Perugia, 23 September 2016.

Organiser and chair of the talk *Trump, Sanders and the US Presidential Campaign* by Professor **Charles Postel** (San Francisco State University) and Dr. Joe Merton (University of Nottingham), held at Five Leaves, Nottingham, May 24th 2016.

2015 Organiser and speaker at the roundtable *American Studies in Europe and the Role of Postgraduate Forums*, featuring members of the Italian, British and German Postgraduate Forums of American Studies (September 2015, University of Naples “L’Orientale”).

Coordinator of *Workers of All Lands Unite? Working Class Nationalism and Internationalism until 1945*, international conference (March 2015, University of Nottingham).

- 2013** Coordinator of *Homeward Bound: Nation, Belonging and the American Home*, British and Irish Associations for American Studies PG conference (December 2013, University of Nottingham).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

British Association of American Studies (BAAS) – Member since 2012

Italian Association of North American Studies (AISNA) – Member since 2013

Labor and Working Class History Association (LAWCHA) – Member since 2017

Historians of the Twentieth Century United States (HOTCUS) – Member since 2018

REFERENCES

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