

Ilaria Berti

Curriculum Vitae

Current position

Post-doc research fellow at Pablo de Olavide University, Seville (Spain). Research project: *Food in the Spanish and British Caribbean in the Nineteenth Century. Encounters, Exchanges, Identities*, (Proposal acronym: *Imperial Recipes*), June 1st 2015-May 31st 2017.

Education

November 2010-April 2014 PhD, Dottorato in Storia (History), Università degli Studi di Genova (Italy). Thesis, *La comunità immaginata dai colonizzatori. Costruzione di identità di consumo, novità e creolizzazione nel discorso alimentare ai Caraibi nel XIX secolo*.

April 2008-May 2010 Master of Arts in Storia (History), Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy). Thesis, *“Mia madre non mi ha fatto da padre”. Femminilità, mascolinità e strutture familiari nell’area caraibica*.

November 2005-November 2007 Bachelor of Arts in Storia (History), Università degli Studi di Firenze, (Italy).

Fellowships and awards

H2020-MSCA Individual Fellowship 2014. Amount financed: 170,122 euros. Duration: 24 months. Starting date: June 1st 2015.

August 2013 Grant to attend the Third SAAH, Summer Academy in Atlantic History, University of Hamburg, (Germany).

July 2013 Grant to attend the conference *Food in History: Anglo American Conference*, organized by the Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, London (UK).

April 2013 Travel and accommodation grant from the History and Medicine Unit, University of Birmingham (UK), to attend the conference *Food and Hospitals: An Historical Perspective* organized by the History and Medicine Unit, University of Birmingham (UK) and by the Vrije Universiteit of Brussels (Belgium).

September 2012 Travel and accommodation grant from Transcultural Studies Group of Heidelberg University (Germany), to attend the conference *Caribbean Food Cultures: Representations and Performances of Eating, Drinking and Consumption in the Caribbean and its Diasporas*.

January 2011-December 2013 Member of the funded research project, Progetto di Ricerca di Ateneo *Forme di occupazione del continente americano: processi storici e immaginario*, directed by Professor Francesco Surdich, DISMEC, Università degli Studi di Genova (Italy).

Post graduated activities

Databases for Historians I, organized by the Institute of Historical Research, London (United Kingdom), June 23rd-26th 2015.

Summer School IEHCA *Materialities of Food*, Institut Européen d’Histoire et des Cultures de l’Alimentation, Tours, (France), September 1st -7th 2013.

Summer Academy Atlantic History SAAH Circuits of Knowledge, Hamburg University, (Germany), August 25th-29th 2013.

Summer School IEHCA, *Temporalities of Food*, Institut Européen d'Histoire et des Cultures de l'Alimentation, Tours, August 26th-September 2nd 2012.

Visiting Student at the European University Institute of Florence, (Italy), October-December 2011.

Auditor at Summer School 2011, *Comparative and Transnational History. Theories, Methodologies and Case Studies*, European University Institute, Florence, (Italy), Department of History and Civilization, 12th -15th September 2011.

THAT Camp, *The Humanities and Technology Camp* (March 23rd-25th 2011).

Successful completion of the admission test and inclusion in the ranked acceptance list at the PhD Competition, Concorso di Dottorato XXVI ciclo, Storia politica e sociale dell'Europa Moderna e Contemporanea at the Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata.

Publications

Cibo fresco o cibo essiccato? Il discorso sulle razioni alimentari dell'esercito britannico nelle Indie occidentali a cavallo fra il XVIII e il XIX secolo, article under review in "Contemporanea"

"Feeding the sick upon stewed fish and pork." *Slaves' Health and Food in a Jamaican Sugar Cane Plantation Hospital*, forthcoming in "Food & History" (expected Summer 2016).

Curiosity, Appreciation and Disgust. Creolization of Colonizers' Food Patterns of Consumption in Three English Travelogues, in Beuhausen, Wiebke, Brüske, Anne, Commichau, Ana-Sofia, Helber, Patrick, Kloß, Sinah (eds.), *Caribbean Food Cultures. Practices and Consumption in the Caribbean and its Diasporas*, Transcript-Verlag, Bielefeld, 2014, pp.115-132.

Turisti gourmet e promozione enogastronomica del cibo caraibico durante l'Ottocento, in "Miscellanea di storia delle esplorazioni", XXXVIII, 2013, pp.97-106.

"Reinvenzione e creolizzazione. Il consumo alimentare dei colonizzatori britannici ai Caraibi nel diario di Matthew Lewis", in "Acta Iassyensia Comparationis", n.11, 1/2013, pp.65-70.

"Certainly the children do not come." *Il problema coloniale della salute e della malattia in Matthew Lewis*, in "Miscellanea di storia delle esplorazioni", XXXVII, 2012, pp.61-68.

Works-in-progress

Editor of a group of reviews on books concerning the History of Food to be published in "Passato e Presente".

Collected data and preliminary draft of the paper, *Il rapporto tra salute e alimentazione nei racconti di alcuni viaggiatori britannici durante il primo Ottocento ai Caraibi*. Journal article in progress.

Collected data and preliminary draft of the paper, *L'ossessione per la magrezza nei diari di Maria Nugent, Mary Gardner Lowell e Joseph Dimock*. Journal article in progress.

Conference and Seminars Papers

Preliminary Methodological Thoughts on Food Consumption in the Caribbean Colonies during the Nineteenth Century, paper presented at the workshop *Spices and Stockings Cultures of*

Consumption in the Periphery, 1600-1850, Uppsala (Sweden), organized by MIRA Network, June 12th-14th 2015.

Guest lecture during a postgraduate class on *La categoria del genere nei linguaggi della politica*, organized by Professor Maria Casalini, Università degli Studi di Firenze, *Interazioni fra la storia dell'alimentazione, il dominio delle potenze europee e gli studi di genere. Il case-study dei colonizzatori europei ai Caraibi nel XIX secolo*, April 29th 2015.

The impact of European food in the Caribbean of the nineteenth century. Perceptions and opinions of British travelers, at the *First International Conference on Food History and Food Studies*, organized by IEHCA, Institut Européen d'Histoire et des Cultures de l'Alimentation, Tours (France), March 26th and 27th 2015.

L'impatto del cibo europeo ai Caraibi nel XIX secolo. Percezioni e opinioni dei viaggiatori britannici, paper presented at the conference *La economía política de los imperios: Una visión global sobre la introducción e impacto de productos europeos en América* organized by Universidad Pablo de Olavide and Escuela de Estudio Hispano-Americanos, Seville (Spain), December 15th 2014.

Britain outside Britain? Colonizers Food Patterns of Consumption in the 19th Century Caribbean, paper presented at the Food Conference at Umbra Institute, *Of Places and of Tastes*, Perugia (Italy), June 6th 2014.

Construction of food identities of consumption in the 19th century global Caribbean, paper presented at the Summer school IEHCA *Materialities of Food*, Institut Européen d'Histoire et des Cultures de l'Alimentation, Tours, (France), September 2nd 2013.

Construction of food identities of consumption in the 19th century global Caribbean, paper presented at the SAAH, Summer Academy in Atlantic History 2013, Hamburg, (Germany), August 26th 2013.

"Eat sparingly of all kinds of fruit." Difference between norm and praxis in European colonizers' healthy food consumption, part of the panel *Cooking for Health in the 19th Century Americas*, at the conference Institute of Historical Research, *Food in History: Anglo American Conference*, London (UK), July 11th 2013.

"Feeding the sick upon stewed fish and pork, highly seasoned, produces the very best effects possible." Slaves' Health and Food in a Jamaican Sugar Cane Plantation Hospital, at the conference *Food and Hospitals: An Historical Perspective* organized by the History and Medicine Unit, University of Birmingham (UK) and by the Vrije Universiteit of Brussels (Belgium), April 26th 2013.

Gender and Race. The Culture of Slenderness of the Europeans and the North Americans in the Caribbean during the 19th Century, at the workshop "Ethnicity, Race and Gender in the Caribbean", organized by Lateinamerika Institute, Freie Universität, Berlin (Germany), February 14th 2013.

Diaries, Travellers and Food Consumption in the Caribbean Islands (19th century), presented at the Workshop *On Sources. History in the Archives. Workshop on the use of ego-documents and oral sources*, part of the seminar *On Sources: History in the Archives*, organized by Professors

Bartolomé Yun Casalilla and Laura Lee Downs, EUI, European University Institute of Florence (Italy), November 30th 2012.

Curiosity, Appreciation and Disgust. Creolization of Colonizers' Food Patterns of Consumption in Three English Travelogues, at the conference *Caribbean Food Cultures: Representations and Performances of Eating, Drinking and Consumption in the Caribbean and its Diasporas*, Heidelberg University (Germany), September 29th 2012.

Reinvention through a process of creolization. Colonizers' Food Pattern of Consumption in Matthew Lewis Jamaican's Diary, paper presented at IEHCA Summer School, Université François Rabelais, Tours (France), August 30th 2012.

Guest lecture during a seminar class in *Storia dei movimenti e dei partiti politici* organized by Professor Maria Casalini, Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy), first term 2010, on *Due, tre, molte zanzare*.

Guest lecture during a seminar class in *Storia dell'Europa contemporanea* organized by Professor Paul Anthony Ginsborg, Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy), second term 2009, on *Trasformare l'ampio mare in un giardino di gelsi. Psichiatria e antipsichiatria fra gli anni '60 e '70*.

Guest lecture during a seminar class in *Storia dell'America Latina*, Professor Manuel Plana, second term 2009, on *Contrappunto cubano del caffè e dello zucchero*, Fernando Ortiz.

Research experience

June-July 2015 archival research at The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, The British Library, London (United Kingdom).

February-May 2015 research at the European University Institute Library, Florence, (Italy).

September 2014, preliminary investigation at the Archivo de Indias, Seville, Spain.

July 2013, research mission at the Rare Collections Books of the British and Wellcome Libraries, London, (UK).

May 2013, research mission at the Archive of *Castle Wemyss Estate*, Senate House, Institute of Commonwealth Studies of London, (UK).

July, September-December 2011 research at the European University Institute Library, Florence, (Italy).

August 2011, research mission at the Archivo Histórico de la Ciudad de Trinidad (Cuba) for a first survey on press sources available there. Partial analysis of *Correo periodico politico, literario y mercantil de Trinidad*, Cuba, biweekly newspaper (1823-1850).

June 2011, research mission at the Archive of *Castle Wemyss Estate*, Senate House, Institute of Commonwealth Studies of London, UK. Research on travel and medical literature primary sources at the Rare Collection Books, Wellcome Library and Rare Collection Books, British Library.

August 2010, research mission at Nassau Public Library, Department of Archives, Nassau, (Bahamas).

August 2009, research mission at the U.W.I. University of West Indies, Barbados, U.P.R. Univesidad de Rio Piedra, San Juan de Puertorico, (PR), and Road Town Library, Tortola, (B.W.I.)

Various years of research experience at the Biblioteca Nazionale of Florence (Italy) and Biblioteca Marucelliana, Florence (Italy).

March to October 2007, research at the Archivio Storico della Comunità dell'Isolotto di Firenze, (Italy), to complete my B.A thesis.

Languages

Italian: (native proficiency).

English: fluent (reading, writing and verbal skills).

Spanish: fluent (reading, writing and verbal skills).

French: intermediate (reading and verbal skills), beginners (written).