

Urban Slavery in Colonial Mexico

Using the city of Puebla de los Ángeles, the second-largest urban center in colonial Mexico (viceroyalty of New Spain), Pablo Miguel Sierra Silva investigates Spaniards' imposition of slavery on Africans, Asians and their families. He analyzes the experiences of these slaves in four distinct urban settings: the marketplace, the convent, the textile mill and the elite residence. In so doing, *Urban Slavery in Colonial Mexico* advances a new understanding of how, when and why transatlantic and transpacific merchant networks converged in Central Mexico during the seventeenth century. As a social and cultural history, it also addresses how enslaved people formed social networks to contest their bondage. Sierra Silva challenges readers to understand the everyday nature of urban slavery and engages the rich Spanish and indigenous history of the Puebla region while intertwining it with African diaspora studies.

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Archival Abbreviations

ACCP	Archivo del Cabildo Catedralicio de Puebla
AGI	Archivo General de Indias, Sevilla
AGMP	Archivo General Municipal de Puebla
AGN	Archivo General de la Nación, México
AGNP	Archivo General de Notarías de Puebla
AHJP	Archivo Histórico Judicial de Puebla, INAH
AHN	Archivo Histórico Nacional, España
AHU	Arquivo Histórico Ultramarino, Lisboa
APSJ	Archivo Parroquial del Señor San José
ASAC	Archivo del Santo Angel Custodio (Analco)
ASMP	Archivo del Sagrario Metropolitano de Puebla
BNE	Biblioteca Nacional de España
FAJML	Fondo Antiguo José María Lafragua, Puebla
LAL	Latin American Library, Tulane University