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A Book Presentation by

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From Shipmates to Soldiers:

Emerging Black Identities in the Río de la Plata



Thursday, May 5, 2016

2:00 PM– 3:00 PM

Lydeen Library

Rolfe Hall 4302

Reception to follow

Although it never had a plantation-based economy, the Río de la Plata region, comprising present-day Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay, has a long but neglected history of slave trading and slavery. This book analyzes the lives of Africans and their descendants in Montevideo and Buenos Aires from the late colonial era to the first decades of independence. The author shows how the enslaved Africans created social identities based on their common experiences.

Alex Borucki is an Assistant Professor of history at the University of California, Irvine. He is the author of *Abolicionismo y tráfico de esclavos en Montevideo tras la fundación republicana (1829–1853)* and coauthor of *Esclavitud y trabajo: Un estudio sobre los afrodescendientes en la frontera uruguaya, 1835–1855*, both published in Uruguay.