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GRANT REPORT

The grant provided by IRIS allowed me to travel to Brazil and become acquainted with the work being done currently in the fields of sociology, history, legal studies/law, and race. During the Summer of 2018 I spent time in Rio de Janeiro, Belém, São Paulo, and Bahia attending conferences, participating in seminars, and visiting local archives. In Rio de Janeiro, I had the opportunity to visit the National Archives, the National Library Archives, and the Museum of Justice archives. In Belém, I participated in a three-day seminar that discussed the role of the Inter-American Human Rights system in Latin America. During this seminar, I interacted with scholars, lawyers, and activists from Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, and Mexico that study and practice human rights law in Latin America. In São Paulo, I spent time in the archives of Eduardo de Oliveira e Oliveira, an Afro-Brazilian sociologist who has an important corpus of empirical and theoretical work that remains unexplored. My exposure to Oliveria's work was important as a matter of intellectual and personal growth. Lastly, in Bahia I spent time in State Archives of Bahia, the Municipal Archives of Salvador, the Geographic and Historic Institute of Bahia, and the private archives of two early 19th century mutual aid associations of freed slaves. In these archives I started to formulate the topic of my current thesis on Constitutional History, Politics, and Law in 19th century Brazil. Alongside the personal and professional connections that I made during my travels in Brazil, I also benefitted greatly from the intellectual work that people graciously shared with me. Thank you for this grant and for this wonderful opportunity.