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PARDOS, MULATTOS, AND THE PURCHASE OF WHITENESS IN THE SPANISH INDIES

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"The Hale Lecture honors the memory of Professor Charles A. Hale (1930-2008), a specialist in Latin American liberalism and intellectual history. He was a distinguished scholar and faculty member at The University of Iowa from 1966-1997."

The colonization of Spanish America resulted in the mixing of Natives, Europeans, and Africans and the creation of a casta system that discriminated against them. Yet members of mixed races could free themselves from such burdensome restrictions through the purchase of a *gracias al sacar*—a royal exemption that provided the privileges of Whiteness. This presentation asks a key question: what historic variables made it possible for pardos and mulattos—unlike their counterparts in Anglo-America—to move from slavery to freedom, to mix with Natives and Whites and to be transformed into vassals worthy of such royal favor?

*Professor Ann Twinam's most recent publication, *Purchasing Whiteness: Pardos, Mulattos and the Quest for Social Mobility in the Spanish Indies* (Stanford University Press, 2015) won the Latin American Studies Bryce Wood Best Book Award, The Conference on Latin American History Bolton-Johnson Prize, the American Historical Association Beveridge Award (best publication in U.S., Canadian, and Latin American history, 1492 to the Present) and the RMCLAS Bandelier-Lavrin and Ligia Parra Jahn Awards.*

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