

Biographical Note

Marcia Esteves Agostinho, D.Sc. is a professor of Industrial Engineering and interdisciplinary researcher in her home country, Brazil. For almost three decades, her interest has been in the intersection between science, technology, and social sciences. However, her last book *Vínculos* (2013), which discussed the evolution of marriage, had already revealed her tendency towards the Humanities. Three years ago, family contingencies brought her to Rochester. Taking this “forced” Sabbatical as an opportunity for career transition, Marcia is currently a History Ph.D. student at the University of Rochester.

Her research examines Brazilian identity through particular emotional practices, such as the “*jeitinho*” and the “mongrel complex.” By tracking their origins back to early modern times, she extends her studies to Portugal and its influence on Brazilian emotional experiences. From this perspective, she approaches Brazilian history as part of the history of a people that expanded from the Mediterranean and whose language, habitus, and emotional norms travelled across the Atlantic.

In methodological terms, Marcia is interested in the use of emotions as an analytical category to understand social change – as well as continuity.