

Introduction of Rachael L. Pasierowska

Rachael L. Pasierowska was born in England and has lived and worked in many countries: France, Germany, Spain, Senegal, Brazil, Scotland, and the United States. She is a fully qualified teacher of modern languages in French and German as well as English as a Foreign Language. She has a Master of Science degree in slavery and forced labor studies from the University of Edinburgh and a Master of Arts from Rice University in History. She is currently studying for a dual PhD in History at Rice University and UNICAMP in Brazil.

She is the author of two award-winning articles, "**Screech Owls Allus Holler 'round the House before Death**": **Birds and the Souls of Black Folk in the 1930s American South**", and "**Up from Childhood: When African-American Enslaved Children Learned of their Servile Status**". She is interested in slavery and forced labor studies. Her PhD looks at the relations between enslaved Africans and animals in the 19th century Atlantic world with a focus on the US South, Brazil, and Cuba.

Rachael is currently working on a digital humanities project that is creating an interactive story map of Houston's affluent African American citizens in 1915 using the Red Book of Houston, a compendium of affluent African Americans.

She is passionate about raising people's awareness about slavery, she hopes to work toward reducing modern forms of slavery and forced labor. She would like to help those outside of the US to learn more about slavery.