

José Toribio Medina Award

Presented by Sarah Aponte, Chair of the José Toribio Medina Award Advisory Panel

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The winner is: *The Sovereign Colony: Olympic Sport, National Identity, and International Politics in Puerto Rico* published by University of Nebraska Press in 2016 by Antonio Sotomayor Carlo.

This is a beautifully written, engaging, and insightful analysis of Puerto Rico's history as a unique national entity that simultaneously identifies and functions as a U.S. colony and an independent nation-state. As such, it situates the case of Puerto Rico – as it connects with Latin American and Latino studies more broadly – within a global framework intersecting works on colonialism, nationalism and sport history. It makes a strong case for the importance of understanding Puerto Rico's particular and exceptional historical experience as an example of the Spanish and the broader Caribbean's tenuous geo-political position in real and academic iterations of Latin and Latino America.