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Latin America: Mexico, late colonial and nineteenth century, women, church, social

Profile:

Margaret Chowning is completing a manuscript entitled "Catholic Ladies and Culture and Politics in Mexico, 1700-1920." This social, institutional, and political history of women in church institutions (lay associations, religious communities such as convents, Catholic schools for girls and for teacher training), and links those changes to the role of women as important actors in Mexican politics. It argues that Catholic women not only emerged earlier than is generally thought (by the time of the mid-century Reform), but also emerged as independent "players," not as pawns of priests. Women were thus consequential in Mexican politics, and the early strength of their presence on the political stage helps us understand the continuing importance of the Catholic church in Mexican politics to this day.

Representative Publications:

"The Catholic Church and the Ladies of the Vela Perpetua: Gender and Devotion in Nineteenth-Century Mexico," in *Past & Present*, Nov. 2013.

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Stanford University Press, 1999.

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"The Contours of the Post-1810 Depression in Mexico: A Reappraisal from a Reg
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Courses