

Urban Slavery in Colonial Mexico

Puebla de los Ángeles, 1531–1706

PABLO MIGUEL SIERRA SILVA

University of Rochester, New York



CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY PRESS

Contents

<i>List of Figures and Tables</i>	<i>page</i> xi
<i>Acknowledgments</i>	xiii
<i>List of Archival Abbreviations</i>	xvii
Introduction	i
1 Early Puebla and the Question of Labor, 1531–1570	21
2 Ambition and Agency in the <i>Obraje</i>	45
3 Captive Souls: Nuns and Slaves in the Convents of Puebla	76
4 The Puebla Slave Market, 1600–1700	107
5 Life in the Big City: Mobility, Social Networks and Family	144
6 The Other Market: Commerce and Opportunity	177
Epilogue	200
<i>Appendix A Bill of purchase for Arara captives on the Puebla slave market, 1615</i>	205
<i>Appendix B Testament of Francisco Carmona, 1633</i>	207
<i>Bibliography</i>	211
<i>Index</i>	223