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EDUCATION

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** **Expected May 2022**
Doctor of Philosophy in History
Dissertation: “Another Urban Grammar: Race & the Political Economy of Social Mobility in São Paulo, Brazil (1946 – 1978).”
Committee: Jerry Dávila (chair), Marc Hertzman, Faye V. Harrison (Anthropology, African & African American Studies)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** **2021**
Master of Arts in History
- University of Kansas** **2015**
Bachelor of Arts in History (with honors) and Latin American & Caribbean Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress:

“The Social Order at Work: Revisiting Race and Labor in Twentieth Century São Paulo.”

“Canons in Debate: North American Black Feminism and the Politics of Circulation in Brazil.”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2021** Ranked as Excellent in HIST 287 (African American Women – Instructor) by the Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois
- 2021-2022** Department of History ABD Fellowship, University of Illinois
- 2020** Ranked as Excellent in HIST 104 (Black Music – Teaching Assistant) by the Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois
- 2019-2020** Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education
- 2019** Lemann Graduate Fellowship, Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies, University of Illinois
- 2019** Ranked as Excellent in HIST 100 (Global History – Teaching Assistant) by the Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois
- 2019** Graduate College Award in Academic Excellence, University of Illinois

- 2018** Tinker Research Grant (declined), Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois
- 2017-2018** Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Global & International Studies, University of Illinois
- 2017** Department of History Pre-Dissertation Grant, University of Illinois
- 2016-2017** Department of History Fellowship, University of Illinois
- 2016** Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois
- 2016** Tinker Research Grant, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois
- 2015-2016** Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois
- 2013-2015** Ronald E. McNair Scholar, University of Kansas

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- 2021** AFRO/HIST/GWS 287: African-American Women (Instructor of Record)
- 2020** HIST 104: Black Music (Teaching Assistant)
- 2018** HIST 100: Global History (Teaching Assistant)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021** “Excess Beyond the Multicultural Turn: Black Femme Pedagogies in Action,” Paper accepted for Excess: An Interdisciplinary Open Access Critical Femininities Conference, York University, August 19 (virtual meeting).
- 2021** “Purchasing Integration: Black Women, Populism, and the Politics of Beauty Pageants in São Paulo, Brazil, 1960 - 1964,” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 11 (virtual meeting).
- 2021** “Double Jeopardy in the Concrete Jungle: Black Women’s Labor History in São Paulo,” Conference on Latin American History, January 9 (virtual meeting).
- 2020** “On Beyoncé’s Africa: African Perspectives on Black is King,” African Studies Association Annual Conference, November 21 (virtual meeting).

- 2020** “From Center to Margin: Geography and Gender in Black Welfare Organizations in Twentieth-Century São Paulo,” XV Brazilian Studies Association Conference, Austin, TX, March 27 (conference cancelled).
- 2019** “As vozes do cotidiano: processos de pluralidade nas relações raciais em São Paulo (1930 – 1980),” LabRaça, Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, November 13. Presentation in Portuguese.
- 2018** “Formalizing Informal Subjects: The Question of Black Women’s Organizing in Twentieth Century Brazil,” Lemann Graduate Fellows Forum, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, November 9.
- 2018** “Contesting Race and Space in Southern Brazil, 1900 – 1930,” African American Intellectual Historical Society Conference, Waltham, MA, March 31.
- 2016** “The Color of Policy: the Politics of Race and Language in the 1988 Brazilian Constitution,” Tinker-Whitten Workshop, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Urbana, IL, October 29.

INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

- 2021** “Legislating Intimacies or Power? Historicizing White (Women’s) Power Against Domestic Work Reform in Brazil,” HILA 121A, for Patrícia Martins Marcos, M.A., University of California, San Diego, July 26 (virtual meeting).
- 2020** “Me, My Subjects, and the Archive: A Fieldwork Story in São Paulo, Brazil,” African American Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, April 10 (virtual meeting).
- 2020** “A arte da comparação: Diálogos negros no Brasil e nos Estados Unidos,” HZ069, for Dr. Luiz Gustavo Freitas Rossi and Rafael do Nascimento Cesar, M.A., Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil, March 10. Lecture in Portuguese.
- 2019** “Demystifying the Process: Centering Yourself in Academia,” McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, January 25.
- 2017** “Why I Became a Historian” Panel, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, March 22.
- 2016** “Racial Ideologies & Institutional Policy in Twentieth-Century Brazil,” Instituto Brasil-Estados Unidos, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 5. Presentation in Portuguese.
- 2015** “Black Lives Matter: Are You Listening?” Panel, Undergraduate Anthropology Committee, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, October 1.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

- 2017-21** Graduate Mentor, Graduate Application Instructor, & Writing Coach, McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas
- 2017** Research Assistant & Translator, Rio de Janeiro
- 2016-17** Diversity Committee, Department of History, University of Illinois
- 2015** Graduate Consultant, McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS)
- American Historical Association (AHA)
- Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)
- Association of Black Women Historians (ABWH)
- Black Women's Studies Association (BWSA)
- Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)
- Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

LANGUAGES

- Brazilian Portuguese (Advanced proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing)
- Spanish (Intermediate proficiency in reading)
- Asante Twi (Elementary proficiency in speaking)
- French (Elementary Proficiency in reading)