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EDUCATION

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| 2022 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Doctor of Philosophy Department of History Dissertation: "Another Urban Grammar: Black Perspectives on Social Mobility in Twentieth-Century São Paulo" Successfully defended April 4, 2022 Committee: Jerry Dávila (chair), Marc Hertzman, Faye V. Harrison (Anthropology, African American Studies), Claudia Ruth Brosseder Major Field: Modern Latin America (with distinction) Minor Fields: Colonial Latin America; Africa and African Diaspora |
| 2021 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Master of Arts in History |
| 2015 | University of Kansas Bachelor of Arts in History (with honors) and Latin American & Caribbean Studies |

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External:

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| 2019-2020 | Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education |
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Internal:

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| 2022 | Conference Travel Award, Graduate College and Department of History, University of Illinois |
| 2021-2022 | Department of History ABD Fellowship, University of Illinois |
| 2019 | Lemann Graduate Fellowship, Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies, University of Illinois |
| 2019 | Graduate College Award in Academic Excellence, University of Illinois |

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| 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 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught:

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| 2021 | African American Women (Instructor of Record), Departments of History, Gender & Women Studies, and African American Studies Ranked as "Outstanding" by the Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois |
| 2020 | Black Music (Teaching Assistant) Department of History Ranked as "Excellent" by the Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois |
| 2018 | HIST 100: Global History (Teaching Assistant) Department of History Ranked as "Excellent" by the Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, University of Illinois |

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers:

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| 2022 | Panelist. "Gayl Jones' Afro-Brazil: Critical Commitments and Interventions in Brazilian History." Paper presented at "South + Central America in Jones's Work," panel for the "Then You |
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- Don't Want Me:" Canonizing Gayl Jones Symposium, May 13 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).
- 2022 Co-organizer. "Whose Polarization? Puncturing Race Relations Comparisons in the Contemporary Americas." Paper presented at "Racialized Knowledges: Crisis, Power, and the Production of Epistemic Whiteness," panel for the Latin American Studies Association Congress, May 8 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).
- 2022 Organizer. "The Urban Grammar of Carolina Maria de Jesus." Paper presented at "Beyond An Inclusive Canon: Critical Black Knowledge Production in Luso-Brazilian History," panel for the XVI Brazilian Studies Association Conference, Georgetown University, March 10 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).
- 2022 Chair and organizer. "Intergenerational Memory: Tracking Anti-Blackness through Brazilian Oral Histories." Paper presented at "Anti-Blackness in Brazilian History: New Perspectives and Horizons," panel for the American Historical Association conference, February 23 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).
- 2021 "Excess Beyond the Multicultural Turn: Black Femme Pedagogies in Action." Paper presented at Excess: An Interdisciplinary Open Access Critical Femininities Conference, York University, August 19 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).
- 2021 "Purchasing Integration: Black Women, Populism, and the Politics of Beauty Pageants in São Paulo, Brazil, 1960 – 1964." Paper presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 11 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).
- 2021 "Double Jeopardy in the Concrete Jungle: Black Women's Labor History in São Paulo." Paper presented at the Conference on Latin American History, January 9 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).
- 2020 Panelist for "On Beyoncé's Africa: African Perspectives on Black is King," at the African Studies Association Annual Conference. Presentation: "The State is King? Beyond the Diaspora Wars." November 21 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).

- 2020 "From Center to Margin: Geography and Gender in Black Welfare Organizations in Twentieth-Century São Paulo," Paper accepted for the XV Brazilian Studies Association Conference, Austin, TX, March 27 (conference cancelled due to Covid-19).
- 2019 "As vozes do cotidiano: processos de pluralidade nas relações raciais em São Paulo (1930 – 1980)," Paper presented at "Questões raciais na cidade, no urbanismo e na urbanização," LabRaça, sponsored by the Universidade de São Paulo Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo, São Paulo, Brazil, November 13. In Portuguese.
- 2018 "Contesting Race and Space in Southern Brazil, 1900 – 1930." Paper presented at the African American Intellectual Historical Society Conference, Waltham, MA, March 31.
- Guest Lectures & Invited Talks:*
- 2022 Invited Talk. "Universal Womanhood? A Photographic History of Race, Gender, and Class in Brazil" for Department of History Women History Month Series, Loyola University New Orleans, March 22 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).
- 2021 Guest Lecture. "Legislating Intimacies or Power? Historicizing White (Women's) Power Against Domestic Work Reform in Brazil," invited by Patrícia Martins Marcos, M.A., University of California, San Diego, July 26 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).
- 2020 Invited Talk. "Me, My Subjects, and the Archive: A Fieldwork Story in São Paulo, Brazil" for African American Studies "Brown Bag" Lecture Series, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, April 10 (virtual meeting due to Covid-19).
- 2020 Guest Lecture. "A arte da comparação: Diálogos negros no Brasil e nos Estados Unidos," invited by Dr. Luiz Gustavo Freitas Rossi, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil, March 10. Lecture in Portuguese.
- 2019 Invited Talk. "Demystifying the Process: Centering Yourself in Academia," invited by the McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, January 25.

- 2017 Panelist. "Why I Became a Historian" for Admissions Recruitment Week, sponsored by the Department of History at the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, March 22.
- 2016 Panelist. "The Color of Policy: The Politics of Race and Language in the 1988 Brazilian Constitution" for the Tinker-Whitten Workshop, sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Presentation: Urbana, IL, October 29.
- 2015 Panelist for "Black Lives Matter: Are You Listening?" roundtable for the Undergraduate Anthropology Committee, sponsored by the Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, October 1.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

- 2021 Research Assistant, Digital Archival Work on behalf of Dr. Jerry Dávila, University of Illinois
- 2021 Graduate Application Instructor, McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas
- 2020 Lead Graduate Assistant, Digital Latin American Survey Course Development on behalf of Dr. Jerry Dávila, Dr. Marc Hertzman, and Dr. Claudia Brosseder, University of Illinois
- 2020 Graduate Writing Coach, McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas
- 2017-18 Graduate Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas
- 2017 Research Assistant & Translator in Rio de Janeiro on behalf of Dr. Tyeshia Redden, Gettysburg College
- 2016-17 Diversity Committee, Department of History, University of Illinois
- 2016 Volunteer, "Saving Our Lives, Hearing Our Truths (SOLHOT)," Franklin Middle School, Urbana, IL
- 2015 Graduate Consultant, McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas

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| 2014-15 | Assistant Grant Writer, Association for the Advancement of African Women Economists |
| 2013 | Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisor & Coordinator, Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

African American Intellectual History Society

American Historical Association

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora

Association of Black Women Historians

Black Women's Studies Association

Brazilian Studies Association

Conference on Latin American History

Latin American Studies Association

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)

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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