

CASSANDRA OSEI

Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Expected May 2022
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Doctor of Philosophy in History

Dissertation: “Another Urban Grammar: Reading Black Social Mobility in São Paulo, 1940 – 1978.”

Committee: Jerry Dávila (chair), Marc Hertzman, Faye V. Harrison

Examined fields: Modern Latin America (passed with honors), Colonial Latin America, Africa and African Diaspora

Date of Candidacy: December 17, 2018

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2021
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Master of Arts in History

University of Kansas	2015
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Bachelor of Arts in History (with honors), Latin American & Caribbean Studies

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Scholar

2015 Rusty Leffel Concerned Student Award, University Distinction

2014 – 2015 Hall Center Humanities Scholar

2013 – 2014 FLAS Fellow

2012 – 2015 Multicultural Scholar

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2021-2022	Department of History ABD Fellowship, University of Illinois
2021	Ranked as Excellent 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, University of Illinois
2019	Ranked as Excellent 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), Tinker Foundation

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, Tinker Foundation
2015-2016	Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2021	HIST 287: African-American Women (Instructor of Record)
2020	HIST 104: Black Music (Teaching Assistant) *ranked “excellent” on List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students (CITL)
2018	HIST 100: Global History (Teaching Assistant) *ranked “excellent” on List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students (CITL)

University of Kansas

2014	ENGL 177: Literature and Social Justice (Teaching Assistant)
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Guest Lectures

2020	“The Art of Comparison: Black Dialogues in Brazil and the U.S.,” HZ069, for Dr. Luiz Gustavo Freitas Rossi and Rafael do Nascimento Cesar, M.A., Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Spring 2020. Lecture in Portuguese.
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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, Seattle, WA, 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 (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** “Contesting Race and Space in Southern Brazil, 1900 – 1930,” African American Intellectual Historical Society Conference, Waltham, MA, March 31.

PANELS & OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 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.
- 2019** “Demystifying the Process: Centering Yourself in Academia,” McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, January 25.
- 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.
- 2017** “Why I Became a Historian” Panel, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, March 22.
- 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.
- 2016** “Racial Ideologies & Institutional Policy in Twentieth-Century Brazil,” Instituto Brasil-Estados Unidos, Rio de Janeiro, July 5.
- 2015** “Black Lives Matter: Are You Listening?” Panel, Undergraduate Anthropology Committee, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, October 1.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

- 2018-** Graduate Research & Development Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas
- 2017** Research Assistant in Rio de Janeiro, Gettysburg College

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)

Black Women's Studies Association (BWSA)

Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)

Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)

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)