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Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor of Anthropology
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EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D. in Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University
Dissertation: *Anxious Pleasures: Race and the Sexual Economies of Transnational Tourism in Salvador, Brazil*
- 2005 M.A., Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University
- 2002 B.A., Cultural Anthropology and Africana Studies, New York University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015 – Associate Professor of Anthropology (tenured), Spelman College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2009 –15 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Spelman College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2008 – 09 Dissertation Fellow, University of California at Santa Barbara, Department of Black Studies

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race, gender, sexuality, tourism, Brazil, African Diaspora, Afro-Latin America, feminist ethnography, globalization and transnationalism, black feminist anthropology, black feminist activism in Bahia.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2016 Gordon Zeto QEP Course Development Grant (\$1500)
- 2016 Faculty Development grant for research in Salvador, Brazil (\$1800)
- 2013 Vulcan Materials Company Teaching Excellence Award
- 2013 Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society
- 2013 HBCU Faculty Fellowship for PARC Faculty Development Seminar in Jerusalem and the West Bank (\$4600)
- 2013 UNCF/Mellon Faculty Residency, Steve Biko Institute, Salvador, Brazil
- 2013 QEP Course Development Grant (\$2000)
- 2012 Future of Minority Studies (FMS) Research Grant (\$3500)
- 2012 Mellon/HBCU Fellowship, Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke U., Spring
- 2011 Future of Minority Studies Summer Mentoring Fellowship (\$13,500)
- 2011 National Women's Studies Association/U. of Illinois Press First Book Prize
- 2010 Faculty Resource Network Summer Scholar-in-Residence Program, NYU
- 2010 Spelman College Faculty Research Development Grant (\$1000)
- 2009 United Negro College Fund/Mellon ABD Faculty Fellowship (\$22,500)
- 2009 Marilyn Lozoff Essay Prize, Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford
- 2008 Vice Provost for Graduate Edu. Dissertation Research Fund, Stanford U.

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- 2013 *Sex Tourism in Bahia: Ambiguous Entanglements*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, Series: National Women's Studies Association/University of Illinois Press First Book Prize.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2013 "Geographies of Blackness, Sex Work, and Exclusion in the Tourist Districts of Salvador, Brazil." *Gender, Place, Culture: A Feminist Journal of Geography*. May.
- 2013 "Women's Studies and Sexuality Studies at HBCUs: The Audre Lordre Project at Spelman College." Forum: W/G/S Studies Women's Studies and Sexuality Studies in Conversation. *Feminist Studies* 39, no. 2. October.

Book Chapters

- 2018 "Niara Sudarkasa: A Legacy of Black Women's Leadership." In *African American Pioneers in Anthropology: The Next Generation, 1950-1970*. Edited by Ira Harrison and Deborah Johnson-Simms. University of Illinois Press, Forthcoming.
- 2017 "No Bodily Rights Worth Protecting: Transnational Circulations of Black Hypersexuality in Brazil." *Black Sexual Economies: Race and Sex in a Culture of Capital*. Mireille Miller-Young, ed. University of Illinois Press, Forthcoming.
- 2017 "Commodification." In *Gender: Love*, edited by Jennifer C. Nash. Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA.
- 2015 "Mucamas and Mulatas: Black Brazilian Feminisms, Representations, and Ethnography." In *Transatlantic Feminisms: Women and Gender Studies in Africa and the African Diaspora*. Eds. Akosua Ampofo, Cheryl Rodriguez, Dzodzi Tsikata. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- 2014 "Feminist Tensions: Race, Sex Work, and Women's Activism in Bahia." In *Taking Risks: Feminist Stories of Social Justice Research in the Americas*. Edited by Julie Shayne. Albany, NY: SUNY Press; Praxis: Theory in Action series.
- 2011 "Moral Panics and Racialized Sexuality: "Sex Tourism," "Trafficking" and the Limits of Transnational Mobility in Bahia." In *Policing Pleasure: Global Reflections on Sex Work and Public Policy*. Edited by Patty Kelly and Susan Dewey. New York: New York University Press.

Entries and Book Reviews

- 2016 Biographical entries for "Ochy Curriel," "Dandara dos Palmares," "Mãe Hilda Jitolu," and Laudelina Campos Melo." *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*. Edited by Robert Repino. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Franklin W. Knight, Editors-in-Chief. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2016 Review of *Street Corner Secrets: Sex, Work, and Migration in the City of Mumbai*. By Svati Shah. Durham: Duke University Press, 2014. 280 pp. *Anthropology of Work Review*. 37 (Nov.): 114-116. doi:10.1111/awr.12102
- 2016 Review of *Race on the Move: Brazilian Migrants and the Global Reconstruction of Race*. By Tiffany D. Joseph. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2015. 221 pp. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, Vol. 21, No. 3 (Nov): 586-588.
- 2014 Review of *Transnational Desires: Brazilian Erotic Dancers in New York*. Suzana Maia. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press, 2012. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*. Vol. 19, No. 2 (Jul): 375-377.

- 2012 "Sex Tourism," "Romance Tourism," and "Prostitution/Sex Work" (3 entries). *Encyclopedia of Globalization*. Edited by George Ritzer. Wiley-Blackwell. In Print.
- 2012 Review of *Revolutionizing Romance: Interracial Couples in Contemporary Cuba*. Nadine Fernandez. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press 2010. Association for Feminist Anthropology online journal, December.
- 2012 Review of *Gendered Citizenships: Transnational Perspectives on Knowledge Production, Political Activism, and Culture*. Kia Caldwell, et. al., eds. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009. Association for Feminist Anthropology journal, Jan.
- 2011 Review of *The Devil Behind the Mirror: Globalization and Politics in the Dominican Republic*. By Steven Gregory. Berkeley: UC Press, 2007. *Transforming Anthropology*. 20 (1) April.
- 2011 Review of *Economies of Desire: Sex and Tourism in Cuba and the Dominican Republic*. By Amalia Cabezas. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2009. *Wagadu: Journal of Transnational Women and Gender Studies*. Vol. 9 Spring.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

Conferences

- 2016 Discussant. Panel: *Embodiment, Identity, and the State: Afro-diasporic bodies as Sites of Evidence and Resistance*. American Anthropological Association conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Nov. 18.
- 2016 Roundtable Speaker. Panel: *Anthropology, Advocacy, Activism: Reflections after the Resolution to Boycott Israeli Institutions*. American Anthropological Association conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Nov. 17.
- 2015 "Mucamas and Mulatas: Black Brazilian Feminisms, Representations, and Ethnography." On Panel: *Transatlantic Feminisms: The Familiarity of Multiple Oppressive Forces and Multiple Forms of Resistance in Black Women's Lives*. American Anthropological Association conference, Denver, Colorado, Nov. 20.
- 2015 "Precarious Subjects: Black Women and Tourism in Bahia." For Roundtable: *Traumatic Fissures of Blackness: Affective and Erotic encounters with Anti-black violence in the Americas*. National Women's Studies Association conference. Milwaukee, Nov 14.
- 2015 "Black Brazilian Feminisms, Representations, and Ethnography." Panel: *Transatlantic, Transnational and Transgenerational Approaches to Studying the African Diaspora*. Association for the Study of African American Life and History Centennial Conference. Atlanta, GA. Sept. 25.
- 2014 Roundtable Speaker. *Black Women, Violence, and the Transnational State: Grassroots Approaches*. National Women's Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov. 16.
- 2013 Roundtable Speaker. *Writing Black Women's History: Toward a New Methodology of Political Change*. National Women's Studies Association, Cincinnati, OH, Nov. 9.
- 2013 "No Bodily Rights Worth Protecting: Transnational Circulations of Black Hypersexuality in Brazil." Black Sexual Economies Conference. Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, Sept. 28.
- 2013 Panel Moderator. *Black/Afro-Descendant Feminisms*. Latin American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., May.
- 2012 "Workshop on Teaching Gender and Sexuality: Pedagogy on the Intersections." American Anthropological Association Meetings. San Francisco, CA, Nov. 16.
- 2011 Author Meets Critic panel (Invited Presentation). *Gendered Citizenships: Transnational Perspectives on Knowledge Production, Political Activism, and Culture*. NWSA, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 12.

- 2010 “Sex Tourism and the Appropriation of Human Rights Discourses in Salvador, Brazil.” Invited Presidential Session: *Embodied Circulation in Paradox: Gendered Migration and the Flows of International Human Rights Discourses*. American Anthropological Association Meetings. New Orleans, Nov. 18-21.
- 2010 “Does she do *Programas* Too?: Erotic Subjectivity in a Sexualized Field.” Panel: *Women of Color Negotiating the Politics of Research from the Margins*. National Women’s Studies Association. Denver, Nov 11-14.
- 2010 “Romanticizing the Foreign White Other in Salvador, Brazil.” *Latin American Studies Association*. Panel: Whiteness in Latin America. Toronto, Oct 5-7.
- 2009 “We Fall in Love and the Ships Leave’: Ambiguity, Cosmopolitanism, and the Transnationalization of Affect among Sex Workers and Foreign Travelers in Salvador, Brazil.” Panel: *Sex Industries in Global Perspective*. American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia. Dec 2.
- 2009 “Pleasure and ‘Respectability’: Black Bahian Women Negotiating Erotic Autonomy.” Panel: *The Politics of Pleasure: Black Women, Intimacy, and Work in the Economies of Desire*. National Women’s Studies Association. Atlanta, GA. Nov 14.
- 2009 “Tourists Seeking Culture and Erotic Adventures in the “Sexscape” of Salvador.”. Panel: *Ethnographies of ‘The Global’: Racing and Sexing the Transnational*. Latin American Studies Association Meetings, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Jun 13.
- 2008 “Sexy Mulatas and Dirty Italians: Transnational Imaginations of Intimacy, Race and Mobility in Salvador, Brazil.” Panel: *Transnational Intimacies*. American Anthropological Association Meetings. San Francisco. Nov 21.
- 2008 “Race, Gender, and Engaged Research: Contributing to the Black Feminist Anthropological Tradition.” American Anthropological Association Meetings. San Francisco. Nov 22.
- 2007 “Intimate Associations: Negotiating Race and Class in Bahian Sex Tourism.” American Anthropological Association Meetings. Washington, D.C., Nov. 28.

Invited Lectures and Presentations

- 2017 Invited speaker. Book Talk. Race and Difference Colloquium Series. James Weldon Johnson Institute. Emory University. March 13.
- 2017 Invited speaker. Book Talk in Katherine Ostrom’s Portuguese Class. Emory U. Mar. 20.
- 2016 Invited speaker. “Rethinking Black Sexualities, Feminisms, and Activism in Brazil.” *Global Attachments Symposium*. Williams College (Oct. 15).
- 2016 Invited speaker. “The politics of race and sex in Salvador’s tourist industry.” Public lecture. Dartmouth College (Apr. 12).
- 2016 Invited speaker. “The Women of Color Leadership Project.” National Women’s Studies Association Chairs’ and Directors’ Meeting, Atlanta, GA (Mar. 4)
- 2016 Guest Lecture on my Book - Agnes Scott College (Feb. 12), Emory University (Mar. 31), Dartmouth College (Apr. 13).
- 2015 Invited speaker. “The politics of race and sex in Salvador’s tourist industry.” Florida International University. Miami, Florida (Nov. 10).
- 2015 Guest Lecture on my Book - Georgia State University (Apr. 1); Kennesaw State University (Oct. 20).
- 2014 Guest Lectures on my book –Charis Bookstore in Atlanta, GA (May 21), Spelman College (Apr. 16), UNC Chapel Hill, (Feb. 25), Davidson College (Mar. 13), Bennett College (Mar. 15), Duke University (Feb. 21)
- 2014 Guest Lecture on my book (in Portuguese) - *Instituto Cultural Steve Biko*. Salvador, Brazil (May 8), and *Quilombo Ilha*. Itaparica Island, Bahia, Brazil (Apr. 28)

- 2014 Guest lecture on book at screening of *Cinderellas, Wolves, and One Prince Charming* with filmmaker Joel Zito Araujo, UNC Chapel Hill (Feb 24).
- 2013 “Afro-Brazilian Feminisms: Activism, Sexuality and Religiosity in Bahia.” Keynote Toni Cade Bambara Scholar-Activism Conference (Mar. 23).
- 2011 “Feminist Tensions: Race, Sex Work, and Women’s Activism in Salvador, Brazil.” Future of Minority Studies Annual Colloquium. Atlanta, GA (Sept. 24).
- 2011 "Ambiguous Entanglements: Sex, Race, and Tourism in Salvador, Brazil." Americas Research Group. University of Oregon (Jan. 20).

Radio, Television, and Podcast Appearances

- 2014 Interview on my book. Left of Black podcast. Mark Anthony Neal, Duke U., Feb. 20.
- 2013 Interview on my book. Critical Lede podcast. Gregory Mitchell, Williams Coll. Dec. 6.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology; Feminist Ethnography; Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality; Sexual Economies; Race and Identity in Latin America; Gender, Transnationalism and Human Rights; Soc/Anth Thesis; Sociology Internship; Going Global: From Travelogues to Black Travel Blogs (First Year Colloquium); African Diaspora and the World.

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

- 2017 Changing the World Through Thought Leadership: Public Scholarship and the OpEd. Facilitator: Christina Ristaino. Teaching Resource and Research Center. Spelman College, May 19.
- 2017 Queer Studies Workshop. Facilitators: Alix Chapman and Munira Charania. Women’s Research and Resource Center. Spelman, May 10.
- 2014 Critical Ethnic Studies Institute, University of Maryland College Park, Jun. 26-28
- 2014 Faculty Resource Network Summer Seminar – *The Color of Race in the Americas*, New York University, Jun. 9-13.
- 2014 Writing Intensive Courses Workshop, Spelman College, May 28-29.
- 2013 Palestinian American Research Center Faculty Development Seminar, May 16-27
- 2013 Mellon Lead Faculty Undergraduate Mentoring Workshop, Spelman, Aug. 5-7.
- 2012 Women of Color Leadership Project, National Women’s Studies Association
- 2012 Faculty Resource Network Winter Seminar – *Women of the Atlantic*, Universidad de Sagrado Corazón, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jan 9-13.
- 2011 UNCF/Mellon Faculty Development Seminar, *Constructing Women in the African Diaspora: Identities, Culture, and Power*, Salvador, Brazil
- 2011 Faculty Resource Network Winter Seminar - *The Global Economy*, Universidad de Sagrado Corazón, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jan 9-13.
- 2010 UNCF/Mellon Faculty Development Seminar, *Archival Research on Black Public Intellectuals*, Atlanta, GA
- 2010 Ms. Magazine Writers’ Workshop for Feminist Scholars

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017-19 Member. American Association of University Women (AAUW) American Fellowships Selection Panel.
- 2015-17 External Reviewer for Tenure, Syracuse University and Carleton University
- 2016-19 Member. Institute of International Education Fulbright US Student National Screening Committee for Brazil

- 2015-18 Member. Democratizing Knowledge Mellon Grant (\$500,000) in collaboration with Syracuse University, Rutgers University, and Spelman.
- 2014-17 Member-at-Large. Association of Feminist Anthropology section of the American Anthropological Association
--Chair of Zora Neale Hurston Travel Prize sub-committee (2015-17)
- 2014-16 Member. NWSA/University of Illinois Press 1st Book Prize Committee
- 2014-16 Co-Chair and Facilitator. Women of Color Leadership Project (WoCLP) of the National Women's Studies Association
- 2014 Faculty Success Program Coach. National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (May – Dec.)
- 2010-15 Reviewer. University of California Press, University of Illinois Press, *Feminist Studies*, *American Ethnologist*, *African and Black Diaspora: an International Journal*, *Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism, Gender and Society*, *Transforming Anthropology*; *Gender, Place, Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography*; *Women, Gender and Families of Color*; *Jornal da Associação da Pesquisadores Negros*; *Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women's and Gender Studies*
- 2011 SIT Site Visit Participant, Cochabamba and La Paz, Bolivia, (Feb. 11-17)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (Sections: Association of Black Anthropologists, Association of Feminist Anthropologists); National Women's Studies Association; Latin American Studies Association; Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora; Brazilian Studies Association; National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity; Association for the Study of African American Life and History

COLLEGE SERVICE

- 2016-19 Social Science Representative, Faculty Council
- 2016-17 Transgender Policy Task Force
- 2016-17 Title IX/Sexual Assault Committee
- 2014-16 Sociology and Anthropology Department Search Committee
- 2010-pres. Faculty Co-Director, Spelman Study Abroad Program in Salvador, Brazil
- 2013-pres. LGBT Faculty Curriculum Development Steering Committee
- 2013-2015 Writing Program Advisory Committee
- 2012-2015 Honors Program Steering Committee
- 2013 Faculty Lead, Spelman Museum "Art and Culture Tour of Brazil" (Mar.)
- 2010-14 Domestic Exchange Committee
- 2011-14 Junior Faculty Committee
- 2010-pres. Study Abroad Scholarship Committee
- 2010-pres. Women's Research and Resource Center Steering Committee
- 2010-16 African Diaspora and the World Steering Committee

LANGUAGES

Portuguese (fluent)	Yorùbá (basic)
Spanish (excellent)	French (basic)