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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Language, Literacy, and Culture University of Pittsburgh, Department of Teaching, Learning, and Leading	2022 – Present
Affiliate Faculty Member University of Pittsburgh, Department of Africana Studies	2022 – Present
Affiliate Faculty Member University of Pittsburgh, Center for Latin American Studies	2022 – Present
Affiliate Faculty Member University of Pittsburgh, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Program	2022 – Present
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Center For Humanistic Inquiry and Visiting Lecturer Amherst College, Department of Black Studies	2021 – 2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Brown University, Africana Studies	2015 – 2021
	Designated Emphasis: Studies in Feminism, Gender, and Sexuality Dissertation: <i>Resisting Fragmentation: The Radical Possibilities of Black LGBTQ+ Activism in Brazil and the United States</i> Committee: Keisha-Khan Perry (Chair), James Green, Anani Dzidzienyo, Geri Augusto, Marlon Bailey	
	University of São Paulo, Sociology - Visiting Fulbright Scholar	2019
	Federal University of Minas Gerais, Political Science - Visiting Fulbright Scholar	2019
	Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, History - Visiting Fulbright Scholar	2019
A.M.	Brown University, Africana Studies	2018
A.M.	Brown University, History	2018
	York University, Centre for Feminist Research and Sexuality Studies Program - Summer Institute in Sexuality Studies (SISS) Scholar	2017
B.A.	Swarthmore College	2009 - 2013
	<i>Major:</i> Africana Studies <i>Minor:</i> Latin American Studies	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Black Queer Studies, Afro-Latin America, History of Brazil, Black Feminist Ethnography, Qualitative methods, Transnational History, Gender and Sexuality, Pan-Africanism

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 “Black Gay Worldmaking of the Global 1980s: Brazil and the United States” *Revista Brasileira de Estudos da Homocultura*. (Final Revisions Accepted 10/11/2022, Forthcoming Summer/Fall 2023)
- 2023 “Homens Negros Amando Homens Negros: Militância Gay Negra dos Anos 1980 no Brasil e nos EUA” *Revista Brasileira de Estudos da Homocultura*. (Final Revisions Accepted 10/11/2022, Forthcoming Summer/Fall 2023)
- 2023 “Black Brazilian Media Producers and the Nomination of Marte Um,” *Black Perspectives*. <https://www.aaihs.org/black-brazilian-media-producers-and-the-nomination-of-marte-um/>
- 2023 “Representação vs. Representatividade: Analyzing Black LGBTQ+ Identity Politics in Brazil,” *Journal of Women Gender and Families of Color* (Final Revisions Accepted 10/11/2022, Forthcoming Summer/Fall 2023)
- 2021 “A Quare Eye to Slavery: Black Homoerotic Encounters in Brazil and Cuba,” in *Appealing Because He Is Appalling: Black Masculinities, Colonialism, and Erotic Racism*. University of Alberta, 2021.
- 2017 “Review of *Sex Tourism in Bahia: Ambiguous Entanglements*, by Erica Lorraine Williams,” *Souls*, 19:1, 111-113, DOI: [10.1080/10999949.2017.1268808](https://doi.org/10.1080/10999949.2017.1268808)

MONOGRAPH

- 2022 *Resisting Fragmentation: The Embodied Politics of Black Queer Worldmaking* (In Progress)

WORKS IN PREPARATION

- 2023 “Black Queer Futures: The Black LGBTQ+ Artist Imaginary in Brazil and the United States” (Under Review in *The Black Scholar*)
- 2023 Guest Editor for Special Issue, “Manifesting Black Queer Futures,” *The Black Scholar*. Co-editors Jallicia Jolly and Paul Joseph López Oro. (In Progress)
- 2023 “Black Queer Intimacy as Racial Democracy’s Refusal” (In Progress)

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

National Endowment for the Humanities Institute Participant, San Diego State University	2022
Faculty of Color Working Group Mentee, New England Humanities Council	2021-2022
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College (Amherst, MA)	2021-2022
Alfred J. Hanna Distinguished Post-Doctoral Fellow, Rollins College (Winter Park, FL) – Declined	2021-2022
Consortium for Faculty Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow, Haverford College (Haverford, PA) – Declined	2021-2022
Fellow, Fulbright U.S. Student Program (Brazil)	2018 - 2019
Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellow (Brazil), Social Sciences Research Council	2018 - 2019
Participant, Summer Institute in Sexuality Studies, York University	2017
Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Competition	2017
Grantee, Tinker Field Research Grant (Brazil), Tinker Foundation	2017
Grantee, Tinker Field Research Grant (Brazil), Tinker Foundation	2016
Associate Fellow, Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers, Phillips Academy (Andover, MA)	2014 - 2015

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Faculty Collaborative Research Incubator Grantee, Center for Ethnic Studies, University of Pittsburgh (\$1200)	2022
Participant, Race @ Work, University of Pittsburgh	2022
Faculty Lecture Fund Grantee for “Manifesting Black Queer Futures Symposium,” Amherst College (\$12000)	2021
Fellow, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Brown University (\$34000)	2020
Fellow, Open Graduate Education Program, Brown University (\$30000)	2017
Awardee, International Travel Award, Brown University Graduate School (\$800)	2017
Grantee, Joukowsky Summer Research Award, Brown University (\$800)	2017
Grantee, Joukowsky Summer Research Award, Brown University (\$1500)	2016
Awardee, International Travel Award, Brown University Graduate School (\$800)	2016
Grantee, James Green Fund Small Grant, Brazil Initiative at Brown University (\$2000)	2016 - 2017
Fellow, Tisch Fellowship, Brown University Graduate School (\$30000)	2015
Grantee, Summer Action Grant, Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility at Swarthmore College (\$1200)	2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Cultures, Knowledge Traditions, and Social Systems of Schooling I (University of Pittsburgh)	2023
Instructor, Special Topics: Black Queer Studies (University of Pittsburgh)	2022
Instructor, “For an Afro-Latin American Feminism:” A Freedom Seminar (University of Pittsburgh)	2022
Instructor, Theorizing the Black Queer Americas (Amherst College)	2022
Teaching Assistant, The Afro-Luso-Brazil Triangle (Anani Dzidzienyo, Brown University)	2018
Teaching Assistant, Afro-Latin Americans (Anani Dzidzienyo, Brown University)	2017
Teaching Assistant, Black Freedom Struggle Since 1945 (Françoise Hamlin, Brown University)	2017
Teaching Assistant, How Structural Racism Works (Tricia Rose, Brown University)	2016
Teaching Assistant, Blacks in Diaspora (Nina Johnson, Swarthmore College)	2013

INVITED TALKS

“Black Gay Worldmaking of the Global 1980s: Brazil and the United States of America” Presented at Simon Fraser University; Burnaby, BC, Canada	2023
“Serving LGBTQ+ Youth in Today’s Schools” Presented at the Durham Public School Board; Durham, NC	2023
“Visualizing Black Queer Freedom(s): The Black LGBTQ+ Artist Imaginary in Brazil and the United States” Presented at Tulane University; New Orleans, LA	2023
“The Creation of Brazil’s First Black Gay Organization” Presented at the From Slavery to Freedom Lab, Duke University; Durham, NC	2023

“Black LGBTQ+ Politics in Latin America” Presented at the Department of Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, PA	2023
<i>Descendant</i> (2022) Film Screening and Study Session Co-facilitated at the Center for Urban Education, University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, PA	2023
“ <i>Adé-Dídú</i> : Lessons From Brazil’s First Black Gay Organization” Presented at the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, PA	2022
“Resisting Fragmentation: Black LGBTQ+ Acts of Self and Community Making in Brazil” Presented at the Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College; Amherst, MA	2022
“Black Queer Geographies” Presented at the Department of Africana Studies, San Diego State University; San Diego, CA	2022
“Representação vs. Representatividade: Analyzing Black LGBTQ+ Identity Politics in Brazil” Presented at:	
Amherst College; Amherst, MA	2021
Occidental College; Los Angeles, CA	2021
California State University, San Marcos; San Marcos, CA	2021
Sacramento State University; Sacramento, CA	2021
Duke University; Durham, NC	2021
Portland State University; Portland, OR	2021
Stetson University; Deland, FL	2021
San Diego State University; San Diego, CA	2021
Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Worcester, MA	2021
University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, PA	2021
Rollins College; Winter Park, FL	2021
University of Washington; Seattle, WA	2021
The University of Toronto Center for Ethics; Toronto, ON, Canada	2020
“Papo Preto: A Crise do Coronavírus de uma Perspectiva Transnational Afro-Queer” Presented at the Federal University of Bahia; Salvador, BA	2020
Black Lives Matter in Brazil Presented at the Latin American Institute, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); Los Angeles, CA	2020
“Race, Racism and Resistance in Latin America” Presented at San Diego State University; San Diego, CA	2020
“Finding Space for the Bicha Preta: Black LGBTQ Activism in Brazil and the United States” Presented at:	
Federal University of Minas Gerais; Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil	2019
Federal University of Rio de Janeiro; Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil	2019
Federal University of Southern Bahia; Porto Seguro, BA, Brazil	2019
“Viadagens Cruzadas: Insurgências Negras e Desobediências Queers no Sul Globalizado” Presented at the Federal University of Reconcavo da Bahia, Cachoeira; BA, Brazil	2019

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Gender and Identity Panel” Chair/Moderator, Panel at the Representations of Afrolatinidad Conference, University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, PA	2023
“Bodies in Translation: Unsettling Genders and Sexualities in Latin America” Presented, Panel at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting; Seattle, WA	2022
“Gathering BlackSIDE: Liberatory Study and Practice of Black Sexuality, Intimacy, Desire, and Erotics” Co-Moderator, Experimental Session at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA	2022
“Funding and the Future of Afrolatinidad” Moderator, Panel at Latinx Connect; Pittsburgh, PA	2022
“Traversing Diaspora: Global Black Queer Reflections” Presented at the Association of Black Sociologists; Chicago, IL	2022
“Situating Black Queer Geographies” Presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting; New York City, NY	2022
“Black Queer Intimacy as Racial Democracy’s Refusal” Presented at the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA) Conference; Washington DC	2022
“Reorganizing Representation: The Black Trans Quilombismo of Erica Malunhinho” Presented at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting; San Juan, Puerto Rico	2021
“Meet the Authors: Appealing Because He Is Appalling: Black Masculinities, Colonialism, and Erotic Racism” Presented at the Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2021
“B(!)ack To My roots: Black Queer Diasporic Reclamation of Homeplace” Presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA	2018
“Reading at the Intersections: Representations of Blackness in <i>O Lampion da Esquina</i> (1978-1981)” Presented at the Dialogues and Challenges in the Study of the African Diaspora in Latin America; Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	2017
“A Quare Eye to Slavery: Black Homoerotic Encounters in Brazil and Cuba” Presented at the Colloquium ¿Del otro la’o?: Perspectives on Queer Sexualities, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez; Puerto Rico	2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Planning Committee, Freedom and Justice Gathering, University of Pittsburgh	2023
Planning Committee, Black: Here and Now Conference, Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College	2023
Co-Organizer, Manifesting Black Queer Futures Series, Amherst College	2022
Black Genders and Sexualities Collective Member	2021-2023
Faculty Search Committee Member, Department of Teaching, Learning and Leading, University of Pittsburgh	2021-2022
Co-Organizer, Black Queer Geographies Sessions, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting	2018-2022
Co-Organizer, South of Queer Series, Brown University	2016 - 2017
Member, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan Committee, Brown University	2016 – 2017

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropology Association (AAA)

American Studies Association (ASA)

Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)

Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora (ASWAD)

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)

Portuguese (fluent)

Spanish (Proficient)