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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2014- Assistant Professor, Yale University Program in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
Secondary Appointment: Department of Anthropology

2013-2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia University Society of Fellows in the Humanities

2013-2014 Lecturer, Columbia University Department of Anthropology and Institute for Research in African American Studies

2012-2013 Guest Faculty, Sarah Lawrence College Programs in LGBT Studies and Sociology

2012 Lecturer, New York University Department of Anthropology

2010 Lecturer, Columbia University Institute for Research in African American Studies

2010 Lecturer, City College of the City University of New York Department of Political Science

2009 Lecturer, Queens College/Joseph S. Murphy Institute Department of Urban Studies

EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D., Department of Anthropology and Institute of French Studies, NYU
Dissertation: *Sovereign Intimacies: Scaling Sexual Politics in Martinique*.

2010 M.Phil., Department of Anthropology and Institute of French Studies, NYU

2007 M.A. (distinction), Institute of French Studies, NYU

2006 M.A., Institute for Research in African American Studies, Columbia University

2000 B.A., Department of Political Science, Yale University

EDITED VOLUME

2008 [with Manning Marable] *Transnational Blackness: Navigating the Global Color Line* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).

EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES

2009a Black Gender and Sexuality II, *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society* [with Dana-Ain Davis and Shaka McGlotten], 11(3).

2009b Black Gender and Sexuality I, *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society* [with Dana-Ain Davis and Shaka McGlotten], 11(2).

JURIED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- 2015 [reprint and translation] “‘Le Jeu de Qui?’ Les Politiques Sexuelles aux Antilles Françaises,” *Comment s’en Sortir*. Spring 2015.
- 2014 “Spray,” in *Commonplaces: Itemizing the Technological Present* (Harris Solomon and Tomas Matza, eds.) on www.somatosphere.net
- 2013 “Bodies in the System,” special section of *Small Axe* on the life and work of Michel-Rolph Trouillot (Yarimar Bonilla, ed.), no. 42.
- 2012 “What the Sands Remember,” special issue of *GLQ* on “Black/Queer/Diaspora” (Jafari S. Allen, ed.) volume 18 (2-3).
- 2011 [reprint] “Le Jeu de Qui?” Sexual Politics at Play in the French Caribbean. In *Sex and the Citizen: Interrogating the Caribbean*, Faith Smith, ed. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 181-198.
- 2009a [with Dana-Ain Davis and Shaka McGlotten] “Black Gender and Sexuality: Spatial Articulations,” Introduction to a special issue of *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*, vol. 11 (3).
- 2009b “Le Jeu de Qui?” Sexual Politics at Play in the French Caribbean, *Caribbean Review of Gender Studies* special issue on “Sexualities, Rights, and Development” Number 3.
- 2009c [with Dana-Ain Davis and Shaka McGlotten] “No Beached Whales,” Introduction to a special issue of *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*, vol. 11 (2).
- 2009d “Resurrecting Nationalist Politics,” *Anthropology News*, a publication of the American Anthropological Association, Association of Black Anthropologists, March.
- 2007 [with Justin Steil, Cynthia Golembeski, and Carmelo Larose] “Sexuality, Security and Imprisonment: The Closure of the Gay and Transgender Unit at Rikers Island,” *Progressive Planning* No. 173.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- n.d. “Other Wounds.” Article for submission to a special issue of *Social and Economic Studies* on Feminist Epistemologies of Violence in the Caribbean, Deborah A. Thomas and D. Alissa Trotz, eds.
- n.d. “Body Burdens: Commodity and Chemical Entanglements in Martinique.” Article for submission to *Cultural Anthropology*.
- n.d. “A Serial Killer in the Family.” Article for submission to *TSQ: Trans Studies Quarterly*.
- n.d. “Charges Corporelles: une généalogie du biopouvoir en Martinique.” Article for submission to *Cahiers du Genre*.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2011 “Intimacy’s Politics: New Directions in Caribbean Sexuality Studies: A Review Essay” Joint review of Lawrence LaFountain-Stokes, *Queer Ricans: Cultures and Sexualities in the Diaspora*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2009; Amalia Cabezas, *Economies of Desire: Sex and Tourism in Cuba and the Dominican Republic*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2009; and Debra Curtis, *Pleasures and Perils: Girls’ Sexuality in a Caribbean Consumer Culture*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2009. *New West Indian Guide* 85 (3-4), pp. 247-258.
- 2006 Review of Fadéla Amara and Sylvia Zappi (Helen Harden Chenut, trans.), *Breaking the Silence: French Women’s Voices From the Ghetto*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006. Association for Feminist Anthropology.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Caribbean, Europe, African Diaspora; gender/sexuality; politics/political theory; place/environment; race

COURSES TAUGHT

At Yale

Gender, Justice and the Environment (2015)
Globalizing Gender and Sexuality (2014)
Feminist Science and Technology Studies: Porous Bodies (graduate, 2015)
Senior Thesis Colloquium (2014)

At Columbia

Caribbean Sovereignties (2010)
Isle of Intellectuals: Césaire, Fanon, and Glissant (2014)
Queer/Caribbean/Studies (graduate, 2013)

At Sarah Lawrence

Queer Worlds: Reading and Writing Queer Ethnographies (year-long; 2012-2013)
Racial Americana: On the Afterlives of Genocide and Enslavement (2013)
Thinking Queerness in the Caribbean (2012)

At NYU

Introduction to Anthropology: Human Societies and Cultures (2012)

At City College of the City University of New York

Introduction to Caribbean Politics (2010)

At Murphy Institute/Queens College of the City University of New York

Urban Subcultures and Lifestyles (2009)

HONORS + AWARDS

- 2013a Columbia University Society of Fellows in the Humanities
 2013b Dean's Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, NYU
 2013c Princeton Center for African American Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
 2013d NYU Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities (declined)
 2012a Association of Black Anthropologists inaugural Johnnetta B. Cole Travel Award for participation in the American Anthropological Association Meetings (San Francisco)
 2012b Social Science History Association Travel Award (Vancouver)
 2011a National Science Foundation Nordic Research Opportunity for three-month appointment at the Centre for Gender Excellence, Tema Genus, Linköping University (Sweden)
 2011b Caribbean Studies Association Conference Travel Grant (Curaçao)
 2010a Bourse Chateaubriand of the Embassy of France in the United States for dissertation fieldwork in Martinique (1-year tenure)
 2010b Association for Feminist Anthropology Zora Neale Hurston Travel Award for participation in the American Anthropological Association Meetings (New Orleans)
 2010c NYU Student Travel Grant for participation in the Queer Again Conference (Berlin)
 2010d Social Science Research Council/ Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant
 2010e Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Mellon Mays Research Grant
 2009a Association for Feminist Anthropology Sylvia Forman Essay Prize
 2009b Social Science Research Council/Mellon Mays Predoctoral Research Development Grant
 2009c TIAA CREF Ruth Simms Hamilton Fellowship in African Diaspora Studies
 2009d NYU Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Research Fellowship
 2009e NYU Student Travel Grant for participation in the International Feminist Research Methods Conference (Stockholm)
 2009f Pensionnaire Étrangère, École Normale Supérieure, (Paris)
 2008a Social Science Research Council/ Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant
 2008b NYU Mainzer Fellowship in Gender and Sexuality Studies
 2007 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (3-year tenure)
 2006a NYU Dean's Supplement Award (5-year tenure)
 2006b NYU MacCracken Fellow (5-year tenure)
 2006c Zora Neale Hurston Thesis Award for Distinction, Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University
 2005-2006 Paul Robeson Fellow at the Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University
 2004 National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher Fellow (London)
 2003 Atlanta Public Schools' Superintendent's Grant for 4th grade after school program.
 2001 Nominated and selected to the Women of Color Resource Center's delegation to the United Nations World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Forms of Intolerance (Durban)
 1998 Andrew W. Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellow at Yale University

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2015a "Body Burdens: Accretive Time in Martinique," Department of Geography, University of California at Berkeley.
 2015b "Body Burdens: Sexual Politics and Decolonization in Martinique," Environmental Humanities Research Cluster, University of Washington at Seattle.

- 2014a “Body Burdens: Accretive Violence and the Biopolitics of Health in Martinique,” Racial and Sexual Politics of Health Initiative, SUNY Stony Brook.
- 2014a “Fardeaux Corporels: une généalogie du biopouvoir en Martinique,” Laboratoire Théories du Politique, Université Paris 8/CRESPPA/CNRS.
- 2014b “Sororité/Solidarité: les politiques queer en France/Martinique,” Groupe de Recherche Audre Lorde, Université Paris 8.
- 2014c “Sand, Soil, Sediment: Locating Caribbean Studies,” Caribbean Literary and Cultural Studies Program, University of Miami.
- 2014d “Of Plantations and Pesticides: Sexual Politics in Martinique,” Critical Caribbean Studies Initiative, Rutgers University.
- 2014e “Of Plantations and Pesticides: Sexual Politics in Martinique,” Department of Anthropology Graduate Colloquium, Graduate Center of the City University of New York.
- 2013a “Of Plantations and Pesticides,” Department of African and African American Studies, Dartmouth College.
- 2013b “Black/Queer/Diaspora: Conversations,” Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, City University of New York.
- 2013c “Gender, Politics, and Pesticides,” Department of Women’s Studies class on Food, Farming, and Feminism with Professor Gabriel Rosenberg, Duke University.
- 2013d “Bodies in the System,” The Life and Work of Michel-Rolph Trouillot: A Symposium, NYU.
- 2012a “A Serial Killer in the Family,” UCLA Queer Studies Conference: Queer of Color Histories and Theories, Los Angeles.
- 2012b “Scaling Violence: On Belonging Beyond the State,” Coming Out in the Developing World: (Re)articulations of Queer Citizenship at the New School for Social Research, New York.
- 2011a Higher Seminar, Tema Genus, Linköping University, Sweden.
- 2011b Group show: Édouard Glissant: Inhabit His Name at Be Black Baby/ Recess Gallery, curated by Madeleine Hunt-Ehrlich and Simone Leigh. New York.
- 2010a “What the Sands Remember: Revisiting Tropes of Queer Invisibility in Martinique,” Queer Again? Power, Politics, Ethics Conference, Berlin, Germany.
- 2010b “Penser Intersexualité, Penser Métissage, Penser Fluidité aux Antilles” in an invited roundtable “La Femme Noire Existe-t-Elle? Perspectives, Mythes et Réalités” at the Festival Vibrations Caraïbe, Paris, France.

CONFERENCE, SEMINAR + SPEAKER ORGANIZING

- 2014a “Time Diffractions, Virtuality, and Material Imaginings,” with Karen Barad for Columbia’s Society of Fellows in the Humanities “Materiality” lecture series.
- 2014b “Material Alliances,” with Mel Y. Chen for Columbia’s Society of Fellows in the Humanities “Materiality” lecture series.
- 2012a “Working Trans In Jaime Cortez’s *Sexilio*,” with Carlos Decena for the Latin American and Latin@ Studies Program Speaker Series at Sarah Lawrence College.
- 2012b “All the Things You Could Be Now, If…” with Jafari Allen for the Latin American and Latin@ Studies Program Speaker Series at Sarah Lawrence College.
- 2010-2012 Co-Convenor [with Nadine Lefaucheur and Joelle Kabile], Séminaire: Enjeux de Genre et Masculinité aux Antilles, Université des Antilles-Guyane, Schoelcher, Martinique.
- 2010a Putting Interdisciplinary to Work: “Unthinking France, Working Through Empire” with

Gary Wilder at New York University's Institute of French Studies.

- 2010b Autonomy and Its Alternatives: Debating the 2010 Referendum in the French Caribbean roundtable with Myriam Cottias, Yarimar Bonilla, and Catherine Benoit at New York University's Institute of French Studies.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

- 2012 "Queer Histories, Queer Times" at the Crossroads in Cultural Studies Conference, Paris, France.
- 2011 "The Ethics of Black Desire" at the Collegium on African American Research, Paris, France.

Discussant

- 2014a "Critical Race Feminisms" at the University of the Western Cape/University of the Witswatersrand, South Africa
- 2014b "The Intellectual Endeavor" at the Mellon Mays Fellowship Program Annual Conference, Emory University
- 2013 "Seeing Disciplines, Their Histories, and Our Futures Through The Caribbean" at the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Martinique

Papers Presented

- 2015 "A Serial Killer in the Family," in the panel "Policing the Black Body and Blackness in France" at the Black Portraiture II: Images of the Black Body in the West Conference, Florence, Italy.
- 2014 "New World Bodies in the Anthropocene," in an invited session on "Questioning the Western Order of Things: The Ontological Turn Viewed from the Caribbean," for the Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.
- 2012a "A Poisoning Forewarned: The Sexual Politics of Pesticides in Martinique" in an invited session for the Anthropology and the Environment Society's Rappaport Prize Finalists, American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 2012b "How to do Things with (Queer) Time" (paper co-authored with Redi Koobak/Linköping University) in the "Queer Histories, Queer Times" panel at the Crossroads in Cultural Studies Conference, Paris, France.
- 2012c "*Souls*: Bridging Black Academic and Activist Communities" roundtable at the Manning Marable Memorial Conference, Columbia University, New York.
- 2011a "French Forever? The Queer Time of Postcolonial Dependence in Martinique," at the Social Science History Association Conference panel on Queer Temporalities, Boston.
- 2011b "What the Sands Remember: The Politics of Queer Archives in Martinique," at the People, Places, Stories Conference, Linnaeus University, Kalmar, Sweden.
- 2011c "What the Sands Remember: Revisiting Tropes of Queer Invisibility in Martinique," in the panel "Queer Landscapes: A Geography of Caribbean Same-Sex Desires," Caribbean Studies Association, Curaçao.
- 2011d "L'Amour Responsable," in the panel "The Ethics of Black Desire," Collegium on African American Research, Paris, France.

- 2010a “Sexual Ethics in Circulation” in an invited session entitled “Moving Targets,” American Anthropological Association, New Orleans.
- 2010b “PaCSing at the Periphery: Revisiting Rights and their Limits in Martinique” in a panel on “Feminist Epistemologies of Violence,” Caribbean Studies Association, St. Peter, Barbados.
- 2010c “To Strike, to Vote, or to Disengage? Querying the Meaning of Political Participation in the French Antilles” in a panel on “The 2009 Strikes and Violence in the French Caribbean,” Caribbean Studies Association, St. Peter, Barbados.
- 2010d “Autonomy and Its Alternatives” at the “Autonomy and Its Alternatives: Debating the 2010 Referendum in the French Caribbean” roundtable at NYU’s Institute of French Studies, New York.
- 2009a “Contending Forces: the Politics of Respectability and Caribbean Sexual Imaginaries” roundtable at the Caribbean Studies Association, Kingston, Jamaica.
- 2009b “Rights Revisited: Debating Sexuality in the French Caribbean,” at the Collegium for African American Research, Bremen, Germany.
- 2009c “Thinking Queerly: Anthropology and Queer Studies in Conversation,” at the International Feminist Research Methods Conference, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2007 “Makoumè Mobilizations: The Challenge of Organizing at the Intersection of Race and Sexuality in Contemporary France,” at the NYU Institute of French Studies’ Graduate Student Conference on Regime Change, New York.
- 2006 “Speaking Plainly About Power: Privilege and the Development of Black European Studies,” at the Black European Studies in Transnational Perspective Conference, Berlin, Germany.
- 2002 “Prisons, Globalization, and Us” at the Beyond Visibility: Queer People of Color Shattering Single Issue Politics Conference at Yale University, New Haven.
- 2001a “Women of Color and the International Movement to Abolish Prisons,” at the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Durban, South Africa.
- 2001b “Punishing Women, Vanishing Bodies,” presented with Angela Y. Davis, Anjali Arondekar, and Van Nguyen at the Eclipse: Towards a Decolonizing Cinema, Women of Color Film and Video Festival at the University of California at Santa Cruz.
- 2001c “Joining Forces in Practice,” with Ruthie Gilmore at the Joining Forces: Environmental Justice and the Fight Against Prison Expansion Conference at California State University at Fresno.
- 2001d “Prison Privatization, the Death Penalty & Jailhouse Struggles,” with Karega Hart and Randy Christensen at the Western Workers Labor Heritage Conference, Sacramento.
- 2000 “Closets and Cells: LGBT/SGL People of Color and the Prison Industrial Complex,” with Julian Liu at Critical Resistance East at Columbia University (March), and at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force’s Creating Change Conference (November).

CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

At Yale

- 2014a Caribbean Queer Visualities Symposium, Department of Art History
- 2014b Things (Re)called: Memory and Materiality Across the Disciplines Conference, Department of African American Studies
- 2014c Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Colloquium, Department of English
- 2014d Queer Tea, Office of LGBTQ Resources

At Columbia

- 2014a Discussant for Tami Navarro’s “Easy Money and Respectable Girls: Neoliberalism and Expectation in the US Virgin Islands, Institute for Research on Women and Gender
- 2014b Conversations Series, Institute for Research in African American Studies
- 2013 “Of Plantations and Pesticides,” Society of Fellows in the Humanities

At Sarah Lawrence

2013 “Of Plantations and Pesticides: Sexual Politics in Martinique,” Diversity and Activism Programming

FIELDWORK

December 2013 Martinique: affiliation with Université des Antilles et de la Guyane.
 2010-2012 Martinique: affiliation with Université des Antilles et de la Guyane.
 January 2010 Martinique
 Summer 2009 Martinique
 Spring 2009 Paris: affiliation with École Normale Supérieure.
 Summer 2008 Martinique and Guadeloupe
 Summer 2007 Paris
 January 2006 Paris

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

2012-2014 Managing Editor, *Small Axe: A Caribbean Journal of Criticism*.
 2008-2011 Editorial Working Group, *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*.
 2008-2009 Editorial Intern, *Cultural Anthropology*.
 2005-2008 Managing Editor, *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*.

RESEARCH + PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 Graduate Teaching Fellow, NYU Teaching and Learning Program Annual Conference
 2011 Research Assistant, San Quentin State Prison University Project.
 2010 Research Assistant to Jessica Winegar (Northwestern University) and Lara Deeb (University of California, Irvine) for *Annual Review of Anthropology* essay on new developments in Middle East Anthropology.
 2010b Workshop Participant, “Jumping Scales: Studying and Writing About Transnational Processes,” Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University.
 2008 Preceptor, New York University Morse Academic Plan, “World Cultures: Caribbean” with Aisha Khan.
 2007 Grading Assistant, New York University Gallatin School, “Black Cultural Studies” with E. Frances White.
 2006 Research Assistant to Sandhya Shukla (Columbia University, Anthropology) and Valerie Babb (University of Georgia, English), Scholars-in-Residence at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Life and Culture/New York Public Library.
 2004-2005 Reading Teacher, KIPP West Atlanta Young Scholars (WAYS) Academy 5th grade.
 2002-2004 Classroom Teacher, Collier Heights Elementary School (Teach for America) 2nd/4th grades.
 2001-2002 Consultant, Center for Third World Organizing, Oakland, California.
 2001-2002 Grantwriter, Incite! Women of Color Against Violence.
 2001-2002 Design Team Member, School of Social Justice and Community Development/Castlemont High School, Oakland, California.
 2000-2002 Coordinator, Prison Activist Resource Center, Oakland, California.
 2000 Co-Teacher, San Quentin State Prison Post Secondary Education Program.
 1998-2000 Undergraduate Fellow, Center for the Study of Race, Inequality, and Politics at Yale

- 1999 Production Assistant/Intern, Hybrid Multimedia/ Black Film and Video Maker's Association, Cape Town, South Africa.
1999 Assistant to the Director, South African Female Empowerment, Cape Town, South Africa.
1996 Intern, Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press, Brooklyn, New York.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

At Yale

2014-2015:

Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies Faculty Council
Human Rights Program Faculty Advisory Committee
Mellon Mays Fellowship Program Faculty Advisory Committee
Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Colloquium/Department of English Faculty Advisory Committee
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Council
Yale College Fulbright Campus Review Committee

Undergraduate Advisees:

2014-2015: Nathaly Aramayo ('17), Abigail Clayton ('17)

Senior Thesis Advisees:

2014-2015: Maya Binyam ('15, WGSS/English), Dinée Dorame ('15, WGSS/History)

At Sarah Lawrence

Advisee:

2013-2014: Toni Anne Stewart, thesis committee member for BA/MA program in Women's History

At NYU

2009-2010:

Institute of French Studies Doctoral Student Steering Committee.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2014-2015 Mellon Mays Fellowship National Professional Network Mentor (for Sarah Jessica Johnson, UC Berkeley PhD Candidate, Department of English)
2011-2013 Caribbean Studies Association Translingual Working Group.
2011-2013 Caribbean Studies Association Sexualities Working Group.
2010-2011 Caribbean Studies Association Presidential Task Force on Membership.
2009 Proposal Reviewer, Open Society Institute Fellows Program.
2009-2010 Alumni Representative/ Interviewer, Teach for America.
2005-2008 Chair of the Board of Directors of the Audre Lorde Project: A Community Organizing Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Two Spirit People of Color.

PEER REVIEW

Oxford University Press; *Small Axe: A Journal of Caribbean Criticism*; *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*; *Transforming Anthropology*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (*Society for Cultural Anthropology, American Ethnological Society, Anthropology and the Environment Society, Association for Feminist Anthropology, Association of Black Anthropologists, Association for Queer Anthropology*)

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora

Caribbean Studies Association

Centre de Recherche sur les Pouvoirs Locaux dans la Caraïbe (Center for Research on Local Power in the Caribbean), Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Martinique

Collegium on African American Research

Somatechnics Research Network

Tema Genus (Centre for Gender Excellence), Linköping University, Sweden

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (fluent), Créole (conversational)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.