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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Language, Literacy, and Culture University of Pittsburgh, Department of Teaching, Learning, and Leading	2022 – Present
Visiting Assistant Professor of Language, Literacy, and Culture University of Pittsburgh, Department of Teaching, Learning, and Leading	Summer 2022
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, Geri Augusto, Marlon Bailey (Arizona State University)	
	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
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

PUBLICATIONS

2022	“Representação vs. Representatividade: Analyzing Black LGBTQ+ Identity Politics in Brazil,” <i>Journal of Women Gender and Families of Color</i> (Forthcoming)
2021	Watufani M. Poe, “A Quare Eye to Slavery: Black Homoerotic Encounters in Brazil and Cuba,” in <i>Appealing Because He Is Appalling: Black Masculinities, Colonialism, and Erotic Racism</i> . University of Alberta, 2021.
2017	Watufani M. Poe (2017) “Review of <i>Sex Tourism in Bahia: Ambiguous Entanglements</i> , by Erica Lorraine Williams,” <i>Souls</i> , 19:1, 111-113, DOI: 10.1080/10999949.2017.1268808

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

Participant, Race @ Work, University of Pittsburgh	2022
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, 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

- “Resisting Fragmentation: Black LGBTQ+ Acts of Self and Community Making in Brazil” 2022
Presented at the Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College; Amherst, MA
- “Black Queer Geographies” 2022
Presented at the Department of Africana Studies, San Diego State University; San Diego, CA
- “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 Coronavirus de uma Perspectiva Transnational Afro-Queer” 2020
Presented at the Federal University of Bahia; Salvador, BA
- “Race, Racism and Resistance in Latin America” 2020
Presented at San Diego State University; San Diego, CA
- “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
- Federal University of Southern Bahia; Porto Seguro, BA, Brazil 2019
- “Viadagens Cruzadas: Insurgências Negras e Desobediências Queers no Sul Globalizado” 2019
Presented at the Federal University of Reconcavo da Bahia, Cachoeira; BA, Brazil

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Situating Black Queer Geographies” 2022
Presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting; New York City, NY
- “Black Queer Intimacy as Racial Democracy’s Refusal” 2022
Presented at the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA) Conference; Washington DC

“Reorganizing Representation: The Black Trans Quilombismo of Erica Malunhinho” Presented at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting; San Juan, Puerto Rico	2021
“B(l)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 Lampião 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

SELECTED SERVICE

Co-Organizer, Manifesting Black Queer Futures Series, Amherst College	2022
Black Genders and Sexualities Collective Member	2021-2022
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

Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora (ASWAD)
 American Studies Association (ASA)
 National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)
 American Association of Geographers (AAG)
 Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)
 Portuguese (fluent)
 Spanish (Proficient)