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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2026 – Present Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Chicago
Secondary Appointment, Department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies; Committee on Environment, Geography, and Urbanization (CEGU); Committee on International Relations; Nicholson Center for British Studies
- 2024 – 2026 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Chicago
- 2019 – 2024 Neubauer Family Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Chicago
- 2017 – 2019 Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, The University of Chicago

EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D., Anthropology and African American Studies, Yale University
- 2014 M.Phil, Anthropology and African American Studies, Yale University
- 2011 B.A., Anthropology and Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania
summa cum laude with distinction in Anthropology and Africana Studies

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Dean's Early Career Research Award, The University of Chicago
- 2023 CISSR Research Monograph Enhancement Award, The University of Chicago
- 2023 Social Sciences Research Center, Faculty Seed Grant, The University of Chicago
- 2015 Allan H. Smith Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, Yale University
- 2014 Stuart Taylor Travel Fund, Department of African American Studies, Yale University
- 2014 Fulbright IIE U.S. Student Fellowship, Trinidad and Tobago
- 2014 MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant, Yale University
- 2013 Alice S. Bloomfield Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, Yale University
- 2013 MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Yale University
- 2012 National Science Foundation REG Supplement (Douglas Rogers, PI)
- 2012 Schwartz Family Foundation Conference Fund, Department of Anthropology, Yale University
- 2012 SSRC-Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant
- 2012 Williams Fund Grant, Department of Anthropology, Yale University
- 2011 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

- 2011 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2011 Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Chapter of Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania
- 2010 Penn Humanities Forum Mellon Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2010 W.E.B. Du Bois College House Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2009 Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2009 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2009 Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, University of Pennsylvania
- 2009 University Scholar, University of Pennsylvania
- 2008 W.E.B. Du Bois College House Endowed Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books (authored or edited)

- 2025 *Peasants and Capital: Dominica in the World Economy*. A new edition of Michel-Rolph Trouillot's 1988 monograph with an introduction by Ryan Cecil Jobson and an afterword by Schuyler Esprit. Chicago: Hau Books. https://haubooks.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Trouillot_2025_Peasants-and-Capital_HAU-Books_9781914363221.pdf
- 2024 *The Petro-state Masquerade: Oil, Sovereignty, and Power in Trinidad and Tobago*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Books and Edited Volumes In Preparation

- n.d. *The Caribbean World*. Olívia Maria Gomes da Cunha, Stephan Palmié, and Ryan Cecil Jobson, eds. New York: Routledge. Under contract.

Journal Articles

- 2025 "Radiation and the Question of Power: C.L.R. James and the Struggle for Chaguaramas." *Small Axe* 78: 45 – 64.
- 2023 "Facing the Flames: The Herskovitses, Trinidad, and the Anthropological Imagination." *American Ethnologist* 50(3)
- 2022 "Keywords in Caribbean Studies: A Project Statement." With Vanessa Pérez-Rosario. *Small Axe* 68: 80 – 84.
- 2020 "States of Crisis, Flags of Convenience: An Introduction." *Small Axe* 62: 67 – 77.
- 2020 "The Case for Letting Anthropology Burn: Sociocultural Anthropology in 2019." *American Anthropologist* 122(2): 259 – 271.
- Reprinted in *Déjà Lu* Issue 10 (March 2022) an initiative of the World Council of Anthropological Associations.
- French translation published as "La Plaidoyer pour Laisser Brûler l'Anthropologie: l'Anthropologie Socioculturelle en 2019," Nathan Pécout-Le Bras, trans., *CORA: Collective Research in Anthropology* 1 (2023).
- 2018 "Road Work: Highways and Hegemony in Trinidad and Tobago." *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 23(3): 457 – 477.

- 2016 “The Decolonizing Generation: (Race and) Theory in Anthropology Since the Eighties.” With Jafari Sinclair Allen. *Current Anthropology* 57(2): 129 – 148.
Reprinted in *Sociocultural Anthropology: Critical and Primary Sources*. Barbara Miller, ed. Pp. 195 – 218. London: Bloomsbury.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2021 “Dead Labor: On Racial Capital and Fossil Capital.” In *Histories of Racial Capitalism*. Destin Jenkins and Justin Leroy, eds. Pp. 215 – 230. New York: Columbia University Press.

Special Issues Edited

- 2020 “States of Crisis: Disaster, Recovery, and Possibility in the Caribbean.” *Small Axe* 62.

Invited Articles and Commentaries

- 2026 “What the Petro-state Does Do: Power in the Caribbean After 1973.” *Small Axe* 79. Response to book discussion of *The Petro-state Masquerade* with commentaries by J. Brent Crosson and Chelsea Schields.
- 2025 Comment on Myles Lennon’s “The Problem with ‘Solutions’: Apolitical Optimism in the Sustainable Energy Industry.” *Current Anthropology* 65(S26): S146-S147.
- 2022 Comment on Shreya Subramani’s “The Entrepreneurial Catch: Towards an Analytic of Racial Responsibilization.” *Current Anthropology* 63(4): 677-678.

Book Reviews

- 2026 *Fueling Development: How Black Radical Trade Unionism Transformed Trinidad and Tobago*, Zophia Edwards. *New West Indian Guide/Nieuwe West-Indische Gids* 100(3-4)
- 2013 “Modernity of this Century: Four Ethnographic Perspectives.” With Erik Harms, Caroline Merrifield, and Sayd Randle. *Anthropology of This Century* 8.

Bibliography and Encyclopedia Entries

- 2019 “Race.” *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology*. John L. Jackson, Jr., ed. New York: Oxford University Press.

Interviews

- 2024 “Extractivism’s Limits: A Conversation.” With Macarena Gómez-Barris, Cymene Howe and Mareike Winchell. *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 29(3): 255 – 260.
- 2020 “The Case for Letting Anthropology Burn? Considerations and Reflections—Ryan Cecil Jobson and Kamari Clarke Interviewed by Lucia Cantero.” *AmericanAnthropologist.org*. July 20.
- 2020 “Public Thinker: Yarimar Bonilla on Decolonizing Decolonization.” *Public Books*. May 27.

Other Writing

- 2026 “A Caribbean Crucifixion: The Odyssey of Rishi and Charpo.” *Portolan*. February 15.
- 2024 “COP City and the Caribbean Climate Masquerade.” *ENGAGEMENT: The Official Blog of the Anthropology & Environment Society*. May 31.
- 2023 “One Queen for Another: Mia Mottley, Rihanna, and the Republic of Barbados.” *PREE (PreeLit.com)*. June 16.
- 2022 “Calypso Mike: A Caribbean Tribute to the California Kid.” *Contemporaries at Post45*. August 4.

- 2020 “Warning Signs: Mike Pompeo Goes to Guyana.” With Matthew Quest. *National Workers Union Trinidad & Tobago (WorkersUnion.org.tt)*. September 18.
Reprinted in *The Daily Observer*. Antigua & Barbuda. Pp. 18 – 19. September 23.
Reprinted in *Stabroek News*. Guyana. Pp. 8. September 28.
- 2019 “Black Gold in El Dorado: Frontiers of Race and Oil in Guyana.” *SSRC Items*. January 8.
- 2016 “Decolonization Matters.” *Anthropology News*. Association of Black Anthropologists Guest Column. September/October.
- 2015 “The Chavez Doctrine or Revolutionary Socialism?” *Counterpunch*. October 31.
- 2015 “Sheikhs, Shale, and Socialism: Oil War in the Americas.” *Counterpunch*. February 13.
- 2014 “The Highway Re-Route Movement of Trinidad and Tobago: From Dependency to Democracy.” *ENGAGEMENT: The Official Blog of the Anthropology & Environment Society*. October 26.
- 2013 “Seven Minutes in Panama: 42 and the Comforts of Civil Rights.” *Postcolonial Networks*. June 20.
- 2012 “Independence Dreams and the Gaza Don: A Review of Vybz Kartel’s *The Voice of the Jamaican Ghetto*.” *ReggaeTimes.com*. September 26.

Fiction

- 2023 “Pork.” *PREE* 11. PreeLit.com. August.

Book Manuscripts in Preparation

- n.d. *C.L.R. James and the Question of Power*
- n.d. *Islands and Emergency: Caribbean Epistemologies in an Age of Climate Extinction*

SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2026 “Oil Wars in the Americas: Washington, Caracas, and the Caribbean.” Intersect Antigua-Barbuda, Online, February.
- 2026 “Radiation and the Question of Power: C.L.R. James and the Struggle for Chaguaramas.” Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, January.
- 2026 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Five Scenes.” Institute of the Americas, University College London, Online, January.
- 2026 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Five Scenes.” London Mining Network, Resisting Mining Book Club, Online, January.
- 2025 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Five Scenes.” Department of Anthropology, Scripps College, Claremont, CA, October.
- 2025 “Radiation and the Question of Power: C.L.R. James and the Struggle for Chaguaramas.” Department of Black Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October.
- 2025 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Five Scenes.” Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, May.

- 2025 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Five Scenes.” Department of Anthropology, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, April.
- 2025 “Keynote Conversation: Generative Collaborations in Caribbean Studies.” With Victoria Collis-Buthelezi (University of Johannesburg), Society for Caribbean Studies (U.K.) 10th Annual Postgraduate Conference, Online, April.
- 2025 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Five Scenes.” Anthropology Graduate Student Association, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, March.
- 2025 “Every Cook Can Govern: The Political Philosophy of C.L.R. James.” Redbud Books, Bloomington, IN, March.
- 2025 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Five Scenes.” Center for Environmental Studies, Rice University, Houston, TX, January.
- 2024 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Five Scenes.” Rifkind Center for the Humanities and Arts, City College of New York, Harlem, NY, December.
- 2024 “Ethnography/Theory/Masquerade.” Department of Anthropology, Yale University, New Haven, CT, December.
- 2024 “The Making of the Petro-state Masquerade.” Department of American Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November.
- 2024 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Oil, Sovereignty, and Power in Trinidad and Tobago.” Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, November.
- 2024 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Oil, Sovereignty, and Power in Trinidad and Tobago” with Shayne de-Landè. Ruby Cruel, Hackney, London, United Kingdom, October.
- 2023 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Power and Sovereignty in Trinidad and Tobago.” The Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom (Online), May.
- 2023 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Oil and Sovereignty in Trinidad and Tobago.” Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, February.
- 2022 “On Study.” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Conference. Keynote Address. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October.
- 2022 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Oil and Sovereignty in Trinidad and Tobago.” Program in History, Anthropology, Science, Technology and Society (HASTS), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, September.
- 2022 “‘As a fire runs up a forest’: Counter-plantation futures and the Trinidad oil strike of 1937.” Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Online, March.
- 2022 “‘As a fire runs up a forest’: Counter-plantation futures and the Trinidad oil strike of 1937.” Energy History Working Group, Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Online, February.
- 2020 “The Case for Letting Anthropology Burn? Race, Racism, and its Reckoning in American Anthropology.” The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Online, September.
- 2019 “Race and Capitalism or Racial Capitalism: A Discussion on History, Theory, and World Building.” Robert L. Heilbroner Center for Capitalism Studies, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, November.
- 2019 “Unlocking Modernity: From Brown Sugar to Steel.” Newberry Library Seminar on the History of Capitalism. Chicago, IL, January.

- 2018 “Deepwater Sovereignty, or, the Political Theology of the Petrostate.” Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. November.
- 2018 “Deepwater Sovereignty, or, the Political Theology of the Petrostate.” Caribbean Energy Policy, Societies, and Law Conference. The Faculty of Law & Institute of Gender and Development Studies, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. October.
- 2018 “Geographies of Energy: Petrotrin, Petrostates, and People in the Caribbean.” Department of Geography, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. October.
- 2018 “Cold Stacking, Frozen Capital, and Black Labor: From Plantation Slavery to Fossil Fuels.” The Old History of Capitalism (Exploratory Seminar), Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. May.
- 2018 “Deepwater Sovereignty: The Political Theology of the Petrostate.” Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. May.
- 2018 “Deepwater Sovereignty: The Political Theology of the Petrostate.” Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series, Rice University, Houston, TX, March.
- 2016 “The Decolonizing Generation: (Race and) Theory in Anthropology Since the Eighties.” With Jafari Sinclair Allen. Critical Anthropology of Race Lecture Series, Brown University, Providence, RI, April.
- 2015 “Seeing Like a Failed State: Infrastructures, Corruption, and Democracy in Trinidad and Tobago.” Workshop on Political Anthropology in the Caribbean, University of the West Indies-St. Augustine, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, June.

Conference Presentations

- 2025 “The Petro-state Masquerade: Counter-plantation futures and the Trinidad oil strike of 1937.” Planetary Extractions: A Symposium, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, April.
- 2024 “The Masquerade of Permanence: The Trinidad General Strike of 1937.” American Anthropological Association, Tampa, Florida, November.
- 2024 “The Masquerade of Permanence: Counter-plantation Future and the Trinidad General Strike of 1937.” Petrocultures, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, May.
2022. “The Petro-state Masquerade: Counter-plantation Futures and the Trinidad Oil Strike of 1937.” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November.
- 2021 “States of Crisis, Flags of Convenience: On Changing Climates and Caribbean Criticism.” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Georgetown, Guyana (Virtual), June.
- 2018 “Downstream Citizenship: The Trinidad and Tobago Model and Its Malcontents.” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Havana, Cuba, June.
- 2017 “‘Anthropology will be decolonized or it will be nothing at all’: Reading ‘The Decolonizing Generation’ Toward Radical Black Futures.” Second Annual Conference of the African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS), Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, March.
- 2016 “Deepwater Sovereignty: Risky Business and Postcolonial Statecraft in Trinidad and Tobago.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November.
- 2016 “Independent Thought at the End of History: Toward a Post-New World Philosophy.” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, June.
- 2016 “Deepwater Sovereignty: Offshore Extraction and Postcolonial Statecraft in Trinidad and Tobago.” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, June.
- 2014 “The Infrastructure of the Postcolony: Corruption, Citizenship, and the Highway Re-Route Movement of Trinidad and Tobago.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December.

- 2014 “Carbon Citizens: Oil, Modernity, and Failure in Trinidad and Tobago.” Mellon Mays Graduate Student Summer Conference, Emory University, June.
- 2014 “Postcolonial Citizenship and the Art of Failure.” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Mérida, Mexico, June.
- 2013 “The Quagmire of Modernity: Melville Herskovits and Leslie White, A Reluctant Reprise.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November.
- 2013 “Nature, Temporality, and Imperial Designs: Trinidad Lake Asphalt and the Production of Modernity.” Mellon Mays Graduate Student Summer Conference, Bryn Mawr College, June.
- 2013 “Nature, Temporality, and Imperial Designs: Trinidad Lake Asphalt and the Production of Modernity.” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Grand Anse, Grenada, June.
- 2012 “Modernity’s Nature: Photography and Spectacle in the Oilfields of Colonial Trinidad,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November.
- 2012 “Modernity’s Nature: Photography and Spectacle in the Oilfields of Colonial Trinidad,” Capture 2012: Photography, Nature, Human Rights, Yale University, October.
- 2011 “Black Gold: Petroleum Circuits and African Diasporic Dialogues,” Producing Race: Technology and the African Diaspora, Columbia University, October.
- 2011 “Wanderers in Time and Space: Nation, Diaspora, and Temporality in Trinidad and Tobago,” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Willemstad, Curaçao, May.
- 2011 “(Re)politicizing August First: Diaspora, Neoliberalism, and the Commodification of Emancipation Day,” Penn Humanities Forum Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Pennsylvania, March.
- 2010 “Who’s Gonna Save My Soul Now?: (Un)natural Disasters and the Politics of State Violence,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November.
- 2010 “From Haiti to Hip-Hop (and Reggae): ‘Objective’ Violence in the Neoliberal Diaspora,” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, St. Peter, Barbados, May.
- 2010 “(Corpo)real Natives: Toward a (Native) Ethnography of Diasporic Identification,” Society for the Anthropology of North America and Association of Black Anthropologists Conference, University of Colorado—Denver, April.

Roundtables

- 2025 “Barbuda: A Microcosm of Global Rights Issues.” A webinar organized by the Global Legal Action Network (GLAN), Online, March.
- 2024 “20 Years of Modern Blackness: Paradigms, praxis, and potentialities.” A roundtable session held at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida, November.
- 2024 “Whither Black Power? The Caribbean After Rat Island.” A roundtable session held at the Caribbean Studies Association Annual Meeting, Rodney Bay, St. Lucia, June.
- 2022 “Anthropological Theory for the 21st Century: Unsettling the Canon.” A roundtable session held at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, November.
- 2021 “The University as an Ethnographic Question, Part 2” with Anand Pandian. Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, Online, February.
- 2021 “Is it possible to decolonize Anthropology?” with Kamari Maxine Clarke. A webinar hosted by the ‘Theory from the Margins’ consortium, Oslo, Norway, January.
- 2020 “Resistance to the New Imperialism and Extractivism in the Caribbean.” An online seminar hosted by Anti-Imperialists for Global Justice (AIGJ), Online, November.

- 2019 “Race as a sliding signifier, Racism as a system of meaning: Global conjectures.” A roundtable session held at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, November.
- 2017 “Anthropology and/as African Diasporic Intellectual History.” A roundtable session held at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December.
- 2015 “Race and Revolution in Real Time: From Fanon to #Ferguson.” A roundtable session co-organized with Christien Tompkins (University of Chicago) held at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November.

Campus Talks

- 2026 “What the Petro-state Does Do, or, the Odyssey of Rishi and Charpo.” Monday Seminar Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February.
- 2025 “Race and Theory.” A roundtable session at the Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory (3CT) 20th Anniversary Conference, “Theory Now: Practice, Predicaments, and Possibilities,” University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April.
- 2024 “Anthropology and the Banana Wars: Michel-Rolph Trouillot’s Dominica.” CEGU Colloquium, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, November.
- 2023 Discussant. “Cannibal Capitalism with Nancy Fraser.” Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory (3CT), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February.
- 2022 “‘As a fire runs up a forest’: Counter-plantation futures and the Trinidad oil strike of 1937.” Race and Capitalism Project Brown Bag, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March.
- 2022 Moderator. “Energy Histories and Geographies: A Discussion with Thea Riofrancos (Providence College) and Julie Klinger (University of Delaware).” Faculty Working Group for the Committee on Environment, Geography, and Urbanization, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February.
- 2022 Moderator. “Protests and Migration: Rejection of Right-Wing Authoritarianism and U.S. Imperialism in Haiti,” Mamyrah Dougé-Prosper (University of California, Irvine). The Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February.
- 2021 Faculty Roundtable. “Antipolitics: From New Anarchisms to the Alt-Right.” 3CT Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February.
- 2020 Discussant. “Climate Leviathan: A Political Theory of Our Planetary Future.” Social Sciences Collegiate Division, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, January.
- 2018 “Deepwater Sovereignty: The Political Theology of the Petrostate.” Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May.
- 2014 Comment on Orlando Patterson’s “Institutions, Colonialism, and Economic Development: The Acemoglu-Johnson-Robinson (AJR) Thesis in Light of the Caribbean Experience.” Center for Historical Enquiry & the Social Sciences, Yale University, New Haven, CT, January.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2023 “The Uninhabitable Archipelago: Solar Energy and Climate Futures in the Caribbean.” Social Sciences Research Center, Faculty Seed Grant, The University of Chicago (\$15,000)

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED

- 2025 “Research in Caribbean Archives: A Transnational Workshop” (with Jessica Swanston Baker, Kaneesha Cherelle Parsard, and Sue Ann Barratt). An international workshop in collaboration with the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago supported by a Provost’s Global Faculty Award at the University of Chicago (\$20,000).

- 2022 “Sou Sou: A Humanities Laboratory in Caribbean Studies” (with Jessica Swanston Baker & Kaneesha Cherelle Parsard). A twelve-month Transdisciplinary Research Idea Incubator supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago (\$15,000).
- 2022 “Fossil Capital in the Global South” (with Elizabeth Chatterjee and Victoria Saramago). A twelve-month collaborative Faculty Research Project supported by the Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society at the University of Chicago (\$25,000).
- 2021 “The Caribbean: Crucible of Modern Racial Formations” (with Jessica Swanston Baker). A twelve-month Transdisciplinary Research Idea Incubator supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago (\$8,500).

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

- 2019 “States of Crisis: Disaster, Recovery, and Possibility in the Caribbean.” An international conference co-sponsored by the Small Axe Project and Columbia University Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy and co-organized with David Scott (Columbia University) and Yarimar Bonilla (Rutgers University), Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University in the City of New York, May 3-4.

EXHIBITIONS CURATED

- 2026 “History on the Edges: Michel-Rolph Trouillot’s Caribbean.” With Kaneesha Cherelle Parsard. A public exhibition of materials from the Michel-Rolph Trouillot Papers at the Hannah Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center, Regenstein Library, The University of Chicago. Spring.

OTHER WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR PARTICIPATION

- 2023 “Global Energy Cultures: How Energy Shapes Our Everyday Lives.” A forum hosted by the Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University in Qatar, Doha, Qatar. December 9 – 10.
- 2022 “Refiguring Humanism: A Workshop in Radical Humanist Praxis.” An invited seminar sponsored by the Wenner-Gren Foundation. Chimurenga Ranch, Cape Town, South Africa. December 13 – 15.

TEACHING

- 2026 Proseminar in Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity: Core Works (Graduate). Department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2026 Power in the Streets: The Political Thought of C.L.R. James (Graduate). Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2026 Energy and Society II. Division of the Social Sciences. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2025 Energy and Society II. Division of the Social Sciences. The University of Chicago. Spring.
- 2025 Marxism, Anarchism, and the Black Radical Tradition. Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Spring.
- 2025 Proseminar in Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity: Core Works (Graduate). Department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2023 Energy and Society II. Division of the Social Sciences. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2022 Power in the Streets: The Political Thought of C.L.R. James (Graduate). Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Autumn.
- 2022 Colonizations III. Division of the Social Sciences. The University of Chicago. Autumn.

- 2022 Burning Issues in Anthropology: Michel-Rolph Trouillot and his Interlocutors (Graduate). Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Spring.
- 2022 Colonizations III. Division of the Social Sciences. The University of Chicago. Spring.
- 2022 Marxism, Anarchism, and the Black Radical Tradition. Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2022 Race/Capital/Extraction (Graduate). Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2021 An Island is a World: Readings in Caribbean Ethnography (Graduate). Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Spring.
- 2021 Colonizations III. Division of the Social Sciences. The University of Chicago. Spring.
- 2021 Oil, Power, Modernity: The Anthropology of Energy. Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2021 Sovereignty/Territory/Coloniality (Graduate). Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2020 Race/Capital/Extraction (Graduate). Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2020 Decolonizing Anthropology: Africana Critical Theory and the Social Sciences. Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Winter.
- 2019 Power, Identity, Resistance I. Division of the Social Sciences. The University of Chicago. Autumn.
- 2018 Decolonizing Anthropology: Africana Critical Theory and the Social Sciences. Department of Anthropology. The University of Chicago. Spring.
- 2016 Africana Critical Theory and the Social Sciences. Department of African American Studies. Yale University. Fall.

STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Undergraduate (University of Chicago)

Adriana Gonzales (Anthropology)
 Alicia Jimmar (Anthropology)
 Gabrielle Mahabeer (Anthropology & Critical Race and Ethnic Studies)
 Jordan Cooper (Anthropology)
 Michelle Yang (Anthropology)

Graduate (University of Chicago)

Annie Lloyd (MAPSS)
 Alex Jimenez (MA, International Relations)
 Alexa Olivares (MAPSS)
 Alyssa Mendez (PhD Committee Chair, Anthropology)
 Angela Romea (MAPSS)
 Ashley Jackson (PhD Committee Chair, Anthropology)
 Carmine Couloute (MA, International Relations)
 Carol Iglesias Otero (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 Clayton Hawkins Lewis (MAPSS)
 Daliyah Killsback (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 Dinayuri Rodriguez (PhD Committee Chair, Anthropology)
 Emma Pask (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 Francesca Gonzalez (MA, International Relations)
 Hilary Leathem (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 Jacob Siegel (MAPSS)
 Jolen Martinez (PhD Committee Co-Chair, Anthropology)
 Joshua Babcock (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)

Kasia Kaczowka (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 Kiara Houston (MAPSS)
 Maya Singhal (MAPSS)
 Michael Clevenger (MAPSS)
 Nikki Grigg (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 Osakhare Omoregie (MAPSS)
 Paulina Gomez (MAPSS)
 Quinn Monette (MAPSS)
 Rachel Howard (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 Reed McConnell (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 Robin Robinson (MAPSS)
 Roxanne Dobson (MAPSS)
 Sabena Allen (PhD Committee Chair, Anthropology)
 Sarah Shaer (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 Skyla Zhu (MAPSS)
 Stasha Arifin Wong (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 Tanima Sharma (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 William McCollum (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)
 William Ockendon (PhD Committee Member, Anthropology)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2025 Manuscript Reviewer, *SOULS: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*
 2025 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant Reviewer, Wenner-Gren Foundation
 2025 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Agrarian Change*
 2025 Manuscript Reviewer, *Small Axe*
 2025 Manuscript Reviewer, The University of North Carolina Press
 2024 – 2027 Coeditor in chief, *Transforming Anthropology*
 2024 Manuscript Reviewer, *Religions*
 2024 Manuscript Reviewer, *Current Anthropology*
 2024 Manuscript Reviewer, The University of Chicago Press
 2024 Manuscript Reviewer, *Anthropology of Work Review*
 2023 Manuscript Reviewer, Peter Lang Publishers (United Kingdom)
 2023 Manuscript Reviewer, Princeton University Press
 2022 Manuscript Reviewer, *American Ethnologist*
 2022 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Cultural Economy*
 2021 Manuscript Reviewer, *Current Anthropology*
 2021 – 2024 Editorial Committee, *Small Axe*
 2021 Manuscript Reviewer, *Small Axe*
 2020 Manuscript Reviewer, *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*
 2020 Manuscript Reviewer, *PREE: Caribbean Writing (PreeLie.com)*
 2019 – 2024 Associate Editor, *Transforming Anthropology*
 2019 – 2024 Corresponding Editor, *Current Anthropology*

- 2018 Manuscript Reviewer, *Transforming Anthropology*
2017 Reviewer, American Academy in Berlin Prize Fellowship
2017 Manuscript Reviewer, *American Anthropologist*
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