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Research Areas and Interests: Disasters and Ecological Crises, Emergency Management, Risk and Vulnerability, Global Climate Equity, State and Governance, Mapping and Island Geographies, Gender and Feminist Theory, Narrative Research, Justice and Human Rights, Small Island Nations (with specific expertise and fieldwork experience in Haiti and Puerto Rico)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Anthropology and African American & Africana Studies August 2021-present
Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (UKY) – Lexington, Kentucky

- Faculty Affiliate: African American & Africana Studies; Commonwealth Institute for Black Studies; Environment and Sustainability Studies; Gender and Women’s Studies Department

Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness) July 2019-December 2022
National Integration Center, Federal Emergency Management Agency | Washington, DC

- Roles include: Planning Analyst, Geospatial Specialist, and Equity Advisor

Adjunct Professor January 2020-April 2021
Trinity Washington University – Washington, DC
College of Arts and Sciences

Postdoctoral Fellow in Caribbean Data Curation August 2017-July 2019
Funded by the Council of Library and Information Resources (CLIR)
George E. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida (UF) – Gainesville, Florida

- Faculty Affiliate: African American Studies Program; Center of Latin American Studies

EDUCATION

PhD in Anthropology, University of Florida (2017)
Graduate Certificates: Latin American Studies, Disaster and Emergency Management
Dissertation: “Disaster Narratives of Flooding Experiences in Cap-Haitien, Haiti: An Anthropological Study”

MPS in Africana Studies, Cornell University (2010)
Thesis: “Multiple Jeopardies of Haitian Vulnerability: How Socio-Economic and Political Factors Exacerbate Environmental Hazards in Haiti”

BA in African American Studies, University of South Carolina (2008)
Minor in Political Science

Language: Haitian Creole (advanced); French (reading proficiency)

Software Skills: Proficient in ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Pro. MS Office Suite (including Word, Outlook, Excel, and PowerPoint) and OS X operating systems. Additional experience with EndNote, RefWorks, Zotero, and Prezi. Proficient in MAXQda (qualitative software) and working knowledge of Tableau (data visualization software)

FEDERAL GRANTS

RII Track-1: Climate Resilience through Multidisciplinary Big Data Learning, Prediction & Building Response systems (CLIMBS)

National Science Foundation, Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Program

[Awarded \\$20,000,000](#) | Submitted: August 2023 | Project Date: July 2024 - June 2029

Role: UKY Faculty Researcher on Project 6: An Approach to Map Interdependencies and Quantify Community Resilience to Climate-Driven Disasters in Appalachia | PI Rodney Andrews, PhD – Professor, UKY Chemical and Materials Engineering

- This research includes seven projects across eight academic institutions in Kentucky to advance climate science, geohazards engineering, and disaster management in Eastern Kentucky.

Extent of PFAS [Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances] Contamination Resulting from a Fire at a Hazardous Waste Incinerator in East Liverpool, Ohio

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Project Number 1R21ES035322-01

[Awarded: \\$306,299](#) | Project Date: June 2023 – May 2025

Role: Co-Investigator | PI: Erin Haynes, PhD - Chair & Professor, UKY Epidemiology and Environmental Health

- This project will assess post-fire PFAS soil concentrations and geospatial patterns, comparing them to pre-fire levels and determine PFAS exposure in the community through analysis of residential soil, drinking water, household dust, and blood samples. Importantly, we will foster community engagement throughout the research process.

Migration, Mobility, and Sustainability: Caribbean Studies and Digital Humanities Institute

National Endowment for the Humanities, Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities

Role: Affiliate Faculty and Project Team | PI: Laurie Taylor, PhD, Former UF Digital Scholarship Librarian

[Awarded: \\$231,093](#) | Project: May 2019 – August 2020

- The George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida (UF) in partnership with the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) request to host a week-long, in-person workshop and five additional monthly virtual workshops on collaborative Digital Humanities (DH) and Caribbean Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

- Felima, Crystal A. 2024. “Small Island Risks: Research Reflections for Disaster Anthropologists and Climate Ethnographers.” *Social Sciences* 13: 348.
- Felima, Crystal (and seven other). 2023. “‘Maintaining hope for a better future’: An interview with Dr. Crystal Felima.” *Annals of Anthropological Practice* 1–13.
- Felima, Crystal A. 2022. “Teaching Haitian Studies and Caribbean Digital Humanities: A *Rasanblaj* of Critical Pedagogical Approaches and Black Feminist Theory in the Classroom.” *Taboo: The Journal of Culture and Education*, 21 (1): 14-28.
- Felima, Crystal A. 2009. “Haiti’s Disproportionate Casualties after Environmental Disasters.” *Journal of Haitian Studies*. 15 (1): 6-28.

Book Chapters

- Felima, Crystal. 2024. “Disaster Management.” In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Climate Policy*, edited by Daniel J. Fiorino, Todd A. Eisenstadt, and Manjyot Kaur Ahluwalia, 268–272. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, Inc.
- Felima, Crystal. 2024. “Small Island States.” In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Climate Policy*, edited by Daniel J. Fiorino, Todd A. Eisenstadt, and Manjyot Kaur Ahluwalia, 434–438. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, Inc.
- Plato Smith II, Crystal Felima (and four other). 2020. “Building Socio-technical Systems to Support Data Management and Digital Scholarship in the Social Sciences.” In *Anthropological Data in the Digital Age*:

New Possibilities - New Challenges, Jerome W. Crowder et al. (Eds), 31-58. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

- Felima, Crystal A. 2016. "Economics in Vodou: Haitian Women, Entrepreneurship, and Agency." In *Vodou in Haitian Memory: The Idea and Representation of Vodou in Haitian Imagination.*, Celucien Joseph and Nixon S. Cleophtat (Eds), 179-189. Lanham, MD: Lexington.

Other Works:

- Felima, Crystal A. 2023. "[Caribbean Disaster Studies: Reflections from a Black Feminist Anthropologist](#)." Caribbean Geography Specialty Group Newsletter. August 2023.
- Felima, Crystal A. 2013. "African American-Haitian *Blan*: Negotiating Identity through Fieldwork Experiences in Northern Haiti." *Anthropology News*. 54 (1-2):13-14.

Media

- Interview: "[An Inside Perspective on the Crisis in Haiti](#)." By Simone Cherí. November 2022.
- Podcast Guest Speaker. [Episode 3 -How We Tell the Story of Disaster](#). *Material Memory* Season 2: Cultural Memory and the Climate Crisis. Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR). December 2020.
- [UF Digital Scholarship: DH, Data, Research, and Teaching](#). Digital Scholarship Show & Tell Webinar Session #3, University of Florida "Sampler". Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL). September 2018.
- Webinar Facilitator for [Caribbean Scholarship in the Digital Age webinar series](#). *Ramble Bahamas* by Dr. Tracey Thompson and Jessica Dawson, University of the Bahamas. May 2018

WORK IN PROGRESS

Submitted

- "Multiple Jeopardies, Intersectional Vulnerabilities: Flooding and Disaster Risk in Haiti." Article submitted. Revise and Resubmit.
- "Disaster Narrative Research: Flood Experiences Near and In the Mapou River of Cap-Haïtien, Haiti." Journal Article submitted.
- "Critical Disaster Studies" with Mark Schuller, Raja Swamy, and Roberto Barrios. Submitted Journal article in preparation.

In Preparation

- *Shifting River Geographies: Plotting Flood Vulnerability and Frontiered Landscapes in Haiti*. (Tentative title). Book manuscript in preparation.
- "Black Eco-Feminist Care and After/Alterlives: Climate Futures." Journal Article in preparation.
- "Sensual Ecologies: A Black Feminist Embodiment of the Land, Skies, and Seas" with Savannah Bowen. Journal article in preparation.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist. "Body Statistics: Auditing Disasters, Crises, and Climate Futures in Haiti." Panel Three: Refusing Disaster. Symposium: Refashioning: Postcolonial Pasts, Decolonial Futures in the Caribbean. Vanderbilt University. March 2024.
- Co-Speaker for Tracing the Contours of Caribbean Geography Talk Series: "Disaster, Postcolonial Crisis, and Ecologies of Repair." Caribbean Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers. Virtual. November 2023.

- Consultant for the U.S. Department of State on “Disaster, Aid, Environmental Risk, and Community Resilience in Haiti.” Western Hemisphere Area Studies at the Foreign Service Institute at the Department of State. Virtual. April 2023.
- Consultant for the U.S. Department of State on “Key Regional Dynamics in the Western Hemisphere.” Western Hemisphere Area Studies at the Foreign Service Institute at the Department of State. Virtual. September 2022.
- Lecture: “Flooding in Northern Haiti: Disasters and Narratives.” National Integration Center – Planning Integration Branch, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Virtual. June 2022.
- Speaker: “Gender, Disasters and Climate Change in Haiti.” Episcopal Relief & Development. Virtual. May 2022.
- Panel Speaker: “BREAKING NEWS: Changing the Lens of Haitian Resilience in Times of Crisis.” University of Massachusetts Boston Digital Storytelling Department. Virtual. March 2022.
- Consultant for the U.S. Department of State on Climate Change in the Caribbean. Western Hemisphere Area Studies at the Foreign Service Institute at the Department of State. Virtual. October 2021.
- Lecture: “Racial Equity and Environmental Inequalities.” Office of Response and Recovery – Policy Section, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Virtual. October 2021.
- Opening Speaker. “Internationalizing Intersectionality: A Case for Women Empowerment in Haiti.” Day of the Girl Summit. Hosted by UF Chapter of She’s the First. University of Florida. Gainesville, Florida. October 2019.
- Keynote Speaker. The Stolzenberg-Doan Lecture – “Flooding in the Northern Haiti: Exploring the Manifestation of Inequalities and Agency through Narrative Research and Critical Digital Pedagogy.” Faculty Lecture: “Teaching Haitian Studies: A Showcase of Critical Digital Pedagogy and Student Public Engagement.” Hosted by the Humanities Student Conference, ‘Crossroads of the Transatlantic.’ Nova Southeastern University. Fort Lauderdale, Florida. March 2019.
- Special Lecture: “Pedagogical Reflections: A Decolonized Stance to Teaching Haiti.” The Unexpected Caribbean Symposium. University of Kansas. Lawrence, Kansas. October 2018.
- Panelist for the University of North Florida’s International Studies and Digital Humanities Symposium: Intersections between International Studies and Digital Humanities. Jacksonville, Florida. March 2018.
- “An Anthropological Study of the State, Vulnerability, and Hope through Disaster Narratives in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.” Session: “FED Talks”. Federal Employment Seminar of the NSEP Boren Awards Program. Washington, D.C. September 2016.
- Keynote Speaker. Presentations: “Empowering Women for Development” and “Haitian Women as the *Poto Mitan*.” Hosted by *Realite Evolution Economie Liberte*. Cap-Haïtien, Haiti. December 2013.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Organized Sessions

- Session Organizer and Facilitator: “Land, Skies, & Seas: An Open Discussion on Ecological Crises, Climate Action, & Caribbean Futures.” Caribbean Studies Association. St. Lucia. June 2024.

- Session Organizer and Moderator: Panel - Author Meets Readers, Régine Michelle Jean-Charles: Looking for Other Worlds: Black Feminism and Haitian fiction. 35th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Atlanta, GA. October 2023.
- Session Organizer and Presenter: Panel - “Livable Worlds: Haiti, Black Feminist Ecologies, And Environmental Ethics of Care.” 35th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Atlanta, GA. October 2023.
- Session Organizer and Facilitator: Discussion - “Disaster Futures: A Roundtable on Critical Disaster Studies” and “Caribbean Disasters and Climate Change: An Open Discussion.” Society for Applied Anthropology.” Cincinnati, Ohio. March 2023.
- Session Organizer and Presenter “Body Statistics and Audit Culture: The Need for Disaster Narratives in Haiti.” Panel: Embodiment and Exposure: The Black Body Metaphor in Context. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle Washington. November 2022.
- Session Organizer and Moderator: “Haitian Digital Humanities in the Classroom: Engaging Critical Discussions on Haiti, Decolonization, and Exceptionalism Through Digital Scholarship.” Florida Digital Humanities Consortium Inaugural Statewide Conference. University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida. March 2019.
- Session Organizer and Moderator: “Caribbean Digital Humanities: Promoting Student Learning and Engaged Scholarship in Haitian Studies.” Panel: Digital Humanities and International Studies II. Florida Digital Humanities Consortium Inaugural Statewide Conference. University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida. March 2019.
- Session Organizer and Moderator: “Digital Scholarship on Haitian Studies, A Showcase Presented by Students from the University of Florida.” 30th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Port-au-Prince, Haiti. November 2018.

Conference Presentations

- “Shifting River Geographies: Flooding, Vulnerability and Exposure in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.” Presenter and Chair. Panel: “Hurricanes and Flooding 1: Flood Risk Perception.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado. March 2023.
- “Disaster Vulnerabilities, Transversal Risk: US Empire, Racial Capitalism x Ecological Crises in Haiti.” 3rd Annual Black Feminist Roundtable. Dartmouth College. Hanover, New Hampshire. November 2022.
- “Climate and Disaster Migration: A Discussion of Haiti and Ecological Concerns in Latin American and the Caribbean.” Panel: Environmental Crises, Changing Landscapes. Society for Applied Anthropology. Salt Lake City, Utah. March 2022.
- “Caribbean Ecological Futures: A Black Feminist Analysis of Disaster Vulnerabilities and the Climate Crisis.” Panel: Reimagining the Caribbean: Truth and Responsibility in the Anthropocenic (Post)-Colony. 2021 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland. November 2021.
- Moderator. 5 for 5 Conversation: Collections in the Era of the Climate Crisis. 2020 Virtual Digital Library Federation Forum. Council of Library Information and Resources. November 2020.
- “Disaster Narratives from the North: An Anthropological Study of Flood Research in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.” Panel. Diasporic Findings and Gendered Reflections: A Panel Discussion by Haitian Diaspora Researchers in Haiti. 31st Annual Conference of Haitian Studies Association. “University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. October 2019.
- Roundtable: Workshop for Anthropology Students Conducting Research in Haiti. 31st Annual Conference of Haitian Studies Association. “University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. October 2019. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. October 2019.
- Roundtable Presentation: The State of Digital Scholarship in Cultural Anthropology. 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA). San Jose, California. November 2018.
- “Teaching Haitian Studies: Exploring a *Rasanblaj* of Pedagogies in the Classroom.” Panel: *Rasanblaj* and Resistance: Reclaiming Haitian Studies. 30th Annual Haitian Studies Association (HSA) Conference. Port-au-Prince, Haiti. November 2018.
- Panel: Pedagogy and Digital Archives in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 2018 Digital Library Federation (DLF) Forum. Las Vegas, Nevada. October 2018.

- Panel: Building Collections, Exhibits, and Technological Systems to Support Our Communities across Languages and Cultures. 2018 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC), Albuquerque, New Mexico. September 2018.
- “Teaching beyond Haitian Exceptionalism: Digital Decolonization and Social Justice Pedagogy in Caribbean Studies.” Panel: Social Justice, Data Curation, and Latin American & Caribbean Studies. Digital Humanities Conference. Mexico City, Mexico. June 2018.
- “Digital Humanities and Social Justice Pedagogy in Haitian Studies”. 43rd Annual Caribbean Studies Association. Havana, Cuba. June 2018.
- “African American-Haitian *Blan*: Negotiating Self and Identity in Haiti.” Panel: Diaspora Women in the Field: Negotiating Identity, Herstory, and Citizenship. 29th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. November 2017.
- Panel Moderator for Session: Digital Humanities and the Historiography of Caribbean Studies. Symposium: Collaborating Across the Divide: Digital Humanities and the Caribbean. UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere. Gainesville, Florida. September 2017.
- “Within and Against Critical Mortality: Exploring the Dimensions of Disaster Risk and Vulnerability in Haiti.” Session: Diasporic Narratives: New Discourses on Blackness. 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 2016.
- “Flooding, Inequalities, and Discomfort: Interrogating Reflexivity and Positionality through Fieldwork Experiences in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.” Session: Environmental Consciousness and Possibilities for Change of the Crises of the Eco-Systems. 28th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Cap Haitien, Haiti. November 2016.
- “Gendered Erasure: Reclaiming Mambo Cécile Fatiman in Haitian Memory.” Chair of Session: Taking Off the Savior Cape: New Directions in Activism. 111th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. November 2012.
- “African American-Haitian *Blan*: Negotiating Identity through Fieldwork Experiences in Northern Haiti”. Session: Nationalism and Migration. 2012 English Graduate Organization Conference. University of Florida—Gainesville, Florida. October 2012.
- “De-Constructing the Myth of ‘Natural Disasters’ in Haiti.” Session 2-B: Rethinking Haiti’s Environment: Challenges and Solutions. 21st Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Indiana University: Bloomington, Indiana. November 2009.
- “The (Ill) Legitimacy of African-Centered Scholarship and Its Intellectuals.” Panel C: The Elites, Ethics and Enterprise of Studying Africa. 33rd Annual New York African Studies Association Conference. Syracuse University: Syracuse, New York. April 2009.
- “Haiti’s Disproportionate Casualties after Environmental Hazards.” Panel: Landscape, Ecology and Environment. 20th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Montrouis, Haiti. November 2008.

INVITED ON-CAMPUS TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, AND LECTURES

- Welcome Address. “Black Feminist Eco-Intimacies: Reflections on Worldmaking through Crises.” Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE) Conference, University of Kentucky. February 2024.
- Colloquium Speaker. “Shifting River Geographies in Haiti: Place-Making of Intersectional Vulnerabilities and Flood Risk in Haiti.” UKY Department of Geography. November 2023.
- Panelist. Living Beyond Survival: Political Ecology & Mutual Aid through Simultaneous Crises. Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE), University of Kentucky. October 2022.
- Moderator for Compounding Environmental Disasters and Health Discussion Group and Group Dialogue Session. John P. Wyatt, MD Environment & Health Symposium. University of Kentucky. April 2022.
- Session Moderator: “The Quest for Environmental and Climate Justice: Three Kentucky Perspectives.” The 17th Annual Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) Spring Conference: Climate and Health. University of Kentucky. April 2022.

- Symposium Speaker: “Migration and Informal Dwellings: Flooding of the Mapou River in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.” Event: Migration, Nation, and Identity in the Caribbean. Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (LACLS) Symposium 2021, University of Kentucky. November 2021.
- Panelist. “Engaging the Humanities: The Pedagogy of the Digital Library of the Caribbean.” Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere at the University of Florida.” Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere. University of Florida. April 2019.
- Panelist. “Smathers Libraries’ Involvement in Digital Scholarship.” Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Leadership Fellows Program 2018-2019. Institute III. George A. Smathers Libraries. University of Florida. March 2019.
- Panelist. “The Presence and Role of NGOs in Haiti.” Hosted by Club Creole (Haitian Student Association): University of Florida. January 2017.

UNIVERSITY GUEST CLASS LECTURES AND INTERVIEWS

- Class Interview: ANT 582: Senior Seminar. University of Kentucky. Spring 2024, 2022.
- Guest Speaker. ANT 736: Culture, Environment, and Development. University of Kentucky. Fall 2023.
- Guest Speaker. ANT 225: Culture, Environment and Global Issues. University of Kentucky. Fall 2022.
- Class Interview. ANT 329: Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems. University of Northern Illinois. Fall 2021.
- Guest Speaker. ANT 525: Applied Anthropology. University of Kentucky. Fall 2021.
- Guest Lecturer. ANT 582: Senior Integrative Seminar. Lecture: Disasters and Vulnerability in the Caribbean. University of Kentucky. Fall 2021.
- Guest Lecturer. BOT4935/ZOO4926 - Global Biodiversity and Culture: Integrating Conservation and Human Well-being. Lecture: Anthropology & Cultural Resources Library Research. University of Florida. Spring 2019.
- Guest Lecturer. ANT 2000: General Anthropology. Lecture: The Perpetuation of Singular Narratives. University of Florida. Spring 2017.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Participant. 2023-2024 Teaching Innovation Institute Fellow, Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT). University of Kentucky.

Faculty Lead. Research Tutorial Award, Undergraduate Field Research Program in Puerto Rico. Developed and facilitated field school for two undergraduate students to Puerto Rico. Disaster Research in Puerto Rico: Exploring local experiences of the impacts Hurricane Maria. Funded by the UF Center for Latin American Studies. Summer 2019.

Participant. NHERI (A Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure) RAPID Facility and Equipment Intensive Training Workshop. University of Washington. Seattle, Washington. Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). July 2018.

Participant. Textual Data & Digital Texts in the Undergraduate Classroom, NEH Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities. Mississippi State University (MSU). Starkville, Mississippi. Institute: July 2018.

Researcher. NSF CAREER Grant # 1455142, “Assessing Long-Term Sociocultural Impacts in Disaster Recovery Efforts.” PI: Mark Schuller, Northern Illinois University. Participation in eight-week qualitative multi-sited research study in southern Haiti. May-July 2017.

Participant. PhD Course: Disaster Social Work: Resilience and Crisis Management in the Context of Welfare States. University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland. May 2017.

Participant. Summer Institute for Disaster and Risk Research (SIDRR). Hosted by Beijing Normal University—Beijing, China. Received \$800 travel award from Beijing Normal University and \$250 from my department to attend institute. July-August 2015.

Fellow. 2014 Inaugural Haiti’s Future Leaders Fellowship Program Placed at the Ministry of Haitians Living Abroad in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Sponsored by the Embassy of the Republic of Haiti, Washington, DC. Summer 2014.

Graduate Student Researcher. NEH Grant #RZ-51441-12. “Archive of Haitian Religion and Culture.” Project Director: Benjamin Hebblethwaite, University of Florida. Felima’s Photography collection: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00024074/00001>. 2013-2014.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2019 Undergraduate Research Tutorial Abroad Program. Project: “Disaster Research in Puerto Rico: Exploring local experiences of the impacts of Hurricane Maria.” University of Florida (\$12,000)
- 2017 Code4Lib Diversity Scholarship Award (\$1300)
- 2017 Delores Auzenne Dissertation Award (\$6000)
- 2016 Graduate Summer Travel Award (\$5000)
- 2014 National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Fellowship to Haiti (\$26,900)
- 2014 John M. Goggin Research Travel Award (\$1500)
- 2013 Academic Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship in Haitian Creole | Full Funding

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

- University of Kentucky—Lexington, KY | Assistant Professor (Fall 2021 to present)
 - Decolonizing Ecology
 - Debility and After/Alterlives
 - Disasters and Racial Ecologies
 - Contemporary African Lives
 - Culture, Environment & Global Issues
 - Human Rights: Global Perspectives
 - History of Anthropological Theories
- Trinity Washington University—Washington, DC | Adjunct Professor (Spring 2020 – Spring 2021)
 - Human Geography – Latin America
 - Human Geography – Africa
 - International Migration
 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- University of Florida—Gainesville, FL | Postdoctoral Fellow (2017-2019); Graduate Student (2012-2017)
 - Anthropology of Disasters
 - Anthropology of Religion
 - Haitian Culture and Society
 - Introduction to African American Studies
 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

SERVICE

Graduate Advising, Committee Member

Doctoral Students

- Nicole Marks, UKY Department of Anthropology (Faculty Advisor and Co-Chair)
- Jessica Ojiugo Nwafor, UKY Department of Anthropology (Faculty Advisor and Co-Chair)

- Pasama Cole-Kweli, UKY Department of Anthropology (Co-Chair)
- Emmanuel Asante, UKY Department of Anthropology
- Rachel B. Noble-Varney, UKY Department of Geography
- Ashley Lazarre, University of Massachusetts Boston, School of Global Inclusion and Social Development

Master Students

- Meron Lemma, UKY Department of Geography
- Maddy Cohen, UKY Department of Anthropology

Completed

- Savannah Bowen, UKY Department of English. Thesis: *Bouyon*. MFA Degree Completed Spring 2024.
- Natasha Joseph, UF Center of Latin American Studies. Thesis: “*Lè Fanm Andeyò Travay: Challenges Faced by Rural Women to Sustain their Agricultural Traditions in Northern Haiti.*” Degree Completed Spring 2020.

University

- Colloquium Coordinator, UKY Anthropology Department (2023-2024)
- Anthropology Department, Medical Anthropologist Search Committee (2023-2024)
- Funding Committee, Commonwealth Institute for Black Studies (2022-2025)
- Faculty Member, Inclusive Excellence Committee, UKY Anthropology Department (2021-present)
- Strategic Planning Workgroup Member, *Positively Impacting our Community and Fostering Inclusive Excellence*, UKY College of Arts and Sciences (2022-2023)
- UKY Faculty Representative, AP African American Studies, College Board Symposium. March 2022. Washington, DC.

Professional

- Co-Series Editor, *Catastrophes in Context*, [Berghahn Series](#) (2021 – present)
- Awards Chair and Board, Haitian Studies Association (2021-2024)
- Journal Reviewer: *Critical Disaster Studies* (2023-2024), *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (2024), *Disasters Journal* (2021 – 2023), *Economic Anthropology* (2023), *Kalfou: A Journal of Comparative and Relational Ethnic Studies* (2022)
- 2024, 2023 Grant Proposal Reviewer, Recordings at Risk, Council on Library and Information Resources
- Organizer and Host, Haitian Studies Wednesday Writing Group (Fall 2022 – Spring 2023)
- Member, Conference Program Committee (2022-2023)

Memberships/External Affiliations

- American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- American Association of Geographers (AAG)
- Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)
- Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)
- Climate Social Science Network (CSSN), Institute at Brown for Environment and Society
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Lexington, KY Alumnae Chapter
- Haitian Studies Association, Board Member (2021-2024)
- Society of Applied Anthropology (SfAA)