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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Duke University, Cultural Anthropology, 2016  
Certificates: African & African American Studies, College Teaching, and Feminist Studies
- M.A.** Duke University, Cultural Anthropology, 2012
- B.A.** North Carolina Central University, History (*Summa Cum Laude*), 2005
- B.A.** North Carolina Central University, Modern Foreign Languages/Spanish (*Summa Cum Laude*), 2005

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

African Diaspora, Afro-Latin America, Autoethnography, Black Ethnography, Black/Pan-African Feminism, Black Women's Activism, Social Movements, Pan-Africanism

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Refereed Journal Articles*

“Seein’ It for Wearin’ It: The Continued Relevance of Auto-ethnography for Black Feminist Anthropologists,” *Taboo: The Journal of Culture & Education, Special Issue Breaking the Silence: Telling Our Stories as an Act of Resistance* (Forthcoming: Winter 2019)

#### *Book Chapters*

“This Ain’t Nothing New: Contextualizing Black Struggle in Trump’s America,” in *The Fire Now: Anti-Racist Scholarship in Times of Explicit Racial Violence*. (ZED Books, 2018)

“This Ain’t Yo Daddy’s Civil Rights Movement? A Generational Analysis of the Movement for Black Lives” in *Black Lives Have Always Mattered: A Collection of Essays, Poems, and Personal Narratives*. (2Leaf Press, 2017).

#### *Works in Progress*

*Return to the Source: Pan-African Global Blackness and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Liberation Imperatives*. Book Manuscript.

*AfroVenezolanidad: The Politics of Black Africanness in Hugo Chavez’s Venezuela*. Co-Edited Manuscript. (Requested Requested by Africa World Press for Initial Review)

“Reading Hugo Chávez’s Bolivarianismo as a Pan-Africanist Project,” Journal Article in preparation for submission to *The Black Scholar*)

“The Racial and Gendered Politics of the 2019 Venezuelan Coup Attempt,” Invited Blog for *Black Perspectives* the Official Blog of the African American Intellectual Historical Society (Invited Submission, Under Review)

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor	University of Massachusetts, Boston, Africana Studies Department, 2018 - Present
Postdoctoral Fellow	Bucknell University, Africana Studies Program & The Griot Institute for Africana Studies, 2017 - 2018
Lecturer	North Carolina State University, Interdisciplinary Studies Program & Africana Studies, 2016 - 2017
Lecturer	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Department of African, African American & Diaspora Studies, 2014 - 2015
Instructor	Duke University, Department of Cultural Anthropology, 2014 - 2015
Instructor	Duke University, Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies Program, 2013

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Africana Studies (UMass Boston)  
The Making of the African Diaspora (UMass Boston)  
Black Women’s History (UMass Boston)  
Introduction to African American Studies I & II (North Carolina State University)  
Introduction to the African Diaspora (North Carolina State University)  
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Duke University)  
Introduction to African Diaspora Studies (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)  
Blacks in Latin America (Bucknell University & UNC Chapel Hill)  
Women of Color in the Americas (Duke University)  
Reading Autobiographies of Radical Women of Color (Duke University)

### **SENIOR THESIS ADVISEES**

2019	Emmanuela Nei, “Deye Mon Gen Mon" Beyond Mountains There Are Mountains.” (UMass Boston)
2016	Santiago Bejarano, “Modern Transnational Familia: Exploring Cultural Gaps in the Experiences of Latinx Families.” (Duke University)
2015	Brendane Tynes, “Black Love and Black Power: An Intersectional Analysis of Gender Violence and Political Activism.” (Duke University)

## **RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS**

- 2014 Research Fellow, Global Inequality Research Initiative, Duke University
- 2013 Research Intern, The Institute for Women's Policy Research
- 2009 Research Fellow, Summer Humanities Institute, University of California Los Angeles
- 2009 Intern, Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture & History, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
- 2008 Undergraduate Research Fellow, Summer Research Opportunities Program, Ohio State University
- 2007 Student Intern, National Alliance for Black School Educators

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2014 Judy C. Woodruff Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University (\$5,500)
- 2014 Women's Studies Gender & Race Award, Duke University (\$1,000)
- 2014 Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies Field Research Grant (\$800)
- 2013 Preparing Future Faculty Fellows Grant, Duke University (\$500)
- 2012 Jenkins Summer Fellowship, Duke University (\$3,000)
- 2012 Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies/Mellon Conference Travel Award, Duke University (\$400)
- 2012 Tinker Field Research Grant, Duke University (\$1,800)
- 2012 Women's Studies Gender & Race Award, Duke University (\$1,000)
- 2011 Pre-Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Duke University (\$2,000)
- 2009-16 Graduate Fellowship, Duke University
- 2008 NCCU Wake County Alumnae Chapter Scholarship (\$2,000)
- 2005-09 Rising Eagle Scholarship, North Carolina Central University

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2017 Women of Color Leadership Project, National Women's Studies Association
- 2013 Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, Duke University
- 2009 Milagros Carballo Award for Excellence in Spanish, NCCU
- 2009 Academic Excellence (Highest Departmental GPA), NCCU History Department
- 2008 Wings of Change Student Leadership Award, NCCU Office of Student Leadership
- 2006 University Honor's Program Inductee, NCCU
- 2006 Julia Wyatt Harris Award, NCCU English Department

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- 2019 African Studies in the Greater Boston Area: The View from Below, African Studies Association, ASA
- 2019 Black Queer Feminisms: A State of the Field Review Roundtable Discussion, American Anthropological Association, AAA
- 2019 Afrolatinidad, Pan-Africanism, Feminism and The Ebbing of Latin America's Pink Tide, National Conference on Race and Ethnicity, NCORE
- 2019 Black Lives Matter: Examining Impacts of a Mobilizing Moment Within Postsecondary Institutions, National Conference on Race and Ethnicity, NCORE
- 2018 Mobilized Actions: The Impact of the Growing National and International Right-Wing Movement on Anti-Racism Activities in Higher Education, National Conference on Race and Ethnicity, NCORE
- 2018 Pan-African Feminist Activism and Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution, North Carolina Central University's 2018 Women's & Gender Studies Symposium
- 2017 Changing the Discourse/Mobilizing Action: The National and International Influences of Black Lives Matter Movement in Higher Education, NCORE
- 2017 Kinks and Coils: Black Hair Matters, Duke Ethiopian/Eritrean Student Transnational Association
- 2017 BSA Real Talk: Black Political Power, Duke Black Student Alliance
- 2017 AAAS Perspectives on States of DisUnion: An Open Conversation Series with Faculty (on Activism), Duke University Department of African and African American Studies
- 2014 Down to Earth Lunch Series Speaker, Duke Center for Multicultural Affairs
- 2014 Exploring Global Inequality: Experiences of A Young Anthropologist Woman of Color (Keynote), Bennett College Academic Cultural Enrichment Series
- 2014 Toward a Theory of Pan-African Feminist Modality: Vanguard Women in the US and Venezuela, Duke Global Inequality Research Initiative's Tuesday Teas Series
- 2009 Black Institutions, the Emergence of Black Studies Programs in Higher Education and the need for Self-Determination in a "Post-Racial" Society, National African American Student Leadership Conference
- 2008 Debunking the Myth of Racial Democracy: Afro-Venezuelans and the Bolivarian Process, NCCU African Diaspora Symposium
- 2007 Why Study Abroad: The Benefits of an International Education, NC Honors Association Annual Meeting

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

- 2019 Understanding the 2019 Venezuelan Coup: Pan-Africanism, Feminism and the Bolivarian Revolution, Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora, ASWAD
- 2019 Pan-Africanism, Feminism and the Racist Anti-Revolutionary Politics of the 2019 Venezuelan Coup Attempt, International Gullah Geechee and African Diaspora

- Conference: Tracing the African Diaspora: Places of Suffering, Resilience and Reinvention
- 2018 Pan-African Feminist Praxis and Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution, The Gloria Richardson Humanities Initiative at Bowie State University Conference on Africans, African Americans, Academia and Activism
- 2017 Seein' It For Wearin' It: Black Feminist Anthropological Methods, Notre Dame Intersectional Inquiries Conference
- 2011 Afro-Venezuelans: A Test Case for the Promise of the Bolivarian Revolution, Purdue Annual Symposium on African American Culture & Philosophy
- 2011 Mujeres Públicas: Femininity, Visibility and Citizenship Among Barrio Women in Venezuela Gender, MIT Sexuality and Urban Spaces Conference
- 2010 Mothering in Chains: Reflections on Black Motherhood in Post 18th Century America, Association for the Study of African American Life and History 95th Annual Meeting
- 2009 "Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Hope": Black Nationalist's Interpretations of the Cuban Revolution, UCLA Summer Programs for Undergraduate Research Annual Conference
- 2008 Debunking the Myth of Racial Democracy: Afro-Venezuelans and the Bolivarian Process, Michigan State University CIC SROP Conference
- 2008 Black Behind the Ears: Blackness and Dominican Identity, National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies
- 2007 The Benefits of an International Education: Why Study Abroad? National Association of African American Honors Programs

*Discussant*

- 2011 Identities Under Development: Gender, Identity and Modernization Projects MIT Gender, Sexuality and Urban Spaces Conference

*Organizer*

- 2009 Rebel Youth: Building A Pan-African Student/Youth Movement

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

- 2019 Race and Class Dynamics of the Venezuelan Coup, Venezuela Through Afro-Venezuelan Eyes, Encuentro Diaspora Afro/Boston Coalition for Freedom
- 2018 Understanding Venezuela's Role as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Pan-African Movement, Black University: The Rise of Global Blackness, Bennett College

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2019 Curriculum Committee Member, Africana Studies Department, UMass Boston Faculty Senator, College of Liberal Arts, UMass Boston

- 2017 The Griot Institute for Africana Studies Advisory Committee, Bucknell University
- 2016-17 Bias Response Advisory Committee, Duke University
- 2014 Division of Student Affairs Cultural Competency Conference, Member of Center for Multicultural Affairs Planning Committee Member, Duke University

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2019 Board Member, Higher Education Advisory Board Member, The History Makers
- 2019 Founding Member, HBCU African-Africana Digital Education Collective
- 2018 Reviewer, Journal of Cultural Anthropology

**FIELD RESEARCH**

- 2019 Fieldwork, Guantanamo & Santiago, Cuba
- 2019 Fieldwork, Guanabacoa, Havana, Cuba
- 2014 Fieldwork, Caracas and Barquisimeto, Venezuela
- 2013 Fieldwork, Washington, D.C.
- 2012 Fieldwork, Caracas and Barlovento, Venezuela
- 2011 Preliminary Fieldwork, Barlovento and Caracas, Venezuela
- 2007 La Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM)  
Field Research, Dajabón and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 2006 Archival Research, University of Kofi Annan in Conakry, Guinea
- 2006 Universidad Internacional in Cuernavaca, Mexico

**SELECTED EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- 2016-17 Student Development Coordinator, Center for Leadership Development & Social Action, Duke University
- 2016-17 Student Development Coordinator, Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, Duke University
- 2016 Family Learning Villages Curriculum Consultant, Village of Wisdom, Non-profit (Durham, NC)
- 2014-16 Graduate Assistant/Learning Community Liaison, Center for Multicultural Affairs, Duke University
- 2011-13 Editorial Intern, Duke University Press
- 2010-11 Graduate Assistant, Center for Multicultural Affairs, Duke University
- 2008 Tutor, Academic Support, North Carolina Central University
- 2007 English Instructor, Ujedo-Colibri Manoguayabo, (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)
- 2006 Resident Counselor, Summer Ventures in Math and Science, North Carolina Central University

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

African American Intellectual Historical Society (AAIHS)  
American Anthropological Association (AAA)  
Association of Black Anthropologists (ABA)  
Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA)  
Association for the World Wide Study of the African Diaspora (ASWAD)  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)  
Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (SLACA)

## **REFERENCES**

### **Kibibi Mack-Shelton**

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