

Paul Joseph López Oro

610-526-5544 | plopezoro@brynmawr.edu

EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D., *African and African Diaspora Studies*, **The University of Texas at Austin**
2014 M.A., *African American Studies*, **Northwestern University**
2010 M.A., *Latin American Studies*, **The University of New Mexico**
2006 B.A., *History, cum laude*, **St. John's University**

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

- 2026-Present: Associate Professor with Tenure & Director, Program in Africana Studies, **Bryn Mawr College**
2023-2026: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) & Director, Program in Africana Studies, **Bryn Mawr College**
2022-2023: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), Department of Sociology, **Hunter College-CUNY**
2020-2022: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), Department of Africana Studies, **Smith College**

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Blackness and Indigeneity in Central America's Caribbean Coasts (Black Central America);
U.S. Black Latinx history, politics, and cultures (Afro-Latinx Studies);
Black Latin American Political and Social Movements (Afro-Latin America)
Black Feminist & Black Queer Theory (Black Queer Diaspora Studies)
Black Popular Culture (Black Expressive Cultures)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Solo-Authored

- 2029 *Jim Crow's Xenophobia: A Visual History of Black Migrations in the Americas*. (book proposal under consideration with Rutgers University Press: Critical Caribbean Studies).
- 2026 *Indigenous Blackness: The Queer World-Making Politics of Garifuna Nueva York*. (final draft submitted, advanced contract with Columbia University Press: *Black Lives in the Diaspora: Past/Present/Future*).

Co-Authored

- 2027 *Black Central América(s): Ebbs and Flows on Hemispheric Blackness*, edited by Kaysha Corinealdi, Paul Joseph López, and Nicole D. Ramsey. London: Palgrave Macmillan. (book contract signed, *Forthcoming*).
- 2027 *The Afro-Latin@ Reader: History and Culture in the United States*, Second Edition, Edited by Yomaira C. Figueroa-Vásquez, Paul Joseph López Oro, Omaris Z. Zamora. Durham: Duke University Press. (book contract signed, *Forthcoming*).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Published

- 2025 Special Issue Editor: "On Isthmian Knowing: Bodies, Archives, Futures," Co-Edited with Kaysha Corinealdi and Jorge Cuellar, *NACLA Report on the Americas*, Vol. 57, No. 2, pp. 119-253.

- 2021 “Black Caribs/Garifuna: Maroon Geographies of Indigenous Blackness,” *Small Axe: A Caribbean Journal of Criticism*, Vol. 66, (November 2021): pp. 134-146.
- 2021 “A Love Letter to Indigenous Blackness,” *NACLA: Report on the Americas*, Vol. 53, No. 3 Special Issue on Blackness and Indigeneity. Guest Editor: Christopher A. Loperena. (August 2021): pp. 248-254.
- 2021 “Garifunizando Ambas Américas: Hemispheric Entanglements of Blackness/Indigeneity/Afro Latinidad,” *Postmodern Culture: Journal of Interdisciplinary Thought on Contemporary Cultures*, Vol. 31, Nos 1 & 2, Special Issue on ‘Troubling the Grounds: Global Configurations of Blackness, Nativism, and Indigeneity. (September 2020 & January 2021): pp. 1-23.
- 2008 “Preliminary Findings: *ENLACE de Mujeres Negras de Honduras (ENMUNEH)* Garifuna Women and their Community-Based NGO in Tela, Honduras,” *LIMON*, Vol. 24, Issue 1.

Forthcoming

- 2027 “Queer Garifuna Nueva York: The Embodied Archives of Indigenous Blackness,” *Modern Language Notes*, Special Issue: Ars Queer, Ars Trans: Wielding Sex and Gender across the Global Hispanophone and Lusophone, edited by Nicholas Jones and Esteban Crespo. (*Forthcoming March 2027*).
- 2026 “Black Indigenous Fronteras: U.S. Garifuna Central Americans in the 21st Century,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, Special Issue: Migration Across the Americas: Comparisons and Cross-Border Connections, Editors: Cecilia Menjívar and Paul Statham. (*Forthcoming Fall 2026*).
- 2025 Special Issue Editor: “Investing in Black Queer/Trans Futures,” Co-Edited with Jallicia Jolly and Watufani M. Poe, *SOULS: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*, Vol. 25, No. 2, (*Forthcoming Fall 2025*).

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters:

Published

- 2026 “At the Intersections of Indigenous Blackness and AfroLatinidad: U.S. Garifuna Central Americans,” in *Unbordering Migration Studies in the Caribbean and Latin America*, edited by Patsy Lewis, Kristen Kolenz, and Alexandria Miller. Pp: 68-83. (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press).
- 2022 “Indigenous Blackness: Garifuna New York in/out the Caribbean Isthmus,” in *Hemispheric Blackness and the Exigencies of Accountability* edited by Jennifer Carolina Gómez Menjívar and Nicolás Ramos Flores. Pp: 211-226. (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press).
- 2021 “Refashioning Afro-Latinidad: Garifuna New Yorkers in Diaspora,” in *Critical Dialogues in Latinx Studies: A Reader*, edited by Ana Y. Ramos-Zayas and Mérida M. Rúa. Pp: 223-238. (New York: New York University Press).
- 2019 “Digitizing Ancestral Memory: Garifuna Settlement Day in the Americas and in Cyberspace,” in *Indigenous Interfaces: Spaces, Technology, and Social Networks in Mexico and Central America*, edited by Jennifer Carolina Gómez Menjívar and Gloria Elizabeth Chacón. Pp: 165-179. (Tucson: University of Arizona Press).
- 2016 “Ni de aquí, ni de allá: Garifuna Subjectivities and the Politics of Diasporic Belonging,” in *Afro-Latin@s in Movement: Critical Approaches to Blackness and Transnationalism in the Americas*, Edited by Petra R. Rivera Rideau, Jennifer A. Jones, and Tianna S. Paschel. Pp: 61-83. (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).

Forthcoming

- 2026 “The Queerness of Indigenous Blackness: Black Carib World-Making,” in *Critical Latinx Indigeneities*. Edited by Mayeli Blackwell, Floridalma Boj Lopez, and Luis Urrieta, Jr. (Durham: Duke University Press). *Forthcoming*.
- 2026 “Decolonizing Black Latinidades as Method,” in *Latinx Methods and the Politics of Praxis*, edited by Thomas Conners and Maia Gil’Adí. (Durham: Duke University Press). *Forthcoming*.

Under Review

- 2027 ““On the Backs of Blacks”: Anti-Black Racism, AfroLatinxs, and Hemispheric Blackness,” in *Invisible Immigrants: Contemporary Understandings of Black Immigration in the United States*, edited by Willie Mack and Laura Obubo. (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press). *Under Review*.

Book Reviews:

- 2026 “[Christopher A. Loperena: The Ends of Paradise: Race, Extraction, and the Struggle for Black Life in Honduras](#),” *Transforming Anthropology: Journal of the Association of Black Anthropologists*, Vol. 34, No. 1, (April 2026): pp. 94-95.
- 2023 “[An Often-Forgotten Corner of the African Diaspora: Afro-Caribbean Panamanians](#)” an online roundtable on Kaysha Corinealdi’s *Panama in Black: Afro-Caribbean World Making in the Twentieth Century*. Black Perspectives, the award-winning blog of the African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS).
- 2015 “[Negotiating Blackness: West Indians and Afro-Hispanics in Panama](#)” a review of Sonja Stephenson Watson’s *The Politics of Race in Panama: Afro-Hispanic and West Indian Literary Discourses of Contention*. *Small Axe Salon*, 19.

Forthcoming

- 2026 “Shanté Paradigm Smalls: Hip Hop Heresies: Queer Aesthetics in New York City,” *Journal of African American History*. (Forthcoming Fall 2026).
- 2026 “Ancestral Archives of Hemispheric Blackness: At the Crossroads of Global Black South(s)” Books-in-Conversation Review Essay for *SOULS: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*, 25th Anniversary Volume. (Forthcoming July 2026).
- 2026 “Translating Blackness: Latinx Colonialities in a Global Perspective,” a review of Lorgia Garcia Peña, *The Latin Americanist*. (Forthcoming July 2026).

Bibliography Entries:

- 2026 “Afrodescendant Cultural Identity in Central America,” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. (New York: Oxford University Press): *Forthcoming November 2026*.
- 2026 “Afro-Latinos” in *Oxford Bibliographies in American History*. (New York: Oxford University Press): *Forthcoming November 2026*.
- 2025 “[Dionisia Amaya-Bonilla](#),” in *Hidden Voices: Latinas in United States History*. NYC Department of Education.

- 2016 “Colon, Mirtha” (Honduras) and “Ramos, Tomas Vicente” (Belize), in *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro Latin American Biography*. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Franklin K. Knight, Editors in Chief. Pp: 192-194 and 251-253. (New York: Oxford University Press).

Media:

- 2026 “[AfroLatin@* Reader Vol. II](#),” in *NEGRAS: Radio Universidad de Puerto Rico*. Interviewed by Dr. Bárbara Abadía-Rexach.
- 2025 “[The Black Studies Podcast](#),” interviewed by Dr. John E. Drabinski (*University of Maryland-College Park*).
- 2023 “[Las comunidades garífunas y la diáspora](#),” in *NEGRAS: Radio Universidad de Puerto Rico*. Interviewed by Dr. Bárbara Abadía-Rexach.
- 2022 “[Centering Garifuna in the African Diaspora](#),” in *Dialogues in AfroLatinidad Podcast*, Season 2, Episode 8. Interviewed by Dr. Michele Reid-Vázquez.
- 2022 “[The Queerness of Indigenous Blackness](#),” The Caribbean Philosophical Association, Blog: Caliban’s Reading.
- 2022 “[The History of the Garifuna: Indigenous Legacies in the Caribbean with Dr. Paul Joseph López Oro](#)” in *Strictly Facts: A Guide to Caribbean History and Culture*. Interviewed by Alexandria Miller.
- 2021 “[Fewer Latinos Identified as White on 2020 Census](#),” National Public Radio interview at KQED with Professors Laura E. Gómez and G. Cristina Mora.
- 2020 “[What’s wrong with signs that say “Latinxs for Black Lives”?](#)” LatinXperts podcast interview.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

- 2025-2026 Bi-Co Academic Collaboration Grant, *Reinvigorating Black Studies in the Bi-Co*, Co-convened with Dr. Chanelle Elizabeth Wilson (Educational Studies) and Dr. Kevin C. Quin (African & Africana Studies, Haverford).
- 2024-2025 Tri-Co Mellon Seed Grant, *Caribbean Studies Working Group*, Co-convened with Dr. Tamarah C. Moss (Social Work and Social Research).
- 2023-2024 Tri-Co Mellon Brainstorming Seed Grant, *Black Queer Diaspora Studies*, Co-convened with Dr. Kevin C. Quin (Haverford), Dr. Jamal Batts (Swarthmore), and Dr. James Padillioni, Jr (Swarthmore).
- 2022-2023 Visiting Scholar Fellow, Institute of American Cultures in the Chicano Studies Research Center at the University of California at Los Angeles.
- 2022-2023 Research Associate/Post-Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean (IRADAC) at The Graduate Center, The City University of New York. (*Declined*).
- 2022-2023 Faculty Fellow, Louise W. and Edmund J. Kahn Liberal Arts Institute at Smith College, Common Grounds: Toward (Re)Thinking Global Indigeneity (*Declined*).
- 2021-2022 Miriam Jiménez Román Fellow at The Latinx Project at New York University’s Department of Social & Cultural Analysis.
- Spring 2022 Jean Picker Fellowship at Smith College (*course-release*).

2021	Andrés Torres Paper Series Award, endowed by the Hildreth-Stewart Charitable Foundation at the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.
2021-2022	Madeleine Haas Russell Visiting Professor in African and African American Studies at Brandeis University (<i>Declined</i>).
2020-2021	Postdoctoral Associate, The Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration, Yale University. (<i>COVID-19 Hiring Freeze</i>).
2020-2021	Consortium for Faculty Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow, History Department, Ursinus College (<i>Declined</i>).
2020-2021	Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Latina/Latino Studies, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (<i>Declined</i>).
2019-2020	Outstanding Graduate Student Award, The John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, <i>Honorable Mention</i> .
2018-2020	Pre-doctoral Fellowship at the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies at the University of Virginia.
2017-2018	Dissertation Fellowship in the Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies at The University of Texas at Austin.
2018	Mexican American and Latina/o Studies Professional Development Award at The University of Texas at Austin.
2017-2018	Africana Crossroad Dissertation/Teaching Fellowship in the Program of Africana Studies at the University of Miami (<i>Declined</i>).
2017-2018	Dissertation Fellowship in the Department of Black Studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara (<i>Declined</i>).
2017-2019	Gaius Charles Bolin Dissertation Fellowship in Africana Studies at Williams College (<i>Alternate</i>).
2016-2017	The Graduate Continuing Bruton Fellowship at The University of Texas at Austin.
2015	Graduate Student Travel Grant from the John L. Warfield Center at the University of Texas, Austin.
2014-2015	McNair Scholars Graduate Fellowship at The University of Texas at Austin.
2014	Pre-Doctoral Ford Foundation Fellowship, Honorable Mention List, Northwestern University.
2012-2013	Andrew W. Mellon Interdisciplinary Cluster Fellow in Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Northwestern University.
2012-2013	University Fellow in The Graduate School, Northwestern University.
2009-2012	Teach for America Corps Member, New York City.
2008	Tinker Foundation Latin American & Iberian Institute Field Research Grant in Bahia de Tela, Honduras: The University of New Mexico.
2006-2009	New Mexico Higher Education Department Graduate Fellowship.
2006-2007	University of New Mexico Regent's Graduate Fellowship.
2006-2007	Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship in Quechua. University of New Mexico.
2004-2007	Participant in the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program: Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at St. John's University. McNair Scholar advisor: Dr. Elaine Carey.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Spring 2018	Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Cecilia Márquez at New York University. Provided secondary source research on an annotated bibliography on AfroLatinxs in the U.S. South.
Fall 2016-Spring 2017	Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Matt Richardson at The University of Texas at Austin's, Center for Women and Gender Studies. Providing research support on various academic projects.
Fall 2015-Spring 2016	Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Juliet Hooker at The University of Texas at Austin's Department of African and African Diaspora Studies: Providing book research assistance.
Spring 2014	Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Sherwin K. Bryant at Northwestern University's Center for African American History. Assisted in organizing Dr. Iton's symposium conference and other campus events for the Center.
2006-2009	Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Finnie Coleman, Department Chair of Africana Studies at the University of New Mexico. Assisted in the coordination of a departmental research project titled "The Black Presence in New Mexico."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bryn Mawr College

- Spring 2026: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFST B204: #BlackLivesMattersEverywhere: Theories & Ethnographies on the African Diaspora
AFST B206: Black Latinx Américas: Movements, Politics, & Cultures
AFST B403: Supervised Work (8 Minors in Africana Studies)
- Fall 2025: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFST B202: Black/Queer/Diaspora
AFST B101: Black Matters: Introduction to Black Studies
AFST B400: Senior Capstone (Amy Gracia: Migration Studies)
- Spring 2025: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFST B204: #BlackLivesMatterEverywhere: Theories & Ethnographies on the African Diaspora
AFST B403: Supervised Work (Juliana Reyes: Mellon Mays Mentee)
- Fall 2024: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFST B202: Black/Queer/Diaspora
AFST B300: Black Women's Studies
- Spring 2024: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFST B204: #BlackLivesMattersEverywhere: Theories & Ethnographies on the African Diaspora
AFST B206: Black Latinx Américas: Movements, Politics, & Cultures
- Fall 2023: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFST B202: Black/Queer/Diaspora

Hunter College of the City University of New York

- Summer 2023: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
SOC 21800: Social Inequality
SOC 25700/WGSS 25700: Sex and Gender Roles
- Spring 2023: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
SOC 31900: Criminology
SOC 20100/WGSP 22300: Sociology of the Family
- Spring 2016: Adjunct Lecturer
AFRPL 29067: Latino, Gender, and Sexuality

New York University

- Spring 2022: Visiting Lecturer (21-22 Miriam Jiménez Román Fellow)
SCA-UA 565: Afro-Latino Culture & History

Smith College

- Fall 2022: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFR 111: Introduction to Black Culture
AFR 202: Black/Queer/Diaspora
- Spring 2022: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFR 399: Black Latin Americas: Movements, Politics, and Cultures
- Fall 2021: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFR 111: Introduction to Black Culture
FYS 170: #BlackLivesMatterEverywhere: Theories & Ethnographies on the African Diaspora
- Spring 2021: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFR 155: Introduction to Black Women's Studies
AFR 289: Race, Feminism, and Resistance in Movements for Social Justice
- Fall 2020: Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
AFR 111: Introduction to Black Culture
FYS 170: #BlackLivesMatterEverywhere: Theories & Ethnographies on the African Diaspora

The University of Virginia

- Summer 2020: Instructor
AAS 2559: Black Feminisms
- Summer 2019: Instructor
AAS 2559: Black Latin America: Movements, Politics, and Cultures

John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York

- Spring 2020: Adjunct Lecturer
LLS 263: Blacks in Latin America
LLS 322: Latinx Struggles for Civil Rights and Social Justice

- Fall 2019: Adjunct Lecturer
LLS 322: Latinx Struggles for Civil Rights and Social Justice
LLS 325: Latinx Experiences of Criminal Justice
- Spring 2019: Adjunct Lecturer
LLS 322: Latinx Struggles for Civil Rights and Social Justice
LLS 325: Latinx Experiences of Criminal Justice

The University of Texas at Austin

- Spring 2017: Instructor
MAS 301: Introduction to Mexican-American and Latina/o Studies
- Fall 2016: Teaching Assistant (Dr. Juliet Hooker)
AFR 374E: Black Politics in the Americas: From Ferguson to the Favelas
- Summer 2015: Teaching Assistant (Dr. Edmund T. Gordon and Dr. Juliet Hooker)
AFR 374: Afro-Caribbean Politics and Culture in Central America

Northwestern University

- Winter 2014: Teaching Assistant (Dr. Richard Iton)
AFAM 215: Black Social & Political Life
- Fall 2013: Teaching Assistant (Dr. Frances Aparicio)
LAS 201: Introduction to Latina/o Studies

New York City Department of Education

- 2009-2012: Public School Classroom Teacher (Teach for America, NYC 2009 Corps)
6th-8th grades, Spanish as Native Language Arts, Esperanza Preparatory Academy

The University of New Mexico

- Fall 2006-Spring 2009: Graduate Student Instructor
Intermediate & Advanced Spanish as a Heritage Language

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES/KEYNOTES

Keynote Presentations:

- “*Conversatorio* on Black Latinidades and Afro-Latinidades,” 2026 Undergraduate and Graduate Student Conference on Latin American Studies: “Reimagining Latin America: Histories, Futures, and Possibilities,” at Villanova University on March 26, 2026.
- “AfroLatinidades: The Racial Politics of Latine Heritage Month,” at El Centro at Virginia Commonwealth University on October 3, 2024.
- “Decolonizing AfroLatinidades: The Field of Afro-Latinx Studies,” Treinta y Tres Keynote: Celebrating and Contesting Afro-Latinidad, Center for Latino and Latin American Studies, Northern Illinois University on November 16, 2023.

- “Diasporic Indigenous Blackness: Garifuna New Yorkers Activism” at the 2023 Walker Symposium: The Afro-Americas at Colby College on October 14, 2023.
- “Las Vidas Negras Importan: Decolonizing Latinx Heritage Month,” Opening Ceremony for 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month at Oakland University on September 14, 2023.
- “Black, Diasporic, Indigenous: Latinidad as Multiplicity & Intersectionality,” at the Women’s Studies Program at Southern Connecticut State University on April 28, 2023.
- “Hemispheric Entanglements of Indigenous Blackness and AfroLatinidad,” at Afro/Indigenous Perspectives, Race and Racism: Towards a New View of Latin American Studies Symposium at William & Mary College on April 13-14, 2023.
- “Maroon Geographies of Indigenous Blackness: Garifuna New Yorkers in Diaspora,” at the 18th Annual Comparative Literature Graduate Student Conference at the University of Texas at Austin on March 31-April 1st, 2023.

Invited Public Lectures:

- “Decolonizing Black Latinidad: Garifuna New Yorkers in Diaspora,” at the Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities at Brooklyn College-The City University of New York on December 5, 2024.
- “Relations beyond Colonial Borders: Indigeneity, Racialization, Hospitality Workshop Program” at the International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque on April 21-22, 2023.
- “Afro-Indigeneity in Conversation with Tauz Tamu Povi, Dr. Sheryl Felecia Means, and Ausettua AmorAmenkum,” in AfroMundo Festival 2023: Resistance & Creativity at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM on April 17, 2023.
- “A Love Letter to Indigenous Blackness” in Dr. Angelica Allen’s AST 101: Introduction to Africana Studies course at Chapman University on October 25, 2022.
- “Afro-Latinx Poetry Now,” at the Institute for Latino Studies and the Initiative on Race and Resilience of the University of Notre Dame on September 27-28, 2022.
- “Decolonizing AfroLatinidad: Black Central Americans in the United States,” Fall 2022 Speakers Series: On Latinidad: Identity and Culture in the Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Program at Skidmore College on September 26, 2022.
- “Garifunizando Nueva Yol’: Hemispheric Entanglements of Blackness/Indigeneity/AfroLatinidad,” at the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Boston, MA. April 26, 2022.
- “The Afterlives of Mestizaje: Hemispheric Anti-Blackness and Black Indigenous Life,” The Department of Africana Studies, Insurgent Intersections: Combating Global Anti-Blackness, & co-hosted with the Black Latinx Americas xLab at Rutgers University, New Brunswick. New Brunswick, NJ. April 14, 2022.
- “Garifuna Ancestral Memory in Diaspora,” with invited panelists: Dr. Yomaira C. Figueroa-Vásquez, Dr. Nicole D. Ramsey, Janel Martínez, and Siria Alvarez. The Latinx Project at New York University. New York, NY. March 1, 2022.

- “Indigenous Blackness in the Américas: The Queer Politics of Self-Making Garifuna New York,” Hemispheric Racializations: A Working Group with the Center for Latin American Studies at Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA. February 25, 2022.
- “Manifesting Black Queer Futures: An Opening,” Black Queer Diaspora Studies Symposium and the Center for Humanistic Inquiry with Dr. Watufani Poe and Dr. Jallicia Jolly at Amherst College. Amherst, MA. February 23, 2022.
- “Mes de la Historia Afroestadounidense: Las Fronteras Abiertas de la Identidad Negra,” U.S. Embassy Bogota with Dr. Keisha-Khan Y. Perry and Juan Carlos Vilorio. February 18, 2022.
- “Visualizing Indigenous Blackness: A Visual Ethnography of Garifuna New Yorkers,” Center for Visual Culture at Bryn Mawr College. Bryn Mawr, PA. February 2, 2022.
- “Garifuna New Yorkers: Hemispheric Entanglements of Blackness, Indigeneity, and AfroLatinidad,” Ethnic Studies Colloquium Series in the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, San Diego. December 1, 2021. San Diego, CA.
- “Refashioning AfroLatinidad: Garifuna New Yorkers in Diaspora,” Center for Africana Studies: New Directions in Afro-Latinx Studies Series at the University of Pennsylvania. November 16, 2021. Philadelphia, PA.
- “A Love Letter to Indigenous Blackness: Hemispheric Garifuna New Yorker Activism,” Department of Africana Studies at Chapman University. October 28, 2021. Orange, CA.
- “Black Caribs/Garifuna: Maroon Geographies of Indigenous Blackness,” Center for African and African American Studies, School of the Humanities and the School of Social Sciences at Rice University. October 6, 2021. Houston, TX.
- “Introduction to Afro-Latinx Studies,” Department of Black Studies at Amherst College. May 6, 2021. Amherst, MA.
- “Indigenous Blackness in Ambas Américas: The Queer Politics of Self-Making Garifuna New York,” The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and Center for Global Studies at the University of Washington. April 29, 2021. Seattle, WA.
- “Performing Indigenous Blackness: Ancestral Memory in the Garinagu Diaspora,” Department of Anthropology, Latin American and Latino Studies Program, and the Department of African & African American Studies at Brandeis University. April 12, 2021. Waltham, MA.
- “Latinx Social Movements,” Department of History at Duke University. April 9, 2021. Durham, NC.
- “Central American/Latinx Transnational Feminisms,” Department of Spanish & Portuguese and U.S. Latina/o Studies Program at the University of Maryland, College Park. April 7, 2021. College Park, MD.
- “COVID-19, the Black Lives Matter Movement, and Transformations in the Neoliberal University,” Latinx Talk and New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University. March 24, 2021. Phoenix, AZ.
- “Digitizing Ancestral Memory: Garifuna Settlement Day in the Americas and in Cyberspace,” Department of Anthropology and Latin American & African Studies Program at the University of South Carolina. March 15, 2021. Columbia, South Carolina.
- “Transnational Dialogues in AfroLatinidad: Gender, Identity, and Health,” Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies Initiative at the University of Pittsburgh. February 5, 2021. Pittsburgh, PA.

- “Central American in Crisis: A Central American Studies Perspective,” Yale University’s Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration. January 28, 2021. New Haven, CT.
- “Urgent Matter: #LasVidasNegrasImportan,” The Phoebe and John D. Lewis Global Studies Center and the Latin American and Latina/o Studies Program at Smith College. November 18, 2020. Northampton, MA.
- ““Dominicans be like”: Ethno-raciolinguistic stance-taking and the construction of Dominicanidad,” The John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. November 18, 2020. Austin, TX.
- “The Story of Caribbean Activism and Its Current Relevance,” Cornell University’s Caribbean Student’s Association. October 26, 2020. Ithaca, NY.
- “Critical Latinx Indigeneities Forum,” in The Latinx Project at New York University. October 13, 2020. New York, NY.
- “Race and Blackness in the Latinx Community: Unpacking AfroLatinidad,” Harvard University’s Latino Alumni Alliance. October 10, 2020. Cambridge, MA.
- “Global Indigenous Media,” in the Department of Spanish & Portuguese at the University of Texas at Austin. October 8, 2020. Austin, TX.
- “Black Central Americans in the United States: Mestizaje and Anti-Black Racism,” in La Casa Cultural de Julia de Burgos and the Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration at Yale University. September 30, 2020. New Haven, CT.
- “Archipelagoes: Cartographies of Race, Sound, and Sexuality,” in the Department of Africana Studies at Cornell University. September 21, 2020. Ithaca, NY.
- “Race, Sex, and Tourism,” in the Department of African and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. April 8, 2020. Austin, TX.
- “Colorism in Paradise” in the International Affairs Program at Skidmore College. November 15, 2019. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- “Afro-Latinidad across the Americas” in the Department of Spanish, Portuguese, & Italian at the University of Virginia. November 13, 2019. Charlottesville, VA.
- “Voices of the Central American Diaspora” in the Department of History at Mount Holyoke College. November 12, 2019. South Hadley, MA.
- “Afro-Latinx Culture and History” and “Afro-Latinxs in the City: Ethnographic Approaches” in the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis at New York University. November 6, 2019. New York, NY.
- “When the Saints Go Marching In! Festivals and Parades of Latin America” and “Colorism in Paradise” in the Departments of Religious Studies and Latin American and Latino Studies at Swarthmore College. March 21, 2019. Swarthmore, PA.
- “Afro-Latinx Literature: Race, Genealogy, and the Decolonial Imagination” in the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies at the University of Virginia. February 6, 2019. Charlottesville, VA.
- “Central Americans in the U.S.,” in the César E. Chávez Department of Chicana/o Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. (via Skype) November 1, 2018. Los Angeles, CA.

- Presidential Plenary panelist on U.S. Central Americans for the 2018 Latina/o Studies Association biannual meeting. July 13, 2018. Washington, D.C.
- “Race and Afro-Latinidad: Ni Negro Ni Blanco” in New York University’s Department of Social & Cultural Analysis. March 6, 2018. New York, NY.
- “Diasporic Garifunanness: Performing Ancestral Memory” in the Department of African and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Texas at Austin on November 9, 2017. Guest critic: Dr. Edmund T. Gordon
- “Refashioning Afro-Latinidad: Queering Garifuna New Yorkers” UT-Austin’s Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies. November 8, 2017. Austin, TX.
- “Black Latin(o) Americas: Literature & Cultural Production Beyond Slavery” The University of Kansas’s Department of Spanish & Portuguese. (via Skype) September 25, 2017. Lawrence, KS.
- “Afro-Latinx Identity,” St. John’s University. Latino Heritage Month. September 27, 2017. Queens, NY.
- “Theorizing Race in the Americas: Douglass, Sarmiento, DuBois, and Vasconcelos,” UT-Austin’s Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies. Book roundtable panelist. April 19, 2017. Austin, TX.
- “Language and Identity in the African Experience: From Kenya to Mexico” Linguistics Department’s Swarthmore College. (via Skype) February 27, 2017. Swarthmore, PA.
- “Central Americans in the U.S.,” University of California at Los Angeles’s César E. Chávez Department of Chicana/o Studies. (via Skype) February 13, 2017. Los Angeles, CA.
- “From Ferguson to the Favelas: Black Politics in the Americas” UT-Austin’s Department of Government. Guest course lecture. November 16, 2016. Austin, TX.
- “Blatinx: Black Identities in Latin America” William & Mary’s Department of American Studies. (via Skype) October 24, 2016. Williamsburg, VA.

Conference Presentations:

- Panelist: “Snapshots in Latinx Studies Now,” at the 2026 American Studies Association conference on October 24, 2026, in Chicago, IL.
- Panelist: “Visual Cultures of the Central American Diaspora,” at the 2026 Latin American Studies Association Central America 2024 Regional Symposium: *Centroamérica en la encrucijada: Resistir en tiempos de asedio* on August 4, 2026, at the University of Costa Rica in San José.
- Panelist: “Diasporic Writing: New Books on Central American Transnational Experience,” at the 2026 the Latin American Studies Association 2026 Congress: Republic and Revolution on May 27, 2026, in Paris, France.
- Chair: “Black Women, Collective Memory, and Refusal in Latin America and the Caribbean- Part I,” at the 2026 the Latin American Studies Association 2026 Congress: Republic and Revolution on May 26, 2026, in Paris, France.
- Plenary Speaker: “AfroLatinidades,” at the 2026 Latinx Studies Association Biennial Conference on March 27, 2026, at the University of Texas at Austin.

- Panelist: “15 Years of The Afro-Latin@ Reader: Past and Future Directions,” at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association on November 21, 2025, in San Juan, PR.
- Chair: “Women’s Environmental Activism” and “Disaster, Conservation, and Sovereignty,” at the 2025 Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora for the 12th Biennial conference “I’ve known rivers’: The Ecologies of Black Life and Resistance” on October 29-November 2, 2025, in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Panelist: “On the Backs of Blacks”: Anti-Black Racism, AfroLatinxs, and Hemispheric Blackness,” at the Black Studies Conference: Navigating Anti-Black Racism and Nativism: The Global Black Immigrant Experience. The University of Missouri at Columbia on October 15-16, 2025.
- Panelist: “New Directions: Hemispheric Afro-Latine Studies from the Miriam Jiménez Román Postdoctoral Fellows at the Latinx Project at NYU,” at the Centro X Cumbre: Sites of Black Memory: Our Ancestors, Archives, and Arts, The Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College-CUNY. March 22, 2025.
- Panelist: “Garifunizando Ambas Américas: Black Indigeneity and AfroLatinidad,” in Self-Groundings with My Peoples: Black Embodied Research in Diaspora at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association on November 17, 2024, in Baltimore, MD.
- Panelist: “Diasporic Community Making: Black Caribbean Central American Parties, Soundtracks, and Archives,” with Dr. Nicole D. Ramsey, Dr. Melanie White, Janel Martinez, and Daisy Elizabeth Guzman Nuñez. American Studies Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. November 2-6, 2022.
- Panelist: “Roundtable on Race and Indigeneity: Black and Native Studies, Histories, Methods, and Politics,” with Nitasha Tamar Sharm, Charlene Antoinette Carruthers, Kyle Mays, Sarah Fong, Joyce Warren, and Sandra Harvey. American Studies Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. November 2-6, 2022.
- Moderator: “International Reckonings with Racial Violence,” African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS), Seventh Annual Conference on March 11-12, 2022.
- Panelist: “Breaking Binaries: Afro-Latinidades in the U.S. South,” Moderated by Dr. Cecilia Márquez and invited panelists with Dr. Danielle Pilar Clealand, Dr. Shantee Rosado, & Dr. Devyn Spence-Benson. 87th Annual Southern Historical Association Meeting. November 5, 2021. New Orleans, LA.
- Panelist: “Making African America: A Virtual Symposium on Immigration and the Changing Dynamics of Blackness,” The University of Maryland, College Park and National Museum of African American History and Culture. March 6, 2021. Washington, D.C.
- Panelist: “The Intergeneration’s of Central American Studies,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting. November 12-15, 2020. Baltimore, MD.
- Moderator: “Black Studies in the Valley: Revolutionary Black Thought and the Liberal Arts Curriculum,” W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, 50th Anniversary Virtual Symposium at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. October 23, 2020. Amherst, MA.
- Panelist: “Queering Garifuna New Yorkers: Diasporic Politics of Black Indigeneity,” The Afro-Latin American Research Institute at the Hutchins Center, First Continental Conference on Afro-Latin American Studies, Harvard University. December 11-13, 2019. Cambridge, MA.
- Panelist: “Representations of AfroLatinidad,” Department of Africana Studies and Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies Initiative, University of Pittsburgh. April 11-13, 2019. Pittsburgh, PA.

- Moderator: “Art & Activism,” Global South Studies Symposium & Workshop. March 29-30, 2019. Charlottesville, VA.
- Panelist: “Traveling Blackness in the Americas: Obscured Transnational Flows of Race, Culture, Gender, and Politics in the African Diaspora,” American Studies Association. November 8-11, 2018. Atlanta, GA.
- Panelist: “Black Lives/Black Death: Dispossession, Disappearance, and Enclosure,” Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas. July 18-25, 2018. Morelos, Mexico.
- Panelist: “Black Central America,” UT-Austin’s Colectivx Centroamericanx & Abriendo Brecha XV. April 13, 2018. Austin, TX.
- Panelist: “Neoliberal Blackness: The Political Economies of Folklorization,” 1st Annual Afro-Latin American Graduate Student Conference: Dialogues and Challenges in the Study of the African Diaspora in Latin America at Harvard University. April 7-8, 2017. Cambridge, MA.
- Panelist: “Becoming Garífuna: The Diasporic Poetics of Blackness, Indigeneity, and Latinidad.” UT-Austin’s inaugural Black Studies Conference. Black Matters: The Futures of Black Scholarship and Activism. September 29, 2016. Austin, TX.
- Panelist: “Hemispheric Entanglements: Reimagining Afro-Latinidad in the Americas,” Conceptualizing Afro-Latin America Across the Disciplines. The CUNY Graduate Center. April 8, 2016. New York, NY.
- Panelist: “Negotiating Afro-Latinidades” The Inter-University Program for Latino Research and The Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame presents: Fifth Biennial Siglo XXI Conference: Intra-Latinos/as: Entre Latinos/as: Reconceptualizing Nations, Regions, and Disciplines. April 25, 2015. South Bend, IN.
- Panelist: “Afro Latin@s Now: Race Counts!” Moderator. The Graduate Center, CUNY. October 24, 2014. New York, NY.
- Panelist: “Reimagining the Black Fantastic: Developing a Multidisciplinary Approach to Scholarship” Northwestern University Black Graduate Student Association, 16th Annual Research Conference May 3, 2014. Evanston, IL.
- Panelist: “Yo Soy Garífuna y con Orgullo: Central American Activism and Identity Politics in the South Bronx.” UT-Austin’s Teresa Lozano Long Institute Conference: Refashioning Blackness: Contesting Racism in the Afro-Americas. February 21, 2013. Austin, TX.
- Panelist: “How you a nigga and you dancing salsa? The Afro Latino Experiences in an East Harlem Classroom: Ethnography in the Racialization of Blackness and Latinidad.” The State of African American and Diaspora Studies: Methodology, Pedagogy, and Research at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. January 8, 2011. New York, NY.
- Panelist: “Gendering Garífuna Rights: Garífuna Honduran Women Claiming their Space in the Movement.” *Caribbean Studies Association XXXII Conference, the Caribbean: Embracing the Diasporas within and without*. May 26-28, 2008. San Andres, Colombia.
- Panelist: “¡Nuestro Propio Espacio! 15 Years of ENLACE de Mujeres Negras de Honduras (ENMUNEH) Garífuna Women and their Community-Based NGO in Bahia de Tela, Honduras,” UC-Berkeley’s Afro-Latino Working Group. Global Movements, Local Identities: Race, Space, and the African Diaspora in Latin America. March 6th-8th, 2008. Los Angeles, CA.

- Panelist: “Formation of the Garifuna Identity in La Ceiba, Honduras: 1903-1965,” UC-Berkeley Afro-Latino Working Group. Beyond Visibility: Rethinking the African Diaspora in Latin America. March 1st-2nd, 2007. Berkeley, CA.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native/heritage fluency); English (native fluency); Garifuna (heritage proficiency).

DEPARTMENTAL, COLLEGE, & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Convener, Black Studies Speaker Series, Bryn Mawr College, Spring 2024-Present.

Program Committee Member, 2025 Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, St. Louis, MO

Program Committee Member, 2024 American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

Steering Committee Member, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program, Bryn Mawr College, 2023-Present.

Member, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor in African American & African Diasporic Literatures, Bryn Mawr College, 2023.

Program Committee Member, 2022 American Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Member, Search Committee for Open-Rank Professor in Africana Studies, Smith College (Social Sciences), 2020.

Mellon Mays Faculty Mentor, Smith College, 2021-2022.

Advisor Committee Member, Journalism Concentration, Smith College, 2021-2022.

Curriculum & Grant Writer, The Teagle Foundation, Critical Ethnic Studies First-Year Seminar, Smith College, 2020-2022.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & SCHOLARLY SERVICE

Professional Associations

New England Consortium for Latina/o Studies, 2020-2023.

Latina/o Studies Association, 2016-Present

Critical Ethnic Studies Association, 2012-Present

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, 2012-Present

American Studies Association, 2012-Present

Latin American Studies Association, 2012-Present

Community & Public Service

Executive Board Member, *AfroMundo*, 2021-2023.

Founding Executive Board Member, *AfroLatin@ Forum*, 2009-Present

Founding Member, *Northwestern's Afro Latin@ Working Group*, 2012-2014.

Journal and Book Manuscript Referee Service:

Journals:

Small Axe: A Caribbean Journal of Criticism

Transforming Anthropology: Journal of the Association of Black Anthropologists

American Ethnologist

CENTRO: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies

Journal of Diaspora Studies

African Identities

Society and Space

Social Sciences

Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism

Feminist Formations

Liquid Blackness: Journal of Aesthetics and Black Studies

Callaloo: A Journal of African Diaspora Arts and Letters

Social Problems

Transnational Mobilities

Global Black Thought

Editorial Committee Member, *NACLA: North American Congress on Latin America*, 2020-Present
Inaugural Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Critical Race and Ethnic Studies*, 2023-Present
Inaugural Editorial Board Member, *Global Black Thought*, 2024-Present

Book Presses:

University of Arizona Press
University of Florida Press

Student Advisement:

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member:

Daisy Elizabeth Guzman Nuñez, Department of African & African Diaspora Studies, University of Texas, Austin, Ph.D. defended July 2023.
Cristian Padilla Romero, Department of History, Yale University. Ph.D. defended June 2025.

Undergraduate Major Advisees (Africana Studies at Smith College):

Helen Bezuneh (Mellon Mays), Egypt Ballet, Nyla Conaway, Essence Deras, Kiera Collins-Joseph, Maxine Fallon-Goodwin, Mya Wilson, Fhyrnee Lambert, and Saturn (Dana) Johnson.

Bryn Mawr College Mellon Mays Advisees: Julianna Reyes, Nyla K. McNeil, Autumn C. Kelley, Angelique M. Lee, & Kaili Martinez-Beasley.

Liberal Arts Advisees (First-Years):

Tina Chang, Meg Hitchcock-Smith, Jordana Johnson, Isabella LaPerla, Nikki Lin, Aurora Lord, Phoebe Normandia, Margaret Spicka.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.