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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political and Historical Anthropology; Colonialism, Race, Sovereignty, Citizenship, and Nation; Caribbean Studies, Puerto Rican Studies, American Studies, Ethnic Studies.

### EDUCATION

- 2008 Ph.D. Socio-Cultural Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 1998 M.A. Latin American Studies, University of New Mexico
- 1996 B.A. Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 + Associate Professor, Department of Latino & Caribbean Studies and Department of Anthropology, Rutgers University
- 2011-15 Assistant Professor, Department of Latino & Caribbean Studies and Department of Anthropology, Rutgers University
- 2008-11 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia

### RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, NY
- 2015 Visiting Fellow, History Design Studio at the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, Harvard University (Spring)
- 2013 Visiting Scholar, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library (Fall)
- 2006-08 Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies at the University of Virginia

### PRIZES

- 2010 Caribbean Studies Association Crystal Award for Best Dissertation in Caribbean studies
- 2009 Daniel F. Nugent Dissertation Prize for distinguished work in the field of historical anthropology

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

#### *External*

- 2017 NSF RAPID grant for the project *Shattered Futures: Puerto Rico in the Wake of Disaster*

- 2016 NSF Research Experience for Undergraduate Students (REU), for Jafet Nieves to conduct independent research in Puerto Rico
- 2016 NSF Senior Scholar Grant in support of the project *Puerto Rico's American Dream*
- 2016 Wenner-Gren Post PhD Research Grant from the Foundation for Anthropological Research in support of the project *Puerto Rico's American Dream*
- 2014 NSF Scholar's Award in support of the project Visualizing Sovereignty
- 2003 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
- 2003 Bourse Chateaubriand, Ambassade de France aux Etats-Unis, fellowship for dissertation research

*Internal*

- 2017 Competitive Fellowship Leave, Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences
- 2013 Competitive Fellowship Leave, Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences
- 2010 Book Conference Grant, UVA South Atlantic Humanities Initiative
- 2010 Summer Stipend Award, University of Virginia
- 2010 Page-Barbour Award (2010 Haiti Working Group), UVA School of Arts & Sciences
- 2010 Faculty Research Award (2010 Haiti Working Group), UVA South Atlantic Humanities
- 2010 Professors as Writers Grant, UVA Teaching Resources Center
- 2009 Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Support, University of Virginia
- 2009 Summer Stipend Award, University of Virginia
- 2008 EDF Excellence in Diversity Fellowship, University of Virginia Teaching Resources Center

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Books*

- 2015 Non-Sovereign Futures? French Caribbean Politics in the Wake of Disenchantment. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

*Digital Projects*

- 2017 Puerto Rico Syllabus: Essential tools for critical thinking about the Puerto Rican debt crisis. <https://puertoricosyllabus.com> [digital archive for thinking about the crisis produced by Yarimar Bonilla, Marisol Lebrón, and Sarah Molinari]
- 2016 Visualizing Sovereignty. <https://vimeo.com/169690419>. [Animated video of Caribbean political history designed by Yarimar Bonilla and Max Hantel]

*Refereed Journal Articles*

- 2017 Unsettling Sovereignty. *Cultural Anthropology* (invited article for special retrospective on Sovereignty edited by Kauanui, J. Kehaulani) 32(3):330-339
- 2017 Deprovincializing Trump, Decolonizing Diversity, and Unsettling Anthropology (by Jonathan Rosa & Yarimar Bonilla) *American Ethnologist* (invited article for special forum on Trump and Brexit edited by Angelique Haugerud and Jeanette Edwards, 44(2):201-208

- 2017 Freedom, Sovereignty, and Other Entanglements. (response essay for Small Axe book forum on *Non-Sovereign Futures*) *Small Axe* 21 (2 53):201-208
- 2016 Visualizing Sovereignty: Cartographic Queries for the Digital Age. (by Yarimar Bonilla and Max Hantel) *sx:archipelagos* 1:1 <http://smallaxe.net/sxarchipelagos/issue01/bonilla-visualizing.html>
- 2015 #Ferguson: Digital Activism, Hashtag Ethnography, and the Racial Politics of Social Media. (by Yarimar Bonilla & Jonathan Rosa) *American Ethnologist* 42(1):4-17. Digital Supplement available at: <http://americanethnologist.org/read/supplements/ferguson-supplement>
- 2014 Remembering the Songwriter: the Life and Legacies of Michel Rolph Trouillot. *Social Dynamics* 26 (2): 163-72.
- 2013 Ordinary Sovereignty. *Small Axe: A Caribbean Platform for Criticism*. Vol. 13 no. 3 issue 42): 152-65.
- 2013 History Unchained. *Transition*. (112): 69-77.
- 2012 "Gwadloup sé tan nou! (Gadalupe es nuestra): El impacto de la huelga general en el imaginario político de las Antillas Francesas." *Caribbean Studies*. 40(1): 81-98.
- 2011 The Past is Made by Walking: Labor Activism and Historical Production in Guadeloupe. *Cultural Anthropology* 26(3): 313–339.
- 2010 Guadeloupe is Ours: The Prefigurative Politics of the Mass Strike in the French Antilles. *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies* 12(1): 125-137.

#### *Book Chapters*

- 2015 Between Terror and Transcendence: Global Narratives of Islam and the Political Scripts of Guadeloupe's *Indianité*. In *Islam and the Americas*, Aisha Khan (Ed.), 141-162. Gainesville: University Press of Florida.
- 2012 Non-Sovereign Futures: French Caribbean politics in the wake of Disenchantment. In *Caribbean Sovereignty, Democracy and Development in an Age of Globalization*, Linden Lewis (Ed.), 208-227. New York: Routledge.
- 2012 Le syndicalisme comme marronage: épistémologies du travail et de l'histoire en Guadeloupe. In *Mobilisations sociales aux Antilles: Les événements de 2009 dans tous leurs sens*, Jean-Claude William, Fred Reno and Fabienne Alvarez (Eds.), 77-94. Paris: Karthala.

#### *Reviews*

- 2015 Review of *Omens of Adversity: Tragedy, Time, Memory, Justice* by David Scott. *American Anthropologist*. 117(1):204-05.
- 2011 Slavery and Collective Memory in the French Caribbean (Review of *Claims to Memory: Beyond Slavery and Emancipation in the French Caribbean* by Catherine a. Reinhardt). In *Latin American & Caribbean Ethnic Studies* 6(3): 333-35.
- 2006 Review of *Modern Blackness: Nationalism, Globalization and the Politics of Culture in Jamaica* by Deborah Thomas. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 11(1): 196-198.

### *Bibliographies and Encyclopedia Entries*

- 2013 Michel-Rolph Trouillot: A Comprehensive Bibliography. *Small Axe: A Caribbean Platform for Criticism*. 13 (3 42): 213-222.
- 2012 Social Movements. *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology*. Ed. John L. Jackson Jr. New York: Oxford University Press, launch date January 11, 2012. [10 single spaced pages]
- 2009 Labor and Protest in Guadeloupe. In *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500 to the Present*, Ness, Immanuel (Ed.), 1468-1471. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

### *Scholarly Notes and Blog Entries*

- 2017 "Unsettling the classics: On symptomatic readings and disciplinary agnosticism" contribution to forum on "Why do we read the classics?" *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 7 (3): 23-28. Winter 2017
- 2017 Rethinking Public Anthropologies in the Digital Age: Towards a New Dialogue. Letter from the Incoming Public Anthropologies Editors (by Adia Benton & Yarimar Bonilla) *American Anthropologist* 119(1):
- 2015 Fast Writing: Ethnography in the Digital Age. *Savage Minds*, March 30, 2015. <http://savageminds.org/2015/03/30/fast-writing-ethnography-in-the-digital-age/>
- 2013 Burning Questions: The Life and Work of Michel-Rolph Trouillot, 1949-2012. *NACLA Report on the Americas* (46): 182-84.

### *OpEds and News Articles*

- 2018 "Six Months After Maria, Puerto Ricans Face a New Threat—Education Reform. Colonialism and disaster capitalism are dismantling Puerto Rico's public-school system." by Yarimar Bonilla, Rima Brusi and Natasha Bannan *The Nation* March 21, 2018
- 2018 "For Investors, Puerto Rico Is a Fantasy Blank Slate. How tech companies and private capital are poised to reshape the US colony." *The Nation*. February 28, 2018
- 2018 "How Puerto Ricans fit into an increasingly anti-immigrant U.S." *Washington Post*. January 19, 2018
- 2017 "Why would anyone in Puerto Rico want a hurricane? Because someone will get rich." *Washington Post*, September 22, 2017
- 2017 "How to Help the University of Puerto Rico — and How Not To" (by Isar Godreau, Yarimar Bonilla, and Don E Walicek) *Chronicle of Higher Education* November 27, 2017
- 2010 "Puerto Rico in Crisis: Government Workers Battle Against Neoliberal Reform" (written by Yarimar Bonilla and Rafael Boglio). *NACLA Report on the Americas* May 31, 2010
- 2009 "Guadeloupe on Strike: A New Political Chapter in the French Antilles." *NACLA Report on the Americas* 42(3): 6-10. May 15, 2009

### *Works in Progress*

- n.d. Shattered Futures: Puerto Rico in the Wake of Disaster [Book in progress]
- n.d. Visualizing Sovereignty: A Caribbean Digital Atlas. [Born-digital political atlas currently in development for Stanford University Press]

## INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 The Wait of Disaster: Hurricanes and the Politics of Recovery in Puerto Rico. UCLA Anthropology Colloquium. February 1, 2018
- 2018 The Wait of Disaster: Hurricanes and the Politics of Recovery in Puerto Rico. University of Santa Cruz Humanities Institute. Race, Violence, Inequality and the Anthropocene Research Lecture. January 31, 2018
- 2017 Sovereignty & Catastrophe in the Caribbean. Round Table Discussion, NYU Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, November 6, 2017
- 2017 The Wait of Disaster. Caribbean Cosmopolis Conference. Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Lettered Social Sciences. Stonybrook University October 12, 2017
- 2017 The Wait of Disaster. “Bankruptcy and Citizenship: Puerto Rico a 21st Century Colony?” Princeton University October 19, 2017
- 2017 Non-Sovereign Citizens: Race, Empire, and Nation in Puerto Rico USA, Northwestern University Department of Anthropology Lecture Series, May 15, 2017
- 2017 Non-Sovereign Aporias, University of Chicago Monday Seminar Series, April 17, 2017.
- 2017 Non-Sovereign Aporias. Presentation for “Political Thinking at the Margins,” Interdisciplinary conference, University of Virginia April 6-7, 2017
- 2016 Puerto Rico’s American Dream. Research Colloquium, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Puerto Rico-Cayey, October 20, 2016
- 2016 Sovereignty in the Caribbean (Presentation with Deborah Thomas). Anthropology Lecture Series, Princeton University, September 22, 2016.
- 2016 Book Presentation: Conferencias Caribeñas, Instituto de Estudios del Caribe, Universidad de Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras, February 24, 2016
- 2015 Book Presentation: Between the Lines: Yarimar Bonilla, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, November 12, 2015
- 2015 Book Presentation: Unthinking Sovereignty in the Postcolony: Yarimar Bonilla & Gregory Mann, CUNY Committee on Globalization and Social Change
- 2015 Non-Sovereign Signs. Anthropology Colloquium, New York University, October 01, 2015
- 2015 Non-Sovereign Pasts: Epistemologies of Labor and History in Guadeloupe. Columbia University Institute for Research in African American Studies, April 09, 2015.
- 2015 Beyond the Paradox of Sovereignty. Columbia University Department of Anthropology Scheps Lecture Series, March 09, 2015.
- 2013 Césarian Transcripts. Presentation for “The work of man has just begun: legacies of Aimé Césaire” Columbia University, Maison Française, December 6, 2013.
- 2013 Non-Sovereign Futures? French Caribbean Politics in the Wake of Disenchantment. University of California - Santa Cruz, Anthropology Departmental Colloquium. December 02, 2013
- 2013 Non-Sovereign Futures? French Caribbean Politics in the Wake of Disenchantment. Harvard University, Department of Anthropology, Social Anthropology Program Seminar Series. September 30, 2013

- 2013 Outre-French: Political Possibilities Within and Beyond the French Republic. Invited Presentation at “Archaeologies of ‘Frenchness’ ” International Conference held at the University of Chicago. April 19-20, 2013
- 2013 Thinking Politics through Postcolonial France, a dialogue with Yarimar Bonilla and Mayanthi Fernando. CUNY Graduate Center, Committee on Globalization and Social Change, March 08, 2013
- 2013 History Unchained. Invited Presentation at “The Life and Work of Michel-Rolph Trouillot” Symposium at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at New York University, March 01, 2013
- 2013 Los Silencios del Presente. Invited Presentation at the Center for Historical Research, University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras. February 19, 2013
- 2012 Commentator for Workshop on Caribbean Creole writers. Caribbean Epistemologies Seminar, Center for the Humanities, CUNY, Graduate Center. February 17, 2012
- 2011 Non-Sovereign Futures: French Caribbean Politics in the wake of Disenchantment. Cornell University Anthropology Colloquium, November 04, 2011.
- 2011 Strategic Entanglement: The Politics of Marronage in the French Antilles. Caribbean Epistemologies Seminar, Center for the Humanities, CUNY Graduate Center, October 21, 2011.
- 2010 Graduate Workshop on “Postcolonial Sovereignty” for the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 17-21, 2010
- 2010 Postcolonial Audacity: The Political Iconography of the 2009 Strike in Guadeloupe. University of Iowa International Programs, October 11, 2010
- 2010 Autonomy and its Alternatives: The View from Guadeloupe. Invited Presentation for the Public Forum: The 2010 Referendum in the French Caribbean, NYU Institute of French Studies, February 17, 2010
- 2009 The Non-Independent Caribbean and the Question of Sovereignty. Caribbean Studies at New College, University of Toronto, October 22, 2009
- 2009 La huelga como insurrección en el Caribe Francés: apuntes sobre los eventos del 2009. Instituto de Estudios del Caribe, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Rio Piedras, September 17, 2009
- 2009 Syndicalisme et Mawonaj: le cas de l’UGTG. Centre d’Analyse Géopolitique et Internationale (CAGI) Université Antilles Guyane, Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, May 22, 2009
- 2009 Guadeloupe en Grève: Popular Revolt and Political Transformation in the French Antilles. Department of French Languages and Literature Colloquium Series, University of Virginia, April 21, 2009.
- 2009 Reinventing the Mass Strike: A New Political Era in Guadeloupe. Invited Presentation for the Symposium “Remembering the Future: The Legacies of Radical Politics in the Caribbean,” at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, April 3-4, 2009
- 2008 Political Legacies of Colonialism in the French Caribbean. Invited Presentation for the Symposium “New Directions in Caribbean Studies,” at Rutgers University, November 14, 2008

- 2008 A Postcolonial Syndicalism: the Politics of Labor in the French Outre-mer. Invited Lecture, New York University Institute of French Studies, March 10, 2008
- 2005 The Politics and Possibilities of Labor Organizing in Guadeloupe. Invited Presentation for the Symposium “Politics, Caribbean Societies, and Anthropological Research” at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Sonya Hayes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, February 19, 2005
- 2002 Space, Place, and the Mobilization of History, or of How Toño Bicicleta Became an Independentista. Invited Presentation for Panel Discussion “Puerto Ricans, Space, Race and the Social Construction of Place,” at Hunter College Center for Puerto Rican Studies, March 14, 2002

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS DELIVERED**

- 2016 Puerto Rico’s American Dream. Presentation for the Panel “Revolutions and Aftermaths” Delivered at the Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Port-au-Prince, Haiti June 10, 2016
- 2015 Non-Sovereign Signs. Presentation for the Panel “What Sovereignty Feels Like.” Delivered at the American Anthropological Association Conference, Denver, CO November 20, 2015
- 2015 Communicating Status: Language, Class, and Nation Among Puerto Ricans (co-written with Jonathan Rosa) Presentation for Panel “Communicating Citizenship: Signaling Inclusion And Estranging Citizens” Delivered at the American Anthropological Association Conference, Denver, CO November 20, 2015
- 2014 Unthinkable Sovereignty. Presentation for panel “Questioning The Western Order Of Things: The Ontological Turn Viewed From The Caribbean” Delivered at the American Anthropological Association Conference, Washington, DC December 05, 2014.
- 2014 Discussant for panel “Citizenship Otherwise: More Lessons From The Savage Slot” American Anthropological Association Conference, Washington, DC December 03, 2014.
- 2013 Whither Postcolonialism?. Presentation delivered for Invited Roundtable “After the Atlantic Revolution: Rethinking an Anthropological Tradition”. American Anthropological Association Conference, Chicago, IL November 23, 2013
- 2013 From the Odd to the Ordinary. Delivered at the Haitian Studies Association Conference, Pointe-à-Pitre, Haiti, Friday November 8, 2013
- 2013 Beyond Exceptionalism. Delivered at the Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Grand Anse, Grenada. June 3-7, 2013.
- 2012 Non-Sovereign Futures: Rethinking Sovereignty through its Absence. Presentation Delievered at SALISES 50/50 Conference hosted by the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) at the University of the West Indies-Mona, Kingston, Jamaica, August 20-24, 2012
- 2012 From the Rhyzone to the Lyannaj: the relevance of Glissant to contemporary labor activism. Presentation for Panel “The Political and Intellectual Legacies of Édouard Glissant. Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Gosier, Guadeloupe May 28 – June 01, 2012
- 2012 Is this what Sovereignty looks like? Notes on the 2009 Guadeloupean “Revolution”. Presentation for panel “Rethinking Sovereignty, Citizenship, and Governmentality” Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Gosier, Guadeloupe May 28 – June 01, 2012

- 2011 Sovereignty: the Odd, the Ordinary, and the Exceptional. Presentation for the panel “Tracing Legacies: The Political Life of Anthropological Concepts” Delivered at the American Anthropological Association Conference, Montreal Canada, November 16-20, 2011.
- 2011 Non-Sovereign Isles: The Political Archipelago of the Caribbean. Presentation for the panel “Rethinking the Caribbean from Archipelago Studies” Delivered at the Caribbean Philosophical Association Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, September 29-October 1st, 2011.
- 2011 Non-Sovereign Futures? Caribbean Politics in the wake of Disenchantment. Presentation for the panel “Caribbean Sovereignty, Development and Democracy in an Age of Globalization ” Delivered at the Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Willemstad, Curaçao May 30- June 03, 2011
- 2011 Interrogating Non-Sovereignty. Presentation for the Carter G Woodson 30th Anniversary Symposium “African-American and African Studies at Work in the World” Conference held at the University of Virginia, April 7-9, 2011
- 2010 The Retrospective Significance of Slavery. Presentation for Invited Roundtable “History, Memory, Globalization: In Honor of Michel-Rolph Trouillot.” Delivered at the Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 17-21, 2010
- 2010 Set a Nou? Reimagining Sovereignty and Belonging in the French Antilles. Presentation for the panel “Beyond the Barricades: The 2009 Social Movement in the French Antilles.” Delivered at the Caribbean Studies Association Conference, St. Peter, Barbados, May 24-28, 2010
- 2010 The Qualia of Labor Activism in Guadeloupe. Presented at Qualia: Anthropological Explorations in the Experience of Quality International Conference, at the University of Chicago, May 1, 2010
- 2010 The Politics of Audacity in Guadeloupe. Presented at The Francophone Caribbean and North America International Conference, at Florida State University’s Winthro-King Institute for Contemporary French and Francophone Studies, Tallahassee, FL, February 25-27, 2010
- 2009 Guadeloupe is Ours: Rethinking Autonomy and Belonging in the French Antilles. Presented at the panel “The End(s) of Postcolonial Sovereignty.” Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6, 2009
- 2009 The Cultural Politics of 200 Euros in Guadeloupe. Presented at “After the Crash, Beyond Liquidity” Conference held at the University of Virginia, October 31, 2009
- 2009 Reinventing Syndical Politics in Contemporary Guadeloupe. Presented at the Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Kingston, Jamaica, June 1-5, 2009
- 2009 The Politics of Audacity in Guadeloupe. Presented at the Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Kingston, Jamaica, June 1-5, 2009
- 2008 A Postcolonial Syndicalism: the Ambiguities of Inclusion in the French Outre-mer. Presented at the panel “Historicizing Inclusion: Tensions of Citizenship in the French Republic.” Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November 19-23, 2008
- 2007 Syndicalism as Marronage: Epistemologies of Labor and Resistance in Guadeloupe. Presentation for the Invited Session panel “Epistemologies of Slavery: Categories of

- Difference, Inequality and Justice in the Atlantic World.” Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November 28 - December 2, 2007
- 2006 Studying Across: Island Hopping and the Caribbean Anthropologist. Presented at the panel “Doing the Other/In the Savage Slot.” Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 15-19, 2006
- 2006 Reflections on the Politics of Social Movement Research: The Challenge of Theorizing Praxis. Presented at the panel “Engaging the Political: Researching Social Struggle in the Caribbean.” Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Port of Spain, Trinidad, May 29 - June 2, 2006
- 2006 Taking your Memory on a Walk. Presented at University of Chicago Anthropology of Europe Workshop Annual Conference, “The City in European Ethnography.” University of Chicago, February 24-25, 2006
- 2005 Following in their Footsteps: Labor’s Commemoration of Slavery. Presented at the Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC, November 30 - December 4, 2005
- 2005 The Role of the Community Scholar in Residence. Presented at “Community as Intellectual Space” Symposium organized by the Community Informatics Initiative at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, at the Juan Antonio Corretjer Puerto Rican Cultural Center, Chicago, IL, June 17-19, 2005
- 2005 Circuits of Labor and Repertoires of Resistance in the French Antilles. Presented at the Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, May 30 - June 4, 2005
- 2004 The Politics and Possibilities of Contemporary Labor Movements in Guadeloupe. Presented at the Caribbean Studies Association Conference, St. Kitts, May 31-June 5, 2004
- 2003 In the Absence of the State: Union Politics in Postcolonial Guadeloupe. Presented at the Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 19-23, 2003
- 2002 Rethinking Postcoloniality in the Caribbean: The Case of Puerto Rico and Guadeloupe. Presented at the Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference, Chicago, IL, October 4-6, 2002
- 2000 Not Hispanic, Not Latino, but Indigenous: The Taino Movement and the Search for Authenticity. Presented at the panel “Boricua hasta en la Luna? Changing Perspectives on the Puerto Rican Diaspora.” Latin American Studies Association XXII International Congress, Miami, FL, March 16-18, 2000
- 1999 Toño Bicicleta and the Open Frontier: The Role of Puerto Rico’s Highlands in the Puerto Rican Imagination. Presented at the Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 17-21, 1999
- 1999 The Off-Whitening of Puerto Rico: Tourism, Colonialism, and Race. Presented at “Eyes on the Mosaic” Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 1999

#### **CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED AND/OR CHAIRED**

- 2015 Beyond The (Familiar) Text: Anthropological Innovations In Method, Form, And Content. American Anthropological Association Conference, Denver, CO November 19, 2015

- 2014 Questioning the Western Order of Things: the Ontological Turn Viewed from the Caribbean. (co-organized with Greg Beckett). American Anthropological Association Conference, Washington, DC December 05, 2014 .
- 2012 The Political and Intellectual Legacies of Édouard Glissant. Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Gosier, Guadeloupe May 28 – June 01, 2012
- 2011 Tracing Legacies: The Political Life of Anthropological Concepts. (co-organized with Mayanthi Fernando). American Anthropological Association Conference, Montreal Canada, November 16-20, 2011.
- 2010 Beyond the Barricades: The 2009 Social Movement in the French Antilles (co-organized with Fred Reno). Caribbean Studies Association Conference, St. Peter, Barbados, May 24-28, 2010
- 2009 The End(s) of Postcolonial Sovereignty (Invited Session). Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6, 2009
- 2008 Historicizing Inclusion: Tensions of Citizenship in the French Republic (co-organized with Mayanthi Fernando). Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November 19-23, 2008
- 2007 Epistemologies of Slavery: Categories of Difference, Inequality and Justice in the Atlantic World (Invited Session). Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November 28 - December 2, 2007

#### **CONFERENCES CONVENED**

- 2010 The Search for Solid Ground: Reimagining Haiti. UVA Haiti Working Group International Conference. University of Virginia. April 9, 2010 (<http://vimeo.com/channels/uvahaiti>)
- 2006 Teaching Culture: The Pedagogy of Anthropology (co-organized with Mayanthi Fernando). University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology. April 28-29, 2006

#### **INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES**

- 2018 “Six Months After Maria, Residents Resist Efforts to Turn Island into Privatized Bitcoin Playground” Interview for Democracy Now! March 23, 2018
- 2018 “The Role of Private Investment in Rebuilding Puerto Rico” Interview for Brian Lehrer Show. March 8, 2018 2017
- 2017 “Vulture Capitalists Circle Above Puerto Rican Prey: Interview with Yarimar Bonilla by Bill Moyers”. September 30, 2017 <http://billmoyers.com/story/vulture-capitalists-circle-puerto-rico-prey/>
- 2017 “Months After María” Panel Discussion for WAMU show *IA*. December 26 2017. <https://the1a.org/shows/2017-12-26/months-after-maria>
- 2017 “Death And Suffering In Puerto Rico Consistently Downplayed”, Interview for *WBEZ Worldview* Dec 21, 2017 <https://www.wbez.org/shows/worldview/death-and-suffering-in-puerto-rico-consistently-downplayed/bdf61f15-ca7c-43cd-a579-ac6e4538abb6>
- 2017 “After the Storm” *On The Media*. December 15, 2017 <https://www.wnyc.org/story/on-the-media-2017-12-15/>
- 2017 “Reporters Notebook: Puerto Rico’s Paradox” WNYC news, December 15, 2017 <https://www.wnyc.org/story/puerto-ricos-paradox/>

- 2017 “The Jones Act” Interview for PRI, *The World*, September 27, 2017  
<https://soundcloud.com/theworld/jones-act>
- 2017 “Puerto Rico Debt Forgiveness: A Moral Imperative Or Economic Recklessness?”  
 October 11, 2017. Interview for WBEZ Worldview.  
<https://www.wbez.org/shows/worldview/puerto-rico-debt-forgiveness-a-moral-imperative-or-economic-recklessness/376abaa8-ac44-4da0-9feb-9ff9224a1047>
- 2017 “Why Federal Aid Isn’t Enough to Save Puerto Rico” Interview for Jezebel.com October 03, 2017. <https://theslot.jezebel.com/why-federal-aid-isnt-enough-to-save-puerto-rico-1819083443>
- 2017 “The Psychological toll of natural disasters” Interview for PBS NewsHour September 30, 2017 <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/psychological-toll-natural-disasters-mainland-puerto-ricans/>
- 2017 “Puerto Ricans in anguish as they await news from the island” Interview for PBS NewsHour September 30, 2017 <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/puerto-ricans-anguish-await-news-island/>
- 2017 “Yes, Puerto Ricans Are Americans” Panel Discussion for WAMU show *1A*. September 27, 2017 <https://the1a.org/shows/2017-09-27/yes-puerto-ricans-are-americans>
- 2017 “Puerto Ricans call for Aid Amidst Catastrophe: We’re American Citizens. We Can’t be Left to Die” Interview on *Democracy Now!* September 26, 2017  
[https://www.democracynow.org/2017/9/26/puerto\\_ricans\\_call\\_for\\_aid\\_amid](https://www.democracynow.org/2017/9/26/puerto_ricans_call_for_aid_amid)
- 2017 “What Lies Ahead for Puerto Rico” Interview for *On the Media* September 21, 2017  
<http://www.wnyc.org/story/how-colonialism-caribbean-affects-hurricane-prep-and-recovery/>
- 2017 “How Colonialism in the Caribbean Affects Hurricane Prep and Recovery” Interview on *Brian Lehrer Show* September 14, 2017 <http://www.wnyc.org/story/how-colonialism-caribbean-affects-hurricane-prep-and-recovery/>
- 2016 “Puerto Rico, An Island in Search of Itself” Interview for *On the Media*  
<http://www.wnyc.org/story/puerto-rico-island-search-self/> June 16, 2017
- 2012 “Puerto Rican Election Results” Interview on *Brian Lehrer Show* November 12, 2012  
<http://www.wnyc.org/shows/bl/2012/nov/15/puerto-rican-election-results/>
- 2012 Interview on CTV (Canadian Television News) to comment on Puerto Rican Statehood Vote. November 09, 2012 <http://en.video.sympatico.ca/home/new-in-video/watch/puerto-rican-statehood/1959345376001/>

## TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

### Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
 Ethnographic Research Methods  
 Political Anthropology  
 Anthropology of Dissent  
 Introduction to Caribbean Studies  
 Caribbean Perspectives  
 French Caribbean Culture and Identity  
 Global Haiti

Research Seminar in Latino & Caribbean Studies : “Puerto Rico in Crisis”

### **Graduate Seminars**

Empire  
Anthropology of the State  
Anthropology of Sovereignty  
Power, State, Nation  
Power, Race, State, Nation

### **Co-taught Seminars**

Rituals of Remembrance in the Atlantic World (with Jalane Schmidt, Religious Studies UVA)  
French Caribbean Cultural and Intellectual Currents (with Stephanie Berard, French Dept UVA)

### *Independent Studies*

Anthropology of Democracy (Timothy Weldon, Rutgers)  
Indigeneity and Sovereignty (Tristan Jones, Rutgers)  
Politics of Memory in Latin America (Juan Pablo Vera, Rutgers)  
Caribbean Studies (Edith Laucerin, Rutgers)  
Anthropology of Place (Dionisios Kavadias, UVA)  
Latin American Social Movements (Mike Como, UVA)  
Caribbean Anthropology (Kristin LaHatte, UVA)

### *PhD Students Supervised*

Doctoral Committee: Amanda Haziz-Ginsberg, Doctoral Candidate in Women’s and Gender Studies, Rutgers University. Study of Race and Sovereignty in the contemporary United Kingdom.  
Doctoral Committee: Rasha Moumneh, Doctoral Candidate in Women’s and Gender Studies, Rutgers University. Study of Human Rights organizations in the Middle East.  
Doctoral Committee: Timothy Weldon, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, Rutgers University. Study of political activism in Eastern Europe.  
Doctoral Committee: Tristan Jones, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, Rutgers University. Study of indigenous political movements in the tar sands region of Alberta, Canada.  
Doctoral Committee: Edith Laucerin, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, Rutgers University. Study of Post Industrial Agriculture in St Croix.

### *MA Students Supervised*

Primary Advisor: Kristin Lahatte, MA in Anthropology, University of Virginia “Don’t Hand Your Stomach Over to Just Anyone:” Development Aid and the Nourishing of Personal Relationships in Haiti"

### *Undergraduate Mentoring*

Mentor for: Jafet Nieves, independent Experience research project on Political Attitudes of Puerto Rican Millennials, funded by the Research for Undergraduates Award from the National Science Foundation, Summer 2016  
Mentor for: for Fabiola Melendez, Naomi Raices, Dayanira Moya, and Jose Franqui Summer Research Internship in Ethnographic Methods, sponsored by the National Science Foundation in collaboration with the University of Puerto Rico-Cayey, Summer 2016.

Mentor for: Cristina Davila, Delianys Torres, Frances Rodriguez, Natasha Esperanza, Jamie Morales, Joshua Diaz, Fabiola Melendez, Naomi Raices, Dayanira Moya, Jose Franqui, and Jafet Nieves — Research Experience Learning Program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation in collaboration with the University of Puerto Rico-Cayey, Spring 2016.

Mentor for: Joanne Lucas, research project on Caribbean Sovereignty, University of Virginia, Spring 2011

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **Departmental**

- 2017 ByLaws Committee, Rutgers Department of Latino and Caribbean Studies
- 2013-14 Chair, Website Committee, Rutgers Department of Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies
- 2012 Curriculum Committee, Rutgers Department of Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies
- 2012 Graduate Executive Committee, Rutgers Anthropology Department
- 2011 Curriculum Committee, Rutgers Department Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies
- 2010-11 Organizer, Colloquium Series, University of Virginia Department of Anthropology
- 2010 Chair, Multimedia Committee, University of Virginia Department of Anthropology
- 2010 Fellowship Selection Committee, Carter G Woodson Center for African and African American Studies at the University of Virginia
- 2010 Chair, Graduate Curriculum Committee, University of Virginia Department of Anthropology
- 2009-11 Chair, Lecture Series Committee, Carter G Woodson Center for African and African American Studies at the University of Virginia
- 2009 Organizer, Job Seekers Workshop, University of Virginia Department of Anthropology

### **University Wide**

- 2014-16 Fellowship Selection Committee, Rutgers Advanced Institute in Critical Caribbean Studies
- 2013-16 Executive Committee, Rutgers Institute for Research on Women
- 2012+ Executive Board, Rutgers Advanced Institute in Critical Caribbean Studies
- 2010-12 Founder, Director – UVA Haiti Working Group
- 2009-12 Faculty Sponsor, Minority Graduate Student Association
- 2009 Fellowship Selection Committee Carter G Woodson Center for African and African American Studies at the University of Virginia
- 2008-12 Faculty Affiliate, University of Virginia Carter G Woodson Institute for African and African American Studies

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

### **Offices Held**

- 2014-15 Secretary, Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA)
- 2012-16 Board Member, New York Academy of Sciences Anthropology Section
- 2011-13 Council Member, Caribbean Studies Association Executive Council

## **Editorial Boards and Positions**

- 2017+ Board member, Cultural Anthropology
- 2016+ Section Editor for Public Anthropology, American Anthropologist
- 2014+ Board member, Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
- 2012+ Editorial collective member, Small Axe: A Caribbean Platform of Criticism
- 2012+ Editorial board member, New Caribbean Studies Book Series, Palgrave Press

## **Reviewer**

*Journals:* American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Cultural Anthropology, Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, Transforming Anthropology

*Foundations:* National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation

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