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EDUCATION

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

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

Areas of Interests: Environmental Crises; Disaster Risk and Vulnerability; Structural Inequalities; Development; The State; Gender; Religion and Belief Systems; Narrative Research; Africana Anthropology; Applied/Engaged Anthropology; Digital Pedagogy; and the Caribbean

Languages: Haitian Creole (intermediate)

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

- 2017-2019 Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) Postdoctoral Fellow in Caribbean Studies Data Curation at UF George A. Smathers Libraries
- Affiliate Faculty of the Center for Latin American Studies

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

University of Florida

HAT 3564: Haitian Culture and Society (cross-listed in African American Studies, Latin American Studies, and Anthropology).

AFA 2000: Introduction to African American Studies

ANT 2410: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

ANT 3930: Anthropology of Disasters

ANT 3241: Anthropology of Religion

ANT 2301: Human Sexuality and Culture (teaching assistant to three sections)

PUBLICATIONS

Plato Smith, Crystal Felima (and four others). Forthcoming. 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, Same Concerns*, edited by Richard Freeman and Jerome Crowder. 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.*, edited by Celucien Joseph and Nixon S. Cleoplat, 179-189. Lanham, MD: Lexington

Felima, Crystal A. 2013. "African American-Haitian *Blan*: Negotiating Identity through Fieldwork Experiences in Northern Haiti." *Anthropology News*. 54 (1-2):13-14.

Felima, Crystal A. 2009. "Haiti's Disproportionate Casualties after Environmental Disasters." *Journal of Haitian Studies*. 15 (1): 6-28.

WORK EXPERIENCE

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)

Founding Teacher—KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory School, Blytheville, AR (2010-11)
Courses Taught: English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Phonics

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate / Research Assistant to Dr. Faye Harrison, UF Professor of African American Studies and Anthropology. Fall 2011-Spring 2012. Summer 2013.

Co-Editor of *The Journal of the Vodou Archive* (<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00001362/00001>).
Supervisor, Dr. Benjamin Hebblewithe, UF Assistant Professor of Haitian Creole in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures. Spring 2012.

Graduate Assistant to Dr. N'diri Assie-Lumumba, Professor of the Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University Professor Cornell University. Spring 2010.

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Ayele Bekerie, Assistant Professor of the Africana Studies and Research, Cornell University. Fall 2009.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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.

National Science Foundation 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.

Participation in the PhD Course – “Disaster Social Work: Resilience and Crisis Management in the Context of Welfare States.” Hosted by the University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland. May 2017.

Participated in 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.

INVITED TALKS, PAPER PRESENTATIONS, AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

“Digital Humanities and Social Justice Pedagogy in Haitian Studies”. 43rd Annual Caribbean Studies Association. Havana, Cuba. June 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.

Webinar Facilitator for Caribbean Scholarship in the Digital Age webinar series. Presentation by Dr. Tracey Thompson and Jessica Dawson (University of the Bahamas), entitled *Ramble Bahamas*. <http://dloc.com/AA00015557/00013>. May 2018.

Invited 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.

Guest Presenter for ANG6930 (2A65): Foundations for a Career in Anthropology, University of Florida. Presentation on Library Resources and Databases. February 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, FL. September 2017.

Invited Guest Lecturer for ANT 2000: General Anthropology, University of Florida.
Lecture: The Perpetuation of Singular Narratives. April 2017.

Invited Panelist for “The Presence and Role of NGOs in Haiti.” Hosted by Club Creole (Haitian Student Association): University of Florida-Gainesville, Fl. January 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, MN. 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.

“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.

Guest Lecturer for HAI 3930: Introduction to Haitian Vodou, University of Florida.
Lecture: Haitian Vodou Artistry. October 2014.

Invited Presentations: “Empowering Women for Development” and “Haitian Women as the *Poto Mitan*.” Conference Keynote Speaker. Hosted by *Realite Evolution Economie Liberte* (REEL). Cap-Haïtien, Haiti. December 2013.

“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.

Invited Panelist for “Post-Script: Response to Haiti’s Earthquake.” A Public Panel on Haiti and the Current Crisis. Hosted by the Africana Studies and Research Center: Cornell University-Ithaca, New York. January 2010.

“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.” Session 5-D: Landscape, Ecology and Environment. 20th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Montrious, Haiti. November 2008.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 Code4Lib Diversity Scholarship Award (\$1300)
- 2017 Delores Auzenne Dissertation Award (\$6000)
- 2016 Office of Research Travel Grant (\$300)
- 2016 College of Liberal Arts and Science Travel Award (\$300)
- 2016 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant (\$350)
- 2016 Conference Travel Grant, Center of Latin American Studies (\$300)
- 2016 Graduate Summer Travel Award (\$5000 to conduct doctoral research in Cap-Haitien)
- 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 tuition for academic year, stipend, health insurance, and courses in Haitian Creole
- 2014 Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival Fellow, Ithaca College—Ithaca, NY
- 2013 UF Center of Latin American Studies Summer Field Grant Recipient (\$1,600)
- 2013 Paul and Polly Doughty Summer Research Travel Grant (\$2,000)
- 2013 Doctoral Travel Grant (\$3,500)
- 2011 Graduate Student Fellowship
Four years of full tuition for doctoral degree, stipend and health insurance
- 2011 Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship Recipient (\$6,280)
Stipend and program fees to the Haitian Summer Institute at Florida International University in Miami, FL.

- 2008 SAGE Fellowship
Two years of full tuition for Master's degree, stipend and health insurance
- 2009 Research Travel Grant (\$2,000)
- 2008 Student and Emerging Scholars Scholarship, Haitian Studies Association (\$300)
- 2008 Certificate for Service to Haiti—Florida International Volunteer Corps, Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
Association of Black Anthropologists (ABA)
Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL)
Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)
Haitian Studies Association (HSA)