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EDUCATION

PhD Anthropology, University of Florida (December 2017)
Graduate Certificates: Latin American Studies, Disaster and Emergency Management
Dissertation: *Disaster Narratives of Flooding Experiences in Cap-Haitien, Haiti: An Anthropological Study*
Dissertation Committee: Drs. Faye Harrison, Marianne Schmink, Marit Ostebo, Benjamin Hebblethwaite, and Lance Gravelee

MPS Africana Studies, Cornell University (August 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 (August 2008)
Minor in Political Science

Areas of Interests: Environmental Crises; Disaster Risk and Vulnerability; Structural Inequalities; Development; the State and Governance; Gender; Religion and Belief Systems; Narrative Research; Digital Pedagogy; Applied/Engaged Anthropology; Africana Studies; United States and the Caribbean (specifically Haiti)

Languages: Haitian Creole (intermediate)

CURRENT APPOINTMENT | University of Florida

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

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

University of Florida

Anthropology of Disasters (special topics course that I developed)
Anthropology of Religion
Human Sexuality and Culture (teaching assistant to three sections)
Haitian Culture and Society (structured as a digital humanities course)
Introduction to African American Studies
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

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. Cleophas, 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.

THESIS COMMITTEE SERVICE

Natasha Joseph (njoseph@ufl.edu) —Master in Latin American Studies, UF Center of Latin American Studies (2020)

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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

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.

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

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 AND PRESENTATIONS

Plenary Presentation: “Pedagogical Reflections: A Decolonized Stance to Teaching Haiti.” The Unexpected Caribbean Symposium. University of Kansas-Lawrence, Kansas. October 2018. (*scheduled*)

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

Panelist for “The Presence and Role of NGOs in Haiti.” Hosted by Club Creole (Haitian Student Association): University of Florida-Gainesville, Florida. January 2017.

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.

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.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Roundtable Presentation: The State of Digital Scholarship in Cultural Anthropology. 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA). San Jose, California. November 2018. (*scheduled*)

“Teaching Haitian Studies: Exploring a Rasanblaj of Pedagogies in the Classroom.” Panel: Rasanblaj and Resistance: Reclaiming Haitian Studies. 30th Annual Haitian Studies Association (HSA) Conference. Port-au-Prince, Haiti. November 2018. (*scheduled*)

Moderator for Special Event: “Digital Scholarship on Haitian Studies, A Showcase Presented by Students from the University of Florida.” 30th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Port-au-Prince, Haiti. November 2018. (*scheduled*)

Panel: Pedagogy and Digital Archives in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 2018 Digital Library Federation (DLF) Forum. Las Vegas, Nevada. October 2018. (*scheduled*)

Panel: Building Collections, Exhibits, and Technological Systems to Support Our Communities across Languages and Cultures. 2018 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC), Albuquerque, New Mexico. September 2018.

Webinar Participant. UF Digital Scholarship: DH, Data, Research, and Teaching. Digital Scholarship Show & Tell Webinar Session #3, University of Florida “Sampler”. Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL). <https://vimeo.com/288422632>. September 2018.

“Teaching beyond Haitian Exceptionalism: Digital Decolonization and Social Justice Pedagogy in Caribbean Studies.” Panel: Social Justice, Data Curation, and Latin American & Caribbean Studies. Digital Humanities Conference. Mexico City, Mexico. June 2018.

“Digital Humanities and Social Justice Pedagogy in Haitian Studies”. 43rd Annual Caribbean Studies Association. Havana, Cuba. June 2018.

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.

“African American-Haitian *Blan*: Negotiating Self and Identity in Haiti.” Panel: Diaspora Women in the Field: Negotiating Identity, Herstory, and Citizenship. 29th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. November 2017.

Panel Moderator for Session: Digital Humanities and the Historiography of Caribbean Studies. Symposium: Collaborating Across the Divide: Digital Humanities and the Caribbean. UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere. Gainesville, Florida. September 2017.

“Within and Against Critical Mortality: Exploring the Dimensions of Disaster Risk and Vulnerability in Haiti.” Session: Diasporic Narratives: New Discourses on Blackness. 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 2016.

“Flooding, Inequalities, and Discomfort: Interrogating Reflexivity and Positionality through Fieldwork Experiences in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.” Session: Environmental Consciousness and Possibilities for Change of the Crises of the Eco-Systems. 28th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Cap Haitien, Haiti. November 2016.

“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.

“Gendered Erasure: Reclaiming Mambo Cécile Fatiman in Haitian Memory.” Chair of Session: Taking Off the Savior Cape: New Directions in Activism. 111th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. November 2012.

“African American-Haitian *Blan*: Negotiating Identity through Fieldwork Experiences in Northern Haiti”. Session: Nationalism and Migration. 2012 English Graduate Organization Conference. University of Florida—Gainesville, Florida. October 2012.

“De-Constructing the Myth of ‘Natural Disasters’ in Haiti.” Session 2-B: Rethinking Haiti’s Environment: Challenges and Solutions. 21st Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Indiana University: Bloomington, Indiana. November 2009.

“The (Ill) Legitimacy of African-Centered Scholarship and Its Intellectuals.” Panel C: The Elites, Ethics and Enterprise of Studying Africa. 33rd Annual New York African Studies Association Conference. Syracuse University: Syracuse, New York. April 2009.

“Haiti’s Disproportionate Casualties after Environmental Hazards.” Session 5-D: Landscape, Ecology and Environment. 20th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference. Montrouis, 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 Sciences 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)
 Gainesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 Haitian Studies Association (HSA)