

# BLACK GEOGRAPHIES SPECIALTY GROUP NEWSLETTER, SPRING 2018

## NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

For me, the past year has been both challenging and exciting. Watching the growth of the Black Geographies Specialty Group and the larger community of Black Geographers and Black Geographies has been extraordinarily gratifying. For context, I feel the need to provide an origin story for the development of the Black Geographies Specialty Group. The Black Geographies Specialty Group grew out of conversations between Dr. Aretina Hamilton and myself dating back to AAG 2012 in NYC. At the time, we were graduate students trying to find somewhere to belong and be validated in the work we were doing individually and what we knew needed to take place. The creation of the Black Geographies Specialty Group is one outcome of that moment in New York and of conversations with so many others, included some current members of the Black Geographies board, like Dr. Willie Wright, and with current AAG President Dr. Derek Alderman.

In November 2016, I submitted a formal petition to the AAG with the request to form the Black Geographies Specialty Group. By this time, I had created the Black Geographies Google Group and the Instagram, Twitter, Gmail, and WordPress accounts. The packet to the AAG included a cover letter, constitution and by-laws, and a collection of signatures from supporters. I was notified in December 2016 that the AAG Council had approved the petition. In the months leading to the AAG 2017 Meeting in Boston, I outlined an elections process to solidify the leadership of the BGSG. The first board was elected during the inaugural BGSG Business Meeting.

My primary goals, and therefore activities, have been geared towards solidifying the foundation of BGSG in collaboration with my teammates – the BGSG board members. Following the AAG 2017 Meeting, I met with the entire board to transition responsibilities and develop a set of priorities for the 2017-2018 cycle. Each board member was to begin shaping their respective positions and developing protocols for future board members. I was to make sure we were abiding by AAG guidelines and had answers to our collective questions. During the transition meeting, I also proposed the creation of an ad-hoc conference committee focused on AAG 2018 activities and chaired by Aretina. For the past year, I have been primarily engaged with coordinating the Black Geographies Theme for the AAG 2018 Meeting, including writing the theme description, selecting a co-chair and committee, and facilitating the selection process for Black Geographies Featured Theme events. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I submitted a petition to Antipode to create a partnership for the newly created Clyde Woods Black Geographies Graduate Student Paper Award.

Beyond that, I submitted the BGSG Annual Report to the AAG Council in Fall 2017. I represented BGSG by attending the National Council for Geographic Education Meeting (July 2017), the Black Geographies Symposium (October 2017), the National Women's Studies Association Meeting (November 2017), SEDAG (November 2017), and DOPE 8 (February 2018). I have made myself available to students and colleagues in a number of ways – phone calls, emails, Skype meetings, document sharing, and so forth. I am excited about the year to come. #ForClyde

*-Dr. LaToya Eaves*

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**Sophonie Bazile** is a second-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky. Using queer theory as an analytical lens, her doctoral research examines how immigration categories are used to organize, police, and discipline Haitian migrant lives across rural spaces in Kentucky. As a Graduate Student Representative, she assists the BGSB Conference Committee in facilitating BGSB panels at the AAG.

**Sam Bowden** is a second year Ph.D in the Rutgers geography department. Her dissertation, "Southern Rebels: Race, Space, and the Socio-Spatial Conflicts over the Right to the City in Neoliberal Tampa" is an interpretive case study examining the re-racialization of space in the context of a massive wave of gentrification across the city by exploring the ways in which contested notions of 'blackness' are being re-encoded as a threat to white investments across geographies of race and class at a time of neoliberal post-racial redevelopment and rising white nationalism domestically. She serves the BGSB in a number of collaborative ways, promoting graduate student membership, and submission to the first annual Clyde Woods Graduate Student Paper competition, serving on its reading committee, as well as volunteering with the AAG mentorship panel.

**Matthew Cook** is finishing his second year as assistant professor of Historic Preservation and Cultural Geography in the Geography & Geology Department at Eastern Michigan University. Matt earned his MS and PhD from UT Knoxville, studying critical-historical geographies with ongoing research interests in geographies of memory, historical interpretation, and Black geographies in the United States. His current research examines the ways in which museums around the US respond to contemporary racism and racial violence. Within the AAG, Matt is rotating off the BGSB team of Communications Directors at this Annual Meeting and wrapping up a two-year term as Nominations Director for the Cultural Geography Speciality Group. He is also chair of the Study of the American South Specialty Group.

**LaToya Elise Eaves** was born and raised in Shelby, North Carolina. A Scorpio Sun with Venus in Virgo, she demonstrates love and care through observation and action. She needs the ocean, espresso, the color orange, fall leaves, and North Carolina's mountains and red clay earth. Black Geographies came to her in 2011 and was solidified through the words of Clyde Woods and Katherine McKittrick. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Global Studies and Human Geography at Middle Tennessee State University.

**Camilla Hawthorne:** I am a PhD candidate in geography at UC Berkeley. My work addresses the politics of migration and citizenship, racism and inequality, and intersectional social movements. My current project, "'There Are No Black Italians'? Race and Citizenship in the Black Mediterranean," explores the politics of race and citizenship in contemporary Italy and is funded

by the Ford Foundation. I also serve as faculty member and project manager of the Summer School on Black Europe in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Since the last annual meeting, I co-coordinated the 2017 Berkeley Black Geographies symposium with BGSB Vice Chair Jovan Scott Lewis. I have also been working with the executive committee to develop BGSB travel and student paper awards, manage our specialty group's budget, and organize elections in advance of this year's annual meeting. I am looking forward to everything that is to come in the next year as our BGSB membership continues to grow!

**Jovan Scott Lewis** is Assistant Professor of Geography and African-American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. He also serves as the co-Chair of the Economic Disparities Research Cluster at Berkeley's Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society (HIFIS). He received his Ph.D. from the London School of Economics. His research is concerned with the affective and structural understanding of the broad concepts of the market, capital, poverty, race, and post-coloniality, which he examines through raced experiences of the economy. Jovan's current research considers the function of capital, value, and reciprocity through the 'Jamaican Lottery Scam,' a money transfer scheme that targets white North Americans, to think about relations of capital and blackness in the overlapping wakes of colonial independence and structural adjustment. As vice-Chair of the BGSB, Jovan has worked alongside the Chair, LaToya Eaves, to facilitate the great work of the Group. Also, in the Fall of 2017, he alongside fellow officer, Camilla Hawthorne, organized UC Berkeley's first Black Geographies Symposium.

**Mae Miller** is a doctoral student of Earth and Environmental Sciences (Geography) at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Her dissertation considers the politics and poetics of storytelling, political consciousness, and solidarities among Black maritime workers in the early twentieth century. Miller's research is informed by a capacious archive of the Black Atlantic and Black internationalism that includes the oral histories of jazz in Britain and Jamaican labor rebellions, the letters of afro-Guyanese communist organizer Hermina Huiswoud, and the novels of Alice Childress and Claude McKay. She currently serves as a student representative to the Black Geographies Specialty Group. As a student representative, Mae has collaborated with other officers to promote the inaugural Clyde Woods student paper competition and coordinate mentoring sessions for the 2018 annual meeting.

**Brian Williams** is a PhD candidate in Geography at the University of Georgia. His work examines the ways in which the environmental politics of pesticides have been shaped by both agrarian racism and mobilizations for Black lives and well-being. This research incorporates oral history, archival research, and participant observation to trace environmental justice and environmental inequality through the history of chemicals in the US South. As one of the communications directors of the BGSB, Brian has helped to put together the newsletter and maintain the Black Geographies bibliography, and occasionally attended to the BGSB website and social media.

**Willie Jamaal Wright** is an Assistant Professor of Geography and African American Studies at Florida State University where his research and teaching address the relationships between race and space, cultural geography, and the afterlives of social movements in the United States. Dr. Wright is a recipient of the Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship and the Urban Geography Journal's Workshop/Seminar Award. His research has been published in *The Southeastern Geographer*, *The Black Scholar*, and *City & Society*. As a Communications Director he floods the black geographies listserv with opportunities and ideas.

## **STUDENT AWARDS**

*The Black Geographies Specialty Group is pleased to announce two new student awards. The inaugural awards will be announced at the BGSB business meeting in New Orleans.*

### **Clyde Woods Black Geographies Graduate Student Paper Award (Sponsored by Antipode)**

Developed to honor the legacy of the late Dr. Clyde Adrien Woods, and to support graduate students whose work focuses on Black geographies, the Clyde Woods Graduate Student Paper Award is offered to the best paper on a Black geographies topic written by a Masters or PhD level student. One (1) award will be given each year. Applicants must be a BGSB member. The results of the Student Paper Award competition will be announced to the winners just prior to the AAG Annual Meeting. The award will be formally announced at the BGSB Business Meeting, and the awardee's name and paper title will be forwarded to the AAG for publication in the AAG Newsletter.

### **Black Geographies Specialty Group Student Travel Award**

The Black Geographies Specialty Group (BGSB) student travel award will be given to support graduate student travel to present a paper on a Black geographies topic at the AAG annual meeting. This competition is open to all Masters and PhD level students. One (1) \$155.00 award will be given to offset the cost of the student registration.

## **11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON BLACK EUROPE:**

### **Interrogating Citizenship, Race, and Ethnicity**

July 25, 2018 - July 6, 2018

<http://www.dialogoglobal.com/amsterdam/>

The overall goal of this course is to examine the contemporary circumstances of the African Diaspora (and "other" immigrants of color) in Europe. We will focus on and discuss the origins of Black Europe and investigate the impact of these legacies on policies, social organizations and legislation today. This course will begin with a historical overview of the African Diaspora in Europe that traces the involvement of European nations in the colonization of the Americas. We will address the migration and settlement of Blacks in Europe, and examine immigration and citizenship laws that regulated their settlement. We will also look at anti-discrimination laws as they have arisen in various European countries. We compare the history of regulation and management of race and ethnic relations and the discourse surrounding the concept of Blackness and self-identification. Historically, social forces and social movements within Europe have given rise to policies to combat racism. We will trace the chain of events following social and civil conflicts that prompted these policies and analyze the legislative and intellectual discourse produced in the aftermath. In addition, we will explore notions of Blackness as official categorization; as a social construction employed by the dominant groups to indicate (non) belonging; as a Diaspora living within Europe; and as a contestation of the dominant (White) paradigm. In this way, we examine the social mobilization of Blacks in Europe to resist domination.

This course will also seek to address the dimensions of race and ethnic relations that are unique to Europe; competing issues and discourses on Islamophobia; examining the ways in which conceptions of the "other" are institutionalized and reproduced; the rise of xenophobia in various EU countries; the debt crisis in the European Union; issues such as global racism, everyday racism and epistemic racism; the legal definitions and discourse surrounding the conceptualized "other"; and examining the ways in which each country has dealt with issues of race and national identity.

## **A Reflection on the 2017 Conference at U.C. Berkeley: “Black Geographies: Insurgent Knowledge, Spatial Poetics, and the Politics of Blackness”**

Dear Black Geographies,

Reflecting on the Berkeley conference were some of Us engaged in intellectual and social Black fellowship, my mind keeps coming back to people’s commitments to Black peoples and to thinking of Black peoples in space. In addition to space, the temporal aspect of Blackness was striking, and wonderful to experience as a listener. As someone who thinks of Black peoples in space-time, I have a lot of hopes for Black Geographies. I’ve placed a lot of my hopes into what this praxis for looking at Black life can offer to Us in the now and the soon after. Please don’t let me down.

Keep thinking that Blackness is everywhere but rendered nowhere by socio-economic forces. In doing so, you will help those of Us who are trying to think with Wynter and McKittrick and others, and you help Us try and think with *you*.

Many folks in attendance said that our gathering was therapeutic, was reaffirming; it was for me too. Folks said they came away feeling emboldened to keep on going and I also felt that seeing people’s commitments to their communities and to their collectives was comforting. But as much as I appreciate our short time together, I can’t solely lament being away from that big wondrous Blackness we experienced at Berkeley. I can’t just shut down intellectually in my department because I am one of only three Black students in my department, which ironically professes a critical anthropological concern with race. I can’t just go back to being alone in my thinking of Blackness and its movement in-between, like I was before Black Geographies. I need to be here, and bring all of You with me. Your thoughts, questions and ideas are with me, and they are apart of what I am thinking about now.

I encourage all of Us to, not lament Our meeting being a past and not a present, and instead, take what We thought, what We felt, what We decided, with each of Us. Don’t leave our meeting and everything therein behind You. Please carry all that with you, to your own spaces and times, and into the futures We are trying to live with Our Black Geographies.

Until the next,

Ampson Hagan  
Doctoral Candidate  
Department of Anthropology  
UNC-Chapel Hill



## **AAG 2018: NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

*Some things to do in New Orleans*

### **Research / Education**

1. Amistad Research Center (Tulane University)
2. Howard-Tilton Memorial Library (Tulane University)
3. New Orleans African American Museum of Art, Culture, and History
4. [The River Road African American History Museum](#) (about an hour from NOLA in Donaldsville, LA).

### **Community Garden/Urban Farm Initiatives**

1. [Sprout NOLA](#)
2. [Grow DAT Youth Farm](#)
3. [New Orleans Food and Farm Network](#)
4. [Hollygrove Market and Farm](#) – *Location: 8301 Olive Street*
5. Little Sparrow Farm – *Location: South Cortez Street @ Cleveland Avenue (Midcity)*
6. Sun Harvest Kitchen Garden – *Location: 1237-1241 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard (Central City)*

### **Entertainment**

1. Le Bon Temp Roule
2. Soul Power with Soul Sister (WWOZ 90.7 FM)  
Saturday nights 8:00pm-10:00pm
3. Soulful Takeover Party with DJ Soul Sister  
Location: [One Eyed Jacks](#) (see [flyer](#))  
Date: Friday, April 13, 2018
4. Soul Rebel Brass Band (Performance)  
Location: [Le Bon Temp Roule](#)  
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018

## BLACK GEOGRAPHIES SPECIALTY GROUP CALENDAR

Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers

New Orleans, LA

April 9-April 14, 2018

(\*\*\* denotes BGSF-organized events)

### MONDAY, APRIL 9

#### **Black Geographies Past and Present: A Visit to the Whitney Plantation and the Black Geographies City Tour** (BGSF Field Trip)\*\*\*

Monday, April 9

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

*Register for field trip via the AAG website*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 10

#### **Geographies of Black Displacement Walking Tour**

Tuesday, April 10

10:00 AM-12:30 PM

*Register for field trip via the AAG website*

#### **African Life in the French Quarter Walking Tour**

Tuesday, April 10

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

*Register for field trip via the AAG website*

#### **Jazz and Maps at the Mint**

Tuesday, April 11

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

*Register for field trip via the AAG website*

#### **New Orleans Walking Tour: Public Education, Race, and Katrina**

Tuesday, April 10

2:00 PM-4:30 PM

*Register for field trip via the AAG website*

#### **Land justice in the city**

Tuesday, April 10

8:00 AM-9:40 AM

Napoleon D2, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**As the South Goes... Racial Capitalism and Organizing Against the Plantation Regime in the U.S. South**

Tuesday, April 10  
8:00 AM-9:40 AM  
Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Special Presentation by Dr. Perry Carter: Seeking those who are Absent yet ever Present -- Representations of the Enslaved at Ghanaian and Louisianan Tourist Sites**

Tuesday, April 10  
10:00 AM-11:40 AM  
Galerie 1, Marriott, 2nd Floor

**Reflections on Berkeley Black Geographies 2017**

Tuesday, April 10  
12:40 PM-2:20 PM  
Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Insurgent Black Geographies**

Tuesday, April 10  
2:40 PM-4:20 PM  
Napoleon D2, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Representations of the Black Spatial Imaginary**

Tuesday, April 10  
2:40 PM-4:20 PM  
Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Workshop on Online Engagement for Minority Scholars (Part 1)**

Tuesday, April 10  
2:40 PM-4:20 PM  
Oak Alley, Sheraton, 4th Floor

**How Racism Takes Place: New Narratives of Race, Place and Geography, Session I**

Tuesday, April 10  
4:40 PM-6:20 PM  
Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Workshop on Online Engagement for Minority Scholars (Part 2)**

Tuesday, April 10  
4:40 PM-6:20 PM  
Oak Alley, Sheraton, 4th Floor



**Centering Racial and Global Agrifood (In)Justice in Agrarian Practice**

Tuesday, April 10  
4:40 PM-6:20 PM  
Rampart, Sheraton, 5th Floor

**Presidential Plenary: “When the Big Easy Isn’t So Easy: Learning from New Orleans’ Geographies of Struggle” by Derek Alderman**

Tuesday, April 10  
6:30 PM- 8:30 PM  
Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Sheraton

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**

**Zydeco, Gumbo, and Black Innovators: A Day Trip to Southwestern Louisiana Creole Country**

Wednesday, April 11  
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
*Register for field trip via the AAG website*

**Louisiana's Historic River Road**

Wednesday, April 11, 8:00 AM– 5:00 PM  
*Register for field trip via the AAG website*

**Geographies of Land//Liberation 1**

Wednesday, April 11  
8:00 AM-9:40 AM  
Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Geographies of Land//Liberation 2**

Wednesday, April 11  
10:00-11:40 PM  
Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Revisiting the Black Atlantic: The present and future of Black Geographies**

Wednesday, April 11  
10:00 AM-11:40 AM  
Napoleon D2, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Critical Race Geographies of New Orleans**

Wednesday, April 11  
10:00 AM-11:40 AM  
Borgne Room, Sheraton, 3rd Floor

**Ethnic Geography in the Trump Era: Diversity, Bigotry, and Activism**

Wednesday, April 11

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Where's the Justice? Critical Approaches to Environmental Justice Research I: Anti-Colonial & Community Perspectives**

Wednesday, April 11

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Rampart, Sheraton, 5th Floor

**Black Matters are Spatial Matters**

Wednesday, April 11

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Borgne Room, Sheraton, 3rd Floor

**Where's the Justice? Critical Approaches to Environmental Justice Research II: Governance, Risk, and Toxins**

Wednesday, April 11

3:20 PM-5:00 PM

Rampart, Sheraton, 5th Floor

**50th Anniversary of the MLK Assassination: Revisiting the Memory and Continuing Urgency of the African American Freedom Struggle**

Wednesday, April 11

3:20 PM-5:00 PM

Borgne Room, Sheraton, 3rd Floor

**How Racism Takes Place in the Academy: A Workshop on Structural Racism and Implicit Bias in the Ivory Tower**

Wednesday, April 11

5:20 PM-7:00 PM

Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Where's the Justice? Critical Approaches to Environmental Justice Research III: Spaces of Oppression & Resistance**

Wednesday, April 11

5:20 PM-7:00 PM

Rampart, Sheraton, 5th Floor

**Cultural Geography Specialty Group Marquee Address by Michael Crutcher**

Wednesday, April 11

5:20 PM-7:00 PM

Borgne Room, Sheraton, 3rd Floor

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12**

**A People's Guide to New Orleans: Resistance in the Treme**

Thursday, April 12

10:00 PM– 12:00 PM

*Register for field trip via the AAG website*

**Forty Years Later: Harold Rose's Geographies of Despair and Contentious Sites of Belonging**

Thursday, April 12

10:00 AM-11:40 AM

Napoleon C3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Tracing Black Queer Spatialities - #1**

Thursday, April 12

10:00 AM-11:40 AM

Napoleon D2, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Reflections on Black Europe**

Thursday, April 12

10:00 AM-11:40 AM

Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Black Geographies Specialty Group Mentorship Panel\*\*\***

Thursday, April 12

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Napoleon C3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Tracing Black Queer Spatialities - #2**

Thursday, April 12

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Napoleon D2, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Latinx Geographies I: Urban Politics and Resistance**

Thursday, April 12

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Edgewood AB, Sheraton, 4th Floor

**Latinx Geographies II: Borders, Migration and Activism**

Thursday, April 12

3:20 PM-5:00 PM

Edgewood AB, Sheraton, 4th Floor

**Robert Bullard's Plenary Talk: "The Quest for Environmental and Climate Justice: Why Race and Place Still Matter."**

Thursday, April 12

3:20 PM - 5:00 PM

Grand Ballroom A-C, 5th Floor, Sheraton

**A Conversation on Black Spatial Imaginaries with George Lipsitz**

Thursday, April 12

5:20 PM-7:00 PM

Napoleon C3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Latinx Geographies III: Envisioning Alternatives**

Thursday, April 12

5:20 PM-7:00 PM

Edgewood AB, Sheraton, 4th Floor

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13**

**Interpreting Slavery at River Road Plantations**

Friday, April 13, 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

*Register for Field Trip via the AAG website*

**Abolition Ecologies 1**

Friday, April 13

8:00 AM-9:40 AM

Napoleon C3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Abolition Ecologies 2**

Friday, April 13

10:00 AM-11:40 AM

Napoleon C3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Decolonization Epistemologies: Black Women Creating Space Between the Words**

Friday, April 13

10:00 AM-11:40 AM

Napoleon D2, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Black Geographies Specialty Group Business Meeting\*\*\***

Friday, April 13

11:50 AM-1:10 PM

Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Author Meets Critics: Peter J. Hudson's Bankers and Empire: How Wall Street Colonized the Caribbean**

Friday, April 13

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**How Racism Takes Place: New Narratives of Race, Place and Geography, Session II**

Friday, April 13

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Napoleon C3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Value-Based Praxis in Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) and Action for Social and Environmental Equity I**

Friday, April 13

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Napoleon A2, Sheraton, 3rd Floor

**Back to the City: Food, Gentrification, and Displacement**

Friday, April 14

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Bayside B, Sheraton, 4th Floor

**White Supremacy and the (Re)Making of America**

Friday, April 13

1:20 PM-3:00 PM

Napoleon D2, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**How Racism Takes Place: New Narratives of Race, Place and Geography, Session III**

Friday, April 13

3:20 PM-5:00 PM

Napoleon C3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Author Meets Critics - Ted Rutland's Displacing Blackness: Planning, Power, and Race in Twentieth-Century Halifax**

Friday, April 13

3:20 PM-5:00 PM

Napoleon D3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Value-Based Praxis in Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) and Action for Social and Environmental Equity II**

Friday, April 13  
3:20 PM-5:00 PM  
Napoleon A2, Sheraton, 3rd Floor

**Black Geographies Specialty Group Inaugural Plenary by DJ Lynnée Denise\*\*\***

Friday, April 13  
5:20 PM-7:00 PM  
Napoleon C3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Capitalism Nature Socialism Keynote: Land, Autonomy, and Inclusivity in the Tiny House Strategy**

Friday, April 13  
5:20 PM-7:00 PM  
Astor Ballroom III, Astor, 2nd Floor

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14**

**Revolutionary Methodologies: Strategies and Implications of Challenging Hegemonic Knowledge Production**

Saturday, April 14  
8:00 AM-9:40 AM  
Studio 6, Marriott, 2nd Floor

**Space, Place and Music: New Research in the Study of Geography and Music**

Saturday, April 14  
10:00 AM-11:40 AM  
Napoleon B2, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**Changing Face of Harlem: Documentary Screening**

Saturday, April 14  
10:00 AM-11:40 AM  
Napoleon B3, Sheraton 3rd Floor

**New Perspectives on Mediterranean Integration I: Identity, Citizenship, Belonging**

Saturday, April 14  
2:00 PM-3:40 PM  
Napoleon A1, Sheraton, 3rd Floor

**Clyde Woods' Development Drowned and Reborn: The Blues and Bourbon Restorations in Post-Katrina New Orleans**

Saturday, April 14  
2:00 PM-3:40 PM  
Maurepas, Sheraton, 3rd Floor



## **Recent Publications**

- Barron, M. (2017). Remediating a Sense of Place: Memory and Environmental Justice in Anniston, Alabama. *Southeastern Geographer* 57(1): 62–79.
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- Brand, A. (2017). “The Duality of Space: The Built World of Du Bois’ Double-Consciousness.” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.
- Craft, R.A. (2017). “Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea.” *Souls* 19 (1): 91–107.
- Darden, J.T. Blacks, and Latinos in the United States: The Persistent Struggle for Equality in Frazier, J., Tettey-Fio, E., & Henry, N. eds. Race, Ethnicity, and Place in a Changing America. State University of New York Press. 2016, Chapter 14, 211- 222.
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## #Marielle Presente

Como coletivo comprometido com focalizar a negritude e como um povo com consciência global, convidamos a prestar solidariedade ao Movimento Negro e ao povo brasileiro após os assassinatos da vereadora do Rio de Janeiro Marielle Franco e seu motorista, Anderson Pedro Gomes, na noite do dia 14 de março deste ano. A vereadora Marielle Franco estava saindo de um evento de empoderamento das mulheres negras quando um carro se aproximou e um atirador disparou treze tiros, assassinando ela e seu motorista. As mídias locais mostram que as munições usadas para matar Marielle e Anderson foram compradas em 2006 pela Polícia Federal.

A vereadora Marielle Franco era uma ativista política radical, negra e bissexual, voz do povo das favelas do Rio de Janeiro. Ela era mãe, membro do Partido de Socialismo e Liberdade (PSOL), defensora dos direitos da mulher, militante da igualdade LGBT, e bem conhecida por seu trabalho social nas favelas. Durante anos, ela denunciou abertamente a brutalidade policial recorrente contra as populações mais marginalizadas da cidade. Nascida e criada no complexo das favelas da Maré, as perspectivas progressistas da Marielle levaram-na a conquistar o cargo de vereadora em 2016. Ela era a única mulher negra em uma Câmara de 51 representantes.

Dias antes do seu assassinato, a vereadora Marielle Franco foi nomeada relatora da comissão responsável por acompanhar a intervenção federal na segurança pública do Rio de Janeiro recentemente decretada pelo presidente Michel Temer. A intervenção militar era uma tentativa para conter a onda de violência. Em vez disso, o resultado tem sido a aterrorização dos mais marginalizados da cidade através de táticas que incluem a invasão de casas nas favelas. Um dos últimos posts da vereadora Franco em mídia social denunciou a morte de um negro jovem, Matheus Melo, que foi baleado durante uma agressão policial nas favelas.

Nós entendemos estes assassinatos como parte de um fenômeno global de anti-negritude, que se manifesta através de violência cotidiana contra o povo Negro, a supressão de vozes políticas Negras, o deslocamento de terras Negras, a exploração do trabalho Negro, o apagamento de culturas e histórias Negras, e a violência sexual e de gênero contra as mulheres Negras, queers e pessoas trans. Tais atrocidades nunca nos calarão ou impedirão nossa luta pela libertação Negra.

Escrevemos em solidariedade com as dezenas de milhares de pessoas que foram às ruas em luto e luta em mais de 20 cidades no Brasil, e também com inúmeros indivíduos e organizações Negras, queer, e feministas que continuam se comprometendo com a vida e libertação Negra. Agora, mais que nunca, este coletivo se compromete a ser um veículo de estímulo à reflexão crítica sobre os assuntos, os processos, as qualidades intrínsecas, e as interconexões que moldam as vidas e geografias Negras em escalas locais, nacionais, continentais, e internacionais. Os legados do colonialismo e o imperialismo tem contribuído para a exploração de afrodescendentes e para as propriedades estruturais e sociais do racismo anti-Negro no Brasil. Devemos, portanto, nos dedicar a lutar contra e criar alternativas a essas heranças destrutivas.

*Em solidariedade,*

*As Comissões Especiais de Geografias Negras, Perspectivas Geográficas sobre Mulheres (GPOW), América Latina, Geografias Latinx e Espaço e Sexualidade da Associação Americana de Geógrafos*

As a collective committed to centering Blackness and as global people of conscience, we call for solidarity with the Black Movement and the people of Brazil following the assassinations of Rio de Janeiro City Councilwoman, Marielle Franco, and her driver, Anderson Pedro Gomes, on the night of March 14, 2018. Councilwoman Franco was driving back from a Black women's empowerment event when a car drove up alongside hers, and shot into her car thirteen times, killing her and her driver. Local reporting shows that the ammunition used to kill Councilwoman Franco and Mr. Gomes was linked to the Federal Police.

Councilwoman Franco was a radical Black lesbian activist-politician who was a voice of the poor of Rio de Janeiro's favelas. She was a mother, a member of the leftist Socialism and Liberty Party (PSOL), a women's rights activist, a LGBT equality campaigner, and was known for her social work in the favelas. For years, she openly denounced the police brutality that was all too common against the city's most marginalized populations. A product of the favela complex of Maré, Councilwoman Franco's progressive views won her the vote as a city councilwoman in 2016. She was the only Black female representative on a City Council of 51 members.

Several days before her assassination, Councilwoman Franco was appointed as the rapporteur of a commission responsible for inspecting the recent military intervention decreed by president Michel Temer. The federal military intervention was a measure meant to curb rising violence. Instead it has resulted in the terrorization of the city's poor via tactics that include the invasion of homes in the favelas. One of Councilwoman Franco's last posts on social media suggested that the death of a young Black man, Matheus Melo, was the result of overly aggressive policing in these favela raids.

We understand these slayings to be a part of a global phenomenon of anti-Blackness, manifested through routine violence against Black peoples, suppression of Black political voices, displacement from Black lands, exploitation of Black labor, erasure of Black cultures and histories, and gender and sexual violence against Black women, queer and transgender people. Such atrocities will never silence us or stop our fight for Black liberation.

We write in solidarity with the tens of thousands who took to the streets in mourning and protest across more than 20 cities in Brazil, as well as the countless other Black, queer, and feminist individuals and organizations that continue to commit themselves to the cause of Black life and liberation. Now, more than ever, we commit this collective to be a vehicle for encouraging critical reflection on the issues, processes, intrinsic qualities, and interconnections that shape Black lives and geographies on local, national, continental, and international scales. The legacies of colonialism and imperialism have long contributed to exploitation of African descendants and the structural and social properties of anti-Black racism in Brazil. We must, therefore, devote ourselves to struggling against, and creating alternatives to, these destructive inheritances.

In solidarity,

*The Black Geographies, Geographic Perspectives on Women, Latin America, Latinx Geographies, and Sexuality and Space Specialty Groups*

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Como colectivo comprometido con centrar la negritud y como gente global de consciencia, convocamos a la solidaridad con el Movimiento Negro y el pueblo brasileño tras los asesinatos de la Representante del Consejo Municipal de Río de Janeiro, Marielle Franco, y su chofer, Anderson Pedro Gomes, la noche del 14 de marzo del presente año. La Representante Franco regresaba de un evento celebrando el empoderamiento de la mujer negra cuando un automóvil se le acercó y personas desconocidas dispararon trece veces, matándola a ella y a su chofer. Noticieros locales reportaron que las municiones utilizadas en el asesinato de ambos fueron compradas en 2006 por la Policía Federal.

Marielle Franco era una activista-política radical, lesbiana y Negra, quien hablaba en representación de los pobres de las favelas de Río de Janeiro. Era una madre, miembro del Partido Socialismo y Libertad (PSOL), activista de los derechos de la mujer y LGBTQ y conocida por su trabajo social en las favelas. Desde hace años, denunciaba abiertamente la brutalidad policiaca que es demasiado común en contra de la población marginalizada de la ciudad. Nacida y crecida en el complejo de favelas de Maré, su visión progresista le ganó los votos para que fuera elegida como miembro del Consejo Municipal en 2016. Era la única mujer negra representante en un Consejo de 51 miembros.

Algunos días antes de su asesinato, Franco fue nombrada como relatora de una comisión responsable de investigar la intervención militar reciente decretada por el presidente Michel Temer. La intervención fue un intento de disminuir el aumento de la violencia. Sin embargo, esta sirve para aterrorizar a los residentes pobres, a través de tácticas como la invasión de casas en las favelas. Uno de los últimos comunicados de la representante en los medios sociales indicaba que la muerte de un joven negro, Matheus Melo, era el resultado de la agresión policiaca durante las redadas de las favelas.

Entendemos estos asesinatos como parte de un fenómeno global de anti-negritud, manifestado a través de la violencia cotidiana contra los pueblos negros, la represión de voces políticas negras, el desplazamiento de tierras negras, la explotación del trabajo negro, la ocultación de culturas y historias negras, la violencia de género y sexo contra mujeres, queers y personas trans. Queremos dejar claro que no hay ninguna atrocidad que pueda silenciarnos o parar nuestras luchas por la libertad negra.

Escribimos en solidaridad con las miles de personas quienes tomaron las calles en protesta en más de 20 ciudades en Brasil, tanto como innumerables organizaciones negras, queer, y feministas que continúan comprometiéndose con la causa de la vida y liberación negra. Ahora, más que nunca, nos comprometemos como colectivo como vehículo para facilitar la reflexión crítica sobre los asuntos, procesos, calidades y nexos que están creando vidas y geografías negras en escalas locales, nacionales, continentales y globales. El legado del colonialismo e imperialismo han contribuido a la explotación de descendientes de África y a un racismo anti-negro en Brasil. Tenemos que dedicarnos a luchar en contra de, y crear alternativas a, esta herencia destructiva.

En solidaridad,

*The Black Geographies, Geographic Perspectives on Women, Latin America, Latinx Geographies, and Sexuality and Space Specialty Groups*

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