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**Education**

- 2013 Ph.D., University of Chicago, Anthropology
- 2008 MA, University of Chicago, Anthropology
- 2002 MA, Yale University, International Relations
- 2000 BA, Howard University, Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude

**Academic Appointments**

- 2023- Associate Professor, Anthropology, Northwestern University
- 2021-2023 Associate Professor, Anthropology, Reed College
- 2016-2021 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Reed College
- 2015-2016 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Purdue University
- 2014-2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Anthropology and Environmental Studies, Williams College
- 2012-2014 Scholar in Residence, Anthropology, Reed College
- 2011- 2012 Research Affiliate, Center for Rural Studies, State University of Campinas (Unicamp), Institute for Philosophy and Human Sciences, São Paulo, Brazil, Project “As Formas do Acampamento”
- 2010 Lecturer, Indiana University – Northwest, Anthropology and Sociology
- 2009-2012 Lecturer, University of Chicago, Social Sciences Division

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

**Book**

- 2023 *Unsettling Agribusiness: Indigenous Protests and Land Conflict in Brazil*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.

**Edited Journals**

- 2025 “Property and the Matter of Belonging”, Co-Editors Meghan Morris, Gregory Duff Morton, and Lee Cabatingan *PoLar: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 48(1).
- 2017 “Afro-Brazilian Citizenship and the Politics of History”, Co-Editors Merle Bowen and Sean Mitchell. *African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal* 10(2).

**Articles**

- 2025 “Spirit Owners, Ethno-Racial Critique, and Indigenous Land Struggle in Brazil,” *PoLar: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 48(1). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/plar.70003>
- 2025 “Property and the Matter of Belonging,” Co-Authors Meghan Morris, Gregory Duff Morton, and Lee Cabatingan. Introduction to Special Section of *PoLar: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 48(1). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/plar.70005>
- 2022 “Segurando a Onda: Resiliência negra e LGBTI+ feminismo em meio à virada reacionária no Rio de Janeiro” in *Democracia Precária: Etnografias de Esperança, Desespero, e Resistência no Brasil*. Edited by Benjamin Junge, Alvaro Jarrin, Lucia Cantero, and Sean T. Mitchell. Porto Alegre: Editora Zouk.

- 2021 “The Overseen and Unseen: Agribusiness Plantations and Indigenous Land Struggle in Brazil,” *American Anthropologist* 123(1):82-95. <https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.13519>
- 2021 “Holding the Wave: Black LGBTI+ Feminist Resilience Amidst the Reactionary Turn in Rio de Janeiro”, in *Precarious Democracy: Ethnographies of Hope, Despair, and Resistance in Brazil after the Pink Tide*. Edited by Benjamin Junge, Alvaro Jarrin, Lucia Cantero, and Sean T. Mitchell. Newark: Rutgers University Press.
- 2020 “Re-Thinking the State in Africa Through Gabon’s Aesthetics of Governance,” *Social Dynamics: a Journal of African Studies* 46(1):104-131. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02533952.2020.1747737>
- 2017 “Black Invisibility on a Brazilian ‘Frontier’: Land and Identity in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil,” *African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal* 10(2): 131-142. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17528631.2016.1189694>
- 2013 “Identity, Territory, and Land Conflict in Brazil,” *Development and Change* 44(2): 451-471. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dech.12010>
- 2013 “Identity, Territory, and Land Conflict in Brazil” in *Governing the Global Land Grab: The Role of the State in the Rush for Land*, Edited by Wendy Wolford, Saturnino M. Borrás Jr., Ruth Hall, Ian Scoones, and Ben White, London: Wiley.

### Awards & Grants

- 2022 Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study Writing Fellowship, University of Johannesburg [declined]
- 2021-22 Wenner-Gren Foundation Workshop Grant, Co-Organizer
- 2019 Ruby Lankford Research Fellowship, Reed College
- 2014-2015 Williams College, Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2013-2014 University of Michigan NCID Exemplary Diversity Scholar Citation
- 2012-2014 Consortium on Faculty Diversity Fellowship, Reed College
- 2010-2013 Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Fellowship
- 2010 Land Development Politics Initiative Grant (Cornell University)
- 2009-2010 Fulbright IIE Grant
- 2008 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS), Summer Language Study Grant
- 2007 & 2008 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS), Academic Year Fellowship
- 2007 & 2008 Tinker Field Research Grant, University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies
- 2006 University of Chicago Center for the Study of Race, Culture and Politics, Field Research Travel Grant
- 1999 Thomas Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship, United States Department of State
- 1998 Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Fellowship, Howard University

### Guest Lectures/Symposiums

- 2025 “Coping and Longing: Black LGBT+ Activism Amidst a Far-Right Turn in Rio de Janeiro,” Princeton University. Princeton, NJ. April 14.
- 2024 “Black LGBT+ Feminism and the Politics of Revelry in Rio de Janeiro”, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. March 11.
- 2023 “Pleasure and Violence Roundtable”, *Feminisms Unbound*, Consortium for Graduate

- Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality, based at MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 2022 “Black and Indian Land Holding in Brazil”, UNCF/Mellon Programs Faculty Seminar, *Africans, Their Descendants, and Native Americans: History and Legacy*, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA, August 2.
- 2022 “Black LGBT+ Feminism and the Politics of Revelry in Rio de Janeiro”, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. January 24.
- 2020 “Black Queer Feminism and the Politics of Revelry in Rio de Janeiro”, Tufts University, Medford, MA, October 8.
- 2019 “Brazil Today: Is Democracy Endangered?”, University of British Columbia Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions (School of Public Policy and Global Affairs) and the Latin American Studies Program. Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 1.
- 2018 Seminario Sobre Assasinos de População LGBT [Seminar on Violence against LGBT People in Brazil], Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 25.
- 2018 “‘When We Are Free, Then Everyone Will Be Free’: Black Lesbian Feminism in the United States and Brazil”, Universidade Federal Fluminense [Federal Fluminense University], Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 21.
- 2018 “Racial Tethers: Indigenous Land Struggle and Agribusiness in Brazil”, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa, March 15.
- 2016 “To Help and to Hinder: Rural Development, State Advocacy, and Land Conflict in Brazil”, Lewis and Clark College Environmental Studies Symposium. Portland, OR. October 19.
- 2014 "Floating Labor in a Bind: Agribusiness and Land Conflict in Brazil," State University of New York, Geneseo, NY, February 11.
- \_\_\_\_\_. American University, Washington, D.C., January 27.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, January 24.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, January 16.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Williams College, Williamstown, MA, January 13.
- 2014 "Biofuels and Land Conflict in Brazil," on a panel titled “Displaced: Land Grabs and the Politics of Biofuels,” University of Chicago Center for International Studies, Chicago, IL, January 9.
- 2012 “Social Movements in Latin America”, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
- 2011 “A História de Antropologia nos Estados Unidos e Abordagens Teóricas na América Latina” [The History of American Anthropology and Theoretical Approaches to Latin America], Universidade Estadual de Mato Grosso do Sul (State University of Mato Grosso do Sul), Amambai, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil.
- 2011 “Teorias de Transformações Econômicas e Sociais na Antropologia” [Anthropological Theories of Economic and Social Change], Universidade Federal de Grande Dourados (Federal University of Greater Dourados), Dourados, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil.
- 2009 “Land Struggle in Brazil,” St. Xavier College, Chicago, IL.

### **Conferences and Workshops**

- 2025 “Scenes of Regimentation: Property and Sex Regimes in the Deep South,” Society for Cultural Anthropology Biennial Conference, Stony Point, NY, May 9.

- 2024 "Demarcation: the Making of Property's Subjects and Objects," Panel Organizer, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, November 21.
- 2023 "Political Aesthetics," Roundtable Participant, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada. November 18.
- 2022 "Demarcation: the Making of Property's Subjects and Objects," Wenner-Gren Foundation Workshop, Co-Organizer and Participant. Portland, OR. October 21-22.
- 2021 "Collaborative Ecologies: Anthropologies of (and for) Survival in the More-Than-Human City," Wenner Gren Foundation Workshop Participant. September 30-October 1.
- 2020 "Sex, Race, and Resistance in Brazil," Panel Organizer and Presenter, Latin American Studies Association 38<sup>th</sup> Congress, Guadalajara, Mexico. Panel Accepted.
- 2019 "Relations of Dis/Possession: Prospects for an Anthropology of Property," Panel Co-Organizer and Presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada. November 21.
- 2019 "Black Queer Feminism and the Politics of Revelry in Rio de Janeiro," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada. November 22.
- 2019 "Spiritual Warfare and Ethno-Racial Land Conflict in Brazil," Forced Displacements in the Americas Workshop, Brown University, April 4-7.
- 2018 "Re-Membering Reality in Indigenous Land Claims in Center-West Brazil," Panel Co-Organizer, Latin American Studies Association 36<sup>th</sup> Congress, Barcelona, Spain, May 24.
- 2017 "The Politics of Memory and Claims-Making in Brazil," Panel Co-Organizer, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 29.
- 2017 "Re-presentation and Racial Sincerity in Indigenous Land Claims," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 29.
- 2017 "Ontology, Cosmology, and the Politics of Ethno-Racial Difference," Panel Co-Organizer, Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Biennial Conference, New Orleans, LA, May 15-17.
- 2017 "Guarani 'Being' and Land Struggle," Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Biennial Conference, New Orleans, LA, May 15-17.
- 2016 "The Production of the Brazilian Countryside in the Era of Agribusiness," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 18.
- 2016 "Reaching for Blackness: The Material Stakes of Race in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil," XXXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, New York, NY, May 29.
- 2014 "Labor, Livelihoods, and Land Conflict in Mato Grosso do Sul Brazil," Society for Cultural Anthropology Biennial Conference, Detroit, MI, May 2014.
- 2013 "Ethno-Racially Marked Bodies And/Despite Liberal Citizenship in Brazil," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 19-24.
- 2013 "Black (In)Visibility on a Brazilian 'Frontier': Black and Quilombo Struggles for Land in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil," Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora, 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, November 2.
- 2013 "Floating Labor in a Bind: State Work Documents and Land Conflict in Rural Brazil," Latin American Studies Association 31<sup>st</sup> Congress, Washington, DC, May 29-June 3.
- 2012 "Indigenous Protest Camps and the Production of Space In Mato Grosso Do Sul, Brazil," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 14-18.

- 2012 “Rural Land Conflict in Brazil: How Private Security Forces and State Welfare Programs Limit Access to Food in Dourados, Brazil,” Feeding the World: Challenges to Achieving Food Security, University of Chicago Summer Teacher Institute, Chicago, IL, June 26.
- 2012 “Shared Borders-Divergent Movements: Guaranis, Quilombos, and MST Land Conflicts in Brazil,” Latin American Studies Association 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, San Francisco, CA, May 23-26.
- 2011 “Conflitos Territoriais e Identitárias no Sul do Mato Grosso do Sul [Territorial and Identity Conflicts in Southern Mato Grosso do Sul],” IX Reunião de Antropologia do Mercosul, “Culturas, Encontros e Desigualdades,” Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil, July.
- 2011 “Green Energy and Land Struggle: Concepts of Indigeneity, Family and Territory in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil,” Land Deal Politics Initiative Conference, “Global Land Grabbing,” University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, April 29.
- 2010 “Ethanol Production and Land Conflict in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil,” Fulbright Regional Enhancement Conference, Montevideo, Uruguay, May 2010.

### **Teaching/Courses**

Property and Its Critics  
 Queer Politics and Pleasures  
 Country and City in Latin America  
 Race and Modernity  
 Nature, Culture, Environmentalisms  
 Black Queer Diaspora  
 Time and Space  
 Ontological Politics  
 Black, Indian, and Other in Brazil  
 Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Methods  
 Human Cultural Diversity  
 Urban-Rural Change in Latin America  
 Power, Identity and Resistance