

CASTRIELA ESTHER HERNÁNDEZ REYES

U.S. Address: 17 Chesterfield Drive, Amherst, MA, 01002

Cellphone +57 301 5447846 (Colombia)

• email: chernandez@umass.edu

<https://www.castrielahernandezreyes.com>

EDUCATION

Expected Spring 2023	Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Dissertation title:	<i>“Black women survivors and the materiality of race, gender, body, and racism within the Colombian armed conflict and transitional justice”</i>
Advisor:	Whitney Battle-Baptiste, Ph.D.
2015	M.A. Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2017	Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies Women, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2015	Graduate Certificate in African Diaspora Studies, W. E. B. Du Bois, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2015	Graduate Certificate in Latin American, Caribbean and Latin Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2011	Specialist in Management of Regional Development, Los Andes University
2010	B.A. Education in Social Science, Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race, gender, class, and ethnicity; Black and Decolonial feminism; Racism and Armed conflict; Gendered and racialized political economy of war; Ecology, Extractivism and racial capitalism in South America; Black women's history and struggles; Cultural Anthropology; Sexual violence and Reproductive rights; Black activism and Social movements; Ethnographic methods; Forced migration; Racial Justice and Land dispossession; Human rights and Transitional justice; Critical race theory; and Truth and Memory.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

- | | |
|------|---|
| 2021 | International Winter School in Mujeres afro e indígenas: luchas desde Colombia y Latinoamérica, online, Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy, December 02 – 04. |
| 2021 | Cátedra del Caribe Colombiano: “Afro-descendant peoples, race and ethnicity”, online, Universidad del Norte, August 30 & September 1. |
| 2021 | Cátedra del Caribe Colombiano: “Afro-descendant peoples in the Colombian Caribbean: Presence, struggles and resistance”, online, Universidad del Norte, March 02 -03. |

Teaching Assistant at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

Language, Culture & Communication (Fall 2021 & Fall 2014)
Contemporary Issues in Native America: Focus on the Northeast (Spring 2017)
Human Ecology (Fall 2016)
Inequality and Oppression (Spring 2016)
Ancient Civilization (Fall 2015)
Archaeology and Prehistory (Spring 2015 & 2014)
Introduction to Anthropology Field (Fall 2013)

Guest Lecture

- 2021 “Building Truth and Peace in Colombia: An Epistemology of Absences: Breaking the Silence of More Than Fifty Years of Untold Stories on Black Women Survivors of War in Colombia,” Anthropology Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2021 “San Basilio de Palenque culture and language,” Language, Culture & Communication course, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2021 “Resisting Violence and Organizing Peace.” “Popul/Arte” Public Education Project, Latino Cultural Arts Center of Colorado, online, July 12, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_9p2GvrAEKs
- 2021 “Voces de Resistencia: Poder, Diversidad, y Justicia” online module, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University (Spring)
- 2019 “Política Latino Americana Contemporánea”, Norte University (Spring)
- 2019 “Black Women’s Struggles against Extractivism, Land Dispossession, and Marginalization in Colombia” Universidad del Norte, Colombia, Spring 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Lenguajes Incluyentes: Alternativas Democráticas. Co-authored with María Isabel Mena G. Yeison Arcadio Meneses Copete, & Antonia Agreda. International Organization for Migration (eds.). Bogotá, 2020.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Interrogando la gramática racial de la blanquitud: Hacia una analítica del blanqueamiento en el orden racial colombiano (2020), (co-authored with Vásquez-Padilla, D. H), *Revista de Investigación de América Latina*, 55 (1), 64–80. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.25222/larr.170>

Black Women’s Struggles against Extractivism, Land Dispossession, and Marginalization in Colombia (2019), *Latin American Perspectives* 46(2):217-234. Doi: [10.1177/0094582X19828758](http://doi.org/10.1177/0094582X19828758)

Book Chapters

Creating Inclusive Public Space: Participatory Design Ethnography in a University Library (2022). Co-authored with Krista Harper, Cait Holmrich, Elena Sesma, Vanesa

Giraldo, and Sarah Hutton in *Cool Anthropology: How to engage a broad audience with your research*, Kristina Baines and Victoria Costa (eds.), Toronto University Press.

Género, lenguajes excluyentes y racismo: descolonizando la historicidad de las mujeres afrodescendientes e indígenas en Colombia (110 -132), in *Lenguajes Incluyentes: Alternativas Democráticas*. Authors: María Isabel Mena G. Yeison Arcadio Meneses Copete, Antonia Agreda, and Castriela E. Hernández-Reyes, International Organization for Migration (ed), Bogotá 2020

Black Women's Struggles against Extractivism, Land Dispossession, and Marginalization in Colombia (pages 261 -280) in *Latin American Extractivism: Dependency, Resource Nationalism and Resistance in Broad Perspective* Edited by Steve Ellner, Rowman, and Littlefield, ISBN-13: 978-1538141557 February 2021
<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781538141564/Latin-American-Extractivism-Dependency-Resource-Nationalism-and-Resistance-in-Broad-Perspective>

“Aproximaciones al Sistema de Sexo/Género en la Nueva Granada en los Siglos XVIII & XIX” (pages 29 -76) in *Demando mi Libertad: Mujeres Negras y sus Estrategias de Resistencia en la Nueva Granada, Venezuela y Cuba entre 1700 - 1800*. Aurora Vergara Figueroa & Carmen Cosme Puntiel (Eds.) Universidad Icesi press.

Other Publications

Preface “*Bordar, cantar y cultivar espacios de dignidad: ecologías del duelo y mujeres atrateñas*” book by Natalia Quiceno 2021.

Under Review

A 'bundle of silences': Fifty years of silenced stories on Black women survivors of the War in Colombia. Chapter accepted for publication in *Critical Social Science Perspectives on Black Women in the Americas*, Melanie A. Medeiros & Keisha-Khan Y. Perry, (Eds.)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Compilation of a volume on the resistance strategies of black women in New Granada, Venezuela, and Cuba between 1550-1850 - Centro de Estudios Afro-diaspóricos – CEAF – ICESI University

Researchers: María Ximena Abello Hurtado, Nayibe Katherine Arboleda Hurtado, Angélica María Sánchez Barona, Carmen Luz Cosme Puntiel, Edna Carolina González Barona, Castriela Esther Hernández Reyes, Evelyne Laurent-Perrault, Lina Marcela Mosquera Lemus, Elba Mercedes Palacios Córdoba y Aurora Vergara Figueroa.

This project inaugurates a collaborative production effort in historical research on the strategies of resistance to the slavery of Black women in Latin America. Specifically, It analyzed the diverse methods of resistance that African or Afro-descendant women undertook from the 16th century to the 19th century in what we now know as the republics of Colombia, Venezuela, and Cuba. As a result of this research, the project sought to fill a void in the literature on Black women and how they challenged the slave system since the colony's beginning. As a researcher, I mainly investigated how the discipline and reproductive labor of Black women in the Nueva Granada account for how the racialized

and colonial modern sex/gender system operates and intersects with the contemporary capitalism and racial capitalism in the Americas (February 2014 to June 2018).

Inclusive languages: democratic alternatives Project UN-International Organization for Migration (OIM-Colombia),

Researchers: Castriela E. Hernández-Reyes, María Isabel Mena García, Yeison Arcadio Meneses Copete & Antonia Agreda.

The project “*Inclusive languages: democratic alternatives*” of the Inclusion for Peace Activity (IPA) Program of the UN International Organization for Migration (OIM-Colombia) sought to contribute to reducing the historical invisibility of ethnic-racial peoples in Colombia even from the language itself, the institutional and structural exclusion of Afro-descendant and indigenous people in the country. As a researcher, I examine how structural, institutional, and everyday racism operates through language and law to exclude Black and Indigenous women. As a result of this research, a book was published. (June – November 2020).

Library Transformations Project at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

Advisor: Professor Krista Harper

Researchers: Krista Harper, Cait Holmrich, Elena Sesma, Castriela Hernandez Reyes, Vanesa Giraldo, and Sarah Hutton (2015 -2017)

In this project, we were interested in understanding how students of color experienced the library and especially which spaces felt welcoming or alienating to them. The team conducted ethnographic research in which participant observation field notes, photovoice focus group discussions, and interviews were analyzed. As a result of this research, a book chapter was published as part of the edited book *Cool Anthropology: How to engage a broad audience with your research* (Kristina Baines and Victoria Costa, eds.).

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, and GRANTS

- 2022 Johnnetta Betsch Cole Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2022 Graduate Travel Grant (Professional development), Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2022 Writing Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Anthropology and College of Social Science and Behavior, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2021 Global Black Feminisms Summer Laboratory Fellowship, Black Studies Collaboratory – Andrew Mellon Grant, University of California, Berkeley
- 2021 Doctoral Scholarship, Administrative Department of Science, Technology, and Innovation (Colciencias), Colombia’s Minister of Science
- 2019 Sylvia Forman Graduate Fellowship for Research Fieldwork; Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2019 LASA Travel Grantee Congress: “Nuestra América: Justice and Inclusion” Congress, May 24 – 27, Boston
- 2019 Graduate Travel Grant (Professional development), Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2018 Graduate Travel Grant (Professional development), Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst

- 2017 Pre-Dissertation Award Sylvia Forman Third World Scholarship, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2017 Graduate Travel Grant (Professional development), Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2016 Graduate Travel Grant (Professional development), Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2015 Graduate Travel Grant (Professional development), Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2014 Graduate Travel Grant (Professional development), Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2014 LASA Travel Grantee Congress “XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association,” Chicago, IL
- 2013 Woodbury Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2012 Graduate Fellowship, PORTICUS PROLIC NORTE

CONFERENCES and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS

External Invited Talks

“First International Seminar on Inclusive Education: Debates, Situations, and Contributions for Higher Education (Primer Seminario Internacional de Educación Inclusiva: Debates, Situaciones y Aportes para la Educación Superior), Online Junio 1- 3, 2022. Universidad de Alicante, Instituto Universitario de Estudios Sociales de América Latina (IUESAL), y el Tecnológico de Antioquia, Medellín. See the Summary <https://youtu.be/Ho9W60MVwBg>

“Conversatorio “171 años de resistencia y dignidad: ¿desde donde se configuran los escenarios de libertad para los pueblos negros?”, mayo 19, 2022. Congreso de la República de Colombia.

“Black women, Racism and Racial Capitalism in the context of the Colombian armed conflict” in the Panel 'Spaces of Racialization, Spaces of exclusion, and Sites of Resistance: Racial ideologies, Racisms, and state racialized violence', Mayo 5 – 8, 2022. Congreso virtual de la Asociación de Estudios Latinoamericanos: “Polarización socioambiental y rivalidad entre grandes potencias”,

“Mujeres Negras y Ley de vientres de 1821: Doscientos años de trabajo reproductivo, disciplinamiento corporal y capitalismo racial en Colombia”, XX Congreso Colombiano de Historia, 25 - 29 de abril, 2022. Cartagena, Colombia.

“Catedra de Reparaciones Históricas María Antonia Ruiz: Mesa Esclavización Racismo anti-negro y capitalismo. Narrando estrategias de libertad de las personas esclavizada” Observatorio de Discriminación Racial - Universidad de los Andes, 31 de enero, 2022. Cartagena, Colombia.

“International Conference of Afro-descendants and Memory,” online, Universidad del Norte, August 26, 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BsQVck4ys0>

Law 70/1993 Forum: Construction of the Afro Political Subject in Colombia, online, Banco de la República, August 27, 2021.

“Launch of the Gorée International Specialized Seminar on Childhood (Lanzamiento del Seminario Internacional Especializado sobre Infancias de Gorée), online, March 20, 2021. See the Seminar: <https://youtu.be/hnVySm2GK4U>

“Retos y oportunidades para abordar la historia de las Comunidades Negras, Afrocolombianas, Raizales y Palanqueras en la educación básica y media”, 15 de octubre de 2020. Ministerio de Educación, Colombia.

“The intersection of race, gender and war: Black women's narratives contesting forgetting in Colombia” en el panel Políticas del cuerpo femenino: del espacio nacional al espacio íntimo, XVII Congreso de Antropología en Colombia, 11- 14 de Junio 2019, Universidad ICESI, Cali Colombia.

“Desafíos en la construcción de la verdad sobre el conflicto armado desde una perspectiva histórica, de género y étnico racial en Colombia” on the panel “Conflicto armado en Colombia y acuerdos de paz: verdad, memoria y desafíos”, LASA Congress, May 13 – 16, 2020. Online, México.

“Black women survivors and the insurgent feminism: Rising their voices and contesting forgetting in Colombia,” LASA Congress: “Nuestra América: Justice and Inclusion,” May 24 – 27, 2019. Boston.

International Forum: Territorios, Mujeres y Paz. 14-15-16 de Noviembre de 2017, Buenaventura, Colombia.

“Black women struggle in Colombia and Translocal dialogues in Latin American Contemporary society.” Presentation on the panel Intersectional Approaches and Dialogues on Black Women, Black Feminism(s), and Popular Feminism(s) in Latin America and the Caribbean. The XXXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, April 29 – May 1, 2017. Lima, Peru.

“Raza y Género confrontando el extractivismo: Materialidad de las resistencias de las Mujeres Afrocolombiana en La Toma Cauca, Colombia.” On the panel Diálogos de Saberes y Feminismos Latinoamericanos, april 28, 2017, LASA 2017 –Pre-conferencia – Sexuality, Gender and Feminist Studies section, Lima, Peru.

“I Had to abandon my territory and home as a consequence of War: Black Women narratives and CBPR on the construction of collective memories of the Colombian War history.” Presentation on a panel November 16 -20, 2016. at the 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN.

“Race and Gender in the Construction of Collective Memory of Political Violence in Colombia.” Presentation on a panel, May 27 -30, 2016, at the XXXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, New York, NY.

“La Política de la Memoria y los Silencios profundos en las relaciones entre Guerra, Raza y Género en Colombia.” Presentation on a panel, November 4-7, 2015, at the ASWAD 8th Biennial Conference. African Diaspora Circularities: Forging Communities, Cultures, and Politics,” Charleston, South Carolina.

“El Sistema de Sexo/Género y raza en la Nueva Granada siglos XVIII - XIX: Una mirada epistemica y contra-hegemónica desde el Feminismo Afrodiaspórico.” Presentation on a panel, May 27- 30, 2015, at the LASA2015 / XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

“Las Violencias contra las mujeres Afrocolombianas en el marco de la guerra en Colombia: Silencios profundos/gritos silenciados: como (de) construir memoria histórica?” Presentation on a panel, May 21 -24, 2014, at the LASA2014 / XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago IL.

“Colonial /modern and Racialized Gender System.” Panel Destacado “Estrategias de Resistencia de las Mujeres Negras en la Nueva Granada, Venezuela y Cuba entre 1550-1850” at LASA2014 / XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago IL, Mayo 21 -24, 2014.

“La violación y la violencia sexual. Una mirada desde lo público y privado, la interseccionalidad y la guerra,” Presentation, October 22, 23 & 24 de 2013, at the III Coloquio de Estudios de Género sobre América Latina Proyecto Estudiantil. Escuela de Estudios de Género of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, and Colectivo Estudios de Género en América Latina (CEGAL).

Select Internal Invited Talks

“Toward an Anti-Racist Ethnography and Anthropology of Armed Violence in Colombia, on the panel: Embodied Resilience: Building a Feminist Anthropology. At Engaging Anthropology. UMass Amherst Anthropology, 50th Anniversary Conference, October 3-6, 2019, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

“Intersectionality of Race, Gender, Sexual Violence and War in Times of Political Transition, Memories and Peace in Colombia: Afro-Colombian Women's Cases.” Presentation on a panel at the Dialogues and Challenges in the Study of the African Diaspora in Latin America. 1st Annual Afro-Latin American Graduate Student Conference, April 7-8, 2017, Harvard University and University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

“The Contested Terrain of Extractive Economic Model: Black Women Subjectivities, Land Struggles, and everyday forms of Resistance in Colombia” on a panel Black Women’s Literary and Theoretical Discourses - UMass Amherst Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies Conference: Transformative Feminisms: Interventions and

Innervisions, March 31, 2017, UMass Amherst, Amherst.

“Afro-Colombian Women’s narrative in Building Collective Memory of War.”
Presentation on a panel at the Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference Unbounding
Ethnography: Theory and Method Beyond the Disciplines at the University of
Massachusetts Amherst.

“Why Race and Gender matters in the Colombian Peace Talks between the Colombian
Government and the FARC-ep.” Presentation on the Black Women, Territory and
Peacebuilding in the Twenty-First Century Symposium, November 4 & 5, 2016,
University of Massachusetts Amherst

(Re)Conceptualizing Black Resistance. 2nd Annual Afro-American Studies Graduate
Conference, W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, April 1, 2016,
University of Massachusetts Amherst.

“Racialized and Colonial/Modern Gender System in Latin America.” Presentation on a
panel at the Intersections of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Nation in Colombia, Brazil, and
Cuba Conference, April 24, 2015, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

WORKSHOPS

Global Black Feminisms Summer Laboratory - Workshop, Black Studies Collaboratory
Andrew Mellon Grant, University of California, Berkeley

Workshop: Ancestral knowledge on Health and Reproductive Rights for Ethnic Groups.,
October 10, 11, & 12, 201, Gobernación del Atlántico, Barranquilla.

Workshop Talking about “Midwifery: Ancestral Knowledge, Live Practice.” Centro
Cultural Banco de República, Marzo 15, 2018, Sincelejo, Colombia.

DIVERSITY and PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Advisor and analyst to the Colombian Truth Commission

Tasks: Tasks: Prepare documents and analytical reports for the Plenary of Commissioners;
Support the investigation, construction, and preparation of conceptual papers on the
development of the Commission's mission; Propose and implement processes, procedures,
methods, and instruments necessary to improve the provision of services; Participate in the
formulation, design, organization, execution, and control of plans, programs, and projects.
July 2020 to January 2021.

Gender Specialist to the ONU - International Office for Migration IOM – Inclusion Peace Activity

Tasks: Develop training and education activities in gender and ethnic approach aimed at
women's organizations and authorities, LGBT people and ethnic partners in the territory,
and the IPA team in Bogotá and regional offices; Lead the development of activities for
the implementation of the Gender Strategy of the Inclusion for Peace Program - IPA;
Coordinate and articulate gender mainstreaming actions and intersections with the
Program Managers and regional offices; Lead and accompany, from technical knowledge

in gender and ethnic approach, the proper implementation of gender projects; Review products, achievement of goals and deliveries; Provide support to grassroots organizations that lead and implement gender projects in coordination with the Management, the Donation Fund team, and the Regional Offices. November 2019 to July 2020

Consultant & Researcher to the International Office for Migration IOM/UN

Tasks: Research language and exclusion against black and Indigenous women; write a chapter guided by the following structure: 1. Origins of certain words, notions, and discourses referring to ethnic groups from a gender perspective. 2. Political, economic, and social interests are underlying the exclusionary rhetoric referring to ethnic groups from a gender perspective. 3. Historical and daily effects of using such exclusionary languages in these social sectors' realities and daily life. 4. Reflections on the exercises of power that reproduce such discourses. July to October 2019.

Advocacy, Inclusion and Support Area (U.D. Incluyente) of the Institutional Welfare Office of the Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas

Tasks: Provide professional support in diversity and inclusion and represent the University in related issues; propose and coordinate activities and institutional policies that recognize the ethnic and cultural diversity of the country and the university; advise the University's Board of Directors and the Admissions Committee about ethnic groups and advise and follow up on black and indigenous students admitted through special quotas, 2012, Bogotá – Colombia.

Academic Coordinator and teacher of the partnership project between the District Secretary of Education, the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), and the Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas

Tasks: Coordinate the diploma course and develop a methodological and didactic proposal of the ordinary nuclei of the Diploma in Social Projects, Public Policies, and Afro-ethno-education as Affirmative Action focuses on the Afro-Colombian population; Coordinate the team of teachers of the Diploma; Dynamize and follow up the fulfillment of the plan of activities; Coordinate and evaluate the projects developed in the diploma course. September 2011 – January 2012, Bogotá, Colombia.

Professional coordinator and teaching within the partnership between the Ministry of National Education and the Francisco José de Caldas Distrital University: Intervention Strategies for Reducing Drop out and improving the Academic Achievement of Students in First Semester in the Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas

Tasks: Coordinate and support the development of activities related to the execution of the educational partnership; help the construction and teaching of the literacy module; analyze the results of the characterization surveys of the beneficiary students and prepare academic reports on the results of the project. October 2010 – January 2011, Bogotá, Colombia.

SERVICE and PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

University Service

Treasurer, GSO - Association of Latin American and Caribbean Students (ALACS),

UMass Amherst Treasurer, GSO- Anthropology Graduate Caucus organization, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2016- 2017)

Treasure, GSO, Anthropology Graduate Caucus organization, University of Massachusetts Amherst. 2015- 2016).

Co-founder and Vice President GSO “The South American and Caribbean Council of Afro Graduate Students Council,” UMASS Amherst 2016 -

Co-founder GSO KILOMBO, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2013 -

Service to Professional

Reviewer, Revista CS en Ciencias Sociales of the Law and Social Science Department at the Universidad Icesi. (ISSN 2011-0324)

Reviewer, Boletín de Antropología, Universidad de Antioquia (ISSN 0120-2510) Reviewer, Reviewer, Gender, Place & Culture Journal

Researcher in the Black Cultures and Racial Politics in Latino/America Working Group, Center of Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Studies - University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2012- 2013)

Researcher of the CLACSO Working Group- Civilization crisis, reconfigurations of racism, Afro-Latin movements

Co-chair in the Committee Board of the LASA Gender and Feminist Studies Section 2021 -2023

Co-founder and President of the Asociación Colombiana de Investigadoras e Investigadores Afrocolombianos – ACIAFRO (Colombian Association of African Diaspora Researchers – ACIAFRO) 2020 -2022

Co-Organizer “Dialogues and Challenges in the Study of the African Diaspora in Latin America. 1st Annual Afro-Latin American Graduate Student Conference, April 7-8, Harvard University, Cambridge, April 7 & 8, 2017

Co-Organizer “Dialogues and Challenges in the Study of the African Diaspora in Latin America: Debates Sobre Feminismo e Intelectualidad Afro-diasporic en America Latina, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Cambridge, April 10, 2017

Co-Organizer, “Debates sobre Feminismos e Intelectualidad Afro-Diaspóricas en America Latina” University of Massachusetts Amherst, April 10, 2017

Co-Organizer, “Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies Conference: Transformative Feminisms: Interventions and Innervations,” UMass Amherst, Amherst., March 31, 2017

Chair appointed on the panel “Diasporic Narratives: New Discourses on Blackness” at the 115th AAA Annual Meeting “Evidence, Accident and Discovery, Minneapolis, MN. Chair (appointed), Minneapolis, MN, November 16 -20, 2016.

Co-Organizer & Discussant, Political (In)Stability in South America: Social Turns and Challenges in Brazil, Argentina, Chile & Colombia, at the University of Massachusetts

Amherst, Amherst, October 27, 2016

Chair, The XXXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, New York, NY, on the panel: "A Changing Same: Situated Readings on Race, Gender, Violence and the Persistence of Anti-Black Racism Latin America," May 27 -30, 2016

Co-Organizer, Black Women, Territory and Peacebuilding in the Twenty-First Century Symposium. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April 5 & 6, 2016

Co-Organizer, The Intersections of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Nation in Colombia, Brazil, and Cuba Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst, April 24, 2015

Co-Organizer, LASA2014 / XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago IL, May 21 -24, at the panel: Hacia la (de) construcción de la Democracia y construcción de memoria. Violencias de Género y Derechos Humanos en América Latina.

Community Involvement/Outreach

Representative of Black Women in the Special Body of Women for the Gender Approach in Peace 2022- 2025

Professional Memberships/Affiliations

American Anthropological Association -AAA

Latin American Studies Association - LASA

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora - ASWAD

Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales – CLACSO.

MEDIA APPEARANCES and PRESS COVERAGE

"Por primera vez, cuatro candidatos afrodescendientes se disputan la vicepresidencia de Colombia" CNN news in Spanish <https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/video/candidatos-negros-afrodescendientes-colombia-elecciones-vicepresidencia-ilse-borrero-cafe-cnn-pkg/>

Primer seminario internacional de educación inclusiva día 1
<https://youtu.be/Ho9W60MVwBg>

"Yo no soy racista", pero en sus redes sociales escriben no hay mujeres negras capaces."
<https://www.las2orillas.co/racismometro/>

Palenque de San Basilio en Colombia: Afrocolombianidad entre el olvido estatal y la violencia," (Shared interview with Palenqueros leaders Aiden José Salgado Cassiani and Gladys Hernández), "80° Panorama - Diversa Comunicación & Emi Fronteras channel, March 24, 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbolFJINJ6c>

"Impacts of the armed conflict on the black family," Colombian Truth Commission, July 25, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXg8gIzHAgU>

"Demando mi libertad:Mujeres negras y sus estrategias de resistencia en la Nueva Granada, Venezuela", Book Conference, Virtual Book Fair, Colombia, May 5, 2020,

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6kEkmk_NFM.

“La mujer negra es sinónimo de resistencia y re-existencia: Castriela Hernández, Interview, Uninorte FM Estéreo <https://soundcloud.com/uninortefm/la-mujer-negra-es-sinonimo-de-resistencia-y-re-existencia-castriela-hernandez> (July 25, 2019)

"LA HISTORIA CONTINÚA: Afrodescendientes y su liderazgo en Colombia. Parte I & II." Interview, Uninorte FM Estéreo
<https://soundcloud.com/uninortefm/afrodescendientes-y-su-liderazgo-en-colombia/>
<https://soundcloud.com/uninortefm/en-la-historia-continua-afrodescendientes-y-su-liderazgo-en-colombia>

REFERENCE

Whitney Battle-Baptiste, Ph.D.

Professor, Department of Anthropology
Director of W.E.B. Du Bois Center,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
wbbaptiste@anthro.umass.edu

Amanda Walker-Johnson, Ph.D.

Profesora Asociada, Departamento de Antropología
Universidad de Massachusetts, Amherst
awjohnson@anthro.umass.edu

Mark Auslander, Ph.D.

Lecturer, Department of Anthropology
University of Massachusetts, Amherst,
mauslander@umass.edu

Joanne Rappaport, Ph.D.

Professor Department of Spanish and Portuguese
Georgetown University
Rappapoj@georgetown.edu

Agustín Lao-Montes, Ph.D.

Associate professor, Department of Sociology and African American Studies
Universidad de Massachusetts, Amherst
alao@umass.edu