

EDMUND TAYLOE GORDON, PH.D.
Curriculum Vitae

DEGREES AWARDED

- 1981 Ph.D., Social Anthropology, Stanford University
- 1981 M.A., Marine Sciences, University of Miami
- 1975 M.A., Social Anthropology, Stanford University
- 1974 B.A., Sociology/Anthropology, Swarthmore College

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2009–2018 Chair (founding), Department of African and African Diaspora Studies,
University of Texas at Austin
- 2009–Present Associate Professor, African and African Diaspora Studies Department,
University of Texas at Austin.
- 2006 Sterling Brown Visiting Professor, Williams College
- 1998–Present Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of
Texas at Austin
- 1988–1998 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas
at Austin
- 1987–1988 Tinker Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Program in Atlantic History, Culture and
Society, Johns Hopkins University

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2017–Present Vice Provost of Diversity, University of Texas at Austin
- 2007–2009 Associate Vice President (for Thematic Initiatives and Community
Engagement), Division of Diversity and Community
Engagement, The University of Texas at Austin

- 2001–2008 Director, Center for African and African American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 1986–1990 Research Scientist, Centro de Investigación y Documentación de la Costa Atlántica (CIDCA), Bluefields, Nicaragua
- 1984–1985 Director, Special Projects, Regional Government, Special Zone II, Bluefields, Nicaragua
- 1983–1984 Fisheries Adviser, Regional Government, Special Zone II, Bluefields, Nicaragua
- 1982–1985 Regional Director, Centro de Investigación y Documentación de la Costa Atlántica (CIDCA), Bluefields, Nicaragua
- 1981–1982 Social Science Research Associate, Centro de Investigación y Documentación de la Costa Atlántica (CIDCA), Managua, Nicaragua

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Civitatis Award, Faculty Council, President’s Office, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2016 Pro Bene Meritis, College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 The Presidential Citation, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award, Black Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2007 Lifetime Faculty Achievement Award, African American Cultural Committee, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2002–2006 Most Outstanding Faculty Award, African American Cultural Committee, The University of Texas at Austin
- 1999 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, Office of the Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 1998 Deans Fellowship, School of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin
- 1995–1996 Nominated for the Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, Office of the Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

- 1994–1995 Nominated for the Faculty-Staff Recognition Award, The University of Texas Pan-Hellenic Association's Image Awards, The University of Texas at Austin
- 1994–1995 Black Graduate Students' Association Honors Award, Black Graduate Students' Association, The University of Texas at Austin

SELECTED GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES

- 2010–2012 “El Buen Vivir, la Educación y el Empoderamiento Político: Trayectorias de las Organizaciones Afrodescendientes e Indígenas en Centroamérica.” (US\$220,000) Ford Foundation – Mexico (Co-PI Charles Hale)
- 2004–2007 “Land Rights and Resource Management among Indigenous and Afro-Latin Peoples of Mesoamerica: Laying the Groundwork for Secure Livelihoods and Communities.” (US\$ 300,000) Ford Foundation – Mexico (Co-PI with Charles Hale)
- 2002–2007 “Diasporic Racisms: Racial Processes in the Americas and the Transformation of U.S. Race Relations.” A five-year project that funded the creation of a consortium of university programs to provide research and analysis on the impact of Latin American race relations on US racial processes. (US\$400,000) Rockefeller Foundation
- 2001 “Diasporic Racisms: Racial Processes in the Americas and the Transformation of U.S. Race Relations.” Pilot Project (US\$135,000) Rockefeller Foundation
- 2000–2001 “Diagnostic of Land Tenure Among Indigenous and Afro-Descendent Communities of Honduras.” Research Contract administered by the United Nations Development Program (US\$ 486,000) World Bank (Co-PI with Charles Hale)
- 2000–2002 “Indigenous and Black Organizations in Central America: The Struggle for Resources and Recognition.” (US\$75,000) A team research project Ford Foundation – Mexico (Co-PI with Charles Hale)
- 1999 Grant to Produce Comprehensive Bibliography of Black Males (US\$36,000) Village Foundation
- 1997–1998 “Diagnostico General Sobre la Tenencia de la Tierra en las Comunidades Indígenas de la Costa Atlántica.” (US\$250,000) Study funded by the

World Bank through the government of Nicaragua. (Co-PI with Charles Hale and Galio C. Gurdían)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 1998 *Disparate Diasporas: Identity and Politics in an African-Nicaraguan Community*. Austin: University of Texas Press.
- 1982 With Charles Hale. *Demografía Costeño: Notas Sobre la Historia Demográfica Población Actual de los Grupos Étnicos de la Costa Atlántica Nicaragüense*. Managua: CIDCA (Also translated to Miskitu).

Articles

(*PEER REVIEWED)

- *2003 With Charles R. Hale and Galio C. Gurdían. "Rights, Resources and the Social Memory of Struggle: Reflections on a Study of Indigenous and Black Community Land Rights on Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast." *Human Organization* 62(4): 69-381. Republished In Martí Puig and Sanahuja, eds. *Etnicidad, Autonomía, y Gobernabilidad en América Latina*. Salamanca, Spain: Ediciones Universidad de Salamanca.
- 2002 With Charles Hale and Galio Gurdian "Derechos, Recursos y Memoria Social de Lucha: Reflexiones Sobre un Estudio Acerca de los Derechos Territoriales de las Comunidades Indígena y Negras en la Costa Caribe de Nicaragua." *Wani* 29: 6-27.
- *1999 With Mark Anderson. "The African Diaspora: Towards and Ethnography of Diasporic Identification." *Journal of American Folklore* 112(445): 282-296.
- *1997 "Cultural Politics of Black Masculinity." *Transforming Anthropology* 6(1-2): 36-53.
- *1995 "Revolution, Common Sense and the Dynamics of African Nicaraguan Politics: 1979-85." *Critique of Anthropology* 15(1): 5-36.
- *1994 With E.W. Gordon and J.G.G. Gordon. "Social Science Literature Concerning African American Men: a Conceptual Review." *Journal of Negro Education* 63(4): 508-531.
- 1991 "La Mujer Costeña en la Pesca Artesanal." *Wani* 9:66-72.

- 1988 "Creole Identity and the Sandinista Revolution." *Cimarron* 2(1).
- 1985 "The Impact of the Cooperative on the Emergence of the Lobster Industry in San Pedro, Belize." *Belcast Journal of Belizean Affairs* 3(12).
- 1985 "Development of the Lobster Industry in Belize." *Amandela* summer/fall.
- 1985 "Etnicidad, Conciencia, y Revolución: La Cuestión Miskitu Creole en Nicaragua." *Encuentro* 24/25: 117-138.
- 1984 "Explotación de Clase Opresión Etnica, y la Lucha Simultanea." *Wani* 1:11-17.
- 1984 "Aproximación Teórica a la Problemática de la Costa Atlántica Nicaragüense." *Boletín de Antropología Americana* 9.

Book Chapters

- 2014 With Celeste Henery. "The Problem of Patriarchy." In Ronald A. Williams, ed. *Men of Color in Higher Education: New Foundations for Developing Models for Success*. Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing.
- 2013 With Joy James. "Activist Scholars or Radical Subjects?" Reworked chapter in Joy James, ed. *Seeking the Beloved Community: A Feminist Race Reader*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- 2008 With Joy James. "Activist Scholars or Radical Subjects?" Afterword in Charles Hale, ed. *Engaging Contradictions: Theory, Politics and Methods of Activist Scholarship*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.
- 2005 "Supplementary Education from Black Resistance?" In Edmund W. Gordon. *Supplementary Education*. Denver, CO: Rowan and Littlefield.
- 2003 With E.W. Gordon. "The Conversion of Natural Groups into High Performance Learning Communities." CEIC Review.
- 1996 With Mark Anderson. "Conceptualizing the African Diaspora." Proceedings of the City University of New York Kenneth B. Clark Colloquium Series. IRADAC. Vol. II.
- 1995 "Nicaraguan Creoles." *Encyclopedia of World Cultures: Middle America and the Caribbean*. Vol. 8. New Haven, CT: Human Relations Area Files.

- 1992 With Wahneema Lubiano. "Setting the Multicultural Agenda." In Paul Berman ed. *Debating PC: The Controversy Over Political Correctness on College Campuses*. New York, NY: Dell Publishing.
- 1991 "Anthropology and Liberation." In Faye Harrison ed. *Decolonizing Anthropology*. Washington, D.C.: American Anthropological Association.
- 1987 "Die Creoles und die Revolution von 1979." In Claus Meschkat et. al. ed. *Mosquitia die Andere Halfte Nicaraguas*. Hamburg, Germany: Junius. (Translation of Stockholm article).
- 1987 With Charles Hale. "Costeño Demography." In CIDCA/Development Study Unit ed. *Ethnic Groups and the Nation State: The Case of the Atlantic Coast in Nicaragua*. Stockholm, Sweden: University of Stockholm.
- 1987 "History, Identity, Consciousness and Revolution. Afro Nicaraguans and the Nicaraguan Revolution." In CIDCA/ Development Study Unit ed. *Ethnic Groups and the Nation State: The Case of the Atlantic Coast in Nicaragua*. Stockholm, Sweden: University of Stockholm.

Major Reports and Monographs

- 2012 With Charles Hale, Joe Berra, Juliet Hooker. "Informe Final. El Buen Vivir, la Educación y el Empoderamiento Político: Trayectorias de las Organizaciones Afrodescendientes e Indígenas en Centroamérica." Ford Foundation – Mexico
- 2007 With Charles Hale, Joe Berra. "Informe Final. Diagnóstico del Uso y Tenencia de la Tierra Territorio Garífuna Iriona." Ford Foundation – Mexico
- 2003 With Charles Hale, Joe Berra et. al. "Informe Final. Diagnóstico del Uso y Tenencia de la Tierra en Comunidades Garífunas y Miskitas de Honduras." Vol.s I – IV. World Bank – PROBAP Honduras
- 2002 With Charles Hale, et. al. "Indigenous and Black Organizations in Central America: The Struggle for Resources and Recognition." Project Report. Ford Foundation – Mexico
- 1998 With Galio Gurdian and Charles Hale. "Diagnostico General Sobre la Tenencia de la Tierra en las Comunidades Indígenas de la Costa Atlántica." Vols. I, II, III. INRA, World Bank

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Selected Invited Talks and Presentations

- “U Texas Confederate Memorials’ Three Moments.” Keynote, Public History and Student Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (April 2016).
- “Memorialization as Celebration.” Remembering Texas’ Racial History, Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX (April 2016).
- “Black Diasporas as Politics.” Keynote, Africa Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX (April 2014).
- “African Ancestry to Blackness in the United States and Nicaragua.” Invited lectures series hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Nicaragua and held at universities across the country (May 2012).
- “Building Black Studies.” African American Studies: Past Present and Future conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT (December 2011).
- “African Diaspora Program in Anthropology.” Futures Seminars, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD (November 2011).
- “African Ancestry to Blackness in the United States and Nicaragua.” Lectures series hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Nicaragua and held at universities across the country (August – September 2011).
- “Patriarchy, Respectability and Black Achievement: An Intersectional Approach to the Black Male Educational Problematic.” Psychology Lecture Series. Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA (March 2011).
- “Black and Indigenous: Higher? Education? For Whom?” Keynote, Universidad de Regiones Autónomas de la Costa Caribe Nicaragüense (CRACAN) Bluefields, Nicaragua (March 2011).
- “Garifuna and Creole Struggle: For Development or Collective Well-being.” Keynote, Organización Negra Centroamericana (ONECA), Managua, Nicaragua (October 2010).
- “Sixty Years of Struggle.” Keynote, Heman Sweatt Symposium, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. (April 2010).
- “DuBois’ Contribution to the Idea of Black Culture.” CEJES Institute, Pomona, NY (April 2009).
- “Christian Racism.” Invited Talk. Student Conference LBJ School, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX (November 2009).
- “Sexual identity, gender roles and human learning in patriarchal societies.” Human Diversity Lecture Series, SUNY Rockland Community College, Suffern, NY (May 2008).
- “The Triumph of Patriarchic Christian Racism.” Africana Studies, Williams University, Williamstown, MA (November 2006).
- “Christian Racism.” Department of Anthropology, The University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Amherst, MA (October 2006).
- “Neoliberalism, Cultural Racism and Education.” Perspectives on Culture, Ethnicity, and Pedagogy at IUME. Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY (April 2003).
- “Nicaraguan Creoles: Red, White, and Black?” Tercera Conferencia Internacional Población del Istmo Centroamericana. Garabito, Costa Rica (November 2003).
- “Cultural Racism.” Keynote, Cultures in Contexts – Fourth Annual Graduate Student

Conference on Race/Identity/Representation. School of Communication,
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX (April 2000).

Selected Campus Lectures, Community Lectures

- "The Austin School: Diasporic Black Studies Past and Future." Black Matters: The Futures of Black Scholarship and Activism, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX (September 2016).
- "Racial Geography Tour – UT Austin." A guided tour of campus monuments and geography (On-going).
- "Looking Onward and Upward." Guest Speaker. National Forum for Black Public Administrators, Carver Museum, Austin, TX (February 2014).
- "Public Remarks." Martin Luther King Day March, Austin, TX (January 2010, 2012, 2014).
- "Teaching and Practicing Activist Scholarship at The University of Texas at Austin: Reflections on the Past, Thoughts for the Future." Abriendo Brecha Activist Scholarship in the Americas, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX (February 2013).
- "AADS at UT." Roundtable Discussion: Post-Fisher, Post-Race? Warfield Center, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX (October 2012).
- "African Diaspora." Carver Museum, Austin, TX (June 2010).
- "40 Acres and a Mule or the White House?: Imagining Justice." Bringing Human Rights Home – Community Forum in Partnership with UT Austin, Carver Museum, Austin, TX (February 2009).

Selected Papers Presented to Professional Associations

(Partial Listing: 1994 - 2000)

- "New Cultural Racism." The American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (August 2000).
- "The Conversion of Natural Groups into High Performance Learning Communities." Wingspread Conference on Affirmative Development of Ethnic Minority Students, Racine, WI (May 2000).
- "Black Land Rights in Nicaragua." XXII Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Miami, FL (March 2000).
- "Sambos and Savages: Race, Nicaraguan nationalism and Transnational Discourses of Racial Inferiority." Race and Anti-Black Racism in America Conference, Florida International University, Miami, FL (March 2000).
- "Resistance and Supplemental Education." Conference on Minority Achievement and Supplemental Education. College Board. New York, NY (February 2000).
- "Black or Anglo: The contradictions of Creole Identity." The American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL (November 1999).
- "Nicaraguan Elite Representations of Costeños in the 1970's." Tercera Congreso Centroamericano de Historia, Universidad de Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica (July 1996).
- With Mark Anderson. "Conceptualizing the African Diaspora." City University of New

York Kenneth B. Clark Colloquium Series, IRADAC, New York, NY (April 1996).
With Mark Anderson. "Hybridity? The Politics of Diasporic Identity." Hybridity
Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX (March 1996).
With Mark Anderson. "Theories of the African Diaspora." Presentation at the UNESCO
Conference on the African Diaspora, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin,
TX (February 1996).
"Looking at Black Males Through New Lens." Presentation at the Children's Defense
Fund National Annual Conference, Charlotte, N.C. (February 1996).
"Disparate Diasporas: The Politics of Afro-Nicaraguan Identity." Center for Latin
American Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (October 1995).
With R. Adams. "Political Economy and the Anthropology of Liberation: A Polemic."
93rd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Atlanta, GA
(November 1994)
"Culture, Politics, and African American Men." Hardy Chair Speaker for the Hardy
Chair Speaker Series sponsored by the Social Science Division of Hartwick
College, Oneonta, NY (1994).

TEACHING

Courses

Undergraduate

AFR 303: Introduction to African and African Diaspora Studies

AFR 310: Introduction to African American Culture

AFR, ANT 316L: Gender in the African American Community

AFR, ANT 324L: African Diaspora in the Americas

AFR, ANT 324L: The Male in African American Culture and Society

AFR, ANT 324L: Blacks and Resources

Graduate

ANT 391: African Peoples and Cultures in Latin America

ANT 391: Consciousness and Resistance

ANT 391: Cultural Theory of the African Diaspora

ANT 391: Culture and the New Racisms (with Charles Hale)

ANT 391: Theory Practice and Politics of Fieldwork (with Charles Hale)

ANT 391: Black Social Thought in Latin America

ANT 391: African Diaspora Core Course (with Maria Franklin)

ANT 391: Cultural Politics of Black Representation (with Michael Ray Charles)

University

ANT 391: Race and Resistance

SELECTED SERVICE

Departmental

Anthropology Department

Executive Committee

Coordinator African Diaspora Program
Chair of the Admissions Committee
Assistant Graduate Advisor
Member GSC Steering Committee
Minority Liaison Officer
Latin America Faculty Recruitment Committee
African Diaspora Recruitment Committee
Diaspora Post-doctoral Selection Committee

Institute of Latin American Studies

Member Graduate Steering Committee (more than a decade continuous
Service through 2015)

University and College Committees

Provost Search Committee (2014-2015)
President's Confederate Statues Committee (2014)
Landscape Master Plan Committee (2013-2014)
Shared Services Steering Committee (2013-2014)
Police Oversight Committee, (2012-2015), Chair (2013-2015)
Campus Master Plan Advisory Committee (2012-2014)
Graduate Dean Search Committee (2012-2013)
Student Life and Activities Committee, Administrative Advisor (2011-2013)
Nominating Committee (2011-2012)
Student Life and Activities Committee (2011-2012)
President's Committee on Simkins Dorm name (2010-2011)
Faculty Council - Representative of the College of Liberal Arts (2006-2007; 2007-2008;
2010-2011; 2011-2012)
University Representative, Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) (2010-2014)
Faculty Senate Steering Committee (2010-2012)
Faculty Council – Executive Committee (2010-2011)
Faculty Council (1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2003-2005; 2005-2006)
Recruitment and Retention Committee (1997-1999; 2007-2008)
Intercollegiate Athletics Council for Men (3 four-year terms) (2006-2014, 2016-)
Faculty Committee on Committees (1998-1999; Vice Chair 1999-2000; 2003-2006)
Faculty Advisory Committee on Budgets (2004-2007)
Committee on Financial Aid to Students (2001-2003; 2003-2005)
Task Force on Racial Respect and Fairness, Presidential Appointment (2003-2004)
Faculty Grievance Committee (2002-2003)
Faculty Senate (numerous terms)

Professional Service

NEH Fellowships Review Panelist
NSF fellowships Reviewer
National Center of Fathers and Families Panelist

President Association of Black Anthropologists
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship Review Panelist

Student

Academic Advising, The University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. Degrees Supervised (27 completed; 3 in progress)

Lawrence Crockett. "Landlocked and Unwanted: The Afro-Paraguayan Dilemma."
Ph.D. 2017

Maya Berry. "Afro-Cuban Movement(s): Performing Autonomy in "Updating" Havana."
Ph.D. 2016

Bárbara Abadía-Rexach. "Saluting the Drum! The New Puerto Rican Bomba Movement."
Ph.D. 2015

Lynn Selby. "'Let us forge one path together': gender, class, and political subjectivities in a Haitian popular neighborhood." Ph.D. 2015

Mitsy Chanel-Blot. "'You Know Haitians...': The Challenges of Community Organizing Among the Haitian Diaspora in Paris, France." Ph.D. 2014

Luciane de Oliveira Rocha. "Outraged mothering: black women, racial violence, and the power of emotions in Rio de Janeiro's African Diapsora." Ph.D. 2014

Rosa María Corrada. "The popular in Puerto Rico: archive and repertoire in the performance of bankarization and the identitarian." Ph.D. 2012.

Courtney Morris. "To defend this sunrise: race, place, and Creole women's political subjectivity on the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua." Ph.D. 2012

Gabby Yearwood. "Between practice and the classroom: the making of masculinity and race in the mis-education of Black male student-athletes on a college campus."
Ph.D. 2012

Fernanda Soto. "¿Nosotros? Sandinistas: recuerdos de revolución en la frontera agrícola de Nicaragua." Ph.D. 2009 (Co-supervised with Charles Hale).

Jennifer Goett. "Diasporic identities, autochthonous rights: race, gender, and the cultural politics of Creole land rights in Nicaragua." Ph.D. 2006 (Co-supervised with Charles Hale)

Keisha-Khan Perry. "Revitalizing" Salvador: race, gender, black women and community organizing in Brazil." Ph.D. 2005

Vânia Cardoso. "Working with spirits: enigmatic signs of black sociality." Ph.D. 2004 (Co-supervised with Kathleen Stewart)

Amanda Walker Johnson. "Objectifying measures: mapping the terrain of statistical discourse in the hegemony and racial politics of high stakes testing." Ph.D. 2004

Marc Perry. "Los Raperos: rap, race, and social transformation in contemporary Cuba." Ph.D. 2004

Tamela Saldana. "In Their Own Words: Exploring Race and Gender in the Lives of African American Athletes." Ph.D. 2003

Jemima Pierre. "Race across the Atlantic: mapping racialization in Africa and the African diaspora." Ph.D. 2002

Kevin Foster. "Success on whose terms?: academic achievement and status production among Black students on a predominantly white university campus." Ph.D. 2001.

Galio Gurdian. "Mito y memoria en la construccion de la fisonomia de la comunidad de Alamikangban." Ph.D. 2001

Mark Anderson. "Garifuna kids: blackness, modernity, and tradition in Honduras." Ph.D. 2000

Robert Adams, Jr. "The Poetics of Desire: dialogic encounters in the Dominican borderlands." Ph.D. 1999. (Co-supervised with Sheila Walker)

Kia Caldwell. "Ethnographies of identity: (re)constructing race and gender in contemporary borderlands." Ph.D. 1999 (Co-supervised with Sheila Walker)

Aimé Ellis. "The "bad nigger" in contemporary Black popular culture: 1940 to the present." Ph.D. 1999 (Co-supervised with Barbara Harlow)

Gina Sánchez Gibau. "Diasporic [trans]formations : race, culture and the politics of Cape Verdean identity." Ph.D. 1999

Julio Tavares. "Gingando and cooling out: the embodied philosophies of the African diaspora." Ph.D. 1998.

Jorge Cáceres Prendes. "Discourses of reformism: El Salvador, 1944-1960." Ph.D. 1996

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Anthropological Association
Association of Black Anthropologists
Latin American Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish