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EDUCATION

- 2015 **City University of New York Graduate Center**, New York, NY
- Awarded Ph.D. in History. Fields: Latin America & the Caribbean, Africa Diaspora Studies
 - Awarded Master of Philosophy, September 2010
- 2002 **George Washington University**, Washington, DC
- Awarded graduate-level certificate sponsored by the Institute for Historical Documentary Filmmaking
- 1995 **New York University**, New York, NY
- Bachelor of Arts in History. Minor: Metropolitan Studies.
 - Exchange programs: Dominican Republic, Fall 1994; Spelman College, Spring 1992

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

African Diaspora Studies
Caribbean and Latin American History
The Black Freedom Movement in the United States
Digital Humanities

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTER

Burrowes, Nicole and LaTasha Levy. "Freedom is a Constant Struggle": From the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer to Black Lives Matter." In *Understanding and Teaching the Civil Rights Movement* edited by Hasan Jeffries. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press. Forthcoming.

JOURNAL ARTICLE

Burrowes, Nicole, Laura Helton, LaTasha Levy and Deborah McDowell. "Freedom Summer and its Legacies in the Classroom." *The Southern Quarterly* 52, no. 4 (2014): 155-172.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Post-Colonial Trajectories in the Caribbean: The Three Guianas* edited by R. Hoefte, M.L. Bishop and P. Clegg. *Small States and Territories Journal*. Forthcoming.

Review of *Plantations, Peasants and State* by Clive Y. Thomas. "Responding to King Sugar's Painful Rule: Clive Thomas and the Vision for an Economically Independent Caribbean." *C.L.R. James Journal* 22, no. 1/2 (Fall 2016): 287-296.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

In the Diaspora Column: "Sugar Workers: A Sustaining Life Force," *Stabroek News*, March 26, 2018. (National newspaper in Guyana)

Feature: "Remembering Walter Rodney." *Atlanta Black Star*, October 7, 2017.

IN PREPARATION

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Seeds of Solidarity: African-Indian Relations and the 1935 Labor Rebellions in British Guiana.

JOURNAL ARTICLE (under review)

"From Sistas Liberated Ground to #SayHerName: Gender, Race and the Intersections of Violence."

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN – DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN AND AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES

Assistant Professor

- Spring 2018: Developed and implemented course entitled “Race, Rebellion and Revolution in the Caribbean,” an interdisciplinary course which explored the Caribbean as a revolutionary space, examining how race has been used as a mechanism of governance and management, and how it was mobilized in movements.
- Spring 2018: Developed and implemented a course entitled “Black Lives in the Archives” which explored the politics, possibilities and challenges of the archive for studying Black subjects. Students engaged this subject through theoretical and interdisciplinary readings, hands-on archival research at repositories at UT, and producing individual research projects.

SCHOMBURG CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN BLACK CULTURE

Summers 2015-2017 Assistant Director, Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute, New York, NY

Summers 2007- 2014 Mentor, Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute, New York, NY

- Served as facilitator for seven-week program dedicated to supporting underrepresented undergraduates to pursue doctoral studies in the humanities related to Africa, the African Diaspora, Africana Studies and Ethnic Studies.
- Mentored over 100 students over the course of my work with this program and the majority has pursued graduate studies.
- Led discussions on African and African Diaspora history.
- Supervised interdisciplinary individual research projects and group digital humanities projects.
- Supported undergraduates with archival research in the Schomburg Center collections.
- Organized workshops related to pursuing graduate studies and conducting original research.
- Responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the program, program development and served on the selection committee.

BROWN-TOUGALOO PARTNERSHIP

Spring 2016, Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow, Tougaloo, MS

- Developed an undergraduate course at Tougaloo College entitled “African Liberation Movements” which examined anti-colonial, anti-apartheid and Pan-African movements in Africa and their influence abroad.
- Co-led the civil rights mini-exchange trip to the Mississippi Delta and Memphis, Tennessee with Brown University and Tougaloo College students.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Spring 2016, Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow, Providence, RI

- Developed an undergraduate course entitled “Comparative Black Power” that critically examined Black power movements across the globe with a focus on the political imaginations, cultures, gender politics, and legacies.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Summer Session 2014 Carter G. Woodson Institute Pre-doctoral Fellow, Charlottesville, VA

- Co-developed a course entitled “Freedom Summer” in honor of the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Mississippi Summer Project for the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African and African American Studies. The course was multi-media and featured civil rights movement history, classrooms in the community and an intensive community service-learning component with local organizations.

CUNY – CITY COLLEGE, CENTER FOR WORKER EDUCATION

Adjunct Lecturer, New York, NY

- Fall 2010: Developed and implemented a course entitled “Comparative Labor Movements in the Americas” that commenced with the Haitian Revolution and concluded with *bananeras* in Latin America.
- Fall 2008: Developed and implemented a course entitled “Visual History: Documentaries, New Media & Our World,” a course which examined global contested histories and/or controversial historical topics using documentaries, new media,

primary and secondary sources. The purpose of the course was to support students to critically evaluate different constructions of history and to produce original research.

CUNY – MURPHY INSTITUTE/QUEENS COLLEGE

Adjunct Lecturer, New York, NY

- Spring 2008: Developed and implemented a course entitled “NYC Work, Politics & Culture” which used literature, ethnography, history, film, music and site visits to explore the history of the city through an intersectional lens.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

July 2018	<i>George A. Smathers Libraries Special and Area Studies Collections Travel Grant</i> , University of Florida
June 2018	<i>Summer Research Fellowship</i> , John L. Warfield Center, University of Texas, Austin
July 2015 – June 2017	<i>Presidential Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship</i> , Brown University, History Department
August 2013 – July 2015	<i>Pre-doctoral Fellowship</i> , University of Virginia, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies
September 2014 – May 2015	<i>Fellow</i> , Mellon Teaching Seminar on the Digital Humanities, University of Virginia
September 2012 – May 2013	<i>Research Affiliate</i> , University of Texas, Austin—Africa and African Diaspora Studies Department
May 2012	<i>Honorable Mention</i> , Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
September 2011-May 2012	<i>Pre-Doctoral Fellowship</i> , University of Texas, Austin—Africa and African Diaspora Studies Department
January 2011	<i>Doctoral Student Research Grant</i> , CUNY Graduate Center
June 2008	<i>Travel Award</i> , CUNY Office of Educational Opportunity & Diversity
September 2006	<i>Scholarship</i> , American Association for the Improvement of Boxing
May 2004	<i>Project Involve Awardee – Documentary Section</i> , IFP
September 2002	<i>Social Justice Fellow</i> , Open Society Institute
January 2000	Named by the <i>Daily News</i> : “21 New Yorkers to Watch in the 21 st Century”

SELECTED RESEARCH & WRITING PROJECTS

Fall 2010	Project: The Transatlantic Slave Trade Project Conducted research for and wrote successful grant proposal and treatment for a four-hour PBS film and multiplatform series on the Transatlantic Slave Trade as part of the <i>America Revisited</i> project. <u>Capacity</u> : Director of Finance & Special Projects, Firelight Media
Fall 2009	Project: Africana Age Website Conducted archival research for photographs, images and primary documents for a website on Africa and the African Diaspora from the 1880s to the present.

Capacity: Research Consultant, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

Spring 2008 **Title: “From Concern to Action: A Look at Consumer Engagement to Advance Quality Health Care”**

Conducted interviews, secondary research, writing and editing for comprehensive report for the California Endowment.

Capacity: Research Consultant, The Praxis Project

Spring & Summer 2008 **Project: Curriculum, Hot 8 Music Outreach Program**

Worked with members of the Hot 8 brass band to develop a curriculum on social justice and New Orleans brass band music history and culture. Facilitated group working sessions, conducted research and co-wrote curriculum.

Capacity: Consultant, Young Peoples’ Project (Finding Our Folks Project)

Spring 2008 **Project: Evaluation, Community Engagement Campaign for *Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes***

Conducted interviews, survey analysis, and media research to produce evaluation report on the community engagement campaign for the film *Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes*.

Capacity: Communications Consultant, Firelight Media

Summer 2005 - Fall 2006 **Title: “Urban Transformations: Youth Organizing in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC”**

Managed writer, review committee, secondary research, and focus groups for report on youth organizing in the Northeast for the Funders’ Collaborative on Youth Organizing.

Capacity: Communications and Outreach Manager, Funders’ Collaborative on Youth Organizing

October 2001 – 2002 **Title: “From the Front Lines: Youth Organizers Speak”**

Directed national research project that included 400 surveys and 55 in depth interviews for a report for the Rockefeller Foundation. Conducted 45 of the interviews and designed the survey instrument.

Capacity: Community Organizing and Research Associate, LISTEN, Inc.

Spring 1999 – Fall 2001 **Project: Activist Women’s Oral History Project**

Conducted research on individuals, organizations & movements; interviewed women labor activists in New York City.

Capacity: Researcher, Joint program between NYU and CUNY.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

June 2018. Panelist. “Confronting Plantation Legacies in British Guiana.” Legacies of Slavery and Indentured Labour Conference, Anton de Kom University, Paramaribo, Suriname.

June 2018. Panelist. “Teaching Iconic Civil Rights People, Organizations and Events, From Freedom Summer to the Black Panthers.” Moderator. “Reframing the Civil Rights Movement: Opposition, Regionalization, Tactics and Strategies.” We Who Believe in Freedom: Teaching Civil Rights Symposium, Ohio State University, Ohio.

November 2017. Panelist. “From Sistas Liberated Ground to #SayHerName: Gender, Race and the Intersections of Violence.” Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), 9th Biennial Conference, Seville, Spain.

March 2017. Panel Organizer and Speaker. “Fannie Lou Hamer’s Legacy: Carrying the Movement Forward.” Opening Plenary Session for the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement Conference, Tougaloo College, Mississippi.

October 2016. Invited Speaker. “From Sistas Liberated Ground to #SayHerName: Gender, Race and the Intersections of Violence.” Brown University, Africana Studies Department, Providence, RI.

June 2016. Invited Speaker. “Seeds of Solidarity: the 1935 Labor Rebellions in British Guiana.” Golden Jubilee, 50th Anniversary Commemoration of Guyanese Independence, York College, Queens, NY.

March 2016. Speaker. “On the Edge of Empire: 1930s Labor Rebellions in British Guiana.” Brown University, History Department, Providence, RI.

March 2016. Keynote Lecture. "Unity and Struggle."* Brown University, Students of Caribbean Ancestry, Ebony Soiree, Providence, RI. *Title comes from the seminal work by Amilcar Cabral.

November 2015. Invited Speaker. Commentary, Documentary Film Screening: "The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution." Virginia Film Festival, Charlottesville, VA.

October 2015. Invited Speaker. "On the Meanings of Solidarity." Brown University, What I am Thinking About Now Series, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America, Providence, RI.

October 2015. Moderator. "Reconstruction and the Right to the City." Katrina After Ten Conference, Brown University, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America, Providence, RI.

September 2015. Panel Organizer and Speaker. "Novel Approaches to Teaching Civil Rights Movement History." Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, GA.

May 2015. Panelist. "Overlapping Diasporas in British Guiana During the 1930s." Association of Caribbean Historians, Nassau, Bahamas.

October 2014. Invited Speaker. "Education for Liberation and Freedom Schooling" Panel. Conversations in Black Freedom Studies, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Harlem, NY.

September 2014. Panelist. "Lisa Y. Sullivan and Ella Baker's Legacy in the 1990s." Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) 99th Annual Convention, Memphis, Tennessee.

September 2014. Co-organizer and Speaker. "Teaching Freedom Summer: A History Workshop for Virginia Public School Teachers." Co-sponsored by the Center for Liberal Arts, the Carter G. Woodson Institute and the Miller Center at the University of Virginia. Charlottesville, Virginia.

October 2013. Panelist. "The 1935 Rebellions and the Possibilities and Challenges of African-Asian Solidarity in British Guiana." Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), 7th Biennial Conference, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

February 2013. Panelist. "Sons of Ethiopia: Blackness and Labor Movements in British Guiana During the 1930s." Lozano Long Conference: "Refashioning Blackness: Contesting Racism in the Afro-Americas." University of Texas, Austin.

March 2013. Panelist. "Envisioning Solidarity: Africans and Indians in British Guiana During the 1930s." International Graduate Student Conference on Latin America and the Caribbean. York University, Canada.

April 2012. Speaker. "African-Asian Solidarity, Gender, and the Politics of Decolonization in British Guiana: The Roots of 1953." Pre-doctoral Talk, University of Texas, Austin.

April 2012. Guest Speaker. Dr. Joy James' class "Feminist Research and Methodologies." I discussed gender and the archives, and intersectionality as a lens in community organizing and participatory research. University of Texas, Austin.

March 2012. Co-facilitator. Trayvon Martin Response Session. Over 200 individuals attended this interactive session to develop responses by the University of Texas community to the Trayvon Martin shooting and police brutality locally in Austin.

February 2012. Co-organizer and Speaker. Film Screening: W.A.R. Stories: Walter Anthony Rodney. University of Texas, Austin.

April 2011. Moderator. "Caribbean Identities," Caribbean Epistemologies Symposium, CUNY Graduate Center, NY. I also served as co-chair for the Caribbean Epistemologies seminar, a monthly CUNY-wide seminar for faculty and students that explores issues across the spectrum of the Caribbean for the 2010-2011 academic year.

January 2011. Chair. “Teaching and Studying Africa and the African Diaspora” at The State of African American and African Diaspora Studies: Methodology, Pedagogy and Research Conference sponsored by the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FIRELIGHT MEDIA

February 2010 – February 2011 ***Director of Finance & Special Projects***, New York, NY

- Film & Development: Developed successful proposal for four-hour PBS series on the Transatlantic Slave Trade for PBS. Project funded at one million dollars.
- Organizational Development/Human Resources: Organized quarterly board meetings. Developed staff handbooks for both the non-profit and for-profit arms of the institution. Developed accounting manual. Developed job descriptions, conducted outreach for searches, and participated in interviews for staff hiring.
- Financial: Managed all financial processes for both the non-profit arm (Firelight Media - FM) and the for-profit production company (Firelight Films - FF). Led three non-profit audits for FM (two past and one present). Brought FM up-to-date with audit process. Managed payroll, vendor payments, receivables and all bookkeeping for both the FM and FF. Managed budget of \$1.5 million dollars for the non-profit arm and multiple film budgets—the largest of which was \$1.5 million. Managed audit and tax processes for FF.
- Communications: Conducted strategic planning for internal and external communications. Developed press releases. Managed social media and e-newsletter, including feature interviews with filmmakers. Handled all web content, images and video. Managed redesign of website and listservs. Developed outreach and film education toolkits.
- Reporting: Drafted evaluation reports and handled financial reporting for federal and private funding agencies.

May 2005 – January 2010; March 2011 - Oct 2012 ***Communications and Outreach Consultant***, New York, NY

- Research and Writing: wrote proposals and reports; conducted stakeholder research and analysis; conducted program evaluation.
- Outreach: Strategic planning for film and education-related outreach. Developed film-based education toolkits.
- Communications: Handled all e-communications for the website and monthly e-newsletters.

FUNDERS' COLLABORATIVE ON YOUTH ORGANIZING (FCYO)

August 2005 – December 2006 ***Communications and Outreach Manager***, New York, NY

- Research: Managed writer, committee, research and focus groups for report on youth organizing in the Northeast.
- Communications: Developed and implemented strategic communications plan and organized national communications gathering. Managed e-communications including website, monthly e-newsletters and staff blog.
- Grants Management: Conducted site visits to potential grantees and participated in selection committee for Environmental Justice and Youth Organizing dockets.
- Administrative: Developed and managed communications budget and organizational database. Reported on FCYO activities to board and wider community.

April 2007 – September 2007 ***Communications Consultant***, New York, NY

- Communications: Managed consultants to produce communications toolkit including youth organizing DVD and Fact Sheet.
- Fundraising: Developed high engagement strategy and fundraising plan.

LISTEN, Inc.

May 2004 – May 2005 ***National Staff / Knowledge Development Manager***, Brooklyn, NY.

- Development: Developed grant proposals. Planned and executed national training institute on fundraising for 40 organizations.
- International: Co-led youth and young adult activist and artist 40-member delegation to Brazil for LISTEN's Global Exchange which included developing and conducting pre-departure training sessions on race, life and politics in Brazil.
- Film: Trained youth and young adults in video editing and provided technical assistance to a documentary project about the history of youth organizing for quality education in Washington, D.C.

- Communications: Managed all external and internal communications.
- Curriculum & Research: Led knowledge development team to identify, support and develop training curriculum and research projects.

October 2001 – October 2002 *Community Organizing & Research Associate*, Washington, DC

- Outreach & Training: Coordinated trainings, institutes, events, and conferences for LISTEN network.
- Program & Development: Launched, facilitated, and wrote grants for the educational justice program: the Youth Education Alliance.
- Research: Directed a national research project on youth organizing that included 55 in-depth interviews and 400 surveys for the Rockefeller Foundation. Conducted 45 of the in-depth interviews and designed the survey instrument.

SISTA II SISTA/HERMANA A HERMANA FREEDOM SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR

October 2002 – April 2004 *Open Society Institute Social Justice Fellow*, Brooklyn, NY

- Program & Outreach: Developed curriculum and implemented training for young women in digital video and editing, community organizing, and media literacy for the documentary project “No More Violence Against Our Sistas”; Co-coordinated community organizing efforts, community video tour and street outreach.

May 1996 – October 2001; May 2004 – June 2008, *Co-Founder and Community Organizer*, Brooklyn, NY

- Co-founded Sista II Sista in 1996 and developed it into a nonprofit organization in 1999.
- Program: Co-managed outreach and organizing team that conducted creative community campaigns around various issues including: violence against women (Sistas Liberated Ground), anti-police brutality campaigns and economic justice. Conducted sessions on women of color history in the United States, the Caribbean, Latin America and Africa. Conducted workshops on video, community organizing, leadership, intersectionality, racial and gender justice, violence against women, and “Know Your Rights” trainings. Worked with team to do year-end graduation events, conferences, cultural programming, healing circles and street theater. Led sessions on boxing and self-defense. Conducted tutoring and academic support programming including college visits. Represented SIIS at community meetings and in various coalitions.
- Organizational Development: Filed papers to obtain non-profit status. Organized board meetings, collective meetings and general membership meetings. Developed staff handbook and by-laws. Co-developed decision-making structures. Developed promotional materials. Recruited and trained new staff and collective members.
- Development: Co-wrote grant proposals, organized group meetings with funders, met with individual donors and program officers.
- Financial: Managed \$400,000 budget; handled financial reporting to state and federal agencies, foundations and board for four years. Trained youth and collective members about organizational budget management and financial literacy.

THIRD WORLD WITHIN

March 2001 – September 2001 *Coalition Staff*, New York, NY

- International: Co-led 25-member delegation of young adult activists and artists to South Africa for the World Conference Against Racism. Developed a pre-departure session on life, race and politics in South Africa.
- Program: Organized meetings, events, and trainings for twenty coalition-member organizations.
- Development: Developed grant proposals, individual donor letters and all materials related to fundraising efforts. Met with funders and individual donors.

UPWARD BOUND URBAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT CITY COLLEGE

January 1998 – August 1998 *Teacher*, New York, NY

- Teaching: Developed and implemented curriculum for “Our Voices/Our Lives,” an interactive class that used autobiography, biography, and testimonials to creatively teach history to high school students. Co-taught a course on community economics.
- Film: Supported students to develop a documentary about the history of remediation at City University of New York.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

February 1997 – December 1997 *Program Assistant*, New York, NY

- Program: Served as program assistant for the following projects: Future of Work, Advocacy, Juvenile Justice, and Private Sector Engagement.
- Grants Management: Processed grants and prepared docket items; Served on the Neighborhood 2000 selection committee.
- Administrative: Developed comprehensive database to track employment advocacy efforts around the country. Organized meetings, conferences, and foundation briefings; created filing systems; prepared expense reports; proofread documents; and drafted correspondence for various officers.

CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND

July 1996 – January 1997 ***New York Office, Community Outreach Specialist***, New York, NY

- Program: Served as community organizer for the Central Harlem and Fort Greene communities concerning child health initiatives; Planned meetings, events, and a local conference concerning child advocacy.
- Communications: Developed newsletters for NY office, activities announcements and reports.

October 1995 – July 1996 ***Black Student Leadership Network, Field State Organizer***, Brooklyn, NY

Summer 1992 ***Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute, Intern***, Raleigh, NC

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL, OFFICE OF OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATION

Summer 1994 ***New York Urban Fellows – Government Scholars Program***, New York, NY

RHEEDLEN CENTERS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES (now Harlem Children's Zone)

Summer 1993 ***Field Staff for Harlem Freedom Schools***, New York, NY

AFFILIATIONS

- Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)
- Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- American Studies Association (ASA)