

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**CHRISTEN A. SMITH, Ph.D.**

**EDUCATION**

- 2007 Ph.D., Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University, Stanford, CA  
**Dissertation:** “*Acting Out: Theater and the Politics of Citizenship at the Periphery in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil*”
- 2003 M.A., Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- 1999 A.B., Anthropology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
Certificate, African-American Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
Certificate, Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, Princeton NJ

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2016-present Associate Professor, Departments of African and African Diaspora Studies and Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin  
- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Women and Gender Studies  
- Faculty Affiliate, Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies  
- Faculty Affiliate, The Warfield Center for African and African American Studies
- 2010-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2007- 2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

- 2016 – 2019 Director of Student Programs, Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies (LLILAS Benson)

**RESEARCH POSITIONS**

- 2017 Visiting Professor, Institute of Psychology, University of São Paulo (USP)
- 2009-2011 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Africana Studies, Johns Hopkins University
- 2006-2007 Research Fellow, The Warfield Center for African and African American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book**

- Smith, C. *Afro-Paradise: Blackness, Violence and Performance in Brazil*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press. (In press, expected publication February 2016)
- \*2017 Honorable Mention, Errol Hill Award, American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR)

**Edited Journal Issues**

- Smith, C. “Sorrow as Artifact: Black Radical Mothering in Times of Terror”, *Transforming Anthropology*, 2016: 24(1)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Smith, C. "Towards a Black Feminist Model of Black Atlantic Liberation: Remembering Beatriz Nascimento," *Meridians*, 2016: 71-87

Smith, C. "Facing the Dragon: Black Mothers, Gendered Necropolitics, Anti-black violence and Radical Refusal in the Americas," *Transforming Anthropology*, 2016: 24(1)

Smith, C. "Putting Prostitutes in Their Place: Black Women, Social Violence and the Brazilian Case of Sirlei Carvalho." *Latin American Perspectives* 41(1), 2014: 107-123.

Smith, C. "Strange Fruit: Necropolitics and the Transnational Resonance of Torture and Death." *Souls* 15(3), 2013: 177-198.

Smith, C. "Scenarios of Racial Contact: Police Violence and the Politics of Performance and Racial Formation in Brazil." *E-Misférica* (5.2), 2008. <http://www.hemisphericinstitute.org/hemi/es/e-misferica-52/smith>

### Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Smith, C. "Lembrando Beatriz Nascimento: Quilombo, memória e imaginário negro radical." *Coleção Uniafro*. Eds. Sydney Chalhoub and Ana Flávia Magalhães Pinto. Uniafro. 2016: 371-385

Smith, C. "A Iluminação poética de Beatriz Nascimento." *Todas (as) distâncias: poemas, aforismos e ensaios de Beatriz Nascimento*. Eds. Alex Ratts and Bethania Gomes. Salvador: Ogum's Toques, 2015: 144-151

Smith, C. "O Corpo Coletivo da Mulher Negra." *Desde as Amazônias: Colóquios*. Eds. Gerson Rodrigues de Albuquerque e Maria Antonieta Antonacci. Rio Branco: Nepan Editora, 2014: 33-54.

Smith, C. "Between Soapboxes and Shadows: Activism, Theory and the Politics of Life and Death in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil." *Bridging Scholarship and Activism: Reflections from the Frontlines of Collaborative Research*. Eds. Bernd Reiter and Ulrich Oslender. Michigan State University Press, 2014: 135-150.

Smith, C. "Strategies of Confinement: Environmental Racism, Police Terror and the Built Environment in Brazil." *Environmental Justice in the New Millennium: Global Perspectives on Race, Ethnicity and Human Rights*. Ed. Filomina Steady. Palgrave-Macmillan, 2009: 93-114.

### Peer-Reviewed Essays and Interviews

Smith, C., "Battling Anti-Black Genocide in Brazil", *NACLA Report on the Americas*, 49(1): *#BlackLivesMatter Across the Hemisphere*, 2017: 41-47

Smith, C. "Prologue", *Transforming Anthropology*, 24(1), 2016: 5-7

Smith, C. "A Escrita 'Uterina Preta' de Mjiba: Elizandra Souza and the New Generation of Black Female Poets in Brazil." *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies: Travesia*, 24(3): 405-415

Smith, C. "Performance, Affect and Anti-Black Violence: A Transnational Perspective on #BlackLivesMatter." *Cultural Anthropologist* - <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/698-performance-affect-and-anti-black-violence-a-transnational-perspective-on-blacklivesmatter>

Smith, C. "Blackness, Citizenship and the Transnational Vertigo of Violence in the Americas." *American Anthropologist*. 117(2): 384-387

### Peer-Reviewed Dictionary Entries

Smith, C. "Beatriz Nascimento." *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*. Eds. Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Franklin Knight. Oxford University Press. (In Press)

### Translations

Translation (from Portuguese to English), *The Promise Keeper*, by Alfredo Dias Gomes. Play, performed at SUNY-New Paltz in February 2008. 148 pages.

### Book Reviews

Smith, C. "Race on the Move: Brazilian Migrants and the Global Reconstruction of Race." *American Ethnologist* 44(2), 377-378

Smith, C. "Living with Lynching: African-American Lynching Plays, Performance and Citizenship 1890-1930." Rev. of *Living with Lynching: African-American Lynching Plays, Performance and Citizenship 1890-1930*, by Koritha Mitchell. *Theatre Journal* 65(2), 2013: 296-298.

### Public Articles

Smith C. and Caldwell, K., Muse, W., Paschal, T., Perry, K., Williams E., "On The Imperative of Transnational Solidarity: A U.S. Black Feminist Response to the Assassination of Marielle Franco", *The Black Scholar*, March 23, 2018, <http://www.theblackscholar.org/on-the-imperative-of-transnational-solidarity-a-u-s-black-feminist-statement-on-the-assassination-of-marielle-franco/>

Smith, C. and Berry, D. "Package Bombings Reveal the Racist Underbelly of Austin", *The Huffington Post*, March 16, 2018, [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/opinion-smith-berry-austin-package-bombings\\_us\\_5aaad237e4b0c33361aef900](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/opinion-smith-berry-austin-package-bombings_us_5aaad237e4b0c33361aef900)

Smith, C. "The Fallout of Police Violence is Killing Black Women Like Erica Garner", *The Conversation*, January 4 2018, <http://theconversation.com/the-fallout-of-police-violence-is-killing-black-women-like-erica-garner-89654>

Smith, C. "The Canary in the Mine: Anti-Black Violence and the Paradox of Brazilian Democracy". *Portal*, July 29, 2016, <https://lilasbensofmagazine.org/2016/07/29/the-canary-in-the-mine-anti-black-violence-and-the-paradox-of-brazilian-democracy/>

Smith, C. "Slow Death: Is the trauma of police violence killing black women?", *The Conversation*, July 12, 2016, <https://theconversation.com/slow-death-is-the-trauma-of-police-violence-killing-black-women-62264>

Smith, C. "The Dangerous Game of Mourning the Dead: Police Violence and the Black Community in Brazil", *Truth Out*, March 3, 2016, <http://www.truth-out.org/speakout/item/35078-the-dangerous-game-of-mourning-the-dead-police-violence-and-the-black-community-in-brazil>

Smith, C. and Carey, A. "Mayweather Blues: Why #Blackwomenslivesmatter", *Women's E-News*, May 7, 2015: <http://womensenews.org/story/sisterspace/150506/mayweather-blues-why-blackwomenslivesmatter>

Smith, C. and Stuckey, M. "America's Willful Ignorance of Our History of Lynching Feeds Racial Hatred", *The American Prospect*, March 18, 2015: <http://prospect.org/article/americas-willful-ignorance-our-history-lynching-feeds-racial-hatred>

Smith, C. "Charlie Hedbo: We Must Grieve the Dead Without Misconstruing Racism as Democratic Ideal." *Truth-Out*, January 9, 2014: <http://truth-out.org/opinion/item/28452-charlie-hebdo-we-must-grieve-the-dead-without-misconstruing-racism-as-democratic-ideal>

Smith, C. "Scalise Scandal Rooted in Secret Societies' Hold on Paths to Power -- Through Violence." *The American Prospect*, January 6, 2014: <http://prospect.org/article/scalise-scandal-rooted-secret-societies-hold-paths-power-through-violence>

Smith, C. "Beyond Drinking from Water Fountains and Riding Buses, Black People Have a Right to Survive." *Huffington Post*, November 25, 2014: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christen-smith/black-people-right-to-survive\\_b\\_6221316.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christen-smith/black-people-right-to-survive_b_6221316.html)

Smith, C. "Black Community Crisis: Police Violence in Brazil." *Truth-Out*, November 20, 2014: <http://truth-out.org/opinion/item/27556-black-community-crisis-police-violence-in-brazil>

Smith, C. "Misplaced ID Teaches Voting Rights Lesson in Texas." *The Chicago Reporter*, November 10, 2014: <http://chicagoreporter.com/misplaced-id-teaches-voting-rights-lesson-texas/>

Smith, C. "Issues of race, gender and class helped Rousseff win another term in Brazil." *Global Post*, October 31, 2014: <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatches/globalpost-blogs/commentary/issues-race-gender-and-class-helped-rousseff-win-another-term>

Smith, C. "Para Claudia Silva Ferreira: Morte e o Corpo Coletivo da Mulher Negra." *Reaja ou sera Mort@! Blogspot*, June 25, 2014: <http://reajanasruas.blogspot.com/2014/06/para-claudia-silva-ferreira-morte-e-o.html>

Smith, C. "For Claudia Silva Ferreira: Death and the Collective Black Female Body", *The Feminist Wire*, May 5, 2014: <http://thefeministwire.com/2014/05/for-claudia-silva-ferreira-death-black-female-body/>

Smith, C. "Uma carta de amor aberto para meu filho: Sobre luto, amor e maternidade negra", *Geledes*, July 23, 2013: <http://arquivo.geledes.org.br/em-debate/colunistas/20024-uma-carta-de-amor-aberta-para-o-meu-filho-sobre-luto-amor-e-maternidade-negra-por-christen-smith>

Smith, C. "An Open Love Note to My Son: On Mourning, Love and Black Motherhood", *The Feminist Wire*, July 14, 2013: <http://thefeministwire.com/2013/07/an-open-love-note-to-my-son-on-mourning-love-and-black-motherhood/>

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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| 2016-2019 | FAPESP-UT, "Black Women and Violence: The Struggle for Justice in Brazil and the US", collaborative grant with the University of São Paulo (USP) |
| 2017      | Honorable Mention, Errol Hill Award, American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR)  |
| 2016-2017 | Outstanding LLILAS Faculty Award (*Awarded by LLILAS Students)   |
| 2014-2015 | Fellow, The Op-Ed Project  |
| 2014      | Humanities Research Award  |
| 2014      | Women of Color Leadership Project, National Women's Studies Association  |

- 2013 UT Research Grant, Office of the Vice President for Research
- 2010 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship
- 2009 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship For Achieving Excellence in College and University Teaching
- 2009 Summer Research Assignment, Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2008 Certificate of Merit, Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (for the new translation of the play “The Promise Keeper” (*O Pagador de Promessas*))
- 2006 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Africana Research Center, The Pennsylvania State University (Declined)

**INVITED LECTURES, PAPERS AND SESSIONS**

- 2017 *Afro-Paradise: Authors Meet Critics* Session, National Women’s Studies Association Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November
- 2016 “Violence and Race”, *Science and Race: History, Use and Abuse*, University of Pennsylvania, Penn Museum Public Classroom, November 16, <https://www.penn.museum/sites/pmclassroom/classes/violence-race/>
- 2016 “Afro-Paradise: Performance, Race, Violence and the Black Body in Times of Terror”, Emory University, November 7
- 2016 “How Do Global Black Lives Matter?” AADS Humanities Afternoon, Florida International University, November 3
- 2016 “Brazil’s Afro-Paradise: Performance, Race, Violence and the Black Body in Times of Terror”, Program for Africana Studies, Brigham Young University, October 6
- 2016 “Incessant Injustice: Gendered Anti-Black State Violence in Transnational Perspective”, John Jay College for Criminal Justice (CUNY), September 21
- 2016 “Police Violence and Black Resistance in Brazil: A Global Perspective on Black Lives Matter”, UCLA, March 26
- 2015 Featured Author, Reproduction of Race and Racial Ideologies Workshop, Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago, April 16
- 2015 Panelist, Amnesty International Texas State Conference, University of Texas at Austin, April 11
- 2014 Panelist, "Diáspora , Necropolítica e Reparação" Roundtable Discussion, Museo Afro-brasileiro (MAFRO), Universidade Federal da Bahia Salvador, Bahia, Brazil
- 2010 “Tearing Down the Big House: Performance, Racial Formation, Violence and the Body in Brazil”, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Fellows Retreat, October 22

- 2010 “Tearing Down the Big House: Performance, Racial Formation, Violence and the Body in Brazil”, Johns Hopkins University, October 13
- 2010 “Culture Shock”, “Popular Theater, Youth and Empowerment on Two Continents”, Re-Imagining the Americas Conference Series, The Program on Latin America and the Caribbean, Syracuse University, April 1
- 2009 “O Corpo Coletivo da Mulher Negra (The Collective Black Female Body): Transnational Black Female Assemblages”, III Simpósio Linguagens e Identidades da/na Amazônia Sul-Occidental: Línguas, Linguagens e Fronteiras/II Colóquio Internacional as Amazônias, as Áfricas e as Áfricas na Pan-Amazônia, Acre, Brazil, November 23-27
- 2009 “Formação racial, representação e a saúde da mulher negra na diáspora Africana”, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 1
- 2009 “Raça, representação, violência e formação racial no mundo”, EDUCAFRO, São Paulo, Brazil, June 27
- 2009 “Raça, violência e performance na diáspora Africana”, Pontifícia Universidade Católica, São Paulo, Brazil, June 16
- 2008 “Brazilian Political Street Theater,” SUNY – New Paltz, New Paltz, NY, February 29
- 2007 “Inscribing Blackness on to the Body and the Landscape: Race and Space in Brazil,” Environmental Justice Symposium: Environmental Justice Cross-Culturally: Theory and Praxis in the African Diaspora and in Africa, Africana Studies, Wellesley College, Boston, MA, November 9 -10

#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION**

- 2016 Installation: Public Anthropology at The Minneapolis Central Library: Anthropologists Discuss Books On Race, Immigration, And War, American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC November 17
- 2016 “Towards an Unapologetically Black Anthropology”, American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC November 17
- 2016 “Sequelae: Towards a Theory of State Violence Against Black Women as a Public Health Issue”, roundtable presenter and organizer, National Women’s Studies Association, ‘ Montreal, November
- 2016 “A iluminação poética de Beatriz Nascimento: Reflections on Black women's writing as radical escape”, Latin American Studies Association, New York, May 27-30,
- 2016 “A Vida Poética de Beatriz Nascimento: Poetry and Black Women’s Intellectual Contributions in the Americas, Chair and panel organizer, Latin American Studies Association, New York, May 27-30, 2016
- 2014 “In and Out of the Ineffable: Spiritual Terror, Black Mothers, and the Political Consequences of Necropolitics”, American Anthropological Association Meeting, Washington, DC, December 3-7

- 2014 Chair and Organizer, “Sorrow as Artifact: Black Radical Mothering in Times of Terror”, American Anthropological Association Meeting, Washington, DC, December 3-7
- 2014 “Quilombo, Diaspora, Black Subjectivity and the Black Body in Beatriz Nascimento’s Life Work”, Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, May 21-24
- 2014 Chair, Organizer, Panelist, “Black Women, Struggle and the Transnational State Part I: Grassroots Approaches”, National Women’s Studies Association, San Juan (PR)
- 2014 Chair and Organizer, Remembering the Life and Vision of Beatriz Nascimento (Invited Session, ERIP), Latin American Studies Association, May 21-24
- 2013 Panelist, “Writing Black Women's History: Toward a New Methodology of Political Change”, National Women’s Studies Association, Cincinnati, OH, November 6-10
- 2012 “Between Soapboxes and Shadows: Activism, Theory and the Politics of Life and Death in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil”, Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Meeting, San Francisco, CA, May 23-26
- 2011 “Remembering Beatriz Nascimento”, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada, November 16-20
- 2009 “O Corpo Coletivo da Mulher Negra: Two Cases of Violence, Meaning Making and the Black Female Body in Brazil and the United States,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 11-14
- 2008 “Environmental Racism and the Spatial Toxicity of Police Violence in Brazil,” Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), New Orleans, LA, March 27-29
- 2007 “The Racial Economy of Carnaval da Bahia: The Performance and Performativity of Inequality and the Largest Street Festival in the World,” American Anthropological Association (AAA) Meeting, Washington, DC, November 29 - December 1
- 2007 Discussant, “Interrogations of Freedom: Memories, Meanings, Migrations,” Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD) Bi-Annual Conference, Barbados, October 9 – 12

## **UT STUDENT ADVISING**

### **CHAIR, DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

Current	Michaela Machicote
2017	Sade Anderson
2013	Alix Chapman, Ph.D.
2012	Christopher Johnson, Ph.D.

### **CHAIR, MA COMMITTEE**

2017	Jheison Romain (LLILAS, Best M.A. Thesis Award)
2014	Alysia Mann Carey (LLILAS, Honorable Mention, Best M.A. Thesis Award)
2010	Lorena Martinez (LLILAS)

### **CHAIR UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESES**

Current Somtochi Okafor  
 2014 Oluwakanyinsola Obayan (Rappaport-King Scholarship)  
 2013 Erin Scott

**CO-CHAIR, MA COMMITTEE**

2008 Kara Koonce (LLILAS)

**COMMITTEE MEMBER (MA AND PHD):**

Current Anthony Dest (PhD)  
 Current Prisca Gayles (PhD)  
 Current Daniela Gomes (PhD)  
 Current Cory LeFevers (PhD)  
 Current Carla Ramos (PhD)  
 Current Yoalli Rodriguez (PhD)  
 Current Fatima Valdivia (PhD)  
 Current Andrea Clark (MA)  
 Current Shavone Otero (MA)  
 Current Alvaro Cespedes (MA)  
 2017 Giovana Xavier (MA)  
 2014 Juli Grigsby (PhD)  
 2014 Derrick Washington (PhD)  
 2012 Jaime Alves (PhD)  
 2009 Sean Sellers (MA)  
 2008 Damien Schnyder (PhD)

**NON-UT STUDENT ADVISING**

Current Marcio Tralci (PhD), University of São Paulo – qualifying exams committee  
 Current Rodrigo Ribeiro Frias (PhD), University of São Paulo – qualifying exams committee

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE (abridged)**

2017 Co-chair, Political Theory Search Committee, African and African Diaspora Studies

2016-2017 Merit Committee, Anthropology

2015- 2016 Member, Faculty Council

2015 – 2016 Executive Committee, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies

2013-2016 Graduate Student Steering Committee, Department of Anthropology

2012-2014 Steering Committee, Center for Women and Gender Studies

2014 Panelist, "Diáspora , Necropolítica e Reparação" Roundtable Discussion, Museo Afro-brasileiro (MAFRO), Universidade Federal da Bahia Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

2014 Discussant, *Nosotros Peruanos*, Film Screening, LLILAS and Warfield Center, April 18

2014 Coordinator and Discussant, “A Campaign for Life”, Roundtable discussion with Visiting Research Professors Andreia Beatriz dos Santos and Hamilton Borges dos Santos (LLILAS), February 14

2014 Featured author, Junior Faculty Book Workshop, LLILAS, February 3



- 2013 Roundtable discussant, *Racial Formations in the 21st Century: A Round Table Discussion with Dr. Michael Omi*, January 28
- 2012 Panelist, “POLITICS BECOMES PERSONAL: The Fight for Women’s Health in Texas”, Sponsored by the *Texas Observer* and the Center for Women and Gender Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, April 26
- 2012 Featured Author, Faculty Seminar: “Spiritual Terror: Gender, Spectacle and the Shadow State in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil”, The Warfield Center for African and African-American Studies, April 5
- 2012 Panelist, “Brazilian Music and Culture on the Streets”, Brazilian Frevo Music from Carnival to Concert Hall, March 21
- 2012 Featured Faculty Member, Faculty Conversations, Center for Women and Gender Studies, February 15
- 2011-2012 Merit Committee, Department of Anthropology,
- 2009-2010 Artes Americas Committee
- 2008- present Community Outreach Committee, The Bernard and Audre Rappaport Center for Human Rights and Justice
- 2008- 2010 Curator, The John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies Collection, University of Texas Digital Repository
- 2008-2009 Search Committee, African Diaspora Position, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2008 Debater, Zumbí dos Palmares: 2008 Black Brazilian Consciousness Day, The Warfield Center for African and African Studies, November 10
- 2008 Co-organizer, Afro-Indigenous Cluster Symposium, LLILAS, May 6
- 2008 Chair, “What’s Left of Chavez? A Historical Perspective,” What’s Left of the Latin American Left Conference, April 28–29
- 2008 Co-coordinator, “Gender, Sexuality, Violence and the Racial State,” The Warfield Center for African and African-American Studies, April 24-25
- 2008 Co-coordinator, Abriendo Brecha V Conference, February 21-23
- 2007-2008 Search Committee, Folklore and Public Culture Position, Department of Anthropology
- 2007 Chair, “Examining Inequality” Panel, Brazil Week, Brazil Center, October 26
- 2007 Co-organizer, “Afro-Latin America: Political Actions/Performance Legacies,” The Warfield Center for African and African American Studies, March 23-25

## **EDITORIAL SERVICE (abridged)**

- 2018           Reviewer, University of Illinois Press  
Reviewer, University of Chicago Press
- 2017           Reviewer, *Cultural Anthropology*
- 2014           Reviewer, *Merdians*
- 2014           Reviewer, *Identities*
- 2013           Reviewer, *PoLAR*
- 2012           Reviewer, *American Anthropologist*
- 2010           Reviewer, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*
- 2009           Reviewer, *Third World Quarterly*

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS (abridged)**

- 2018           “The Fallout of Police Violence is Killing Black Women Like Erica Garner”, Democracy Now!, January 16  
- Two-part interview: [Part I](#), [Part II \(Extended\)](#)
- 2016           [“Slow death: Is the trauma of police violence killing black women?”](#), Power FM 98.7 (South Africa), July 12
- 2016           [“Roundtable Discussion on Black Lives Matter”](#), *Texas Observer*, July 14
- 2016           [“Sorrow as Artifact”](#), podcast for *Transforming Anthropology*, April
- 2015           “Satire, Islamophobia and Racism”, Middle East in Focus (KPFK), January 18
- 2015           “#JeNeSuisPasCharlie”, Asia-Pacific Forum (WBAI), January 12
- 2015           “A look into the troubled history of racist political cartoons”, *Uprising with Sonali* (KPFK), January 12,
- 2014           “Genocidio do povo negro”, *Caros Amigos*, Essay edition 210, September 2014
- 2014           "Do Black Female Victims Get Less Attention?", BBC World Have Your Say, May 6,
- 2014           "Violence Against Women in Latin America", *Latin American Perspectives*, 2014

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- 2005 – present   Advisory Board Member, *LEVANTAMOS*: The Center for Afro-Brazilian/American Cooperation
- 2009 –2012      Board Member, Harriet Tubman Collective, Austin, TX
- 2008 – 2012     Board Member and Volunteer, *Texas After Violence Project*, Austin, TX

- 2009 International Observer, The People's Gathering for Life and a Better Model for Public Safety (I ENPOSP – *Encontro Popular Pela Vida e por um Outro Modelo da Segurança Pública*), Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, August 14-16
- 2008 Dramaturge, "The Promise Keeper" (new translation premiere), Department of Theatre Arts, SUNY-New Paltz, New Paltz, NY
- 2007 Portuguese Translator, "International Tribunal on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita," People's Hurricane Relief Fund, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2004 Collaborator/Co-instructor, "*Espelho Quebrado*," Video Documentary, *Ampliando Direitos e Horizontes*, CEAFFRO, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil
- 2003-2004 Volunteer English Teacher, *Escola Fonte do Capim*, San Martins, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil,
- 2003-2004 Volunteer English Teacher, *Centro Comunitário de Nova Sussuarana*, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

- 2013 – present Member, National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
- 2006- present Member, Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- 2004- present Member, American Association of Anthropologists (AAA)
- 2002- present Member, Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)

#### **LANGUAGE SKILLS AND TRAINING**

- Native speaker, English
- Near-native fluency reading, writing, conversational skills in Portuguese
- Moderate, reading, writing and conversational skills in Arabic
- Academic reading skills in Spanish and French