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Curriculum Vitae
September 2023

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Ph.D. Geography, anticipated Spring 2025

Dissertation: *Preserving Ephemeral Space: Memory and Vernacular Historic “Homes” of the Civil Rights Movement*

Advisor: Derek H. Alderman

Committee: LaToya Eaves, Solange Munoz, Stefanie Benjamin, Joshua Kenna

Eastern Michigan University

M.S. Historic Preservation, August 2021

Final Project: *Commemoration at the Corps: Place Naming and Memorialization in the Landscape of the United States Marine Corps*

Advisor: Matthew R. Cook

University of Michigan-Dearborn

B.A. History, 2016

Summa Cum Laude

Secondary Education Teaching Certificates: Social Studies and History

Undergraduate Thesis: *The Conflicting Narratives of Genocide: Intentionalism Versus Functionalism in the Creation and Evolution of the Auschwitz Camp System*

Advisor: Jamie L. Wright

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville – Graduate Research Assistant

- Beauford Delaney Papers Collection – Fall 2023-Summer 2025

University of Tennessee, Knoxville – Graduate Teaching Associate

- GEOG 101 World Regional Geography – Instructor of Record, Fall 2022

University of Tennessee, Knoxville — Graduate Teaching Assistant

- GEOG 206 Sustainability: Reducing our Impact on Planet Earth—Spring 2023
- GEOG 101 World Regional Geography—Spring 2022
- GEOG 121 Human Geography: People/Places—Fall 2021 and Spring 2022
- GEOG 309 Geographies of Appalachia—Fall 2021

University of Michigan-Dearborn

- HIST 387 Aspects of the Holocaust—Winter 2016

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- Shipley-Swann Graduate School Fellowship, 2023-2024
- Stewart K. McCroskey Memorial Fund, Summer 2023
 - Funding for public history research seminar and summer school in Wrocław, Poland in June, 2023
- Graduate Fellowship, 2021-2025

Eastern Michigan University

- Graduate Fellowship, Fall 2020
- Marilyn Larson Jacob Historic Preservation Scholarship, Fall 2019

University of Michigan-Dearborn

- Chancellor's Scholarship – 2012-2016
- Grace and Evelyn Kachaturoff Scholarship – Fall 2016
- Slosberg and Sorscher Memorial Scholarship – Fall 2016
- Poland Study Abroad Grant – Summer 2015

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS, ETC.)

Papers Presented (16)

(AAG = American Association of Geographers)

- **Stack, Katrina.** “The most radical thing one can do is teach”: The Urgency of Bringing Black Geographies Research into K-12 Classrooms.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG. Norfolk, VA. November 2023.
- Alderman, Derek H., Joshua F. J. Inwood, and **Katrina Stack.** “On the Longer View of Black Naming Activism: SNCC Freedom Houses as Revolutionary Place-Making.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG. Norfolk, VA. November 2023.
- **Stack, Katrina.** “Of Tent Cities and Freedom Houses: Preserving the Memory of Resistance Homes in the African American Freedom Struggle.” Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference. Washington, D.C. October 2023.

- **Stack, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. “Historically Underpreserved: Memory and the Role of Resistance Homes in the Civil Rights Movement.” National Council on Public History Meeting. Virtual. October 2023.
- **Stack, Katrina.** “Of Tent Cities and Freedom Houses: Preserving the Memory of Resistance Homes in the African American Freedom Struggle.” International Public History Research Seminar. Wrocław, Poland. June 2023.
- **Stack, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. “Of Freedom Houses and Tent Cities: Recovering the Role of Resistance Homes in the Civil Rights Movement.” National Council on Public History Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 2023.
- **Stack, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. “Making Ephemeral Space Permanent: Tent/Freedom City on Exhibit.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Denver, Colorado. March 2022.
- **Stack, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. “Teaching Beyond the “Canon” of the Civil Rights Movement: Tent City Geographies.” Tennessee Council for Social Studies Annual Conference. Nashville, Tennessee. March 2023.
- **Stack, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. “Tent/Freedom City on Exhibit: Making Ephemeral Space Permanent.” 4th Biennial Geo Symposium, Knoxville, Tennessee. February 2023.
- **Stack, Katrina** and Rebecca Sheehan. “The Politics of Remembering through Policy and Its Uneven Enforcement: Confederate Commemoration at Gettysburg.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG Atlanta, Georgia. November 2022.
- **Stack, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. “Tent City/Freedom City Geographies: Teaching Beyond the “Canon” of the Civil Rights Movement.” National Council For Geographic Education Conference, Minneapolis, MN. October 2022.
- **Finkelstein, Katrina S.** and Derek H, Alderman. “Commemorative Audits of Contested Space: The Challenges of Researching and Reforming Place Names at US Military Archives.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Virtual. February 2022.
- Alderman, Derek H., Joshua F. J. Inwood, and **Katrina S. Finkelstein.** “Tent City Geographies of the Civil Rights Movement: On Teaching Black Fugitive Infrastructures.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG, Florence, Alabama. November 2021.
- **Stack Finkelstein, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. “Researching and Reforming Commemorative Place Names on US Marine Corps Bases: The Archive as Contested Terrain.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG, Florence, Alabama. November 2021.
- **Stack Finkelstein, Katrina.** “The Losing Side of Memory: Questioning Continued Confederate Commemoration at Gettysburg.” Graduate Research Conference, Eastern Michigan University. March 19, 2021.
- **Stack Finkelstein, Katrina.** “On the Front Lines of Cosmetics: A Tube of Lipstick in WWII.” Graduate Research Conference, Eastern Michigan University. 2020.

Conference Panel Participation (1)

- On Writing for *The Conversation*: Authors Discuss Benefits, Strategies, and Challenges.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG, Florence, Alabama. November 2021.

Sessions Organized (4)

- “‘The Unmarked and Unremarked’: Interpreting the Neglected Spaces of the African American

Freedom Struggle,” paper session organized at the Virtual National Council on Public History Annual Meeting. October 2023.

- “‘The Unmarked and Unremarked’: Interpreting the Neglected Spaces of the African American Freedom Struggle,” paper session organized at the National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2023.
- “Public Memory and the Political Visions of Black Geographies I,” paper session organized (with LaToya Eaves) at the Annual Meeting of the AAG, Denver, Colorado. March 2023.
- “Public Memory and the Political Visions of Black Geographies II” paper session organized (with LaToya Eaves) at the Annual Meeting of the AAG, Denver, Colorado. March 2023.

Organization of Conferences/Workshops/Meetings (1)

- Organizer, with Kayla Roulhac and Rose Shelor Moulton, “GeoSym 2023: Spatiality and Sustainability.” 4th Biennial Geo Symposium at the University of Tennessee. February 9-10, 2023.

Invited Presentations, Guest Lectures, and Seminars (3)

- “Preserving Ephemeral Space: Memory and Vernacular Historic ‘Homes’ of the Civil Rights Movement.” GEOG 695: *Geographies of Memory*, Department of Geography & Geology, Eastern Michigan University. Fall 2023.
- “Graduate Student Panel.” GEOG 499: *Practicing Geography*, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee Knoxville. Fall 2022 & Fall 2023.
- “Pariah Landscapes.” GEOG 121: *Human Geography People and Places*, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee Knoxville. Spring 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed (2)

- **Stack, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. (Forthcoming) "Tent City/Freedom City Geographies: Teaching Beyond the “Canon” of Civil Rights Movement Memory." *The Geography Teacher* (for special issue "Teaching Black Geographies of Mobility").
- Alderman, Derek H., Ethan Bottone, Kurt Butefish, Joshua Kenna, and **Katrina Stack**. (Forthcoming) "A NEH Institute on Black Geographies of Mobility: Toward New Frameworks for Teaching Movement." *The Geography Teacher* (for special issue "Teaching Black Geographies of Mobility").

Non-refereed (2)

- **Stack, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. “How Crosses and mementos help these Marines remember fallen comrades.” *The Conversation*. November 3, 2021.
- **Stack Finkelstein, Katrina**. “On the Front Lines of Cosmetics: A Tube of Lipstick in WWII.” *Post & Lintel*, Historic Preservation Program Publication. Eastern Michigan University. Spring 2021.

In Process (2)

- **Stack, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. Submitted, awaiting review. “Auditing and Reforming Commemorative Place Names on US Marine Corps Bases: The Archive as Contested Terrain.”

- **Stack, Katrina** and Rebecca Sheehan. Revising stage for publication of manuscript discussing the policies surrounding the continued use of Confederate memorials/iconography at Gettysburg National Military Park.
- Yessler, Reagan and **Katrina Stack**. Revising stage for a publication on gender and community at Renaissance Festivals.

Contributions to Newsletters, Blogs, etc. (1)

- **Stack, Katrina**. “Discussing ‘The Green Book Project’: A Conversation with the mobile app’s founder, Christian Lowe.” Contribution to Tourism RESET Blog, January 23, 2023.

EDUCATIONAL ENGAGEMENT & PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

- Panelist at University of Tennessee Office of Communications and Marketing Communicon, August 9, 2022. “Sharing Faculty Expertise with the General Public.”
- Assistant Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminars and Institutes for K-12 Educators, July 2022. “The Role of Geographic Mobility in the African American Freedom Struggle.”
- Co-Presenter at national virtual workshop, American Association of Geographers Department Leaders Workshop, June 2022. Worked to organize and deliver a training and discussion of “Storytelling as a Leadership Tool.”

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- **Dissertation research in the U.S. South**. June 22-July 7, 2023. Field work on NSF Grant #660274—Research for sites related to Tent/Freedom Cities and Freedom Houses. Cities visited: Montgomery, AL; Selma, AL; Cleveland, MS; Canton, MS; Indianola, MS; Memphis, TN.
- **Montgomery, Alabama**. March 16-20, 2022. Field work on NSF Grant #660274—Visit to Alabama State Archives in Montgomery and Lowndes Interpretive Center about Tent City in Lowndes County.
- **Quantico, Virginia**. May 17-19, 2021. Research for MS final project—Archival research at the United States Marine Corps Archives, including their documentation from the Commemorative Naming Program, naming requests, and memorial/monument proposals.
- **Camp Pendleton, California**. March 3-4, 2021. Research for MS final project—Observing and documenting monuments in the landscape of the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Hiking to memorial crosses erected by Marines at Camp Horno.
- **Gettysburg, Virginia**. October 3-4, 2020. Research for Geographies of Memory seminar project—Visit to the Gettysburg National Military Park for photographic documentation of monuments and markers.

HONORS and AWARDS

- Early Career Scholar Award—Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, 2023.

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- Outstanding Teaching Associate Award—Department of Geography & Sustainability, 2023
- Extraordinary Service to the Department Award—Department of Geography & Sustainability, 2023
- Publication Honors—Department of Geography & Sustainability, 2023

Eastern Michigan University

- Academic Honors, 2021

University of Michigan-Dearborn

- Commencement Speaker on Behalf of the Students, December 2016
- University Honors, 2013-2016 AYs
- James B. Angell Scholar, 2014 and 2016

SERVICE

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- Senator, Graduate Student Senate, 2023-Present
- Graduate Representative to the Faculty Senate Research Council, 2023-Present
- Social Media Co-Chair; GeogGrads, 2023-Present
- Archivist; GeogGrads, 2023-Present
- Co-President, GeogGrads, 2022-2023
- Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, 2022-2023
- Graduate Student Representative to the Special Events Committee, GeogGrads, 2021-2022

American Association of Geographers

- Graduate Student Representative Cultural Geography Specialty Group, 2022-2024
- Photo Competition Judge, Cultural Geography Specialty Group, 2022 Annual AAG Meeting

Eastern Michigan University

- Grade Grievance Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, 2020-2021

Community

- Professional Coach Board Member, Skating Club of Novi, 2017-2022
- Membership Department Volunteer, Yankee Air Museum, 2015-2021
- Family Readiness Assistant, United States Marine Corps RS Cleveland, 2018-2020

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, 2021-Present
- American Association of Geographers, 2021–Present
- National Council for Geographic Education, 2022-Present
- National Council on Public History, 2022-Present
- Tennessee Geographic Alliance, 2022-Present
- National Association of African American Museums, 2023-Present
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OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Tourism RESET** (Race, Ethnicity, and Social Equity in Tourism): An interdisciplinary and multi-university research and public outreach initiative based at the University of Tennessee (tourismreset.com).

Research Fellow, 2022–present

OTHER EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Events Marketing Associate, The Zekelman Holocaust Center, 2019-2021
- Social Media Manager, Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Archive, 2015-2019
- Social Studies Teacher, All Saints Catholic School, 2017-2019
- Figure Skating Coach, Cool Sports, 2022-Present
- Figure Skating Coach and Ice Show Director, Novi Ice Arena, 2011-2021