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EDUCATION

2021–Present Ph.D., Geography, *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
 Successful defense: December 9, 2025; Degree conferral: May 2026
 Dissertation: From Freedom Houses to Tent Cities: Historic “Homes” and the
 Preservation of Civil Rights Memory
 Advisor: Derek H. Alderman
 Committee: LaToya Eaves, Solange Munoz, Stefanie Benjamin, Joshua Kenna

2019–2021 M.S., Historic Preservation, *Eastern Michigan University*
 Concentration: Heritage Interpretation and Museum Practice
 Final Project: Commemoration at the Corps: Place Naming and Memorialization in the
 Landscape of the United States Marine Corps
 Advisor: Matthew R. Cook

2012–2016 B.A., History, *University of Michigan, Dearborn*
 Minor: Political Science
 Secondary Education (6-12) Teaching Certification: Social Studies and History

AREAS OF ACADEMIC INTEREST

General: Public history, cultural and historical geography, geographies of memory, Black geographies, historic preservation, information practices in cultural and archival contexts

Specific: Critical museum, heritage, and archival studies
 Commemoration of African American culture and history
 Critical place name studies
 Environmental and spatial justice in heritage and information preservation
 Holocaust commemoration and memorialization
 K–12 pedagogy in geography and history
 Transnational memory and commemoration

Methods: Qualitative methods, archival research, oral history, discourse analysis, spatial analysis, digital humanities

Regional: US and Canada, US South, Western Europe, Eastern Europe

UNIVERSITY and PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2026-2026 **Graduate Teaching Associate — Instructor of Record**
 GEOG 101 World Geography (Spring 2026)
 GEOG 200 Environmental Issues in National Parks (Fall 2025)

2023–2025 Graduate Research Fellow — Beauford Delaney Papers Collection
 Refined descriptive cataloging and finding aids for the Beauford Delaney Papers, designed and prepared physical and digital exhibitions to highlight its research value, conducted oral histories and public programming to showcase its significance, and planned and carried out nearly four weeks of field research in Paris, France, including research in multiple French archives.

Fall 2022 Graduate Teaching Associate — Instructor of Record
 GEOG 101 World Geography
 Developed and delivered lectures, created assignments, designed assessments, graded, and communicated with course enrollment of 160 students

2021–2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant
 GEOG 101 World Geography
 GEOG 121 Human Geography: People/Places
 GEOG 206 Sustainability: Reducing our Impact on Planet Earth
 GEOG 309 Geographies of Appalachia

Summer 2022 Assistant Director — National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar and Institute for K-12 Educators
 Collected and organized resources for participants in the summer institute, led a workshop on oral histories and facilitated discussions, and co-led field trips and teaching strategy sessions on the importance of place-based education on the African American Freedom Struggle.

University of Michigan-Dearborn

2016 Teaching Assistant
 HIST 387 Aspects of the Holocaust

Public and Private School K-12 Teaching

2017-2019 All Saints Catholic School | Canton, Michigan
 Middle School Teacher — Social Studies

2017 Hartland Consolidated Schools | Hartland, Michigan
 High School Teacher — History (Long Term Substitute)

2016-2017 South Redford School District | Redford, Michigan
 High School Teacher — Speech, Drama I & II, Language Arts (Long Term Substitute)
 Student Teacher — Geography

Museum and Public History Employment

2019-2021 Zekelman Holocaust Center | Farmington Hills, Michigan
 Planned and executed innovative in-person and virtual programs, researching speakers, developing community partnerships. Assisted with exhibit installation and deinstallation, condition reporting of loaned artifacts, and the documentation and photography of collections for digital access.

2015-2019 Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Archive | Dearborn, Michigan
 Promoted the use of archival materials and oral histories via social media platforms. Assisted in planning and executing events.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals (6)

2025	Merced, Joshua and Katrina Stack . (Under review). “A Place in This World: Critical Placemaking and Identity Formation in Taylor Swift’s Eras Tour.” <i>GeoHumanities</i> .
	Alderman, Derek H., Katrina Stack , and Seth Kannarr. (Under review). “Bringing The Conversation into the Classroom: The Power of Public Storytelling in Geography Education.” <i>Professional Geographer</i> .
2024	Stack, Katrina and Derek H. Alderman. 2024. “Visiting Contested Terrain: Archiving, Auditing, and Reforming Commemorative Place Names on US Marine Corps Bases.” <i>GeoHumanities</i> 11, no. 2: 277–294. https://doi.org/10.1080/2373566X.2024.2380668 .
	Alderman, Derek H., Joshua F.J. Inwood, and Katrina Stack . 2024. Taking a longer historical view of America’s renaming moment: The role of Black onomastic activism within the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). <i>Humanities and Social Sciences Communications</i> , 11, no. 704: 1–11. https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-024-03182-3 .
	Stack, Katrina , and Derek H. Alderman. 2024. “Tent City/Freedom City Geographies: Teaching Beyond the ‘Canon’ of Civil Rights Movement Memory.” <i>The Geography Teacher</i> 21, no. 1: 50–57. https://doi.org/10.1080/19338341.2024.2315533 .
	Alderman, Derek H., Ethan Bottone, Kurt Butefish, Joshua Kenna, and Katrina Stack . 2024. “NEH Institute on Black Geographies of Mobility: Toward New Frameworks for Teaching Movement.” <i>The Geography Teacher</i> 21, no. 1: 21–24. https://doi.org/10.1080/19338341.2024.2315526 .
Chapters in Edited Books (1)	
2025	Yessler, Reagan, and Katrina Stack . 2025. “Once Upon a Time, Somewhere in Europe...?: Mythicisation and Identity Crafting in Renaissance Festivals.” In <i>Magical Tourism and Enchanting Geographies: Storytelling, Heritage, Fantasy, and Folklore</i> , edited by Jane Lovell and Nitasha Sharma, 1st ed. Routledge Insights in Tourism Series. Oxford: Taylor & Francis Group.
Book and Exhibition Reviews (4)	
2026	Stack, Katrina . Forthcoming, in press. “Review: <i>Tent City, Seattle: Refusing Homelessness and Making a Home</i> , by Tony Sparks.” <i>Material Culture</i> .
2025	Stack, Katrina . 2025. “ <i>Louvre Couture. Art and Fashion: Statement Pieces</i> , Musée du Louvre, Paris, France. Olivier Gabet, Curator. January 24, 2025–August 24, 2025.” <i>The Public Historian</i> 47, no 3: 173–177. https://doi.org.utk.idm.oclc.org/10.1525/tph.2025.47.3.173
	Stack, Katrina . 2025. “Review: <i>Southern Beauty: Race, Ritual, and Memory in the Modern South</i> , by Elizabeth Bronwyn Boyd.” <i>Southeastern Geographer</i> 65, no. 4. https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/sgo.2025.a973832
2024	Stack, Katrina . “Review: <i>In the Shadow of the Big House: Twenty-First-Century Antebellum Slave Cabins and Heritage Tourism in Louisiana</i> , by Stephen Small.” <i>The Public Historian</i> 46, no. 1: 206–8. https://doi.org/10.1525/tph.2024.46.1.206 .

Public Facing Scholarship (7)

2025 **Stack, Katrina.** 2025. "Light Beyond the Canvas: Materials from the Beauford Delaney Papers." Exhibition Album for 2025-2026 archival exhibition at the Betsy B. Creekmore Special Collections at the University of Tennessee Libraries. University of Tennessee Press.

Stack, Katrina and Kris Bronstad. "[Seeing an Artist Through the Archive: Beauford Delaney in Paris.](#)" Contribution to University of Tennessee Libraries' blog, *Speaking Volumes*. April 8, 2025.

2024 Contributed definition of Freedom Houses to [The Mississippi Freedom House Project](#) website, December 2024.

2023 **Stack, Katrina** and Rebecca Sheehan. "Gettysburg tells the story of more than a battle – the military park shows what national 'reconciliation' looked like for decades after the Civil War." *The Conversation*. November 17, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.64628/AAI.udccx5sm>. **Reads as of January 2026: 9,139.**

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.

202 **Stack, Katrina** and Derek H. Alderman. "How Crosses and mementos help these Marines remember fallen comrades." *The Conversation*. November 3, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.64628/AAI.e7v596cgu>. **Reads as of January 2026 14,540.**

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 Preparation (5)

Stack, Katrina and Derek H. Alderman. "Exhibit Space Activism: The Potential for Using Civil Rights Memory as a Catalyst for Change." Planned submission to *The Public Historian* for special issue, "Public History as Resistance: The Evolution of Black Museums, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Cultural Spaces."

Stack, Katrina and Mark Mulder.. "Be a kind fortnite player": From Collective Memory to Encouraging Visitor Action at a Holocaust Museum" Planned submission to *Memory Studies* for special issue, "Memory and Resilience."

Stack, Katrina. "Researching and Preserving Resistant Homescapes: The Past and Present of Freedom Houses in the Mississippi Delta." Planned submission to *Antipode*.

Stack, Katrina. "Finding Place: Using Archival Finding Aids as a Research Site." Planned submission to *Journal of Historical Geography*.

Stack, Katrina and Rebecca Sheehan. "The Politics of Remembering through Policy and Its Uneven Enforcement: Confederate Commemoration at Gettysburg." Planned submission to *Geographical Review*.

Exhibitions Curated

2025 *Beauford Delaney: Light Beyond the Canvas*. University of Tennessee Special Collections, Knoxville, TN. Also delivered remarks at the exhibit opening on November 10, 2025.

2023	<i>The Art of Joseph Delaney</i> . University of Tennessee Special Collections, Knoxville, TN.
Oral History Collections and Interviews	
2023-Present	Beauford Delaney Oral History Project. Interviews to date: Stephen Wicks, Michelle Flamand, Monique Wells. University of Tennessee Libraries.
2024	Fayette County Civil Rights Movement. Interview: Amy Ruggaber. In preparation for donation to University of Memphis Special Collections
2021	Eastern Michigan University Logo Change Oral History Project. Glenna Frank Miller. Eastern Michigan University Archives. https://commons.emich.edu/oral_histories/76/ .
	Masters Final Project Interviews: Scott Radetsky, USMC. Eastern Michigan University Archives. https://commons.emich.edu/oral_histories/72 . Also in the collection of the US Marine Corps Archives.

GRANTS and FUNDING

2025	Graduate Student Senate Travel Funding, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$1000) Stewart K. McCroskey Memorial Fund, <i>Department of Geography & Sustainability</i> (\$500) Graduate Student Senate Travel Funding, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$850)
2024	Stewart K. McCroskey Memorial Fund, <i>Department of Geography & Sustainability</i> (\$1,800) Carville Earle PhD Research Award, <i>Historical Geography Specialty Group</i> (\$700) Graduate Student Senate Travel Funding, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$1,500) Division of Social Sciences' Public Scholarship Award for an Open Access Publication (\$2,700) <i>GeoForum</i> Community Support Award (\$1,250) Graduate Student Research Award, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$2,100, Unfunded)
2023	Southeastern Division of the AAG Graduate Research Mini Grant (\$500) Stewart K. McCroskey Memorial Fund, <i>Department of Geography & Sustainability</i> (\$1,000) Graduate Student Senate Travel Funding, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$1,400) American Geographical Society Council Fellowship (\$2,000, Unfunded)

HONORS, AWARDS and RECOGNITION

2025	Anne Mayhew Endowed Travel Award, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$500) Clyde Woods Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention, <i>Black Geographies Specialty Group of the AAG</i> Terry G. Jordan-Bychkov PhD Paper Award, Winner, <i>Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the AAG</i> (\$250) Outstanding Graduate Student Senator, <i>Graduate Student Senate</i> Graduate Fellowship, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$1,500) Primary Lead Publication Award, <i>Department of Geography & Sustainability</i> Publication Honors, <i>Department of Geography & Sustainability</i>
2024	John Fraser Hart Best PhD Paper Award, Second Place, <i>Southeastern Division of the AAG</i> Oscar Roy Ashley Graduate Fellowship, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$4,000)

	Graduate Fellowship, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$3,000) Excellence in Graduate Research, <i>Graduate Student Senate</i> Feminist Geography Specialty Group AAG Travel Award (\$300) Anne Mayhew Endowed Travel Award, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$750) Primary Lead Publication Award, <i>Department of Geography & Sustainability</i>
2023	Shipley-Swann Graduate School Fellowship, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$5,000) Graduate Fellowship, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$3,000) John Fraser Hart Best PhD Paper Award, Southeastern Division of the AAG, Finalist Early Career Scholar Award, <i>Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference</i> Outstanding Teaching Associate Award, <i>Department of Geography & Sustainability</i> Extraordinary Service to the Department Award, <i>Department of Geography & Sustainability</i> Publication Honors, <i>Department of Geography & Sustainability</i>
2022	Graduate Fellowship, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$3,000)
2021	Primary Lead Publication Award, <i>Department of Geography & Sustainability</i> Graduate Fellowship, <i>University of Tennessee</i> (\$1,500)
2020	Graduate Fellowship, <i>Eastern Michigan University</i> (\$1,000)
2019	Marilyn Larson Jacob Historic Preservation Scholarship (\$2,000)
2016	Difference Maker Award, <i>University of Michigan-Dearborn</i> Grace and Evelyn Kachaturoff Scholarship, <i>University of Michigan-Dearborn</i> (\$1,250) Slosberg and Sorscher Memorial Scholarship, <i>University of Michigan-Dearborn</i> (\$635) Commencement Speaker on Behalf of the Students, <i>University of Michigan-Dearborn</i>
2015	Poland Study Abroad Fund, <i>University of Michigan-Dearborn</i> (\$5,000)
2012–2016	Chancellor's Scholarship, <i>University of Michigan-Dearborn</i> (Full tuition)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

2024	Cleveland and Jackson, Mississippi. September 25–30. Research on Freedom House preservation in collaboration with the Mississippi Heritage Trust.
	Memphis, Tennessee. September 4–8. Research on temporary exhibit <i>Uplift the Vote: Everyone Should Have a Voting Story</i> at the University of Memphis.
	Paris, France. June 10–July 3, 2024. Research on Black American artist Beauford Delaney (1901-1979), part of research fellowship funded by the Henry Luce Foundation grant received by UTK Libraries and Special Collections.
2023	Several locations in the U.S. South. June 22–July 7. 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.

2022 **Montgomery, Alabama.** March 16–20. Field work on NSF Grant #660274—Visit to Alabama State Archives in Montgomery and Lowndes Interpretive Center about Tent City in Lowndes County.

2021 **Quantico, Virginia.** May 17–19. 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.

Troy, Michigan. April and May. Rehousing collections at the Troy Historic Village collections and installation of new interpretation of the Niles Barnard House.

Camp Pendleton, California. March 3–4. 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 Horne.

2020 **Gettysburg, Virginia.** October 3–4. Research for Geographies of Memory seminar project—Visit to the Gettysburg National Military Park for photographic and spatial documentation of monuments and markers.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented (27)

(AAG = American Association of Geographers)

2026 **Stack, Katrina** and Eliana Chavkin. “Anniversary as Eulogy: Constructing, Performing, and Commemorating as a Funerary Practice.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, San Francisco, CA. Upcoming, March 2026.

2025 **Stack, Katrina.** “Toward a Spatial Public History of the Civil Rights Movement: Preserving Freedom Houses in the Mississippi Delta.” International PhD Seminar Roosevelt Institute for American Studies, Middleburg, Netherlands, November 2025.

Stack, Katrina, Derek H. Alderman, and Monique Y. Wells. “Embodied Cartographies: Black Geographies of Memory in Parisian Walking Tours.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG, Lexington, KY, November 2025.

Stack, Katrina, Derek H. Alderman, and Monique Y. Wells. “Remapping Black Paris: Walking Tours as Embodied Archives and Cartographies.” Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Albuquerque, NM. November 2025.

Stack, Katrina. “Preserving Resistant Homescapes: The Past and Present of Freedom Houses in the Mississippi Delta.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Detroit, Michigan. March 2025.

 Mulder, Mark and **Katrina Stack**. “‘Be a kind fortnite player’: Analyzing Visitor Reaction, Compassion, and Action at a Holocaust Museum.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Detroit, Michigan. March 2025.

Stack, Katrina. “On a ‘Deliberate Walk from Knoxville to Paris’: Researching Beauford Delaney Archivally and Spatially.” 5th Annual GeoSymposium, Knoxville, Tennessee. February 2025.

2024 **Stack, Katrina.** “Exhibit Space Activism: The Potential for Using Civil Rights Memory as a Catalyst for Change.” Graduate Honors Competition at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG, Greenville, South Carolina. November 2024.

Stack, Katrina. “Housing the Past: Toward a Feminist Preservation Practice in Civil Rights Geographies of Memory.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Honolulu, Hawaii. April 2024.

Stack, Katrina. “Preserving Ephemeral Space: Memory and Historic ‘Homes’ of the Civil Rights Movement.” Heidelberg Center for American Studies Spring Academy, Heidelberg, Germany. March 2024.

Yessler, Reagan and **Katrina Stack.** “Medieval Nature and a Renaissance of Dispossession: Examining Fairs in Tennessee.” DOPE+ (Dimensions of Political Ecology) Conference, Lexington, Kentucky. February 2024.

2023 **Stack, Katrina.** “The most radical thing one can do is teach”: The Urgency of Bringing Black Geographies Research into K–12 Classrooms.” Graduate Honors Competition 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. Wroclaw, 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 2023.

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.

2022 **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.

Stack Finkelstein, Katrina. 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.

2021 Alderman, Derek H., Joshua F. J. Inwood, and **Katrina Stack 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.

2020 **Stack Finkelstein, Katrina.** "On the Front Lines of Cosmetics: A Tube of Lipstick in WWII." Graduate Research Conference, Eastern Michigan University. 2020.

Invited Presentations, Guest Lectures, and Seminars (9)

2026 "Environment + the Past." GHPR 561/GEOG 531: *American Cultural Landscapes*, Department of Geography & Geology, Eastern Michigan University. Winter 2026.

2025 "Work in Progress: 'A Place in this World': Critical Placemaking and Identity Formation at Taylor Swift's Eras Tour." GEOG 501: *Colloquium in Geography*, Department of Geography and Sustainability. Fall 2025.

"Historic Preservation and Environmental, Economic, and Social Sustainability." GEOG 345: *People and Environment*, Department of Geography and Sustainability, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Fall 2025

"Vernacular Homes and the Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement: Preserving Freedom Houses in the Mississippi Delta." GEOG 501: *Colloquium in Geography*, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Spring 2025.

"Mapping Fame and Fandom: Taylor Swift, College Athletics, and the Critical Pop Culture Geographies." GHPR 561/GEOG 531: *American Cultural Landscapes*, Department of Geography & Geology, Eastern Michigan University. Winter 2025

"Preserving Resistant Homescapes: The Past and Present of Freedom Houses in the Mississippi Delta. GHPR 696: *Preserving Marginalized Heritage*, Department of Geography & Geology, Eastern Michigan University. Winter 2025.

2024 "Urban (Geography of) Memory: Place Names, Monuments, Preservation, and People." GEOG 24300: *Urban Geography*, Department of Geography and Environmental Science, Hunter College, CUNY. Fall 2024.

“‘unlearning prevailing geographical imaginaries’: toward a new(?) geographies of memory.” GEOG 320: *Cultural Geography: Core Concepts*, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee Knoxville. Spring 2024.

2023 “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.

“Pariah Landscapes.” GEOG 121: *Human Geography People and Places*, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee Knoxville. Spring 2022.

Conference Panelist/Invited Participation (13)

2025 Panelist. “Elevate 101: Introduction to Media.” Annual Meeting of the AAG. March 2025.

Panelist. “Graduate Student Panel.” GEOG 499: *Practicing Geography*, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee Knoxville. Spring 2025.

2024 Panelist. “SEC Meets SEDAAG: Critical Geographies of Southern College Sports.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG, Greenville, South Carolina. November 2024.

Roundtable Participant. “Black Feminist Futures: Revisioning Geographic Epistemologies.” National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Detroit, MI. November 2024.

Panelist. “Elevate 101: Introduction to Media.” Panel for *Geographers Take Action: A Webinar Series on the 2024 Election and Beyond*, organized by the AAG. October 2024.

Panelist. “Writing for *The Conversation*: Opportunities, Challenges, and Tips.” Panel organized by UTK Faculty Senate. September 2024.

Panelist. “Swiftie Geographies: Geographic Possibilities from the Eras Tour to Cornelia Street.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Honolulu, Hawaii. April 2024.

Panelist. “Graduate Student Panel.” GEOG 499: *Practicing Geography*, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee Knoxville. Fall 2024.

2023 Panelist. “Q&A with UT Geography Graduate Students.” Panel at GeoSym 2023: Spatiality and Sustainability. 4th Biennial Geo Symposium at the University of Tennessee. February 9–10, 2023.

Panelist. “Graduate Student Panel.” GEOG 499: *Practicing Geography*, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee Knoxville. Fall 2023.

2022 Panelist. “Sharing Faculty Expertise with the General Public.” University of Tennessee Office of Communications and Marketing *Communicon*, August 9, 2022.

Panelist. “Graduate Student Panel.” GEOG 499: *Practicing Geography*, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee Knoxville. Fall 2022.

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

Organization of Conferences/Workshops/Meetings (4)

2024 Workshop organizer. "Academic Publishing for Graduate Students." Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee Knoxville. September 2024.

Workshop organizer (with Solange Munoz). "Critical Methods and Deep Listening: How Geography Impacts What We Know." Heidelberg Center for American Studies Spring Academy, March 2024.

2023 Conference 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.

2022 Co-Presenter and co-planner (with Derek H. Alderman). "Storytelling as a Leadership Tool." AAG Department Leaders Workshop, June 2022.

Organization of Special Sessions (13)

2026 Panel session organizer (with Emily Frazier). "Ethics, Creativity, and Refusal in Storytelling and Scholarship." Annual Meeting of the AAG, San Francisco, California. Upcoming, March 2026.

Paper session organizer (with Jacque Micieli-Voutsinas). "Contested Heritage in the Era of Trumpism." Annual Meeting of the AAG, San Francisco, California. Upcoming, March 2026.

2025 Panel session organizer (with Derek H. Alderman). "Memory-Work in the Era of Trump 2.0." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG, Lexington, Kentucky. November 2025.

Panel Session Paper session organizer (with Matthew Cook). "Memory as a Catalyst for Change I: Preserving Stories, Inspiring Action." Annual Meeting of the AAG, Detroit, Michigan. March 2025.

Paper session organizer (with Matthew Cook). "Memory as a Catalyst for Change II: Exploring Power, Place, and Preservation." Annual Meeting of the AAG, Detroit, Michigan. March 2025.

Paper session organizer (with Matthew Cook). "Memory as a Catalyst for Change III: Resilience, Remembrance, and Reckoning." Annual Meeting of the AAG, Detroit, Michigan. March 2025.

Paper session organizer. "Placing Beauford Delaney: Vision, Identity, and Legacy" at the 5th Annual GeoSymposium, Knoxville, Tennessee. February 2025.

2024 Panel session organizer (with Joshua Merced). "SEC Meets SEDAAG: Critical Geographies of Southern College Sports." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the AAG, Greenville, South Carolina. November 2024.

Panel session organizer (with Katherine Hannum). "Swiftie Geographies: Geographic Possibilities from the Eras Tour to Cornelia Street." Annual Meeting of the AAG, Honolulu, Hawaii. April 2024.

2023 Paper session organizer. "The Unmarked and Unremarked: Interpreting the Neglected Spaces of the African American Freedom Struggle." Virtual National Council on Public History Annual Meeting. October 2023.

Paper session organizer. "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.

Paper session organizer (with LaToya Eaves). “Public Memory and the Political Visions of Black Geographies I.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Denver, Colorado. March 2023.

Paper session organizer (with LaToya Eaves). “Public Memory and the Political Visions of Black Geographies II.” Annual Meeting of the AAG, Denver, Colorado. March 2023.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- University of Tennessee Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning, (CIRTL), Associate Level Certification.
- Participant, Heidelberg Center for American Studies Spring Academy, March 2024.
- Participant, Public History Summer School at the University of Wroclaw, June 2023.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT and OUTREACH

(Cited, quoted, or interviewed for news stories, blogs, broadcasts, etc.)

- Interviewed for “[Beauford Delaney: Vision, Identity, and Legacy](#).” Wells International Foundation, February 2024.
- Quoted in “[Bringing a Legacy Home](#).” **The Torchbearer**, May 23, 2024.
- Quoted in “[Down the Road From History](#).” **Alumni Association of the University of Michigan**, Summer 2024.
- Social media takeover for [National Council on Public History](#), December 3–11, 2023.
- Contributed several posts to Instagram main grid and over two dozen posts to Stories to communicate the role of my work in public history.
- Interviewed for **Tennessee News Service**, “[Veterans Day: How Crosses, Mementos Help Marines Remember Fallen Comrades](#),” November 11, 2021.

SERVICE

Journal Referee

Emotion, Space and Society; The Geography Teacher; Material Culture

American Association of Geographers

- Black Geographies Specialty Group, Communications Co-Director, 2025–2027
- Local Organizing Committee for 2025 Annual Meeting of the AAG
- Cultural Geography Specialty Group, Graduate Student Representative, 2022–2024
- Cultural Geography Specialty Group, Photo Competition Judge, 2022 Annual AAG Meeting

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- Senate Chair, Graduate Student Senate, 2024–2025
- Senator, Graduate Student Senate, 2023–2025
- Graduate Representative to the Faculty Senate Research Council, 2023–2025
- SEC Graduate Leader Coalition, 2024–2025
- Judge, EURECA competition, 2024, 2025

UTK Graduate Association of Research Geographers (GeogGrads)

- President, 2022–2023
- Social Media Chair; 2023–Present
- Merchandise Committee, 2022–Present
- Archivist; 2023–2024
- Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, 2022–2023

- Graduate Student Representative to the Special Events Committee 2021–2022

Eastern Michigan University

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

Community

- US Figure Skating Judge, 2025–Present
- Young Williams Animal Shelter Volunteer, 2024–2025
- Professional Coach Board Member, Skating Club of Novi, 2017–2022
- Membership Department Volunteer, Michigan Flight Museum (formerly Yankee Air Museum), 2015–2021
 - Volunteer of the Year, 2018
- Family Readiness Assistant, United States Marine Corps RS Cleveland, 2018–2020

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Association of Geographers, 2021–Present
- National Women's Studies Association, 2024–Present
- National Council for Public History, 2022–Present
- National Council for Geographic Education, 2022–Present
- National Association of African American Museums, 2023–Present
- Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, 2021–Present
- Tennessee Geographic Alliance, 2022–Present

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

- Figure Skating Coach, Cool Sports (Farragut, TN) 2022–Present
- Figure Skating Coach and Ice Show Director, Novi Ice Arena (Novi, MI) 2011–2021
- Sales Associate, Pro Sports Zone, 2013–2015