

TRACIE CANADA

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Cultural Anthropology
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2022-present | Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University
Affiliated Faculty: Black in Blue: The Duke Sports & Race Project |
| 2021-2022 | Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
Affiliated Faculty: Department of Africana Studies; Initiative on Race and Resilience; Reilly Center Program in Health, Humanities, and Society; Sport, Media, and Culture Minor |
| 2020-2021 | Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
Research Collaborator, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill |
| 2019-2020 | Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania |
| 2018-2019 | Visiting Scholar, Institute of African American Research, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill |

EDUCATION

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| 2020 | Ph.D., Socio-Cultural Anthropology, University of Virginia
Dissertation: “A Team of Brothers: Race, Kin, and Order in College Football” |
| 2016 | M.A., Socio-Cultural Anthropology, University of Virginia |
| 2013 | B.A., <i>cum laude</i> , Cultural Anthropology and Spanish, Duke University |

RESEARCH AREAS

United States – anthropology of sport – African-American ethnography – kinship and care – masculinity and gender studies – institutions of higher education – Spanish (non-native fluency)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

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| in progress | <i>Tackling the Everyday: Race, Family, and Nation in Big-Time College Football</i> (under contract at University of California Press; accepted as part of the Atelier: Ethnographic Inquiry in the Twenty-First Century book series) |
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Peer-Reviewed Articles

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| 2023 | Canada, Tracie, “Black Mothers and NFL Moms Safety Clinics: An Ethnography of Care in American Football.” <i>Journal of Sport & Social Issues</i> , 47(2): 103-125. https://doi.org/10.1177/01937235221144431 |
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- 2022 **Canada, Tracie**, Kaitlin Pericak, and Miray D. Seward, “Amateurism as a Narrative of Control: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Lived Experiences of College Athletes.” *Sports Innovation Journal*, 3(SI): 55–68. <https://doi.org/10.18060/26003>
- 2016 Baker, Lee D. and **Tracie Canada**, “Is It Worth It? Science Education of the Talented 2%.” *Transforming Anthropology*, 24(2): 116–124. <https://doi.org/10.1111/traa.12037>
- under review with Chelsey R. Carter, “Weathering Anti-Blackness: Injury, Brain Trauma, and Neurodegeneration in American Sport.” Conditionally accepted in November 2022 in *Current Anthropology*.
- Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries**
- forthcoming “Playing through a Pandemic: Football Bodies, Racialized Violence, and Institutionalized Care” in *Sport and Physical Culture in Global Pandemic Times: COVID Assemblages*, ed. David L. Andrews, Holly Thorpe, and Joshua I. Newman (Palgrave MacMillan).
- 2017 “Passionate Doubleness: Genius and Struggle in the Life and Work of W.E.B. Du Bois.” *Bérose, Encyclopédie en ligne sur l’histoire de l’anthropologie et des savoirs ethnographiques*. August 28. <http://www.berose.fr/?Passionate-Doubleness-Genius-and-Struggle-in-the-Work-of-W-E-B-Du-Bois>
- under review “Practice[s]” in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Sport Studies*. Submitted in January 2022.
- Book Reviews**
- 2017 Review of *Raised Up Down Yonder: Growing up Black in Rural Alabama*, by Angela McMillan Howell. *Transforming Anthropology*, 25(1): 69–71. <https://doi.org/10.1111/traa.12088>
- 2015 Review of *Lines of Descent: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Emergence of Identity*, by Kwame Anthony Appiah. *Transforming Anthropology*, 23(2): 121–122. https://doi.org/10.1111/traa.2_12053
- Public Scholarship**
- 2023 “Damar Hamlin’s Collapse Highlights the Violence Black Men Experience in Football,” *Scientific American*, January 6. <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/damar-hamlins-collapse-highlights-the-violence-black-men-experience-in-football/>
- 2022 “Plantation Logics at the NFL Combine.” *Anthropology News*, September 14. <https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/plantation-logics-at-the-nfl-combine/>
- 2022 “The Spectacle of Black Family Trauma through the NFL Draft,” *First and Pen*, May 2. <https://firstandpen.com/the-spectacle-of-black-family-trauma-through-the-nfl-draft/>
- 2021 “‘Colin in Black and White’ Manifests the Power and Politics of Hair for Black Athletes,” *First and Pen*, November 23. <https://firstandpen.com/colin-in-black-and-white-manifests-the-power-and-politics-of-hair-for-black-athletes/>

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- 2021 “Anti-Blackness and College Football,” *Black Perspectives*, July 15. <https://www.aaihs.org/anti-blackness-and-college-football/>
- 2021 **Canada, Tracie** and Chelsey R. Carter, “The NFL’s Racist ‘Race Norming’ Is an Afterlife of Slavery.” *Scientific American*, July 8. <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-nfls-racist-race-norming-is-an-afterlife-of-slavery/>
- 2021 “Special Focus: Engaging ‘The Second Generation of African American Pioneers in Anthropology,’” *History of Anthropology Review* 45 (2021): <https://histanthro.org/tag/engaging-pioneers/>
- 2020 “Tackling Care and Capitalism in College Football.” *SAPIENS*, December 14. <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/college-football-racial-capitalism/>
- 2019 “A Kelleyan Approach to Anthropology.” Member Voices, *Fieldsights*, July 8. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/a-kelleyan-approach-to-anthropology>
- 2018 “For the Love of Football.” *Anthropology News*, August 21. <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2018/08/21/for-the-love-of-football/>

Select Podcast Appearances

- 2023 “Black Bodies and Football.” *The Black Athlete Podcast*, January 18. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/black-bodies-and-football/id1454162935?i=1000595361209>
- 2022 “Towards a Public Sociology of Sport.” *The End of Sport Podcast*, May 6. <https://theendofsport.podbean.com/e/episode-99-towards-a-public-sociology-of-sport/>
- 2021 “Slavery’s Long Afterlife: Race Norming & The NFL with Dr. Tracie Canada.” *The Parley in All Blue*, December 9. <https://the-parley-in-all-blue-with-mark-dawson.simplecast.com/episodes/ep-06-slaverys-long-afterlife-race-norming-the-nfl-with-dr-tracie-canada-mBY6WuLl>
- 2021 “‘Family,’ Race, and College Football with Tracie Canada.” *The End of Sport Podcast*, September 13. <https://theendofsport.podbean.com/e/episode-81-family-race-and-college-football-with-tracie-canada/>
- 2018 “Power Players: US Football and French Rugby.” *SAPIENS: A Podcast for Everything Human*, October 23. <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/paying-college-athletes-football-rugby/>

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2022-2025 Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics
‘Achieving Racial Equality in College Sports’ Challenge Grant (\$27,427)
- 2020-2022
(declined) University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity
- 2019, 2020 American Ethnological Society
Student Diversity Travel Grant (\$500)

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- 2019 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Program
Honorable Mention
- 2017-2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
Graduate Student Research Grant (\$5,000)
- 2017-2018 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$19,760)
- 2017 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Program
Alternate
- 2016 The North American Society for the Sociology of Sport
Gary Sailes Graduate Diversity Scholarship Award (\$500)
- 2015-2020 National Science Foundation
Graduate Research Fellowship Award (\$102,000)
- 2015-2019 Social Science Research Council-Mellon Mays
Predoctoral Research Grant (\$6,500)
- 2011-present Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

Institutional

- 2023-2024 Interdisciplinary Studies, Office of the Provost, Duke University
Intellectual Community Planning Grant (\$5,000)
- 2021-2022 College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame
Teaching Beyond the Classroom Grants (\$500)
- 2021-2022 Initiative on Race and Resilience, University of Notre Dame
Course Development Grant (\$3,000)
- 2021-2022 Program in Health, Humanities, and Society, University of Notre Dame
'Educating the Whole Physician' Series Grant (\$1,500)
- 2020-2021 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame
'Race and Ethnicity in the United States' Grant (\$1,400)
- 2020 Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia
Award for Best Dissertation Chapter (\$250)
- 2018-2019 Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia
Small Grants for Graduate Student Research and Conference Support (\$1,500)
- 2018 Graduate and Postdoctoral Diversity Programs, University of Virginia
Professional Development Award (\$600)
- 2016 Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, University of Virginia
Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Award (\$3,500)
- 2015-2016 Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia
Preliminary Field Research Grant (\$7,200)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Talks and Colloquia

- 2023 “Appropriating Cool: Ethnographic Musings about Exploitation, Anti-Blackness, and Resistance in College Football.” **Keynote**, Symposium on Sports and Social Justice, William & Mary Law School. February 24.
- 2021 “Playing Through a Pandemic: Black College Football Bodies and Institutionalized Care.” Department of Music and Theater Arts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. October 6.
- 2021 “Black Intellectual Ancestors and the Various Histories of Anthropology.” Virtual Brown Bag Series, American Philosophical Society. March 23.
- 2021 “Navigating Social Science Research with Black Communities.” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Lecture Series, Duke University. February 19.
- 2021 “Tackling Care and Capitalism in College Football.” Department of Anthropology Colloquium Speaker Series, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. February 10.
- 2020 “Relating on a College Football Team.” Minorities in Social Sciences Virtual Lecture Series, Rice University. November 12.
- 2020 “A Team of Brothers: Tackling and Surviving College Football.” Department of Anthropology Virtual Speakers Series, Vanderbilt University. October 30.
- 2020 “A Team of Brothers: Relating and Surviving within the Ordering of College Football.” Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, San Jose State University. February 24.
- 2019 “An Ethnography of Race, Family, and Nation in Big-Time College Football.” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Lecture Series, Bryn Mawr College. October 28.
- 2018 “‘I do it for them’: Teammate Bonds and Constructed Brotherhood.” Institute of African American Research, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. November 12.
- 2014 (with Dr. Lee D. Baker) “Is It Worth It? Science Education of the Talented 2%.” Department of Anthropology Colloquium, Princeton University. March 26.

Symposia Organized

- 2024 Co-organized a Wenner-Gren Foundation Symposium entitled “Racialized Bodies, Athletic Experiences” in Sierra de Guadarrama, Spain (with Gabriel A. Torres Colón, Vanderbilt University). March 7-14 [upcoming].
- 2023 Co-organized a day-long symposium entitled “Battle of the Blues: A Critical Study of Big-Time College Sport” (with Jay M. Smith, UNC-Chapel Hill). November 10 [upcoming].

Conference Panels Organized

- 2023 “Racialized Bodies, Athletic Experiences: Colonial Legacies and Diaspora” **and** “Racialized Bodies, Athletic Experiences: Communal Strategies of Resistance.” Panels at the annual meeting of the North American Society for Sport History, Washington, D.C. May 28.

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- 2020 “Paradoxical Games and Athletes’ Lived Experiences.” Roundtable at the virtual annual conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Virginia Beach, VA. November 5.
- 2020 (with Sara Rendell) “Intimate Protections: Care and Kin in the Face of Global Anti-Blackness.” Panel at the spring meeting of the American Ethnological Society, University of Texas-Austin. March. [conference cancelled]
- 2019 “Re-centering the Anthropology of Sport on the Athlete.” Panel at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada. November 23.

Conference Presentations

- 2023 “Football and Fraternity: Racialized Notions of Brotherhood on a College Football Team.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the North American Society for Sport History, Washington, D.C. May 28.
- 2022 “They Real Cool: Black Players Resist on a College Football Team.” Paper presented at the annual conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Las Vegas, NV. November 12.
- 2022 “NFL Super Bowl Half-time Show: A Performative Performance?” Invited panelist on roundtable at the annual conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Las Vegas, NV. November 11.
- 2022 “Past, Present, and Future of Sport Anthropology.” Invited panelist on roundtable for inaugural Sport Anthropology Caucus at the annual meeting of the North American Society for Sport History, Chicago, IL. May 29.
- 2022 “Committing Public Scholarship in a Post(?)–COVID World.” Invited panelist on roundtable at the annual conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Montreal, Canada. April 22.
- 2021 “Vindication, Imagination, and Decolonization: African Americans and the Experience of Anthropology (The George W. Stocking, Jr. Symposium).” **Discussant** on executive session panel at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, MD. November 19.
- 2021 “Learning for Our Futures: Trials and Tactics for Decolonizing Graduate Training.” **Discussant** on executive session roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, MD. November 18.
- 2021 “When Kinship Is Not ‘Warm and Fuzzy,’ Part 1: Ambiguity of Care.” Podcast episode for the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, MD. November.
- 2021 “College Football, the Pandemic, and Racial Capitalism.” Paper presented virtually at the Twelfth International Conference on Sport & Society, University of Granada. June 24.
- 2021 “Playing through a Pandemic: Football Bodies and Institutionalized Care.” Paper presented at the virtual conference for the H.J. Lucher Stark Center for Physical Culture and Sports, University of Texas-Austin. January 15.

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- 2020 “The year my mom was born”: Black Mothering and American Football.” Paper presented at the spring meeting of the American Ethnological Society, University of Texas-Austin. March. [conference cancelled]
- 2019 “Black Players and the Team Ordering of College Football.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada. November 23.
- 2019 “A Team of Brothers: Black Players and the Ordering of College Football.” Paper presented at the annual conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Virginia Beach, VA. November 7.
- 2019 “The son that gets a lot of whoopings’: Performing Race and Navigating Violence in College Football.” Paper presented at the biennial conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, Williamsburg, VA. November 6.
- 2019 “Black Players, Quotidian Violence, and the Ordering of College Football.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charleston, SC. October 5.
- 2019 “Navigating Violence and Performing Race in the Ordering of College Football.” Paper presented at the Annual Physical Cultural Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Maryland. April 12.
- 2019 “College Football and Black Women’s Care Work.” Paper presented at the Institute for African American Research, University of South Carolina. April 5.
- 2019 “The year my mom was born’: An Ethnography of Care and Kin in College Football.” Poster presented at the annual College Sport Research Institute Conference, University of South Carolina. April 5.
- 2019 “A Team of Brothers: Black Players and the Ordering of College Football.” Paper presented at the spring meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Washington University in St. Louis. March 16.
- 2018 “Black Ethnographers in Black Communities.” Panelist on “Recentering Domestic Ethnography, Decentering American Anthropology,” roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA. November 16.
- 2018 “Notes from the Football Field: An Ethnography of Race, Family, and Nation.” Paper presented at the annual research committee meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Indianapolis, IN. September 20.
- 2018 “Football Families: Kinship in College Football.” Paper presented at the Annual Graduate Research Symposium, College of William and Mary. March 17.
- 2018 “Care and Support in Big-Time College Football.” Poster presented at the annual Black Student-Athlete Summit: The Power of Race in College Athletics, University of Texas-Austin. January 18.
- 2017 “Tackling the Everyday: Race, Family, and Nation in Big-Time College Football.” Paper presented at the Department of Anthropology Annual Graduate Research Symposium, University of Virginia. March 24.

Invited Lectures and Panels

- 2023 “Ethnographic Writing.” Guest class lecture, Department of Kinesiology, University of Maryland. April 28.
- 2023 “Injury and Violence in America’s Game.” Guest class lecture, Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values, University of Notre Dame. March 30.
- 2022 “Black Male Athletic Bodies.” Guest class lecture, Peabody Institute, Johns Hopkins University. October 27.
- 2022 “So you want to write an ethnography about football.” Guest class lecture, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame. September 22.
- 2022 “Race Norming and Sports Concussion Litigation including NFL Concussion Settlement & Claims Process.” Panelist, Sports Law Symposium, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. September 9.
- 2022 “Anti-Blackness in American Football.” Guest class lecture, Black in Blue: The Duke Sports & Race Project, Duke University. January 13.
- 2021 “Ethnography as a Window into Our Social Worlds.” Guest class lecture, Department of Black Studies, Amherst College. September 7.
- 2021 “Demystifying the Post-Doctoral Fellowship.” Panelist, Association of Black Anthropologists Student Interest Group. May 17.
- 2021 “Are We Actually Taking Care of College Athletes?” Guest class lecture, Department of History, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. April 29.
- 2019 “Navigating Fieldsite Access when Studying Black Communities.” Panelist, Institute of African American Research, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. April 1.
- 2019 “Taking Care of Business: The Athlete Edition.” Panelist, United Black Athletes club meeting, Duke University. March 31.
- 2019 “Disciplining Football Bodies.” Guest class lecture, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton College. January 16.
- 2018 “For Students of Color Who Have Not Considered Research Because You Think Your Major is Enough.” Panelist, Undergraduate Research Support Office, Duke University. November 27.
- 2018 Graduate Student Panel. Panelist, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program Southeast Regional Conference, Duke University. November 4.
- 2018 “Science Education and Students of Color.” Guest class lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. October 30.
- 2018 “Navigating Bureaucratic Structures during Fieldwork.” Panelist, Fieldwork, Ethics, and Ethnographic Writing Workshop, University of Virginia. October 26.
- 2018 Graduate Student Panel. Panelist, Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative Day, University of Virginia. July 11.
- 2018 “Ethnographic Fieldwork in Graduate School.” Guest lecture, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship meeting, Duke University. March 5.

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TEACHING

- 2022-present Assistant Professor, Duke University
Embodied Blackness – Sports and Society
- 2021-2022 Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame
Black Ethnographers – Blood, Guts, and Glory: Anthropology of Sports (co-taught with Dr. Cara Ocobock) – Embodied Blackness

ADVISING

Doctoral Students

- 2023-present Committee member for Elly Veloria
Topic: Pop culture in ‘post-colonial’ Puerto Rico
Ph.D. student in Cultural Anthropology, Duke University
- 2022-present Committee member for Kashian Scrivens
Topic: How coaches and programs use media and networks to shape collegiate and professional sports
Ph.D. student in Communication, Rhetoric and Digital Media, North Carolina State University
- 2021-2023 Committee member for Simona Spiegel
Topic: Black, Latinx, and Indigenous birth work in the U.S. and Latin America
Ph.D. student in Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
- 2021-2022 Committee member for Brandon J. Moskun
Dissertation: “The Student Body and Covid-19: An Anthropological Perspective on Higher Education Organization during a Pandemic”
Ph.D. in Anthropology, May 2022, University of Notre Dame

ACADEMIC SERVICE

External

- 2023-present Editorial Advisory Board, *Anthropology News*
- 2021-present Editor, *History of Anthropology Review*
- 2021 Reviewer, University of Mississippi Press
- 2020-2021 Field Notes Associate Editor, *History of Anthropology Review*
- 2018-2020 Mentor, Mellon Mays Gap Assistance Program, Mellon Mays-Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Institutional

- 2022-2025 Member, Arts & Sciences Council, Duke University
- 2022-2025 Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University
- 2022-2023 Affiliated Faculty, Black in Blue: The Duke Sports & Race Project
- 2021-2022 Member, Steering Committee, Sport, Media, and Culture Minor, University of Notre Dame
- 2021-2022 Member, Department of Anthropology Speaker Series Committee, University of Notre Dame
- 2019-2020 Co-Founder and Organizer, Decolonizing Anthropology Workshop, University of Virginia

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2019 Alumni Interviewer, Undergraduate Admissions Office, Duke University
2018-2019 Graduate Mentor, United Black Athletes, Duke University
2018-2019 Member, Department of Anthropology Speaker Series Committee,
University of Virginia

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH TRAINING

2023 Summer Residency Program, National Humanities Center. June 5-30.
2022-2024 Summer Institute on Tenure and Professional Advancement (SITPA)
Fellowship, Duke University
2022 The OpEd Project, American Anthropological Association. October 25-26.
2022 Summer Residency Program, National Humanities Center. June 6-July 1.
2021 Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development &
Diversity. Fall semester.
2021 Junior Scholars of Color Mentoring Program, The North American Society
for the Sociology of Sport. November 5.
2021 Faculty of Color Working Group Virtual Symposium, "Politics, Pedagogy,
and the Public Humanities," New England Humanities Consortium and
Tufts University. May 26-28.
2019 Preparing for the Professoriate Seminar, Social Science Research Council-
Mellon Mays. September 18-21.
2019 Proposal Writing and Dissertation Development Seminar, Social Science
Research Council-Mellon Mays. March 19-23.

UNIVERSITY WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 Digital Pedagogy Intern, Arts & Sciences Learning Design & Technology
Team, University of Virginia
2020 Graduate Assistant, Provost's Summer Mentorship Program (SMP), Office
of the Vice Provost for Student Engagement, University of Pennsylvania
2016-2017 Graduate Student Assistant, Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative (LAMI),
Graduate and Postdoctoral Diversity Programs, University of Virginia
2016 Graduate Student Intern, Office of the Vice President and Chief Officer for
Diversity and Equity, University of Virginia
2014-2015 Tutor, Athletic Academic Affairs, University of Virginia
2013-2014 Staff and Research Assistant, Office of the Dean of Academic Affairs, Duke
University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
American Ethnological Society – Association of Black Anthropologists – Society for the
Anthropology of North America – Society for Cultural Anthropology
Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)
Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)
The North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS)
Oral History Association (OHA)