

TRACIE CANADA

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2024-present | Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor, Departments of Cultural Anthropology and Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies, Duke University
<u>Affiliated Faculty:</u> Black in Blue: The Duke Sports & Race Project |
| 2022-2024 | Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University
<u>Affiliated Faculty:</u> Black in Blue: The Duke Sports & Race Project |
| 2021-2022 | Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame
<u>Affiliated Faculty:</u> 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 press, out
February 2025 | <i>Tackling the Everyday: Race and Nation in Big-Time College Football</i>
(University of California Press; Atelier: Ethnographic Inquiry in the Twenty-First Century book series) |
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Peer-Reviewed Articles

- in press with Chelsey R. Carter, “Weathering Anti-Blackness: Injury, Brain Trauma, and Neurodegeneration in American Sport” in *Current Anthropology*. Accepted in November 2023.
- 2023 Canada, Tracie, “Black Mothers and NFL Moms Safety Clinics: An Ethnography of Care in American Football.” *Journal of Sport & Social Issues*, 47(2): 103-125. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01937235221144431>
- 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 “Turning the Spyglass of Anthropology to American Football.” Resubmitted in July 2024 to a special issue of *Kinesiology Review*.
- under review “Black Anti-Bodies at Play.” Invited to submit to a special issue of *American Anthropologist* in May 2024.
- under review “How Football Made Me a Woman.” Submitted to a special issue of *Current Anthropology* in August 2024.

Other Scholarly Writing

- 2024 “Practice(s)” in *Routledge Resources Online: Sport Studies*, ed. Vassil Girginov and David L. Andrews. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780367766924-RESS169-1>
- 2023 “From Savage to Negro: The Only Required Text.” *Transforming Anthropology*, 31(2): 90-91. <https://doi.org/10.1111/traa.12261>
- 2023 “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), 623-644.
- 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 “The Super Bowl Halftime Show: The Nonperformativity of Antiracism.” Submitted in April 2024 to *How to Watch Sports*, edited volume under review with New York University Press.
- under review “Behind the Glory: The Unseen Absence in Duke’s 1942 Rose Bowl.” Submitted in June 2024 to Duke Institutional History Project.

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

- 2024 “The Myth of the College Football Family Has Nothing To Do with Love,” *The Guardian*, February 22. <https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2024/feb/22/college-football-coaches-family-myth-fallacy>
- 2023 “(Exploitative Narratives in) Team Sports,” Museum of Modern Art R&D Salon, October 16. <https://www.youtube.com/live/X5F1mqSQuj0?si=9myPsrB8LBrOXZFM&t=2138>
- 2023 “Caring Masculinities and Football Brotherhood,” *Revaluing Care*, October 9. <https://www.revaluingcare.org/caring-masculinities-and-football-brotherhood/>
- 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* July/August 2022 “Move” issue, 63(4): 3–6.
“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/>
- 2021 “Anti-Blackness and College Football,” *Black Perspectives*, July 15. <https://www.aaihs.org/anti-blackness-and-college-football/>
Republished: “Brotherhood and Anti-Blackness in College Football,” *SAPIENS*, August 25. <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/college-football-anti-blackness/>
- 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/>

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- 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. <https://doi.org/10.1111/AN.948>

Select Podcast Appearances

- 2023 “Trans athletes fight for inclusion in sports & racial economy of college football.” *The Edge of Sports*, October 19. <https://youtu.be/gvopenXkvrU?si=OC0vDduqHk7C9iWT&t=1910>
- 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 “‘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

- 2023-2025 Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics
‘Achieving Racial Equality in College Sports’ Challenge Grant (\$27,427)
- 2022-2024 Duke University
Summer Institute on Tenure and Professional Advancement (SITPA)
Fellowship (\$2,000)
- 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)
- 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)
- 2016 The North American Society for the Sociology of Sport
Gary Sailes Graduate Diversity Scholarship Award (\$500)
- 2015-2020 National Science Foundation

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	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 (MMUF)
Institutional	
2024	Office of University Assessment, Duke University Top 5% of Trinity Instructors (spring 2024)
2023-2024	Office for Research & Innovation, Duke University EXPLORE Seed Grant (\$15,000)
2023-2024	Office of the Provost, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Carolina Seminars Program with Jay M. Smith (\$1,600)
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)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Talks and Colloquia

2023	“‘I’m just an X in their playbook’: Care and Concern for Black Football Bodies.” Department of Comparative Human Development Colloquium Series, University of Chicago. October 31.
2023	“(Exploitative Narratives in) Team Sports.” Research & Development Salon 44: Team Sports, Museum of Modern Art. October 16.
2023	(with Antonia Randolph) “Black Feminists Reflect on Caring Masculinities Amongst Black Men.” Revaluing Care Working Papers Seminars Series, Duke University. September 12.
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.”

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- 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.

Symposia Organized

- 2024 Co-organized a Wenner-Gren Foundation Symposium entitled “Racialized Bodies, Athletic Experiences” in Muñopedro, Spain (with Gabriel A. Torres Colón, Vanderbilt University). March 8-14. wennergren.org/symposia-seminars/
- 2023 Co-organized the inaugural Duke-UNC Sports Symposium entitled “A Critical Study of Big-Time College Sport” (with Jay M. Smith, UNC-Chapel Hill). November 10. tinyurl.com/SportSym

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.
- 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

- 2024 “Disrupting the Laboratory: Black Feminist Lab Making and Praxis.” Presenter on executive session roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Tampa, FL. November. [upcoming]
- 2024 “Authors Meet Readers – *The End of College Football: On the Human Cost of an All-American Game* (Nathan Kalman-Lamb and Derek Silva).” Invited panelist on roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Studies Association, Baltimore, MD. November. [upcoming]
- 2024 “How Football Made Me a Woman.” Paper presented at the 163rd annual Wenner-Gren Foundation Symposium, Muñopedro, Spain. March 10.

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- 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.

Invited Lectures and Panels

- 2024 “*From Savage to Negro*: 25th Anniversary Special.” Panelist, Association of Black Anthropologists. February 19.
- 2024 “Exploitation and Violence in America’s Game.” Guest class lecture, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, North Central Michigan College. January 26.
- 2023 “Ethical Ethnographic Inquiry with Black Communities.” Guest class lecture, Department of Black Studies, Amherst College. October 4.
- 2023 “Violence in America’s Game.” Guest class lecture, Department of Kinesiology and Health Education, University of Texas. October 2.

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- 2023 “Ethnographic Writing.” Guest class lecture, Department of Kinesiology, University of Maryland. April 18.
- 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, 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.

TEACHING

- 2022-present Assistant Professor, Duke University
Black Ethnographers – Embodied Blackness – Sports and Society –
Watching *Lovecraft Country*
- 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

- 2024-present Committee member for Joe Hiller
Dissertation: “Love-Politics and the Prison-Society Nexus: Care, Confinement,
and Carceral Transformation in Colombia”
Ph.D. candidate in Cultural Anthropology, Duke University
- 2024-present Committee member for Kasyoka Mwanzia
Topic: Video games, sociality, and optimism among youth in Kenya
Ph.D. student in Cultural Anthropology, Duke University
- 2023-present Committee **chair** for Jonese Austin
Topic: Black-American Christian women who dance in church and/or on the pole
Ph.D. student in Cultural Anthropology, Duke University
- 2023-present Committee member for Elly Veloria

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- 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 Black coaches use social media to create networks in college 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

Undergraduate Students

- 2024-present Committee **advisor** for Lina Sinsheimer
Topic: How sexism shapes the continued devaluation and disenfranchisement of women in sports
Pursing a B.A. in Program II (Women in the Business of Sport), Duke University
- 2024 Committee member for Corali Francisco-Zelkine
Thesis: “Collective Care: Community-Based Practices in Reproductive Justice”
B.A. with distinction in Cultural Anthropology, May 2024, Duke University

ACADEMIC SERVICE

External

- 2024-present Board Member At-Large, Society for the Anthropology of North America
- 2023-present Editorial Advisory Board, *Anthropology News*
- 2021-present Editor, *History of Anthropology Review*
- 2021-present Reviewer: Duke University Press, *Ethos*, *Journal of Sport & Social Issues*, Rutgers University Press, 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

- 2023-present Member, Duke Institutional History Project
- 2023-present Member, Library Council, Duke University
- 2023-present Member, Departmental Advisory Board, Duke Sport Business Conference, Duke University
- 2022-present Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University
- 2022-present Affiliated Faculty, Black in Blue: The Duke Sports & Race Project
- 2022-2023 Member, Arts & Sciences Council, Duke University
- 2021-2022 Member, Steering Committee, Sport, Media, and Culture Minor, University of Notre Dame

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- 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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH TRAINING

- 2024 Advanced Oral History Summer Institute, University of California-Berkeley.
August 5-9.
- 2023 Intergenerational Research Conference, Social Science Research Council-
Mellon Mays. October 19-21.
- 2023 Summer Residency Program, National Humanities Center. June 5-30.
- 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.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Association of Black Anthropologists – Society for the Anthropology of North America

American Studies Association (ASA)

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 Sport History (NASSH)

The North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS)