

# ANDREA R. ROBERTS, PH.D.

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## EXPERIENCE -- *Academic Appointments & Research Affiliations*

- 2022-Present **Associate Professor**, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, School of Architecture, University of Virginia (UVA)  
**Director**, Center for Cultural Landscapes, School of Architecture (UVA)  
**Affiliate**, Woodson Institute, Department of African American and African Studies (UVA)  
**Affiliate**, Department of Architectural History, School of Architecture (UVA)
- 2022 **Associate Professor**, Department of Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning (LAUP), College of Architecture, Texas A&M University (TAMU)
- 2017-21 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning (LAUP), College of Architecture, Texas A&M University
- 2018-22 **TAMU Research Center Fellow/Affiliate**, Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center, Center for Heritage Conservation, Institute for Sustainable Communities, Africana Studies Program
- 2019-Present **Core Partner**, The Unequal Cities Network, Institute on Inequality & Democracy at Luskin School of Public Affairs, the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
- 2019-22 **Associate Director**, Center for Housing and Urban Development (CHUD), LAUP, COA
- 2016-17 **Lecturer**, U.S. Cultural Landscapes and Ethnographic Methods, Graduate, UTSOA
- 2012-2015 **Teaching Assistant Appointments** - The University of Texas at Austin
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## RESEARCH ACTIVITY & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- 2023-Present **Principal Investigator (PI) Outsider Preservation Initiative**, Presidential Initiative of the Andrew Mellon Foundation. A three-year program investing in commemorative practices and storytelling projects that reflect place-based migratory histories and bring those considered on the margins of state-sponsored preservation and placemaking to the center of the American commemoration landscape. Manage research and program staff to create a web portal, community of practice, host symposia, develop new pedagogy, and make grants to descendant-led place preservation projects.
- 2023-Present **Editorial Collective Member**, Black Beyond Data Project, "Who Owns Black Data?" Part of a writing and advisory group working across a conference series. The conferences gather a distinguished group of scholars, librarians, and archivists from the Americas and Africa to discuss, elucidate, and provide public answers to the question: Who owns and controls the Black historical and cultural record?
- 2023-Present **Steering Committee Member**, "Black Experiences with Planning in Canada: Building a Framework for Community-Based, Black-Centered, Black-Informed Planning Practices," Ryerson University, Social Sciences, and Humanities Research Council Proposal, Toronto, Canada

- 2024-2025 **Co-PI, Arc of Enslaved Communities Project**, Montpelier Descendants Committee. Design an engagement plan for the Arc of Enslaved Communities project, a descendant-led framework for the research, interpretation, physical discovery, and promotion of sites and projects centered on the contributions of the enslaved in Virginia during the Founding era.
- 2022-2024 **Principal Investigator(PI), Hurricane Harvey Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program**. Map and analyze the vulnerability of historic structures and landscapes in Texas' historic Black settlements present within The Texas Freedom Colonies Project database.
- 2022-24 **Director/Co-PI, National Endowment for the Humanities, [Black & Indigenous Histories: NEH Summer Institute for College and University Teachers](#):**  
 (2022) "Towards a Peoples' History of Landscape Part 1: Black & Indigenous Histories of the Nation's Capital." and  
 (2024) "Towards a Peoples' History of Landscape Part 1b: Black & Indigenous Histories: NEH Summer Institute for College and University Teachers
- 2014–Present **Founder, The Texas Freedom Colonies Project ([www.thetexasfreedomcoloniesproject.com](http://www.thetexasfreedomcoloniesproject.com))**. Community-engaged research initiative conducted in partnership with descendants of historic Black communities. Applied research activities include participatory heritage conservation and digitization of archival materials, recording oral histories; assessing emerging development and ecological threats to cultural resources and communities; creating and managing The Texas Freedom Colonies Atlas; and leading capacity building workshops.
- 2012–14 **Founder & Project Manager, Fifth Street Neighborhood Plan & Market Study, UTSOA**. Implemented neighborhood planning process; managed student project team; coordinated surveys, tours, & design charrette workshop; completed final report for stakeholders.
- 2011–12 **Research Assistant, Austin Historical Survey WikiProject, UTSOA**, facilitated beta testing of an online cultural resource survey tool that crowdsourced data on endangered historic places within communities of color in gentrifying areas of East Austin.

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## CONSULTING

- 2019-Present **Consultant/Owner, Freedom Colonies Project, LLC**, Planning and preservation subject matter expert; community-engaged research and civic design project support; public speaking; professional development seminars. Sample projects and workshops
- **Getty Conservation Institute**, Thought Leader Roundtable, Los Angeles African American Heritage Initiative, Los Angeles, CA
  - **Urban Land Institute (ULI)**, Presentation, "History of Placemaking Reconsidered," North American Product Council Workshop, Washington, DC
  - **Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis' Office**, The Remembrance Project. Design narrative consultant for civic art and public education design project in

downtown Houston, TX. Specific products associated with consulting services provided were: 1) presentation, "A Plot-Based Narrative for the Harris County Remembrance Project," 2) Focus group recording, transcript, and report, and 3) Comments on design team overlay containing environmental signage to provide a narrative framework for design rationale

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## **PUBLIC SECTOR ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING**

- 2009-11     **Planning Division Coordinator**, City of Houston, Housing & Community Development
- 2008-09     **Sr. Staff Analyst**, City of Houston Economic Development Division, Finance Department
- 2007-08     **Deputy Budget Director**, City of Philadelphia Program Evaluation, Finance Department
- 2006-07     **Program Analyst**, City of Philadelphia Program Evaluation, Finance Department

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## **EDUCATION**

- 2016     **Ph.D.**, Community & Regional Planning, The University of Texas at Austin, School of Architecture (UTSOA)  
**Doctoral Portfolio**, African & African Diaspora Studies Department (UT - AADS)  
**Specializations:** Historic Preservation and Community Development
- 2006     **Master of Government Administration**, Public Finance Certificate, University of Pennsylvania
- 1996     **Bachelor of Arts**, Political Science, Vassar College

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## **FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2023     **Visiting Scholar in Garden and Landscape Studies Fellowship**, Dumbarton Oaks
- 2020     **Texas A&M University Arts & Humanities Fellow**  
**Visiting Scholar Fellow**, The Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, & Abolition, Yale University, 1-month residency  
**Whiting Foundation Public Engagement Fellowship**
- 2019     **Honorable Mention/Alternate**, Ford Foundation Fellowships Program Postdoctoral Competition
- 2016-17     **Emerging Scholar Fellow**, Race & Gender in the Built Environment of the American City, UTSOA

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## **AWARDS & HONORS (\*student participation)**

- 2023-24     UVA Nationally-Recognized Research Award Winners & Members of Academies, 2023 & 2024 Research Achievement Awards, Boars Head Resort, Charlottesville, VA  
Preservation Action Hero of the Year, Finalist, Preservation Action, Washington, DC

2020-21	Catherine W. Bishir Prize, Vernacular Architecture Forum, the organization's highest honor for scholarly articles published in the last two years about vernacular architecture.
2019	Marilyn J. Gittell Activist Scholar Award, Honorable Mention, Urban Affairs Association

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARSHIP (\* denotes students)

### PEER-REVIEWED (PUBLISHED)

- Roberts, A., Aduen, V., Blanks, J., Carter, S., & Girault, K. (2022). Digital Juneteenth: Territorializing the Freedom Colony Diaspora. *Public Culture*, 34(3), 419-436.
- Melnick, R. Z., Roberts, A., & McGilvray, J. (2021). Integrity as Process and Feature: Cultural Landscapes of Underrepresented Communities. *Change Over Time*, 10(2), 122-140.
- Roberts, A., & Butler, M. L. (2022). Contending with the Palimpsest: Reading the land through Black women's emotional geographies. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 112(3), 828-837.
- Sitton, T. Revised by Roberts, A., Kelly, G., and Carter, S., "Freedmen's Settlements," Handbook of Texas Online, Texas State Historical Association. Published 2017, Revised 2022
- Blanks, J., Abuabara, A., Roberts, A., & Semien, J. (2021). Preservation at the Intersections: Patterns of Disproportionate Multihazard Risk and Vulnerability in Louisiana's Historic African American Cemeteries. *Environmental Justice*.
- Roberts, A. R. (2020). Preservation without Representation: Making CLG Programs Vehicles for Inclusive Leadership, Historic Preservation, and Engagement. *Societies*, 10(3), 60.
- Roberts, A. R. (2020). Haunting as Agency: A Critical Cultural Landscape Approach to Making Black Labor Visible in Sugar Land, Texas. *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies*, 19(1).
- Roberts, A., & Matos, M.\* (2020). Adaptive liminality: Bridging and bonding social capital between urban and rural Black meccas. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 1-22.
- Roberts, A. R. (2020). Count the Outside Children! Kinkeeping as Preservation Practice Among Descendants of Texas' Freedom Colonies. In *Forum Journal* (Vol. 32, No. 4, pp. 64-74). National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- Roberts, A. R. (2019). "Until the Lord Come Get Me, It Burn Down, Or the Next Storm Blow It Away:" The Aesthetics of Freedom in African American Vernacular Homestead Preservation. In *Buildings & Landscapes: Journal of the Vernacular Architecture Forum* (Vol. 26, No. 2, 73-97).
- Roberts, A., & Beazer, M. J.\* (2019). Black Placemaking in Texas: Sonic and Social Histories of Newton and Jasper County Freedom Colonies. *Current Research in Digital History*, 2.

- Roberts, A., & Kelly, G.\* (2019). Remixing as Praxis: Ramstein's Ladder Through the Grassroots Preservationist's Lens. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 85(3), 301-320.
- Roberts, A. R. (2018). "Performance as Place Preservation: The Role of Storytelling in The Formation of Shankleville Community's Black Counterpublics" *Journal of Community Archaeology & Heritage*, 5(3), 146-165
- Roberts, A. "Interpretations & Imaginaries: Toward an Instrumental Black Planning History," in Bates, Lisa K., et al. "Race and Spatial Imaginary: Planning Otherwise." *Planning Theory & Practice* 19.2 (2018): 254-288.
- Minner, J., Holleran, M., Roberts, A. & Conrad, J. "Capturing Volunteered Historical Information: Lessons from Development of a Local Government Crowdsourcing Tool." *International Journal of E-Planning Research (IJEPR)* 4, no. 1 (2015): 19-41

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- Roberts, A. (2025). "African American Places in the Making: Freedom-Colony Creation in Digital Spaces *Landscapes in the Making*, Daniels, Stephen, and Dell Upton, eds. Dumbarton Oaks, Trustees for Harvard University
- Roberts, A., (2023). "Countering Displacement through Collective Memory: Recovering African American Landscapes Using the Texas Freedom Colonies Project Atlas." *Design, Displacement, Migration*. Lichtman, S. A., & Traganou, J. Editors
- Roberts, A. and Butler, M. L. "Contending with the Palimpsest: Reading the Land through Black Women's Emotional Geographies." *Geographies of Displacement/s* (2023): 19.
- Roberts, A. (2020). "The End of Bootstraps and Good Masters: Fostering Social Inclusion through Counternarrative Creation," *Preservation and Social Inclusion*. Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture
- Minner, J, Roberts, A., Holleran, M., & Conrad, J. (2018). "A Smart City Remembers Its Past: Citizens as Sensors in Survey and Mapping of Historic Places." In *New Approaches, Methods, and Tools in Urban E-Planning* (pp. 95-129). IGI Global
- Minner, J., Holleran, M., Roberts, A. & Conrad, J. (2016) "Capturing Volunteered Historical Information: Lessons from Development of a Local Government Crowdsourcing Tool." *Geospatial Research: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications*. 319

#### TECHNICAL REPORTS

- Roberts, A., Duke, F, Madden, J, Saunders, J. *The Arc of Enslaved Communities Community Engagement Strategy Report 2025*, University of Virginia Center for Cultural Landscapes [https://libraopen.lib.virginia.edu/public\\_view/7s75dc66p](https://libraopen.lib.virginia.edu/public_view/7s75dc66p)
- Lopez, A., R. Lopez, M. Crawford, A. Smith, D. Barrientos, B. Wegner, O. Muñoz, A. Roberts, Texas Water Trends. Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, College Station, Texas, USA. March 2023. <https://nri.tamu.edu/publications/research-reports/2023/texas-water-trends/>
- Roberts, A. Blanks, J., Root Cause Research Center. [The Texas Freedom Colonies Project's Plan to Preserve Endangered Historic Black Settlements & Cemeteries Executive Summary \(National Trust for Historic Preservation\)](#), August 2021.

- Losey, C. and Roberts A. (2020) [Housing Needs Assessment: Jacksonville, Texas](#). Texas Target Communities Program, TAMU
- Roberts, A & Biazar, M. J. \* (2018) The Texas Freedom Colonies Project Atlas & Study, TAMU
- Roberts, A. and Galindo, A.\* (2014) The Fifth Street Neighborhood Plan & Market Study, Final Report. Center for Sustainable Development, UTSOA ,and Fort Bend County, TX

#### EXHIBITS AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECTS

- Afrotopias of the West Exhibit, Curator and Photographer, UVA School of Architecture, Corner Gallery + Salon Walls, Campbell Hall, UVA School of Architecture, Charlottesville, VA, September 25-October 17, 2023. <https://www.arch.virginia.edu/events/afrotopias-of-the-west>
- Roberts, A., Biazar, M.J.\* The Texas Freedom Colonies Atlas & Study. ArcGIS StoryMap and Survey 1-2-3 integrated platform for crowdsourcing and spatializing data on historic sites and places associated with Black communities founded in Texas, 1865-1930. <http://bit.ly/txfcpatlastwo>
- Roberts, A., Matos, M.\* , Simien, J.\* , Kuzio, J.\* , Roy, M.\* , Jones, F.\* . Kelly, G.\* , Martinez, I.\*(2018) PLAN 689 Critical Place Studies. "Texas Freedom Colonies Project - Final Student Digital Humanities Projects utilizing The Atlas' GIS data. <http://www.thetexasfreedomcoloniesproject.com/2019/01/student-projects.html>
- Roberts, A., Biazar, M.J Matos, M.\* , Semien, J.\* , Kuzio, J.\* , Roy, M.\*(2018) PLAN 689 Critical Place Studies. OMEKA Projects: caneycreek.omeka.net, TXFCPpleasanthill.omeka.net, TXFCPmagnoliasprings.omeka.net, TXFCPmosshill.omeka.net, TXFCPjamestown.omeka.net, TXFCPdixie.omeka.net, TXFCPmountuniontx.omeka.net
- Global Architectural History Teaching Collaborative (2019) Department of Architecture, MIT Special Acquisition Lecture, Cambridge, MA. <https://api.gahtc.org/browse/#89>

#### PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP: NEW MEDIA, ESSAYS, OPINION, & CREATIVE NON-FICTION

2024

- Roberts, A., Sturlaugson, B., Axel, N., Brown, L., Stanek, Ł., Osseo-Asare, D. K., ... & Kounkuey Design Initiative. Field Notes on Repair: 7. "A Reparative Framework for Historic Preservation." *Places Journal* (2024).

2023

- Roberts, Andrea, Danielle Purifoy, and Maia L. Butler. "Stewarding Black Worlds." *Places Journal* (2023).
- Roberts, Andrea, Magalong, Michelle, and Fallon Aidoo. "The Joys of Just Preservation." *Magazine. Architect*, October 13, 2023. [https://www.architectmagazine.com/Design/the-joys-of-just-preservation\\_o](https://www.architectmagazine.com/Design/the-joys-of-just-preservation_o)
- Schuler, Timothy A. Interview "Past Imperfect." *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, June 29, 2023. <https://landscapearchitecturemagazine.org/2023/06/29/past-imperfect/>
- Our Body Politic, Podcast. Juneteenth Addition, June 2023.

- Anson, Ian, host. Interview with Andrea Roberts. “The Texas Freedom Colonies Project w/ Dr. Andrea Roberts.” Retrieving the Social Sciences (podcast). May 5, 2023, <https://socialscience.umbc.edu/episode-40/>.
- Tabor, Nick. Quote. “Zora Neale Hurston’s Hometown in Florida Is in Peril.” The New York Times, April 17, 2023, sec. Opinion. <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/04/17/opinion/preservation-african-american-communities.html>
- Brandi T. Summers, Jeremy Till, Peggy Deamer, Jeffrey Hou, Daniel A. Barber, Dahlia Nduom, James Graham, Nora Wendl, Cassim Shepard, Andrea Roberts, Sara Jensen Carr, David Theodore, “Field Notes on Design Activism: 2,” *Places Journal*, November 2022. <https://doi.org/10.22269/221103>

#### 2020-21

- “Reclaiming Our Stories: Preserving Texas’ African American Placemaking History,” Bullock – State Museum of Texas, Austin, TX. Oral history training event, Sponsored by the Whiting Foundation., October.
- [“I Am Texas: Gloria Lawsha Smith](#), interview, Bullock Texas State History Museum Exhibit Video,
- “Saving Texas Freedom Colonies, A Guide.” Created by undergraduate students at Texas A&M University, [https://issuu.com/freedomcoloniesproject/docs/saving\\_texas\\_freedom\\_colonies](https://issuu.com/freedomcoloniesproject/docs/saving_texas_freedom_colonies), February 2020

#### 2018

- Roberts, A.” Sugar Land: Treat the mass grave of Black prisoners discovered in Texas with respect” Newsweek, August 15, 2018
- Roberts, A. “A Texas city discovered a mass grave of prison laborers. What should it do with the bodies?” The Conversation August 14, 2018
- Roberts, A. “Analysis: Why Texas should Brace to Hear about More Mass Graves” Austin American Statesman, August 15, 2018
- Roberts, A. “The Mass Grave Beneath a Texas Suburb,” City Lab, August 15, 2018

#### 2017

- Brand, A., Brown, Davis, L, Ford, M., Hood, W., Lopez, S., Roberts, A., Robles Jr., J. “Conversation 030317,” Platform: Convergent Voices, A Journal of the UT Austin School of Architecture, Ed. Nichole Wiedemann and Charlton Lewis, November 2017
- Roberts, A. “When Does It Become Social Justice? Thoughts on Intersectional Preservation Practice” Preservation Leadership Forum Blog: National Trust for Historic Preservation, July 20, 2017
- Roberts, A. “Documenting and Preserving Texas Freedom Colonies” (2017). Texas Heritage Magazine. Texas Historical Foundation, Austin, TX. Vol. 2, June 2017
- Roberts, A. “Critical Sankofa Planning-Mobilizing Texas Freedom Colony Memories,” NotThatButThis.com

- Roberts, A. “Homeplace: Identity, Place, and Planning” Reading List. *Places Journal*, April 2017

2016

- Brand, A., & Roberts, A. Commentary: Better Communities Require Better-Educated Planners. *Austin American-Statesman*. October 25, 2016

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARSHIP (\* denotes students)

### ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

- Roberts, A. *Never Sell the Land! African American Historic Preservation as Resistance*, Book Manuscript–Accepted for publication and in copy editing, The University of Texas Press

### UNDER REVIEW

- Roberts, A. “A Hypothesis of Redress: Embracing Archaeologies of Possibility,” *Current Anthropology*
- Roberts, A. “Black Place-Making History as Architectural History: A Critical Survey of Placemaking & Naming within Histories of Texas’ Black Settlements,” *Race and the Historiography of American Architecture*
- Roberts, A. Haunting as Agency: A Critical Cultural Landscape Approach to Making Black Labor Visible in Sugar Land, Texas. Book Chapter Version for Ed. Dudley, T. and Stiefel, B. *Sites of Memory and Resistance*

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## MEDIA COVERAGE & PRESS INTERVIEWS

- Sincavage, Rhonda, and Priya Chhaya. “Reconsidering Preservation with Andrea Roberts at the Center for Cultural Landscapes.” National Trust for Historic Preservation, September 2023. <https://savingplaces.org/stories/reconsidering-preservation-with-andrea-roberts-at-the-center-for-cultural-landscapes>
- Walk-Morris, Tatiana, “The Urgent Effort to Preserve Freedom Colonies and Black Settlements,” *Planning Magazine*, February 2022.
- Stayton, Jennifer. “How structural racism hinders efforts to preserve Texas’ Black history,” October 28, 2021, NPR--KUT 90.5.
- Stayton, Jennifer. “‘Everyone’s Story Matters’: Texas Freedom Colonies Project Challenges What Counts as An Artifact,” September 3, 2021, NPR--KUT 90.5.
- Stayton, Jennifer. “History Is Written by The Victors,’ But the Texas Freedom Colonies Project Works to Change the Narrative,” April 28, 2021, NPR--KUT 90.5.
- The Cultural Landscape Foundation. “It Takes One: Dr. Andrea Roberts.” January 18, 2021, *Stewardship Stories* website.
- Hamilton, Aretina. “People & Places, Not Points and Lines.” November 3, 2020. Esri: ArcNews, Fall 2020.
- Scanlon, Amy Loewenstein, and Bailey, Heather L. “Building an Inclusive Preservation Plan in Madison, Wisconsin.” September 10, 2020. [Preservation Leadership Forum](#)

- Barnes, Michael. "Texas History: Sizing up Daily Lives in the State's Freedom Colonies." August 10, 2020. Austin American-Statesman
- Jones, DaLyah. "Andrea Roberts Is Working to Define What Free Black Space Is." July 23, 2020. Texas Observer
- "Freedom Colonies Provide Unique Learning Opportunity for Students." February 28, 2020. Texas A&M Today.
- Lewis, B. "Communities strive to preserve African-American history at Texas Colonies." December 17, 2019. Houston Chronicle.
- Witte, K. "A&M professor wins grant to preserve historic African American settlements" [Interview]. July 11, 2019. In First News at Four.
- Poppe, R. "State-Owned Building Once Served San Antonio's East Side. Can It Help the Community Again?" June 13, 2019. In Texas Public Radio.
- Poppe, R. "Texas A&M Professor's Research Highlights Significance of Texas Freedom Colonies." February 27, 2019. In Texas Standard.
- Flynn, M. "School district found remains of 95 Black forced-labor prisoners on a construction site and want them moved," Quoted. October 25, 2018. In the Washington Post
- Watts, E. "Texas A&M University Project Will Document Freedom Colonies throughout Texas," October 24, 2018. Journal of Blacks in Higher Education
- Collins, C. "How Natural Disasters Challenge Communities of Color" December 21, 2017. One Crisis Away: After the Flood, KERA-Dallas
- Feldman, N. "Confronting Urban Design's Diversity Crisis with a Return to Black Places." April 17, 2017. Next City
- Joseph, C. and Mankad, R. "When 'historic' doesn't mean 'white 'In Houston and elsewhere, a movement grows to preserve a wider range of places." December 16, 2016. Houston Chronicle

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## RESEARCH FUNDING - GRANTS

2025

- PI, "Outsider Preservation Descendant Education Project" Partners in Training Program, Historic Preservation Education Foundation, \$6,000
- PI, "Setting the Data Free: Creating a Descendant-Led Digital Humanities Lab and Network," UVA Karsh Institute of Democracy – Digital Technology for Democracy Lab Seed Grant, \$40,000

2023

- PI, "Outsider Preservation Initiative," Monuments Project, Mellon Foundation, \$3,000,000.
- Co-PI, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2024 Summer Institute for College and University, Dumbarton Oaks-Harvard, University of Maryland, and Virginia Commonwealth University Collaboration, "Towards a Peoples' History of Landscape Part 2: Black & Indigenous Histories of Richmond, VA."

- Advisor/Collaborator, “Black Experiences with Planning in Canada: Building a Framework for Community-Based, Black-Centered, Black-Informed Planning Practices,” Ryerson University, Social Sciences, and Humanities Research Council Proposal, Toronto, Canada, \$446,091
- Principal Investigator(PI), Hurricane Harvey Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program, \$151,210

#### 2021

- PI, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC, The Texas Freedom Colonies Project: Spring-Summer Field School, \$10,000
- Director/Co-PI, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Institute for College and University, Dumbarton Oaks and TAMU Collaboration, [“Towards a Peoples’ History of Landscape Part 1: Black & Indigenous Histories of the Nation’s Capital.”](#) \$198,289
- PI, TAMU X-Grant, “The Gulf Coast Heritage Preparedness Initiative,” \$325,000
- Co-PI, National Endowment for the Arts, The Cultural Landscape Foundation, “What’s Out There: Race and Space,” Project \$50,000

#### 2020

- Research Group Leader, Center of Digital Humanities Research (CoDHR) TAMU, \$2,000
- PI, Center of Digital Humanities Research (CoDHR) Project Development Grant, “Retrofitting the TXFC Project Atlas: Strategic Plan and Testing project,” \$7,000.
- Co-PI, Glasscock Buttrill Ethics Grant, \$1,500
- PI. APVA Virtual Workshop Grant, Calling Forth Freedom, \$500

#### 2019

- PI, “TX Freedom Colonies Project's Plan to Preserve Endangered Historic Black Settlements & Cemeteries,” National Trust for Historic Preservation: African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, \$50,000
- PI, “Texas Freedom Colony Project Portal and Community Heritage Collaborative,” TAMU T3 Grant Competition Proposal,” \$32,000

#### 2018

- Research Group Leader, African American Digital Humanities Working Group, Center of Digital Humanities Research (CoDHR) TAMU, \$2,000
- PI, Critical Place Studies Course, Curriculum Grant, CoDHR TAMU, \$500
- PI, Cultural Enrichment, and Campus Diversity Grant. TAMU Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, \$500

#### 2017

- PI, “Mapping the Unmapped: The Texas Freedom Colonies Atlas,” TAMU PESCA Grant, \$10,000
- PI, “Aggie Inclusion: A Cultural Landscape Study of Current and Former Student Representation and Experiences on TAMU’s Main Campus,” TAMU Diversity Matters Seed Grant, \$4,000

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- Co-PI/Contractor/Project Manager, The Fifth Street Project, HUD-funded study between UTSOA's Center for Sustainable Development and Ft. Bend County, TX, \$96,000

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**KEYNOTES, INVITED LECTURES, SYMPOSIA (\*student participation, V=Virtual)**

2025

- Keynote, "Black Spatial Possibility: What Descendant Communities Teach Us about Planning & Preservation," Texas Chapter American Planning Association, Annual Conference, College Station, TX, October
- Invited Talk, "The Out(Sider) Preservation Initiative: The Field Beyond Regulations and Lists." Blacks in Historic Preservation Membership Meeting, October, V
- Panelist, "Black Spatial Possibility: How the Texas Freedom Colonies Project leverages collective memory to resist displacement." PolicyLink's Repairing Roots: Historic Black Towns and Legacies of Spatial Justice, June, V
- Virtual Guest Lecture, "Foundations for Just Planning & Preservation," Planning with Diverse Communities Course, Oklahoma University, April, V
- Conversation & Presentation, "Shifting Preservation Pedagogy," A Conversation with Andrea Roberts and Sarah Marsom, National Council for Preservation Education (NCPE) March, V
- Keynote, "A Reparative Framework for Historic Preservation," UVA School of Architecture Alumni Reception, Richmond, VA, March
- Keynote, "Co-Creating Counternarratives: Foundations for Just Planning & Preservation." GeoSym Conference, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Geography & Sustainability Department, February
- Guest Speaker, Black History Month, "The Texas Freedom Colonies Project," Prairie View A&M University, February

2024

- Keynote, "Just Noticing Isn't Enough: Survival Poetics for Cultural Landscape Preservation." What is the Future of Cultural Landscape Preservation? Symposium, Weitzman School of Design, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, November
- "Leveraging Storytelling to Achieve Planning Goals," Aya Symposium, UNT-Dallas, TX, June
- Keynote, "The Power of Collective Memory: Reactivating Black Places Through Storytelling," Black Houston(s) Symposia: Place and Memory, African American History Research Center, Houston, TX, March
- Panelist, "Out(sider) Preservation: Descendant-Centered Education & Practice," Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Webinar Series, February, V
- Keynote, "Co-Creating Counternarratives: Foundations for Just Planning & Preservation," ZORA!® Festival Afrofuturism Conference, January, V

2023

- Panelist, “Reckoning with History: Moving Beyond Organizational Accountability,” Truth & Transformation Conference 2023, hosted by the Instructional Antiracism and Accountability Project (IARA), Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, V
- Organizer, Curator, and Facilitator, “New Frontiers in Black Placemaking,” Sara Shallenberger Brown Cultural Landscapes and Sites Symposium, UVA School of Architecture, Center for Cultural Landscapes, Included three events.
  - *Co-Host, East -West Descendant Community Meet & Greet at Jefferson School Heritage Center, Charlottesville, VA, September 24*
  - *Moderator, Discussion on Reparative Land Justice with Drs. Tiffany King and Ashley Adams, UVA Rotunda, September 25*
  - *Moderator, Panel with Dr. Ashley Adams (Mills College), Denise Kadara (Allensworth Progressive Association), Dr. Timothy E. Nelson (Blackdom, NM), And La Barbara James Wigfall (Kansas State University); September 25*
- Panelist, “African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity International Conference,” Progressive Practices in Community Economic Development - Lessons and Critical Impact, Halifax, Nova Scotia, September 23, V
- Invited Keynote, “Out(sider) Preservation: Commemorating Black Freedom-Seeking, Placemaking, & Migration in American Landscapes,” Mellon Foundation, Town Hall, NYC, June
- Speaker, “Freedom Colonies’ Freedom Futures,” Aya Symposium – The Annual Texas Freedom Colonies Project Conference, Dallas, Texas, June
- Invited Lecturer, “Co-Creating Counternarratives: Foundations for Just Planning & Preservation,” Cambridge University, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, May, V
- Invited Lecturer, “Co-Creating Counternarratives: Foundations for Just Planning & Preservation,” University of Maryland, Baltimore County, March 29, V
- Panelist, Texas Connect – RootsTech, March, V

## 2022

- Panelist, [“Telling Stories, Preserving Places,” Series: Restorative Justice in the Built Environment](#)”, School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, University of Maryland at College Park, September.
- Presenter, “Texas Freedom Colonies: Reclaiming Black Stories and Places.” The Robert F. Smith Explore Your Family History Center, National Museum of African American History & Culture, June.
- Presenter, “Landscapes Remembered: Visual Cultures of African American Placemaking in Texas” Landscapes in the Making, Dumbarton Oaks, Garden and Landscape Studies, Mellon Initiative in Urban Landscape Studies, May
- Keynote, “Reconstructing Black Worlds: Counternarrative Creation as Preservation Practice,” Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, March, V
- Keynote, “Black Women & Placemaking: Toward an Inclusive Texas History,” Seth McMeans Lecture Series, Brenham Historical Museum, Brenham, TX, March
- Keynote, “The Community Core: Making & Keeping Place Heritage in Texas's Freedom Colonies,” Texas Association of CDCs Conference 2022, College Station, Texas, March

- Keynote, 17th Texas A&M University System Pathways Student Research Symposium, TAMUS LSAMP, and the Graduate and Professional School at Texas A&M University, March

## 2021

- Panelist, "Special Meeting on Cultural Justice in Virginia," Virginia African American Cultural Resources Task Force, Virginia General Assembly, December, V
- Panelist, "Roundtable Discussion: Storytelling Futures," Preserving and Sustaining Civil Rights Sites Symposium, The Center for Preservation of Civil Rights Sites, University of Pennsylvania Weitzman School of Design, November, V
- Panel organizer and Lecturer, Roberts, A., Blanks, J\*, Aduen, V.\* , "The Texas Freedom Colonies Project: Putting Freedom Colonies on the Map, on Policy Agendas, and at the Center of Texas History," Texas Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, October, V
- Lecturer, ["The Community Core: Making and Keeping Place Heritage in Texas's Freedom Colonies"](#) Rachel Dorothy Tanur Memorial Lecture, Harvard University Graduate School of Design, October, V
- Keynote, "Teaching Digital Curation as Place Preservation," The Association for Computers and the Humanities, July, V
- Keynote and Panelist, "Underrepresented Histories," NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference, June, V
- Panelist, "Preservation without Representation," 8th National Forum on Historic Preservation Policy: A Critical Examination of Preservation & the 21st Century City, Tulane University, April, V
- Lecturer, "The Texas Freedom Colonies Project Atlas & Study," Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education, University of Southern Maine, February, V
- Keynote, "Reconstructing Black Worlds: Counternarrative Creation as Preservation Practice," Columbia Center for Archaeology, Columbia University, January, V
- Panelist, "New Narratives for Just Preservation: Seeking Progressive Intersections Between Preservation and Infrastructure Advocates," Re-Centering the Margins: Justice and Equity in Preservation Conference, University of Maryland, January, V

## 2020

- Lecturer (Class), "Under the Circumstances: Reflections on Engagement & Collaboration," Community-Engaged Methods: Tools for Equitable Research & Practice Course, University of Virginia, November, V
- Lecturer, "The Freedom Colony Repertoire: Promising Approaches to Bridging and Bonding Social Capital Between Urban and Rural Black Meccas," The University of Pennsylvania Weitzman School of Design Lecture Series, October, V
- Keynote, "Hacking Heritage: Lessons from Texas Planning History for Social Studies Educators," 2020 Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association Conference, October, V

- Lecturer (Class), "The Texas Freedom Colonies Project: Countermapping Black Digital Worlds" Florida State University Legacy Communities Studio Project, September, V
- Lecturer, "Planning for Equity: Suggested Approaches to Engagement and Collaboration," Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Design Excellence Conference, August, V
- Panelist, "Reclaiming Our History: Reckoning with Our Past to Build Our Future," Black Spaces NY and *Next City Magazine*, August, V
- Panelist and Facilitator, "Juneteenth: Creating Legacy in Contested Places" Co-hosted by the Schomburg Center for Black Culture and the New York Public Library, June, V
- Keynote, "Preserving the Promise," CFHPA Preserving the Promise Gala, Dixie Community, Jasper, County Texas, February
- Lecturer, Spring 2020 John W. Stormont Lecture Series, "The Texas Freedom Colonies Project," Museum of the Coastal Bend, Victoria, TX, February
- Panelist, "[Rural Cultural Landscapes: Thick-Mapping Vanishing Black Places](#)" Cultural Landscape Symposium, Preservation Texas, Waco, TX, February
- Lecturer, "The Freedom Colony Repertoire: Promising Approaches to Bridging and Bonding Social Capital between Urban and Rural Black Meccas" The Mellon Initiative Urban Landscape Studies' Midday Dialogues, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC, January

2019

- Lecturer, "Co-Curating Freedom: Conducting Qualitative Urban Planning Research with Descendants of Historic Black Settlements," 2019-20 Enhancing Diversity Seminar Series, TAMU, October
- Lecturer, "The Texas Freedom Colonies Project" Towards a Charlottesville Cultural Landscape Atlas Symposium, Digital Atlases as Tools of Communication and Discovery Session, Center for Cultural Landscapes, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, September
- Lecturer, "Curating Freedom Colonies: Making Texas' Unmapped Black Settlements Visible to Planners & Preservationists," Mapping Black Towns Symposium, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, March
- Lecturer, "[Curating Freedom: Making Hidden Black Publics Visible with Descendant Communities](#)" The Sara Shallenberger Brown Lecture, Center for Cultural Landscapes, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, February
- Lecturer, "Bootstraps, Old Wives Tales, and Good Masters: Implications of Disremembered Black Agency in Texas' Public History," Preservation + Social Inclusion Symposium, Co-hosted by Columbia University and The World Monument Fund NY, NY, February
- Lecturer, "More Than an Institution: HBCUs & Placemaking in Black Settlements" HBCU-Historic Black Settlement Association Summit, Zora Neale Hurston Festival, Eatonville, FL, January

2018

- Lecturer, "Black Places Matter! Grassroots Solutions to Preserving Our Communities," University of Houston, Center for Public History Lecture Series, The African American Library at the Gregory School, Houston, TX, March
- Lecturer, "[The Homeplace Aesthetic: Finding Black Pasts and Seeking Black Futures in Bottom Land.](#)" with Nathaniel Donnett Art exhibition 'In One Form or Another; Verse One,' Art League of Houston, Houston, TX, January
- Keynote, "Hacking Heritage: Lessons Learned from Grassroots Preservationists," Real Places Conference, Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX, January

2017

- Keynote, "Preservation Practice and Possibilities in Texas' Freedom Colonies," David Dillon Symposium: Equity + Freedom's Footprint in Dallas Freedman's Towns, Co-hosted by University of Texas-Arlington and Paul Quinn College, Dallas, TX, November
- Lecturer, "The Homeplace Aesthetic: Principles of Place Preservation in Deep East Texas's Vernacular African American Landscape" Cornell University Colloquium Lecture, Cornell University, NY, September
- Lecturer, "The Freedom Colony Repertoire: The Role of Oral Tradition in African American Planning and Preservation Practice" Department of City & Regional Planning Lecture Series, University of California, Berkeley College of Environmental Design. Berkeley, CA, March

2016

- Panelist, "Goldsmith Talks: Toward an Inclusive City" Roundtable on Race, Gender, and LGBTQI Issues in the Built Environment, UTSOA, April
- Discussant & Panelist, "Texas Freedom Colonies: Research, Preservation, & Innovation," Preservation Texas State Summit, Austin, TX, February

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**PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS & CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (\*student participation, V=virtual)**

2023 *Peer-Reviewed*

- Panelist, Exploring Sacred Civics: Re-Imagining the Soul of Planning - A Provocation Roundtable. AGYEMAN, Julian, Co-Author, moderator SANDERCOCK, Leonie
- Keynote, "Countering Displacement through Collective Memory" Kansas State University, [College of Architecture, Planning & Design](#) 2023 [Ekdahl Lecture Series](#)

2022 *Peer-Reviewed*

- Panelist, "Digital Curation as Place Preservation." Session: Black Planning - Centering Black Knowledge and Experiences in Planning Education. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, November

2022 *Peer-Reviewed*

- Workshop Lead, Roberts, A., Blanks, J., Aduen, V., Roberts, A. "Engaged Preservation Research with Black Communities During the COVID-19 Pandemic," Real Places Conference, Friends of Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX, February
- Workshop Lead, Tucz, D. and Gordon, G. "Diversifying Preservation Leadership & Priorities in Communities with Difficult Histories," Real Places Conference, Austin, TX, February

2021 *Peer-Reviewed*

- Panelist, "Telling the Whole Story: Rediscovering Marginalized Histories Alongside Communities," Whiting Foundation panel, National Humanities Conference, November, V
- Panelist, "Preservation without Representation: Making CLG Programs Vehicles for Inclusive Leadership, Historic Preservation, & Engagement," Resources for Racial Equity in Preservation Panel, PastForward Conference, National Trust for Historic Preservation, November, V
- Winslow, J. and Roberts, A., "Cultural Ecosystem Service Benefits at the Intersection of Cultural Landscape Heritage Conservation and Land Stewardship," Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, March, V

2020 *Peer-Reviewed*

- Panelist, "Haunting as Agency: A Critical Cultural Landscape Approach to Making Black Labor Visible in Sugar Land, Texas," ACSP Annual Conference, Virtual, November
- Panelist, "Identifying Texas Freedom Colonies' Landscapes Through Intangible Heritage" SESAH Conference; African American Builders Session, October
- Chair and Panelist, "Critical Place Studies: Creative Approaches to Increasing the Visibility of Historic Black Communities to Planners & Policymakers," Association of Critical Heritage Studies 5th Biennial Conference, August, V
- Chair and Panelist, Roberts, A., and Carter, S. "The State of Black Vernacular Architecture in Historic Black Settlements," Vernacular Architecture Forum, May, V
- Panelist, "The Texas Freedom Colonies Atlas: The Ethics of Countermapping Black Digital Worlds" African American Intellectual History Society conference, The University of Texas, Austin, TX, March

2019 *Peer-Reviewed*

- Lecturer, "Liminality as Resiliency: Embodiment, Agency, and Knowledge Exchange between Texas' Freedom Colonies and Urban Meccas," Memory Studies Association Conference, Complutense University, Madrid, Spain, June

*Non-Peer Reviewed*

- Panel Facilitator, "Storytelling: Multimedia" 2019 University of Texas at Arlington's Dillon Symposium: Freedmen's Town Stories, The African American Museum of Dallas, Dallas, TX, November

- Lecturer, "Mapping Arguments Roundtable" SACRPH Conference, Arlington, VA, November
- Lecturer, "Curating Freedom Colonies: Making Texas' Unmapped Black Settlements Visible to Planners & Preservationists" Council of Texas Archeologists Spring Meeting, Austin, TX, April
- Co-Presenters, Roberts, A., Cook, W., \* "When the Archive is 'Woke!' Ethnographic Methodologies That Bring Collections and Cultural Landscapes to Life," Real Places Conference, Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX, January

2018 *Peer-Reviewed*

- Panelist, "Everyone Has a Story: The Role of Oral Tradition among Grassroots Preservationists in Texas' Historic African American Settlements," Oral History Association Conference, Montreal, CA, October

*Non-Peer Reviewed*

- Panelist, People of Color Interest Group Roundtable: 50 years Later - Reflecting on 1968, ACSP Annual Conference, Buffalo, NY, October

2017 *Peer-Reviewed*

- Lecturer, "The Homeplace Aesthetic: Principles of Place Preservation in Deep East Texas's Vernacular African American Landscape," ACSP Annual Conference, Denver, CO, October
- Panelist, "Planning the Twentieth-Century American City: A Cross-Generational Conversation on Next Directions" 17th Annual SACRPH Conference, Cleveland, OH, October

2016

*Peer-Reviewed*

- Lecturer, "Kinkeepers, Cultural Workers, and Asset Builders: Identifying and Translating Insurgent Planning Practice" ACSP Annual Conference, Portland, OR, October
- Panelist, "The Homeplace Aesthetic: African American Principles of Place Preservation in Deep East Texas' Vernacular Landscapes." Vernacular Architecture Forum Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, June

*Non-Peer Reviewed*

- Lecturer, "Power Session: Exploring Texas Freedom Colonies" PastForward, National Trust of Historic Preservation Conference, Houston, TX, November
- Lecturer, "Preservation Leadership Training: Issues in Preservation Law" PastForward, National Trust of Historic Preservation Conference, Houston, TX, November

2013-15

*Peer-Reviewed*

- Panelist, "Planning for Diverse Communities" American Planning Association Conference, Texas Chapter, Galveston, TX, October

- Lecturer, "Memory to Movement: Mobilizing Memory to Spur Community Development" Panelist, Biennial Collegium for African American Research, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA, April

2012 *Peer-Reviewed*

- Panelist, "Black Bodies, Difficult Memories: An Exploration of African American Human & Spatial Agency in Ft. Bend County, Texas." Association of Critical Heritage Studies Conference, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, June

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**PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS (\*student participation, V=virtual)**

2025

- Panelist, "Community and Place as Archive," Dan Royles, Andrea Roberts, Gabrielle Tayac. Moderator: Kate Masur. Workshop for National Park Service's Mellon Humanities Postdoctoral Fellows, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC, March

2024

- Workshop, "Leveraging Storytelling to Achieve Planning Goals," Aya Symposium, UNT-Dallas, TX, June
- Panelist, "Out(sider) Preservation: Descendant-Centered Education & Practice," Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Webinar Series, February, V

2022

- Panelist, Behind the Big House: Preserving and Interpreting the Material History of Slavery in the U.S., April, V
- Panelist, "Community Engagement in Preservation of Places," Landscapes of Civil Rights in the National Capital, Spring 2022 Colloquium Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC, February, V
- Panelist, "Preservation as Community Care," Historic Black Communities: Preserving and Caring, NorthStar of GIS: Black History Month Event Series 2022, February, V

2021

- "The Texas Freedom Colonies Project," Quakertown Stories, NEH Digital Humanities Project Workshop, Texas Women's University, December, V
- Panelist, "Acknowledging Historic Black Landscapes," The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) & National Park Service--Historic American Landscapes Survey Program, Webinar, February, V
- Panelist, "On-the-Ground": Acting on Research, Studio & Design Strategies," ASLA, Webinar, February, V

2020

- "Counternarratives as Pedagogy: Participatory Public History & Landscape Documentation 2017-2020," Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association Conference, Professional Development Workshop, Austin, TX, Virtual, October, V
- "Preserve the Culture: Oral History Project," The African American Library at the Gregory School Planner, Curator, and Instructor, Houston, TX, June, V
- The TXFC Project Atlas Demonstration, City of Austin, Carver African American Museum, Austin, TX, June, V

2019

- Convener, Roberts, A and Kelly, G.\* "Disrupt the Narrative: Planning as Social Justice" Public forum commemorating 1619 Project and its relationship to planning history, TAMU, October
- Planner, & Facilitator, Roberts, A., Biazar, M.J.\* [Texas Freedom Colonies Project Research Network Meeting & Focus Group Session](#)," Brazos Valley African American Museum, Bryan, TX, November
- Panelist/Lecturer, "Preservation Futures," Celebration of Learning: Reimagining the Future, 50th Anniversary of the College of Architecture Symposium, TAMU, November
- Workshop Instructor, "Methodologies for Housing Justice: A Summer Institute for Movement-Based & University-Based Scholars Institute," National Science Foundation Methodology Workshop, Institute on Inequality & Democracy at Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA, August
- Lecturer, "What are Freedom Colonies?" Freedom Colony Symposium, Prairie View University, TX, June
- Presenter and Workshop Leader, Roberts, A., Biazar, MJ. "Outreach Methods to Build an Effective, More Diverse Organization, Texas Historical Commission: Certified Local Government Program Workshop," Bryan Historical Commission, Queen Theater, Bryan, Texas, June

## 2018

- Facilitator and Instructor, Roberts, A., Matos, M.\*, Simien, J.\*, Kuzio, J.\*, Roy, M.\*, Jones, F\*., Kelly, G.\*, Martinez, I. "Critical Place Studies: Creative Approaches to Increasing the Visibility of Historic Black Communities to Planners & Policymakers" Final Student Digital Humanities Project Presentations, Brazos Valley African American Museum, Bryan, TX, November
- Lecturer, "Outreach Methods to Build an Effective, More Diverse Organization," Texas Historical Commission: Certified Local Government Program Workshop, Gonzales, TX, August
- Lecturer, "Looking for the 'Black Fantastic' in Diasporic Geographies and the Literary Imagination" 2018 Black Communities Conference Roundtable, Durham, NC, April
- Panelist, "The Power of Stories: Leveraging Heritage to Preserve Historic Black Settlements," 2018 Black Communities Conference Session, Durham, NC, April
- Presenter and Facilitator, "Harvey Recovery Oral History Workshop," TAMU Texas Target Communities, Jones Futures Academy, Jones Academy. Houston, TX, March
- Co-Presenters, Roberts, A., and Donna Carter "A Conversation: Seeking Praxis when Preserving African American Places," TAMU, February

## 2015

- Panelist, "Houston Freedom Colony Diaspora: Grassroots African American Planning & Preservation," Houston History Alliance Conference, Houston, TX, September

## 2014

- Panelist, "Diaspora, Dispossession, and New Collectivities in Texas' Freedom Colonies," African Diasporas: Old & New Conference, UT AADS, April
- Lecturer, "Equity, Heritage, & Planning in Unincorporated Communities," Institute for Urban Policy & Research Analysis, AADS, UT Austin, Austin, TX, March

## ADVISING & MENTORING

### Advising - Committees

#### DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Student	Degree	Topic	Graduation Date	Faculty Role
Lincoln Lewis	PhD, Constructed Environment	Change in the Chesapeake: Community Planning Decision-Making in a Dynamic Coastal Environment	2027	Member
Hannah Cameron	PhD, Urban Planning, University of Maryland	Monuments, Race, and Public Engagement in Richmond, VA	2026	Member
Candace Jennings	Applied Demography-PhD, UT-San Antonio	Black Homeownership and Aging in Historical Context: A Mixed-Methods Study of the Legacy of Texas Freedom Colonies	2023	Member
<b>Texas A&amp;M University Advisees</b>				
Chandler Wilkins	URS-PhD	Needs of Public Housing Residents During Disaster Preparedness, Response, & Recovery Phases	2023	Member
Valentina Ramirez	Comm-PhD	African American Legal Literacy, Communication, and Land Loss Prevention	2024	Member
Jinhyun Bae	URS-PhD	Shrinking City, Vacant Land, and Inequality	2022	Member
Joy Siemen	URS-PhD	Non-Profit & Small Business Disaster Recovery	2024	Member
Margit Pap	URS-PhD	The Role of Three Christian Denominations in Minority Community Development in Romania	2021	Member
Clare Losey	URS-PhD	Neighborhood Quality & Affordability for Low-income Buyers	2021	Member

#### SELECTED MASTERS COMMITTEES (\*STUDENT DEPARTMENTAL AWARD WINNER)

Student	Degree	Topic	Graduation Date	Faculty Role
Maille Bowerman	BUEP-UVA	Past, Present, and Future Philadelphia City Planning	2024	Chair
Dylan Metsch-Ampel	MUEP-UVA	'What happened to the six million?' Veteran-Led Anti-War Movements as Environmental Justice Planning	2024	Member
Quinton Mason	M. Arch-UVA	Black Vernacular: The Phenomenology of Black Domestic Space	2023	Member

<b>Student</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Graduation Date</b>	<b>Faculty Role</b>
Joshua Brown	MA, Arch	Heritage and Design in Washington County, Texas	2022	Member
Shaw Vallier	Planning, UTSOA & Public Affairs, LBJ-UT	Public Investment in Black Businesses	2023	Member
Christian Heinemann	MUP/PR	Risk and Disaster Mapping of Disappearing Places	2022	Chair
Carly Venditti	MUP/PR	Navigating Land Vacancy and Gentrification through Land Trusts	2022	Co-Chair
Daisy Romero	MUP/PR	La Importancia of Latinx Radical Planning Methods	2022	Chair
Diana Hernandez	MA, Historic Preservation, UTSOA	Spectral Memoryscapes: A Case for Silenced Voices in East Austin's San José Cemetery	2021	Member
Madison Brossett	MUP/PR	Parks and Green Space	2021	Chair
Stephen Hayes	MUP/PR	Texas Freedom Colonies Counter-mapping Intangible Heritage	2021	Chair
Aaron Grimes	MA, Arch	Cultural Regeneration Through Urban Design with A Stance Against Gentrification	2021	Member
Emily Gunderson	MUP/PR	MUDs & Flood Management in the Woodlands, TX	2020	Chair
Judanne Lennox	MUP/PR	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Models in Unincorporated Freedom Colonies	2020	Chair
Nikki O'Donnell	MA, Arch Portfolio	Historic Industrial Site Adaptive Reuse Project, Galveston, TX	2020	Member
MJ Biazar*	MUP/PR	Participatory Mapping GIS Tools for Making Hidden Places Visible: A Case Study of The Texas Freedom Colonies Atlas	2019	Co-Chair
Felicity Owens*	MUP/PR	Addressing Difficult Heritage through State Investment in Agritourism	2019	Chair
Michael Gerke	MUP/PR	Historic Roads: Mapping Highway 6's Historical Resources	2019	Chair
Chandler Wilkins	MUP/T	The Effects of Small Area Fair Market Rents on Mobility in Houston, TX After Hurricane Harvey	2019	Member
Shelby Dittrich	MA, Arch Portfolio	Exploring the relationship between historic preservation and walkability	2019	Member
Madeline Hunter*	MUP/PR	Adaptive Reuse of Downtown Hamilton, TX	2018	Chair
Karan Patel	MUP	Comparative Study: Guidelines for Equitable Transit Planning	2018	Chair
Kelsey Riddle	MA, Historic Preservation, UTSOA	Austin's Red River Cultural District, Nashville's Music Row, & the Pursuit of Cultural Authenticity	2017	Member

## **Mentoring**

- 2024-present **Program Advisor, UVA School of Architecture, Distinguished Majors Program.**  
Undergraduate honors thesis program, 2024-25: Anna Mkandawire, Leah Withers, Adam Stievater, Chancellor Reynolds, Charles Wessinger
- 2018-23 **The Texas Freedom Colonies Program Research Team Members Mentored:**  
Doctoral – Hannah Bowling (English), Grace Kelly (Planning), Valentina Aduen (Communication), Jennifer Blanks (Planning) & Schuyler Carter (Planning);  
Masters – Samantha Veth (Planning, UVA), Christian Heinemann (Planning), Joshua Brown (M. Arch), ) MJ Biazar (Planning), Samina Limkhedawala (MUP);  
Undergraduate--Kendall Girault (Land Arch), Sophia Godfrey (Comm/Soci), Chelsea Parada (Geography), Ashok Meyyappan (Computer Science), Maria Campos (Environmental Studies), John Yeary (Engineering), Taylor Siskind (Geography), Myresha Waters (English)
- Faculty Mentor, Academy for Future Faculty (AFF), Judanne Lennox, Joy Siemen, and Melina Matos, Doctoral Students, TAMU**
- 2016-Present **Founder/Administrator, “Is a PhD or Me?”** Online resource & support group for nontraditional PhD applicants, students, & scholars, 550+members, private Facebook group

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## **LEADERSHIP & SERVICE**

### *Professional/National*

- 2025 Panelist, Summer Institute of Built Environment Deans Advancing Change initiative at Dumbarton Oaks
- 2024-present Member, Oatlands Historic House and Gardens Advisory Board, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- 2023-Present Spatial Futures Fellowship Advisory Committee Member: Advisor and Mentor to Spatial Futures Fellows. PolicyLink.
- 2022 Member, Mellon Urban Humanities Advisory Board at Dumbarton Oaks
- 2020-Present Member, Monument Lab-National Monument Audit Advisory Board, Mellon Foundation
- 2020-23 Member, State Board of Review, Texas Historical Commission
- 2019-Present Member, Aya Symposium Planning Committee, Conference on Freedom Colonies
- 2012–15 Commissioner, City of Austin Historic Landmark Commission

### *University/Departmental*

- 2022- present Member, UVA School of Architecture Dean Search Committee
- Member, UVA School of Architecture Faculty Council
- Member, Rotunda Advisory Board, Virginia University Press
- Tenure Reviewer, UVA Department of African American Studies, Dillard University, University of Southern Maine

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, American Planning Association, Society for American City & Regional Planning History, Vernacular Architecture Forum, Memory Studies Association, Preservation Texas

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## **JOURNAL REVIEWS**

*Journal of Planning Education and Research, Journal of Urban Affairs, Urban Affairs Review, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies*