

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

1. African-American Anthropology
2. Race, Community and Remembering
3. Race, Gender, Class and Housing Policy
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## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

**November 9, 2014**

William R. Jones Outstanding Mentor Award, Florida Education Fund

**September 6, 2014**

Outstanding Achievement in Education Award, Links Organization, Tampa Chapter

**April 2007**

Fellow, Society for Applied Anthropology

**March 2005**

Department of Women's Studies Faculty Star Award

**October 2002**

The Kente Award for Community Leadership  
USF African American Advisory Committee

**February, 2000**

Award from Multicultural Graduate Programs Office

**December 1996**

Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching from the **Teaching Incentive Program**, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida

**March 1996**

**Distinguished Alumni Award** from the Department of Anthropology,  
University of South Florida

## **PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

**Professor of Africana Studies and Anthropology**

June 2022 – Present  
School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies  
University of South Florida

**Director, Institute on Black Life-Center for Africa and the Diaspora**

August, 2006-2018  
University of South Florida

**Chair, Department of Africana Studies**

August, 2011 – December 2015  
University of South Florida

**Associate Professor**

May, 1998 – present  
Department of Africana Studies  
University of South Florida

**Assistant Professor**

August, 1993- May, 1998  
Africana Studies Department  
University of South Florida

**Project Leader**

May 1989 - August 1989  
Operation Crossroads Africa  
Lesotho, Southern Africa

**ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS****2020-2022 Andrew W. Mellon African/Black Diaspora Fellowship**

“Race, Ethnicity and Gender Identity in a Shifting Cultural and Racial Climate:  
African/Black Diaspora Academic and Public Discourse”  
University of Maryland African American Studies Department

**1990-1991 Women’s Research and Education Institute (WREI)**

Congressional Fellowship on Women and Public Policy  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

**1989-1992 Patricia Roberts Harris Doctoral Fellowship**

Department of Anthropology  
University of South Florida  
Tampa, Florida

**1980-1981 Rhoten A. Smith Graduate Fellowship**

Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, Illinois

**UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE****Courses Taught:**

AFA 6932	African American Community Research
AFA 4931	Black Lives Matter: A Global Movement for Racial Justice
AFA 4335	Black Women in America
AFA 4900	Youth and Leadership in St. Lucia – Study Abroad
AFA 2000	Introduction to the Black Experience in Africa and its Diaspora
AFA 4120	Major Black Thinkers
AMS 3700	Racism in American Society
WST 6406	Women of Color: Activism and Social Change

**GRANT FUNDING AND RESEARCH SUPPORT**

**June 2022**

\$262,000 National Science Foundation  
Co-PI, “Affect, Embodied Memory, and Political Geographies of Racialized  
Violence in the American South”

**October 2020**

**\$30,000 USF Research Taskforce on Addressing Anti-Black Racism**  
Co-PI, “African American Burial Grounds and Remembering Project”

**December 2016**

**\$500.00 USF Research One**  
Conference Planning Grant for IBL Annual Conference

**July 2013**

**\$3,000 USF Research Council**  
Conference Planning Grant for IBL Annual Conference

**April 2012**

**\$8,000 USF Office of Community Engagement**  
PI, “Our Stories Are Here: Cultural Landscapes of Race, Memory and Meaning in  
Tampa”



**September 2001**

**\$19,000 USF University Community Initiative Faculty Grant**  
Co-PI, “Sulphur Springs: New Beginnings in an Old Neighborhood”

**March, 2001**

**\$3,000 Institute on Black Life**  
Project: “HOPE VI: Resident’s Perspectives”

**May 2000**



of Displacement.” In *Transatlantic Feminisms: Women and Gender Studies in Africa and the Diaspora*, edited by C. Rodriguez, D. Tsikata and A. Ampofo, 257-274. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books.

Rodriguez, Cheryl R. 2006. “We Came With Truth”: Black Women’s Struggles against Public Housing Policy.” In *Homing Devices: Poor People and Public Housing Policies*, edited by Marilyn Thomas-Houston and Mark Schuller, 81-98. Lanham, Md: Lexington Books.

Rodriguez, Cheryl R. and Yvette Baber. (2002) “Reconstructing A Community Through Archival Research.” In *Doing Cultural Anthropology*, edited by Michael Angrosino, 63-70. Prospect Heights, Illinois: Waveland Press.

Rodriguez, Cheryl R. 2001. “A Homegirl Goes Home: Black Feminism and the Lure of Native Anthropology.” In *Black Feminist Anthropology: Theory, Praxis, Poetics and Politics*, edited by Irma McClaurin, 233-257. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Rodriguez, Cheryl R. (1999). “Flo Kennedy”, In *Significant Contemporary Feminists: A Biocritical Sourcebook*, edited by Jennifer Scanlon, 150-155. NY:Greenwood.

Rodriguez, Cheryl R., Ella Taylor, Hilda Roselli and Daphne Thomas. 1997. “Feminist and Womanist Constructions of Care”, In *Ethical Policies in Local Schools*. Edited by James Paul, 123-147. New York: Brookes Publishing.

### **Commentary/Op Ed/Professional Newsletters/Reviews**

Rodriguez, Cheryl R. 2018. “Black Women and the Fight against Sexual Violence” *Anthropology News*, 59(3), May/June 2018.

Rodriguez, Cheryl R. 2017. “The Superhero in the Archive: Black Pulp!” *Art in Print* 7(4): 42-43, November/December 2017.

Rodriguez, Cheryl. 2010. “Review of the Works of Mark Schuller and Gina Ulysse: Collaborations with Haitian Feminists.” *American Anthropologist* 12(4), 638-640.

Rodriguez, Cheryl. “Reflecting and Refocusing Feminist Anthropology”. *Anthropology News*, 50(7), October 2009.

Greenbaum, Rodriguez, Ward and Spalding. “Displacement and Deconcentration in Tampa”. *Anthropology News*, 49(9):10 & 14, December 2008.

Rodriguez, Cheryl. “Black Feminist Anthropology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. *Anthropology News*, 48(7):7, October 2007.



Rodriguez, Cheryl. "Opening the Doors—Again—For Black Faculty". The Tampa Tribune, March 25, 2007.

Greenbaum, Susan and Cheryl Rodriguez. "Ethnography and Public Housing: HOPE VI in Tampa". *Anthropology News*, 42(1):31, 2001.

Rodriguez, Cheryl R. (1998) "Gwaltney's Influence on African American Anthropology". *Transforming Anthropology* 7 (2).

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

"Rape" *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference, Thomson/Gale Publishers, 2008.

"Social Welfare". *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference, Thomson/Gale Publishers, 2008.

### **Technical Reports**

"Women's Activism in the Post-Katrina South: Rebuilding" A report for the Ms. Foundation. September, 2006.

Ethnographic Reports on Youth Opportunity Program, Lake Providence Louisiana, 2001, 2003, 2005

Ethnographic Reports on Youth Opportunity Program, Tampa Florida, 2001, 2003, 2005

"Critical Issues in the Lives of Florida's African American Teenage Girls". A report for The Florida Commission on the Status of Women. February, 1999.

"Corpo Micro: A Microenterprise Lender in Quito, Ecuador". A report for Partners for the Common Good 2000. October, 1997.

"ACenet: Community Development through Network Building in Rural Ohio". A report for Partners for the Common Good 2000. August, 1998.

### **Book Reviews**

Rodriguez, Cheryl. 2011. Review of *The Ruptures of American Capital: Women of Color Feminism and the Culture of Immigrant Labor* by Grace Kyungwon Hong. *American Ethnologist*, 38:3, 610-612.

Rodriguez, Cheryl 2003. Review of *Hair Story: Untangling the Roots of Black Hair in America*. *Transforming Anthropology*, 11:2, 64-64.

Rodriguez, Cheryl. 1999. "The Enduring Significance of Race" Review of *From Savage to Negro: Anthropology and the Construction of Race* by Lee Baker. *Journal of*

*Anthropology and Humanism.*

### **Creative Publications**

#### **Short Story**

Rodriguez, C. 1997. "Love Dust and Minor Miracles". *Calyx Journal of Art and Literature by Women*. 17(4).

### **PROFESSIONAL/RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

*Walking on Zion: The Silences and Erasures of African American Life in Florida*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 2021. (Virtual).

*Struggles for Spatial Justice in Tampa's Racialized Landscapes*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 2019, Vancouver, Canada.

*Emergent Expertise: Dialogue, Radical Acts of Listening, and Co-Authorship With(in)*

*Producing Anthropology through Community Engagement: Race, Research and Partnerships in Two Historically Black Neighborhoods* **paper presented** at the American Anthropological Association, December 5, 2014.

*Mothering While Black* **paper presented** at the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. December 4, 2014.

*Transatlantic Feminisms: Interdisciplinary Conversations on Blackness, Gender, Class and Sexuality* **paper presented** at the National Council for Black Studies, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 16, 2013.

*Revisiting Solidarity: Feminist Thought and Practice in Africa and the Diaspora* **Paper presented** at the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, August 8, 2013.

*Discrimination in housing, health, and employment* **Presentation** for the Poverty and Inequality Forum, USF, September 26, 2013

*Black Feminist Anthropology and the Intersection of Gender, Race, Poverty and Place* **Paper presented** at the 112<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Illinois. November 23, 2013.

*Race, Place and the Politics of Borders: Black Community Research in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century South.* **Session Organizer**, Chair and Participant. American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, California, November 17, 2012.

*Public Housing Activism in the Wake of HOPE VI: Who Speaks for the Poorest of the Poor?* **Paper presented** at the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 20, 2010.

*Doubly Displaced: Women and Public Housing After the New Orleans Post-Katrina Flood.* **Discussant**. American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 19, 2010.

*Wealth, Poverty and Displacement in Contemporary American Cities.* **Chair**. American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 19, 2010

*The Civil Rights Movement in Tampa.* Paper presented at the Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa, Florida March 3, 2010.

*More Clever than Honest: Urban Policy and the Death of a Historically Black Community.* Paper presented at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio, September, 2009.

*Service Learning and Community Research.* **Paper presented** at Crossroads II:



*Anthropology and the “Folk”:* Building a Bridge Between Womanist Intellectualism and Community Activism. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D. C. November 1997.

*CorpoMicro: Microenterprise in Quito, Ecuador.* Report presented to the Board of Directors, Partners for the Common Good 2000, at the National Association of Treasurers of Religious Institutions, Denver, Colorado. November, 1997.

*Challenges and Changes: The Work of Black Women Activists in Tampa, Florida 1960-1990.* Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco California. November 1996.

*Recognition, Reconnection and Rewards: Anthropology and African-American History in Tampa.* Paper presented at the Southern Anthropological Society, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. February, 1996.

*It Was a Great Place to Be: Central Avenue and the Definition of Black Community.* Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D. C. November, 1995.

*Womanist Views: Anthropology and Black Feminist Thought.* Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association, Atlanta, Georgia. November, 1994.

*Teaching African-American Anthropology.* Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology, Cancun, Mexico. April, 1994.

*Microenterprise: Fighting Women’s Poverty Through Economic Development Policy.* Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, California. November, 1992.

## **Seminars, Symposia, Workshops and Community Presentations**

### **Speaker**

“Women in Tampa’s History”

Pace Center for Girls

March 1, 2021

### **Presenter**

“Real Talk: Women of Color in Politics, Embodiment and Emotional Taxation”

USF Residential Education

March 24, 2021

### **Facilitator**

Workshop on “Teaching Africa and the Diaspora” for Hillsborough County Social Studies Teachers, June 14-15, 2016

### **Panelist**

“Black Youth Matter” New College of Florida, February 27, 2016.

**Speaker**

Hillsborough County Schools Social Studies Professional Day, August 19, 2015

**Facilitator**

Workshop on “Teaching Africa and the Diaspora” for Hillsborough County Social

*HOPE VI: A Study of Urban Reform*  
Institute on Black Life Advisory Board Presentation  
November 6, 2001

*HOPE VI: Prospect or Penalty?*  
Research Seminar  
Collaborative for Children, Families and Communities  
University of South Florida  
September 19, 2001

*Social and Political Life in Tampa During the New Negro Movement Era*  
Symposium, "Harlem Renaissance: Lesson Learned"  
Institute on Black Life  
University of South Florida  
March 22, 2001

*Black Women's Political Leadership in America*  
Leadership Forum  
Jewels of Tau Student Service Organization  
University of South Florida  
February 24, 2001

*The Politics of the Harlem Renaissance*  
Community Lecture  
Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center  
February 21, 2001

Workshop Leader  
*ABA Writing/Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Students.*  
American Anthropological Association. November 16, 2000.

Workshop Leader  
*ABA Writing/Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Students.* American Anthropological  
Association, November 20, 1999.

*The Politics of Graduate School for A*



*Anthropology in Urban Settings*

Discussant. 22nd Annual Internship Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, April 3, 1998.

*The Work of a Contemporary Anthropologist*

Presentation for the USF Summer Leadership Program for Young Women, July 8, 1997.

*Politics and Policy on Congressional Committees.* Presentation to Women's Research and Education Institute. Washington, D. C. August, 1991.

**Invited Presentations**

Presenter, Third Annual Womanist Ethnography Conference  
Vanderbilt University Divinity School  
June 17-18, 2021

Speaker, "Revolution, Rebellion, Resistance and Race: Afro-Cubans in Tampa", USF Honors College, October, 2020.

Speaker, "Afro-Cubans in Ybor City, George Edgecomb Bar Association, October, 2018.

Keynote Speaker, MLK Dedication, Office of Multicultural Affairs, January, 2016.

Speaker, "Political Climate in the U.S.", USF Housing and Residential Education, October, 2016.

*Women of Africa and Human Rights Issues.* Amnesty International USF. "International Women's Human Rights Week". September 29, 1999.

*Images of Central Avenue.* Tampa Public Library. "Florida Photographic Exhibit and Program". April 24, 1999.

*Black Places: The Politics of Change and Representation.* University of New Orleans Department of Anthropology Lecture Series, "Anthropology in Public: Anthropological Research Beyond the University". October 29, 1998.

*Oral History and Community Involvement.* Black Arts and National Diaspora Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. October 30, 1998.



CAS Staffing and Business Process Efficiencies Committee, 2013

Member, CAS Dean's Steering Committee, 2012

Member, Dean's Search Committee  
College of Arts and Sciences  
October, 2001-April, 2002

Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee  
College of Arts and Sciences  
1999 – 2000

Tenure and Promotion Committee  
USF College of Arts and Sciences  
Fall 1998 – 1999

**SERVICE TO SCHOOL of INTERDISCIPLINARY GLOBAL STUDIES (SIGS)  
and AFRICANA STUDIES**

Member, SIGS Diversity Committee, 2021

Associate Director of SIGS, Spring Semester, 2020

Chair, SIGS Faculty Executive Committee, 2020

Member, Visiting Instructor Search Committee, 2020

Member, SIGS Permanent Instructor Search Committee, 2020

Member, SIGS Search Committee, Assistant Professor, Race and Society, 2016-17

Member, SIGS Governance Document Committee, 2016

Member, SIGS Graduate Committee, 2016

Chair, Africana Studies Tenure and Promotion Committee,  
2008-2009

Chair, Africana Studies Search Committee for African-American History Scholar  
2004-2005 Academic year

Chair, Africana Studies Search Committee for African History Scholar  
2002-2003 Academic year

Faculty Advisor and Editor,

2001-2003

Member, AAA Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology

2001-2004

Member, AAA Minority Affairs Committee

1999- 2001

President, Association of Black Anthropologists

1996-1998

Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Black Anthropologists.

1995-1998

Contributing Editor to the *Anthropology Newsletter* for the Association for Feminist Anthropology.

## **SERVICE/CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY**

County Historian, appointed by Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, April 2013-2019

African-American History Advisory Committee for Hillsborough County Schools, 2014-16

Member, Historic Advisory Council, Hillsborough County, 2013-2019

Chair, Sankofa Collaborative (Tampa Heights), 2009-2013

Member, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Tampa Bay Chapter 2006-Present

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## **Supervision of Graduate Research**

### **Dissertation Committees:**

1. Member, Briget Horne (English)
2. Member, Maggie Romigh (English)
3. Member, Lisa Armstrong (Anthropology)
4. Member, Toni Powell Young (Communications), Defended June 30, 2021
5. Member, Stephanie Williams, (SIGS) Defended March 27, 2019
6. Member, Dissertation Committee, William Newell (Education) Defended November, 2016
7. Member, Dissertation Committee, Corliss Heath (Anthropology) Defended, October 2014.
8. Member, Dissertation Committee, Dawn Hayes (Anthropology) Defended, October 2013
9. Member, Dissertation Committee, Cassie Workman (Anthropology) Defended 2013
10. Member, Dissertation Committee, Dawn Hayes (Anthropology) Defended 2013
11. Member, Dissertation Committee, Lauren Johnson (Anthropology) Defended October 2012
  
12. Member, Dissertation Committee, Lance Arney (Anthropology) Defended October 2012
  
13. Member, Dissertation Committee, Brett Mervis (Anthropology) Defended April 2012
  
14. Member, Dissertation Committee, Rohan Jeremiah ( Anthropology) Defended February 2012
  
15. Member, Dissertation Committee, Nicole West (Education), Defended June, 2011
  
16. Member, Dissertation Committee, Keona Lewis (Anthropology) Defended November, 2011
  
17. Member, Dissertation Committee, Linda Callejas (Anthropology) Defended October, 2010
  
18. Member, Dissertation Committee, Alisha Winn (Anthropology) Defended April, 2010.
  
19. Member, Dissertation Committee, Ashley Spalding (Anthropology) Defended January 2008

20. Member, Dissertation Committee, Robyn Boylorn (Communications) Defended January, 2009
21. Member, Dissertation Committee, Cheryl Levine (Anthropology) Defended December 1, 2003
22. Member, Dissertation Committee, Jonathan Gayles (Anthropology) Defended 2002
23. Member, Dissertation Committee, Elgin Klugh (Anthropology) Defended 2004
24. Member, Dissertation Committee for Brent Stoffle (Anthropology) Defended 2001
25. Member, Dissertation Committee for Yvette Baber (Anthropology). Defended April, 1999.

**Masters Degree/Internship Committees:**

1. Chair, Christopher Glass, Thesis Committee, (School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies)
2. Chair, Thesis Committee, Victor Garcia (School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies). Defended.
3. Chair, Thesis Committee, Lisa Armstrong (Africana Studies) Defended
4. Member, Thesis Committee, Laura Baum (Anthropology)
5. Member, Thesis Committee Tomaro Taylor (Humanities)
6. Chair, Thesis Committee, Abney Henderson (Africana Studies) Defended Summer 2014.
7. Internship Director, Frankie James (Africana Studies). Degree Completed 2012.
8. Internship Director, Robin Baldwin (Africana Studies). Degree Completed 2011.
9. Internship Director, Shahjayla Connors, (Africana Studies, graduate certificate). Degree completed 2010.
10. Internship Director, Walter Smith (Africana Studies). Degree completed 2010.
11. Internship Director, Erica Fox (Africana Studies). Degree completed 2010.
12. Major Professor, Thesis Committee, Tunisia Riley (Women's Studies) Defended, 2009
13. Major Professor, Thesis Committee, Nicole Sealey (Africana Studies) Degree Completed 2007

14. Member, Thesis Committee, Maressa Dixon (Anthropology) Degree Completed 2009
15. Major Professor, Thesis Committee, Rhone Frasier (Africana Studies) Defended 2007
16. Internship Director for Sherri Anderson (Africana Studies) Degree Completed 2006
17. Internship Director for Titilayo Kendrick (Africana Studies) Degree Completed 2006
18. Member, Thesis Committee, Cara Okopyn (Women's Studies). Defended 2005
19. Member, Thesis Committee, Wendy Hathaway (Anthropology) Defended 2005
20. Member, Thesis Committee, Elizabeth Dedrick (Women's Studies). Defended March 31, 2004.
21. Member, Thesis Committee, Maya Harper (Anthropology) Defended 2004
22. Member, Thesis Committee, Saba Uddin (Women's Studies). Defended 2003
23. Member, Thesis Committee, Genine Apidone (Women's Studies). Defended March, 2003.
24. Member, Thesis Committee, Jennifer Mohr (Women's Studies). Defended November 15, 2002
25. Member, Thesis Committee, Darryl Myles (Master of Liberal Arts) Defended May 2002
26. Member, Thesis Committee, Linda Hose (Women's Studies) Defended 2001
27. Member, Thesis Committee, Evelyn Tiondi (Women's Studies) Defended December, 2000.
28. Member, Thesis Committee, Ericka Burroughs (Anthropology) Defended May, 1995.

### **Honors Thesis**

1. Director, Iliana Alvarez, Spring 2018
2. Committee Member, Tariq Charleston, Spring 2016
3. Director, Honors Thesis Director, Ashely Zak. Defended April 21, 2004



