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# A Newsletter from the Black Geographies Specialty Group

A Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers



#### A message from Camilla!

I am very excited to be a part of the Black Geographies Specialty Group community. Allow me to introduce myself to you. I am a critical human geographer and interdisciplinary social scientist broadly interested in the racial politics of migration and citizenship, inequality, social movements, and Black geographies. My work sits at the intersection of critical public policy studies, diaspora theory, Black European studies, and postcolonial/feminist science and technology studies.

I, along with the BGSG team, welcome you to participate in our journey. I look forward to upcoming collaborations and partnerships with the aim of expanding understanding of the experience of Blackness.

Enjoy AAG 2022!

#### **Welcome to the newest Executive Team Members**



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#### **Awards**

#### **BGSG Award**

# Clyde Woods Black Geographies Graduate Student Paper Award (Sponsored by <u>Antipode</u>)

Developed to honor the legacy of the late Dr. Clyde Adrian Woods, and to support graduate students whose work focuses on Black geographies, the Clyde Woods Graduate Student Paper Award is offered to the best paper on a Black geographies topic written by a Masters or PhD level student. One award is granted each year. To satisfy eligibility stipulations, applicants must be a BGSG member.

In 2020, Kaily Heitz was awarded the Clyde Woods Black Geographies Specialty Group Graduate Student Paper Award for her paper entitled "<u>Sunflower's Oakland: The Black Geographic Image as Site of Reclamation.</u>"



#### **AAG Awards**



The Black Geographies Specialty Group Executive Board would like to congratulate former BGSG Vice-Chair Dr. Jovan Scott Lewis for being one of three recipients of the 2021 American Association of Geographers' Diversity and Inclusion Awards!



#### From the official press release:

"Dr. Jovan Lewis is assistant professor of Geography at the University of California, Berkeley, where he co-leads the Economic Disparities research cluster in Berkeley's Othering and Belonging Institute. Lewis's efforts in research, teaching, mentorship, and service are bringing Black geographies (and Black geographers) to the forefront of the discipline, changing UC Berkeley Geography's intellectual culture in emphasizing Black studies and Black geographies. He has worked across departments and programs on his campus and beyond, to engage public groups. Lewis integrates this work into his teaching and mentoring, through symposiums on campus and active recruitment of Black students to his program. Co-editor, with Dr. Camilla Hawthorne, of an influential volume, The Black Geographic, Lewis is also the author of Scammer's Yard: The Crime of Black Repair in Jamaica. His forthcoming second book, Violent Utopia, examines the experience and articulation of Black sovereignty and freedom in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from the settlement of the Indian Territory through the centenary of the 1921 Tulsa race massacre.

Within the AAG, Lewis is a key leader leveraging and amplifying Black Geographies, helping to lead the Black Geographies Specialty Group, and successfully advocating for the inclusion of Black Geographies as a theme of the 2018 AAG Annual Meeting. Notably, Dr. Lewis is still only in the first decade of his career as a professor. His dedication to his students and to the larger community indicate a promising future of further leadership.

'I am honored to be a recipient of the 2021 AAG Diversity and Inclusion award and I thank my friends and colleagues for nominating me and the award committee for selecting me. The AAG has long counted among its members individuals and groups devoted to equity and justice as both political and intellectual concerns. I have sought to continue in that tradition and to advance it alongside my brilliant colleagues in the Black Geographies Specialty Group and through Berkeley Black Geographies.'"

#### **Networking Opportunities**

#### **BGSG Writing Group**



In an effort to provide a supportive mechanism for graduate students as they tackle the dissertation process, the Black Geographies Specialty Group is launching a Graduate Writing Group. This is an opportunity to create an intellectual community where participants can network, collaborate, provide critical feedback, and grow professionally. The benefits of a writing group are numerous. A writing group: fosters peer mentoring, provides emotional support, develops personal accountability, bolsters strong academic writing skills, and hones good communication skills. Meetings will be held virtually at an agreed upon frequency.

The 2022 sign-up is now open. The deadline for sign up is March 18th.

# **Networking in the Digital**

If you would like to share a story or announcement on our website, <u>let us know</u> .	The website: blackgeographies.org
We are in the process of updating the BGSG Community Graphic on the website. We invite members to connect with other members to explore research opportunities.	The BGSG Global Community
Follow us on Twitter @BlackGeogs	
We are in the process of building a stronger social/digital platform. We'd like to invite you to participate in our Facebook space.	Join Our Private Facebook  Community
We are also in the process of building our new youtube channel.	If you have media that you'd like to share, please email Muriel.

#### 2022 AAG: A Virtual Affair



#### 2022 AAG Schedule and Events

The Black Geographies Specialty Group is excited to sponsor the following panels, roundtables, and plenaries.

- To access all AAG related events, visit **HERE**.
- To access the calendar of BGSG sessions, visit <u>HERE</u>.
- To access the annual BGSG business meeting, which is also open to the public, visit <u>HERE</u>.

#### **The BGSG Sessions Calendar-AAG 2022**

	Friday,
	February 25, 2022
8:00 –	Geographies Of the Missing and Disappeared I
9:20am (EST)	For more information
9:40 –	Geographies Of the Missing and Disappeared II
11:00am (EST)	For more information
11:20 -	Geographies Of the Missing and Disappeared III
12:40pm (EST)	For more information
2:00 –	Critical Geographies of Disasters and Relief I
3:20pm (EST)	For more information
3:40 -	Critical Geographies of Disasters and Relief II
5:00pm (EST)	For more information
	Geographies Of Sport: Spatializing Critical Sport Studies Through a Black Geographies of Sport
	For more information
5:20 -	Critical Geographies of Disasters and Relief III
6:40pm (EST)	For more information

	Saturday, February 26, 2022
8:00 – 9:20am (EST)	Afro-Latin American Geographies: Theories, Methodologies, Praxis I: Theories and Praxis from Black Brazilian Geographies  For more information
9:40 – 11:00am (EST)	Afro-Latin American Geographies: Theories, Methodologies, Praxis II: Afro-Latin American Geographies  For more information
11:20 – 12:40pm (EST)	Afro-Latin American Geographies: Theories, Methodologies, Praxis III: Interventions Around Brazilian Association of Black Researchers Special Issue  For more information  Brute Facts: Hauntings, Racisms and Collective Amnesia 1  For more information  On Politics, Poetics and Black Senses of Place, Session 1  For more information
12:50 – 1:50pm (EST)	Black Geographies Specialty Group  Business Meeting  Access the agenda HERE

2:00 – 3:20pm (EST)	Brute Facts: Hauntings, Racisms and Collective Amnesia II  For more information  Exploring Geographies of Care, Supporting Women in Geography 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Panel  For more information  On Politics, Poetics and Black Senses of Place, Session 2  For more information
5:20 – 6:40pm (EST)	2022 JLAG Lecture: Black Women Organizing Against Genocide and Fascism and the 2022 Presidential Elections in Brazil  For more information  Author Meets Critics for Akira Drake Rodriquez's "Diverging Space for Deviants: The Politics of Atlanta's Public Housing"  For more information
7-8 pm (EST)	Virtual Happy Hour in partnership with the Cultural Geography Specialty Group  Register HERE
	Sunday, February 27, 2022
8:00 – 9:20am (EST)	Experimental Black Ecologies and Reparative Restoration I  For more information
9:40 – 11:00am (EST)	Experimental Black Ecologies and Reparative Restoration II  For more information

11:20 – 12:40pm (EST)	Experimental Black Ecologies and Reparative Restoration III  For more information
2:00 – 3:20pm (EST)	Health In Carceral Geographies  For more information
3:40 – 5:00pm (EST)	Troubling The Waters I  For more information
5:20 – 6:40pm (EST)	Troubling The Waters II  For more information
	Monday, February 28, 2022
8:00 – 9:20am (EST)	
9:20am	February 28, 2022  Mobilizing Historical Geographies I

2:00 – 3:20pm	Mobilizing Historical Geographies IV  For more information	
(EST)		
3:40 –	Black Geographies Specialty Group and Queer + Trans Geographies Specialty Group Joint Plenary	
5:00pm (EST)	For more information	
5:20 –	Scholar-Activism/Activist Scholarship: Methodologies of Care and Accountability in Just Food Research	
6:40pm (EST)	For more information	
	Tuesday,	
	March 1, 2022	
11:20 -	Reproductive Justice as Climate Justice	
12:40pm (EST)	For more information	
(LST)	Crafting Black Ecologies 1: Makings	
1	For more information	
2:00 -	For more information  Crafting Black Ecologies 2: Landscapes	

#### Spotlight on the AAG: BGSG/JLAG Lecture

## BLACK WOMEN ORGANIZING AGAINST GENOCIDE AND FASCISM, AND THE 2022 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN BRAZIL

Panel discussion with: Priscilla Ferreira, PhD, Geni Guimarães, PhD, & Ana Beatriz da Silva, MA

with simultaneous interpretation by Rane Souza

Saturday, 26 February 2022, 5:20PM ET

Annual Meeting of the American Association of
Geographers Virtual Room 71

Organized by the Journal of Latin American Geography (JLAG)

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Latin America has experienced a violent backlash of right-wing conservatism and fascism across the region. Violent anti-Black and anti-indigenous politics and rhetoric have shown up unhampered at every scale of intimate and public life. In Brazil, in March 2018, a few months after Jair Bolsonaro took power as the president, Brazilians mourned the brutal and cowardly assassination of the leftist, socialist, Black, queer, and favelada city councilwoman of Rio de Janeiro, Marielle Franco. Despite distress and discredit, Afro-Brazilian women organizing has shown the insurgent power of creative survival and imaginative strategies in everyday lives and institutional politics. For instance, in the last election, all three of Marielle Franco's cabinet assistants- Black women- were elected as city council women in Rio de Janeiro, where they are responding to the entrenchment of racial violence. In the 2022 presidential election in Brazil, we will see the dramatic scenario of a dispute between Lula da Silva and Bolsonaro. If the left is to have any chance of a return to power, it must learn from Black women's insights and analysis based on their everyday struggles against fascism. In the 2022 JLAG Lecture, feminist Afro-Brazilian activist-geographers will show the short documentary titled *Mar de Elas* (Ocean of them-Black women) about the public mourning around the assassination of Marielle Franco. They will also show some clips of the film *Sementes* (Seeds) about the election of Black women who represented a collective claim to multiple the seeds of Marielle Franco's legacy.

#### **JLAG - Meet the Speakers**

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Following the film screening, they will reflect on Black feminist radicalism prompted by Black women's creative writing excerpts. The speakers will discuss the different scales and scope of Black women organizing and their grassroots spatial struggles and reflect on the interests and role of Black women in the presidential elections in Brazil 2022. Finally, they will invite the audience to think of strategies of hemispheric solidarity against fascism and for life-affirming struggles across Améfrica Ladina (Gonzalez, 1981).

#### **Reading lists**

# 2018-2020 Updates to the Black Geographies Specialty Group Reading List



See the full list **HERE**.

Agyeman, J. and Giacalone, S (eds.) (2020) *The Immigrant-Food Nexus: Borders, Labor, and Identity in North America* (Cambridge: MIT Press).

Cooper, C and Noxolo, P. (2020). "Interview with Professor Carolyn Cooper" *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographies* 45: 512–516.

Davis, J., Moulton, A., Van Sant, L., and Williams, B. (2019) "Anthropocene, Capitalocene, Plantationocene?: A Manifesto for Ecological Justice in an Age of Global Crises." *Geography Compass* 13(5), 1-13.

Eaves, L. E. (2020) "Interanimating Black sexualities and the geography classroom," *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, 44:2, 217-229, DOI: 10.1080/03098265.2020.1753029

Eaves L, Al-Hindi KF. (2020) "Intersectional geographies and COVID-19," *Dialogues in Human Geography* 10(2):132-136. doi:10.1177/2043820620935247

Eaves L. (2020) "Fear of an other geography." *Dialogues in Human Geography.* 10(1):34-36. doi:10.1177/2043820619898901

Gayle, R. (2020). "Creative futures of Black (British) feminism in austerity and Brexit times." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographies* 45: 525–528.

Gross-Wyrtzen, L. (2020) "Contained and abandoned in the 'humane' border: Black migrants' immobility and survival in Moroccan urban space." *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 38(5).

Jacobs, F. (2019) "Black feminism and radical planning: New directions for disaster planning research." *Planning Theory*, 18(1), pp.24-39.

Camilla Hawthorne (2019) "Making Italy: Afro-Italian entrepreneurs and the racial boundaries of citizenship." *Social & Cultural Geography*, 1-21.

Hawthorne, C. (2019) "Black Matters are Spatial Matters: Black Geographies for the Twenty-First Century." *Geography Compass*, 1-13.

Hawthorne C. and Kaily Heitz. (2018) "Commentary: A Seat at the Table? Reflections on Black Geographies and the Limits of Dialogue." *Dialogues in Human Geography 8,* no. 2: 148-151.

Hawthorne, C. (2019) "Dangerous Networks: Internet Regulations as Racial Border Control in Italy." In *digitalSTS: A Fieldguide*, eds. Janet Vertesi and David Ribes, 178-197 (Princeton: Princeton University Press).

Jones, N. (2020) "Intervention. Corner Stores, Surveillance, and All Black (After)lives." Antipode Online.

Joseph, E, Bell, C. (2020) "Everything is everything: Embodiment, affect, and the Black Atlantic archive." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographies* 45: 520–524.

Lewis, J. S. (2020) *Scammers Yard: The Crime of Black Repair in Jamaica*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Maynard, R. (2019) "Black life and death across the U.S.-Canada border: Border violence, fugitive belonging and a Turtle Island view of Black liberation," *Critical Ethnic Studies Journal. Special Issue: Solidarities of Non-Alignment*, 5.1.

McClure, E. P. Vasudevan, Z. Bailey, S. Patel, W. R Robinson (2020) "Racial Capitalism within Public Health: How Occupational Settings Drive COVID-19 Disparities," *American Journal of Epidemiology* https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwaa126

McFarland, S., Bowden, S.L., & Bosman, M.M. (2019). "Take 'Em Down Hillsborough!": Race, Space, and the 2017 Struggle Over Confederate Iconography in Neoliberal Tampa." *Southeastern Geographer* 59(2), 172-195. doi:10.1353/sgo.2019.0014.

Mugabo, D. (2018) "Black in the city: On the ruse of ethnicity and language in an antiblack landscape." *Identities* 26(6), 631-648. https://doi.org/10.1080/1070289X.2018.1545816

Noxolo, P. (2020) "Introduction: Towards a Black British Geography?" *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographies* 45: 509–511.

Owens ML, Drake Rodriguez A, Brown RA. (2020) "Let's Get Ready to Crumble": Black Municipal Leadership and Public Housing Transformation in the United States." *Urban Affairs Review.* OnlineFirst. doi:10.1177/1078087419901299.

Ranganathan, M. & E. Bratman. (2019) "From Urban Resilience to Abolitionist Climate Justice in Washington, DC." *Antipode*. DOI:

https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/anti.12555?af=R.

Reese, A. M. (2019) *Black Food Geographies: Race, Self-Reliance and Food Access in Washington, DC.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.

Rios. J. (2020) Black Lives and Spatial Matters: Policing Blackness and Practicing Freedom in Suburban St. Louis. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Roberts-Gregory, F. (2020) "On Being the (Only) Black Feminist Environmental Ethnographer in Gulf Coast Louisiana." *Edge Effects* 

Summers, B. T. (2019) *Black in Place: The Spatial Aesthetics of Race in a Post-Chocolate City.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.

Uzor, T-M. (2020) "Roots: An exploration of British Caribbean Diasporic identity through the embodied spatialities of dance." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographies* 45: 517–519.

Vasudevan, P. and Sara Smith. (2020) "The domestic geopolitics of racial capitalism." *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space* DOI: 2399654420901567.

Watkins, C. (2018) "Landscapes and resistance in the African diaspora: Five centuries of palm oil on Bahia's Dendê Coast," *Journal of Rural Studies*, 61, 137–154. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2018.04.009

Williams, B. (2020) "The Fabric of Our Lives"?: Cotton, Pesticides, and Agrarian Racial Regimes in the U.S. South." *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 1–18.

Wright, W. (2019) "The Morphology of Marronage," *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 1-16.

# Join us!



The BLACK GEOGRAPHIES SPECIALTY GROUP strives to create a global platform for: (a) promoting study of the social, political, cultural, economic, and ecological aspects of the race in/and geography; (b) encouraging critical reflection on the issues, processes, intrinsic qualities, and interconnections that shape Black lives and geographies on local, national, continental, and international scales; (c) exchanging research and teaching

ideas among scholars of race in/and geography; and (d) building greater ties between geographers and the Black and Africana Studies community.

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