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EDUCATION

- PhD, Geography** 2018
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- *Dissertation: City of God(desses): from a place of necessity to a space of politics*
 - *Committee: John Pickles, Michael Hardt, Catherine Walsh, Altha Cravey, Sara Smith*
- MA, Geography** 2012
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- *Master's Thesis: Solidarity Economy as a Pedagogical Praxis for Autonomy*
- Professional Certificate** 2012
Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center
- Certificate in Globalization and Development
 - Certificate in International Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies
- BA, Social Sciences- concentration in Sociology of Race and Ethnic Relations in Brazil** 2007
University of São Paulo-Brazil

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban inequality* intersectional feminism* Black geographies* Afro-Latinidades* engaged scholarship* favela movements in Brazil* solidarity economy* participatory action research*

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Tenure-Track Assistant Professor** in Geography & Latino and Caribbean Studies Starting Fall2021
Rutgers University- New Brunswick
Research focus: Afro-Latinx geographies
- Postdoctoral Fellowship**, joint program in Black Studies and Latino Studies 2019-2021
University of Texas- Austin. Department of African, African American, and Diaspora Studies and the Department of Mexican American and Latino/a Studies.
Research and teaching focus: Afro-Latinidad and Black Geographies

PUBLICATIONS (In forthcoming publication, my last name will appear as Ferreira, P.)

- Ferreira, P. (2021). Racial capitalism and epistemic injustice: Blindspots in the theory and practice of solidarity economy in brazil. *Geoforum, Special Issue Racial Capitalism*, doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2021.04.020>
- Ferreira, P. (2021). Black feminist geographies that ache and bond [Special issue *Solidão*]. *Women Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming Fall 2021).
- Ferreira, P (2021). Breathtaking Whirlwind. *QT Voices-LBGTQ Studies at the University of Texas*. <https://sites.utexas.edu/queerandtransvoices/2020/10/breathtaking-whirlwind/>
- Vaz, P. (2020). Diversidade econômica e geografia negra. *Revista da Associação Brasileira de Pesquisadores/As Negros/As (ABPN)*, 12. Special Issue. 389-417 <https://www.abpnrevista.org.br/index.php/site/article/view/874>
- Vaz, P (2020). Policiamentos da caixa de pandora da branquitude. *Revista da Iniciativa de Direito à Memória e Justiça Racial*. <https://dmjracial.com/2020/07/28/policiamentos-da-caixa-de-pandora-da-branquitude/>
- Vaz, Priscilla, 2018. *City of God(desses): from a space of necessity to a place of politics*. Dissertation. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- Vaz, Priscilla (2011). *Solidarity Economy as a Pedagogical Praxis of Autonomy* in <http://pqdtopen.proquest.com/pqdtopen/doc/1239645032.html?FMT=ABS>

In progress

- Ferreira, Priscilla; Serafim, Ana Lucia. *As Oscarinas*. (Spring 2022)

This book manuscript is a political biography of Lucia Serafim, a community leader in the *favela* City of God. It highlights the role of black women favela dwellers as urban planners, policy-consultant, conflict mediators between policymakers and community members, and forefronters in the struggles for the right to the city.

Vaz, P; Santos, R. E. 'Methodologies of Black Social Movements' in Rosenberg, M; Lovell, S.; Coen, S. (Eds.) *Handbook of Methodologies in Human Geography*. London: Routledge (forthcoming 2022)

MOST RECENT ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- Mini-course: Decolonizing Methodologies. Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute for Advanced Doctoral Students; June, 24th 2021. Latino Research Institute; University of Texas
- Interseccionalidade: discurso prático e a produção de autonomias, Universidade Estadual de Mato Grosso do Sul, Nov, 20th 2021.
- *O Teatro das Oprimidas: lideranças pretas*. Rede Mada(g)lena Internacional, Aug, 8th 2020.
- Dia da Mulher Negra Latino Americana e Caribenha: na luta contra a violência do Estado, Entrevista por Iniciativa Pelo Direito à Memória e Justiça Racial, Julho, 2020.
- *É possível o fim da polícia? Iniciativa Direito à Memória e Justiça Racial*. June, 18th 2020. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=269658734277640&ref=search>
- *Diversidade econômica e geografia negra* (special issue presentation). Symposium Black Geographies. Associação Brasileira de Pesquisadores Negros/as (ABPN). (May, 2020)
- Keynote Speaker: *Practices for Racial Justice*. Panel organized in the meeting of the Feminism Here and Now Conference, UNC- Chapel Hill, NC. (Nov, 2019)
- *City of God(desses): Revealing the Unacknowledged Role of Black Women Slum-Dwellers as Urban Planners*, at Brown International Advanced Research Institute- BIARI, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University (June, 2018)
- Vaz, Priscilla (2018, August). Outros conhecimentos. Grupo de trabalho Favelas Pra Quê e pra
- Quem? Organizacao comunitaria Raizes do Movimento, Complexo do Alemao, Rio de Janeiro.
- Grassroots afro-feminism and diverse economies in the slum City of God. Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New Orleans, USA. (April, 2018).
- Public Intellectual and engaged radical scholarship. Antipode Journal of Geography Institute for the Geographies of Justice, guest junior scholar, Montreal, Canada. (May, 2017).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Visiting Researcher

December-January 2020

Universidad de la Tierra- Carocol Zapatista Torbelino de Nuestras Palabras, Chiapas, Mexico

Dissertation Research

2015-2018

Department of Geography-UNC Chapel Hill, NC

- **Conducted** eighteen months of participatory ethnography research in the political spaces of the Movement of Solidarity Economy in Rio de Janeiro,
- **Collaborated** with black women, community organizers in the slum City of God to document their personal and political trajectories in the slum movement around the right housing
- **Co-organized** two series of bi-weekly public seminars in City of God around issues relevant to the community, such as the right to the slum, state violence, and urban mobility¹

TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer

Dept of African, African American and Diaspora Studies- University of Texas Spring 2020; 2021

Course: Afro-Latinidades in the US and Latin America.

Lecturer

Study Abroad Program- Middlebury College, Vermont

Winter 2021

Course: Afro-Latinx Geographies in the US and Latin America

Lecturer

Department of Geography-UNC Chapel Hill

Summer 2015, Summer 2017

Course: *Geography of Latin America*

Teaching Assistant

Department of Geography-UNC Chapel Hill

Fall 2013- Fall 2016

Courses: Geographies of Development (Fall 2016); World Regional (Spring 2015), Globalization & Development (Fall 2014)

Graduate Research Consultant

Spring 2014

Department of African and African American Studies at UNC Chapel Hill

Course: Race, Culture, and Politics in Brazil

TEACHING AWARDS, RESEARCH AWARDS, AND HONORS

- Urban Studies Foundation-International Seminar Series Grant for International Seminar “Global Black Geographies: Racial Capitalism and Urban Experiences (2021-2022)
<https://urbanstudiesfoundation.org/funding/grantees/global-black-geographies-racial-capitalism-and-black-urban-experiences/>
- University of Texas Provost Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship, Latino and Black Studies, 2019-2021
- Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by Teaching Assistants- UNC 2017
- Osment Excellence in the Teaching of Geography Award, Department of Geography/UNC, 2016
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate School-UNC, 2017-2018
- Institute for the Study of the Americas, Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, summer 2017
- Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Development Field Research Fellowship 2015-2016
- UNC Initiative for Minority Excellence Chancellor’s Doctoral Candidacy Award, May 2015 (
- Rotary Foundation World Peace Fellowship for an MA Degree, Duke-UNC, 2010-2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- BIARI Fellow- Brown International Advanced Research Institute Brown University;
- Initiative for Minority Excellence Fellow-UNC; Rotary Peace Fellow;
- Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Fellow;
- AAG-Association of American Geographers, Antipode Geography of Justice Fellow

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Volunteer interpreter Portuguese-English for online events of social movements. Coletivo de Interpretes Negr@s. Fall 2018- present
- Founder and Coordinator of the English for Social Justice Language Learning and African Diaspora Exchange Program, 2019-present
- Hurricane Season Curriculum Team, Curriculum Designer and Teacher, 2012-present
- Youth Educational Center of City of God. Institutional advisor. Aug 2015-present