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Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor  
Departments of Geography and Africana Studies  
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**EDUCATION**

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- 2017 PhD in Geography  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
Dissertation: *“Free the Land!”: Investigating the Spatial, Political, and Cultural Legacies of the Republic of New Afrika*
- 2010 MA in Pan-African Studies  
University of Louisville, Louisville, KY  
Thesis: *“Upside-down from the Word Go”: Black Farmers Speak Out on the Issue of Land loss*
- 2007 BA in Communication Disorders  
University of Houston, Houston, TX

**PUBLICATIONS**

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Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Wright, W.**, & Herman, C. (2018). No “Blank Canvas”: Public Art and Gentrification in Houston’s Third Ward. *City & Society*. 00(0), 1-28.
- Bledsoe, A., Eaves, L., Williams, B., & **Wright, W.** (2018). Introduction. *Southeastern Geographer*. Special Issue: Enacting Black Geographies. 1-18.
- Wright, W. The Public is Intellectual. *The Professional Geographer*. Special Issue on Public Intellectualism. 0(0), 1-7.
- Wright, W. As Above, So Below: Anti-Black Violence as Environmental Racism. *Antipode*. Special Issue on Race and Political Ecology. 0(0), 1-19.
- Bledsoe, A., & **Wright, W.** The Anti-Blackness of Global Capital. *Environment & Planning, D: Society & Space*. 37(1), 8-26.
- Bledsoe, A., & **Wright, W.** Pluralities of Black Geographies. *Antipode*. 0(0), 1-19.

Under Review or In Process

Bledsoe, A., McCreary, T., & **Wright, W.** (2019). Theorizing Diverse Economies in the Context of Racial Capitalism. *Geoforum*. Special Issue on Racial Capitalism. In Press.

Wright, W. The Morphology of Marronage. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*. In Press.

Wright, W. Developing a Feminist Pedagogical Praxis. *ACME*. Special Issue on Critical Feminist Pedagogy. Under Review.

Bain, A., Dowler, L., Laliberte, N., Mcleod, D.B., **Wright, W.** Introduction. *ACME*. Special Issue on Critical Feminist Pedagogy. Under Review.

Bledsoe, A., McCreary, T., **Wright, W.** Introduction. *Geoforum*. Special Issue on Racial Capitalism. Under Review.

**Wright, W.**, Al-Bulushi, Y., Bledsoe, A. Anti-Blackness in the American Metropolis: An Interview with Ananya Roy. *Urban Geography*. In Process.

**Wright, W.**, Bledsoe, A. Beyond Geographies of Race. *Progress in Human Geography*. In Process.

Wright, W. "So God Made a Farmer": Media Misrepresentations and the Crafting of Agricultural Imaginations. *Cultural Geographies*. In Process.

Wright, W. Death Hath No Dominion. *Social Text*. In Process.

Book Chapters

Wright, W. (2018). Black Farmers General and Gendered Strikes Against the USDA. In Theresa Rajack-Talley and Derrick Brooms. *Living racism: Through the Barrel of the Book*. pp. 169-185. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Wright, W., Bledsoe, A., & Williams, B., McCreary, T. Pigford and the Politics of Recognition. In Ashanté Reese and Hannah Garth. Edited volume on Black Foodways. Under Review.

Bledsoe, A., Eaves, L., **Wright, W.** Introduction to Black Geographies. *Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. In Process.

Book Reviews

Wright, W. Review of Development Drowned and Reborn: The Blues and Bourbon Restorations in Post-Katrina New Orleans by Clyde Woods. *Antipode*. [Special Review Issue](#) edited by Willie J. Wright.

Wright, W. (2016). Review of Spatializing Blackness: Architectures of Confinement and Masculinity in Chicago, by Rashad Shabazz. *Southeastern Geographer*. 56(3), 383-386.

Wright, W. (2015). Review of Gentrification: A Working-Class Perspective, by Kirsteen Paton. *The Council for European Studies CritCom Forum*.

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

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- 2018 "Black Geographies Specialty Group Newsletter" Spring.
- 2018 "[Urban Geography: Understanding Black Cities and the Black Experience in Cities](#)" *FSU Wicked Problems, Wicked Solutions*.
- 2017 "Gentrification and Politics in Third Ward". All Real Radio. Houston, Texas. July 22.
- 2017 "[Land as a Vital Aspect of Black Liberation Movements: Historic and Contemporary](#)" *Africa World Now Project*. WSNC 90.5FM. Winston Salem State University.
- 2017 "[Here are the Freedom Songs of the Movement for Black Lives](#)" *Scalawag Magazine*.
- 2015 "[Detroit...One Ride at a Time](#)" *Live Cycle Delight*.
- 2014 "Gentrifying Third Ward, TX" Being-Beau-Willie. Published December 11, 2014
- 2014 "[Westside Connection: Meeting Frank Wilderson, III](#)" Academia.edu
- 2014 "[Behind The Whirlwind](#)" *Institute for African American Research*. UNC-Chapel Hill

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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- Spring 2018 Human Geography Small Grant. Human Geography Journal (\$5,000)
- Spring 2018 First Year Assistant Professor Grant, Florida State University (\$20,000)
- Spring 2018 Alternative Textbook Grant, Florida State University Libraries (\$1,000)
- Spring 2016 NED ODH Space and Place in Africana/Black Studies: An Institute on Spatial Humanities, Theory, Methods. Purdue University
- Fall 2015 Bordin-Gillette Research Travel Fellowship. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (\$2,000)
- Fall 2013 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. Honorable Mention. (\$20,000)

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- Fall 2019 Antipode Scholar-Activist Project Award. Antipode Foundation (co-applicants: Dr. Sage Ponder, Noel Didla, and Akil Bukari) (£10,000)
- Fall 2017 Urban Geography Workshop/Seminar Support Award. Urban Geography Journal (\$2,000)
- Spring 2017 Graduate Student Paper Award. Media and Communication Geography Specialty Group. American Association of Geographer (\$350)
- Spring 2017 Graduate Student Paper Award. Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group. American Association of Geographers (Spring 2017)
- Spring 2015 Gary Gaile Travel Award. Development Geographies Specialty Group. American Association of Geographers (Spring 2015)
- Spring 2015 Denis E. Cosgrove Research Award. Cultural Geographies Specialty Group. American Association of Geographers (Spring 2015)

## **TRAVEL AWARDS**

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- 2019 FSU Provost's Faculty Travel Grant, Washington, DC
- 2018 IX REP Conference NSF Early Career Mentorship Travel Award, Austin, TX
- 2018 Black Foodways Panel/Workshop Travel Award, San Diego, CA
- 2018 Critical Feminist Pedagogy Workshop Travel Award, Toronto, CA
- 2018 FSU Provost's Faculty Travel Grant, New Orleans, LA

## **INVITED TALKS**

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- 2018 Colloquium. "Marronage as a Landscape of Possibility". Department of

- Geography. University of Florida. Fall.
- 2018 Colloquium. “No Blank Canvas”: Public Art and Gentrification in Houston’s Third Ward”. Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University. Spring.
- 2018 Panel/Workshop on Black Foodways, UC-San Diego, La Jolla, CA: May 4-6.
- 2018 Colloquium. Florida State University Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Tallahassee, FL: Spring.
- 2018 Durham Academy, Lecture on Afro-Pessimism. Durham, NC: March 23.
- 2018 Research Methods Course. Florida State University Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Tallahassee, FL: Spring.
- 2017 Workshop for Intercommunal Study, Kilombo Intergaláctico. Durham, NC: July.

### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2019 Jackson Municipal Movement Leadership. RebLaw Conference, Yale University Law School, February 16.
- 2019 Onstage Interview with Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba. RebLaw Conference, Yale University Law School, February 16.
- 2018 “Author Meets Critics.” *Development Drowned and Reborn: The Blues and Bourbon Restorations in Post-Katrina New Orleans*. American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA: April 14.
- 2018 “Geographies of Land/Liberation.” American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA: April 11.
- 2018 “Black Farmers’ General and Gendered Strikes Against the USDA.” National Council of Black Studies, Atlanta, GA: March 14-17.
- 2017 “Black Geographies: Analytic and Analog.” Black Geographies: Insurgent Knowledge, Spatial Politics, and the politics of Blackness, Berkeley, CA: October 11-12.

### **SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

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- 2019 7<sup>th</sup> Institute for the Geographies of Justice. Mexico City, Mexico: June 17-21.
- 2018 “(anti)Blackness in the American Metropolis.” Urban Geography Journal Workshop, Goucher College: November 2-3.
- 2018 NSF Early Career Mentorship Workshop. UT-Austin: October 22.
- 2018 Summer Institute in Urban Studies, University of Singapore: July 15-17 (Declined).
- 2018 Summer Institute in Urban Studies, University of Singapore: July 15-17.
- 2018 Critical Feminist Pedagogy Workshop, York University: May 15-17.
- 2018 Black Foodways Writing Workshop, UC-San Diego: May 4-6.
- 2017 Feminist Geography Conference, Co-organized session: “On Race, Indigeneity, and Feminist Geopolitics in the United States. UNC-Chapel Hill, NC: May 18-20.

### **PROGRAMMING**

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- 2018 (anti)Blackness in the American Metropolis. Urban Geography Journal Workshop, Baltimore, MD: November 2-3. (Co-organizer)
- 2018 Six Disruptive Demographics That Will Change America Forever. Lecture by Dr. James Johnson, William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship. UNC-Chapel Hill: October 5. (Co-Organizer)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- 2019-2021 Corresponding Editor, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research  
2019-2021 Publications Committee Member, Annals of the American Association of Geographers
- 2019-2021 Advisory Board Member, Nature-Society-Violence Book Series, West Virginia University Press
- 2018-2020 Political Geography Editorial Board, *Geography Compass*  
2019 New Poverty Politics for Changing Times Podcast, Relational Poverty Network (Conversation with Dr. Adam Bledsoe)
- 2017-2019 Communication Director, Black Geographies Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers.
- 2017-2018 Committee Member, Conference Theme Committee, American Association of Geographers
- 2017 Reviewer for *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, *Southeastern Geographer*, and *Abolition Journal*

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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- 2018-2019 Planning Committee, FSU Department of African American Studies  
Programming Committee
- 2018 Colloquium Coordinator, FSU Department of Geography, Spring.
- 2017-2018 Search Committee, Department of Geography, Florida State University. Fall-Spring.
- 2017 Department Representative. Florida A&M University Graduate Feeder Conference, Fall.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Association of Geographers; National Council of Black Studies

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

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Rachael Cofield, PhD Candidate, Department of Geography  
Destinee Haller, B.A. African American Studies, Undergraduate Honors Thesis (Completed: Spring 2019)