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### Appointments

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<b>Associate Professor, City College of New York</b>	2023-
Department of Anthropology and Interdisciplinary Programs	
Affiliated Faculty in Black Studies	
<b>Assistant Professor, City College of New York</b>	2017-2023
Department of Anthropology, Gender Studies, and International Studies	
<b>Appointed Faculty, CUNY Graduate Center</b>	2019-
Anthropology Program	
Archaeology Subfield Coordinator	2023-
<b>Consulting Scholar, University of Pennsylvania</b>	2020-
Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology	
<b>Visiting Assistant Professor, Brown University</b>	2016-2017
Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice	
Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World	
<b>Postdoctoral Fellow, Brown University</b>	2014-2016
Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World	

### Higher Education

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<b>Ph.D., Distinction: Anthropology</b> (2014)	2010-2014
Syracuse University	Syracuse, NY
Dissertation title: <i>At the Margins of the Plantation: Alternative Modernities and an Archaeology of the "Poor Whites" of Barbados</i>	
<b>M.A.: Social Sciences/Anthropology</b> (2009)	2008-2009
University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
Thesis title: <i>Mobile Subjects, Mobile Ideologies, and the Industrial Community: The Archaeology of Irish Famine Migrants in Texas, Maryland</i>	
<b>B.S.: Anthropology and American Studies</b> (2007)	2004-2007
University of Maryland	College Park, MD

### Monographs

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2019	<b>Reilly, Matthew C.</b> <i>Archaeology below the Cliff: Race, Class, and Redlegs in Barbadian Sugar Society</i> . The University of Alabama Press: Tuscaloosa, AL.
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### **Edited Collections**

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- 2024 **Reilly**, Matthew C. and Craig Stevens. "Global Archaeologies of the Long Emancipation." Special issue of *American Antiquity Quarterly* 89(4).
- 2019 de Waal, Maaïke, Niall Finneran, Matthew C. **Reilly**, Douglas V. Armstrong, and Kevin Farmer (eds.). *Pre-Colonial and Post-Contact Archaeology in Barbados: Past, Present and Future Research Directions*. Sidestone Press, Netherlands.
- 2019 **Reilly**, Matthew C., guest editor (2019). "Archaeology and Futurity." *Journal of Contemporary Archaeology* 6(1).

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

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- n.d. **Reilly**, Matthew C. "An Archaeology of Return: Implications for African Diasporic Archaeologies." *American Anthropologist*. Under review.
- n.d. **Reilly**, Matthew C. "Space Guns and Specious Futures: The HARP Gun and Post-Colonial Expectations in the Caribbean." *Journal of Contemporary Archaeology*. Under revision.
- 2025 **Reilly**, Matthew C., Brian Whiting, and Newlands Greenidge. "'Their Veneration for Every Thing Connected with the Grave': Evidence of an Afro-Barbadian Burial Ground at Society Plantation, Barbados, West Indies." *Journal of African Diaspora Archaeology and Heritage* 14(1): 1-23. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/21619441.2024.2437279>.
- 2024 **Reilly**, Matthew C., Caree A. Banton, Craig Stevens, and Chrislyn Laurie Laureore. "The Archaeology of Providence Island: Liberian Heritage beyond Settlement." *American Antiquity Quarterly* 89(4): 647-663. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/aaq.2024.46>.
- 2024 **Reilly**, Matthew C. and Craig Stevens. "Global Archaeologies of the Long Emancipation: An Introduction." *American Antiquity Quarterly* 89(4): 547-552. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/aaq.2024.53>.
- 2023 **Reilly**, Matthew C., Caree A. Banton, and Craig Stevens. "Aspirational Architecture and AK-47s: Fragmented Violence from Settlement to Contemporary Liberia." *American Anthropologist* 125(2): 404-419. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/aman.13842>.
- 2022 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "Archaeologies of Whiteness." *Archaeological Dialogues* 29(1):51-66. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1380203822000174>.
- 2021 Macaulay-Lewis, Elizabeth and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "Respice, Adspice, Prospice: The 'Marathon Stone', Lewisohn Stadium, and the changing reception of the classics at City College in the twentieth century." *Classical Receptions Journal* 13(4): 457-484. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/crj/class031>.
- 2019 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "Futurity, Time, and Archaeology." *Journal of Contemporary Archaeology* 6(1): 1-15. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1558/jca.36830>.
- 2017 Handler, Jerome S. and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "Contesting 'White Slavery' in the Caribbean: Enslaved Africans and European Indentured Servants in Seventeenth-Century Barbados." *New West Indian Guide* 91: 30-55.
- 2016 **Reilly**, Matthew C. (2016). "Archaeologies of Instability: Order and Disorder in Colonial Barbados." *Journal of Social Archaeology* 16(2): 216-237.

- 2016 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "'Poor White' Recollections and Artifact Reuse in Barbados: Considerations for Archaeologies of Poverty." *International Journal of Historical Archaeology*. 20(2):318-340.
- 2014 Armstrong, Douglas V. and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "The Archaeology of Settler Farms and Early Plantation Life in Seventeenth-Century Barbados." *Slavery and Abolition*. 35(3):399-417.

### **Book Chapters**

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- n.d. **Reilly**, Matthew C. "Coda: Who Gets to Have a Future?" In *Finding the Future*, edited by Caspar Meyers and Miguel John Versluys. Under review.
- n.d. **Reilly**, Matthew C., Caree A. Banton, Chrislyn Laurie Laureore, and Craig Stevens. "Archaeologies of Black Futurity: Sketches of Liberia's Monuments and Ruins." In *Undoing Things*, edited by Shannon Lee Dawdy and Gavin Lucas. In press.
- n.d. Roth, Ulrike, Rachel Engmann, Nedra Lee, and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "Places of Agricultural Labour: Archaeological Approaches to Estates and Plantations." In *The Oxford Handbook of the Archaeology of Comparative Slavery*, edited by M. Leone and J. Webster. University of Oxford Press. In press.
- n.d. de Waal, Maaïke S., Matthew C. **Reilly**, and Kevin Farmer. "Conservation ethics: artifact collection, selection, deposition, storage, and curation in the Eastern Caribbean. A Barbados case study." In *Ethics in Caribbean Archaeology: Past, Present, and Future*, edited by F. Fricke, E. Herrera Malatesta, and M. de Waal. University Press of Florida, Gainesville. In press.
- 2025 **Reilly**, Matthew C. and Stephanie Barnes. "The Archaeology Plantation: Racial Violence and the Making of Americanist Archaeology." In *100 Years of Archaeology at the University of Michigan: Essays on the Past, Present, and Future of the Discipline*, edited by B.A. Stewart, R.A. Beck, T.C. Fryer, M.L. Galaty, R. Garvey, H. Hoover, J. O'Shea, and A. Ventresca-Miller, pp. 113-123. UMMAA Press, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2019 **Reilly**, Matthew C. and Ainsley Norris. "Collaborative Archaeology in a 'Redleg' Tenantry." In *Pre-Colonial and Post-Contact Archaeology in Barbados: Past, Present, and Future Research Directions*, by K. Farmer, D. Armstrong, , N. Finneran, M. Reilly, and M. de Waal. Sidestone Press, Netherlands, pp. 337-352.
- 2019 Armstrong, Douglas V., Maaïke de Waal, Kevin Farmer, Niall Finneran, and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "Epilogue: The Future of the Barbadian Past." In *Pre-Colonial and Post-Contact Archaeology in Barbados: Past, Present, and Future Research Directions*, by K. Farmer, D. Armstrong, N. Finneran, M. Reilly, and M. de Waal. Sidestone Press, Netherlands, pp. 413-418.
- 2019 Armstrong, Douglas V., Alissandra Cummins, Maaïke de Waal, Kevin Farmer, Niall Finneran, and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "Introduction: The Past and Present of Archaeology in Barbados." In *Pre-Colonial and Post-Contact Archaeology in Barbados: Past, Present, and Future Research Directions*, by K. Farmer, D. Armstrong, , N. Finneran, M. Reilly, and M. de Waal. Sidestone Press, Netherlands, 15-39.

- 2019 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "Intimacies and Attachments: Households and Hucksters on the Barbadian Plantation." In *Intimate Economies* by K. Fogle and J. Nyman (eds.). University Press of Florida: Gainesville, FL, pp. 138-157.
- 2016 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "'Poor Whites' on the Peripheries: 'Poor White' and Afro-Barbadian Interaction on the Plantation." In *Archaeologies of Slavery and Freedom in the Caribbean: Exploring the Spaces in Between* by L. Bates, J. Delle, and J. Chenoweth (eds.). University Press of Florida: Gainesville, FL, pp. 49-78.
- 2015 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "The Politics of Work, 'Poor Whites', and Plantation Capitalism in Barbados." In *Historical Archaeologies of Capitalism* by Mark P. Leone and Jocelyn E. Knauf (eds.). Springer Press: New York, NY, pp. 375-397.
- 2015 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "The Irish in Barbados: Labour, Landscapes and Legacies." In *Caribbean Irish Connections* by A. Donnell, M. McGarrity, and E. O'Callaghan (eds.). University of the West Indies Press: Kingston, Jamaica, pp. 47-63.
- 2015 Handler, Jerome S. and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "Father Antoine Biet's Account Revisited: Perspectives on Irish Catholics in Mid-Seventeenth Century Barbados." In *Caribbean Irish Connections* by A. Donnell, M. McGarrity, and E. O'Callaghan (eds.). Kingston: University of the West Indies Press: Kingston, Jamaica, pp. 33-46.

#### **Journal Articles, Commentary, and Other Publications**

- 2024 John M. Lissa, Craig Stevens, and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "Uncovered Heritage: The BAHA Project and Educational Outreach in Liberia." *SHA Newsletter* 57(2):9-12.
- 2023 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "Decolonize Whom, What, or When?" Commentary for theme issue "Archaeology, Nation, and Race – Critical Responses", edited by R. Greenberg and Y. Hamilakis. *Forum Kritische Archäologie* 12:118-121.
- 2023 Allen, William E., Caree A. Banton, and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "With the Fall of a Tree, Archaeology Returns to Liberia." *Sapiens*. Published Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
<https://www.sapiens.org/archaeology/archaeology-liberia/>.
- 2021 **Reilly**, Matthew C. and Annalee Davis. "An Interdisciplinary Approach to Archaeology and Art on a Caribbean Plantation." *SHA Newsletter* 54(3):36-40.
- 2020 Banton, Caree A. and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "Barbadians in Liberia: A Material-Oriented Approach to the Back-to-Africa Movement." *Journal of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society* Vol. LXVI: 146-170.
- 2019 **Reilly**, Matthew C., Caree A. Banton, Craig Stevens, and Liza Gijanto. "Back-to-Africa Archaeology and Heritage in Liberia." *Nyame Akuma* 92:4-11.
- 2019 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "Community, Climate Change, and Self-Reflection Highlight a Vibrant 28<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Association for Caribbean Archaeology." *Caribbean Heritage Network*. July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. [Link](#).
- 2016 Hogan, Liam, Laura McAttackney, and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "The Irish in the Anglo-Caribbean: Servants or Slaves?" *History Ireland*. March-April:18-22.
- 2014 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "The School of Female Industry: 'Poor White' Education in the Era of Slavery." *Journal of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society*. Vol. LVV:94-118.

- 2013 **Reilly**, Matthew C. "Archaeological Approaches to the 'Poor Whites' of Barbados: Tired Stereotypes and New Directions." *Journal of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society*. Vol. LVIV:1-27.
- 2012 Armstrong, Douglas V., Karl S. Watson, and Matthew C. **Reilly**. "The 1646 Hapcott Map, Fort – (Trent) Plantation, St. James, Barbados: A Significant Resource for Research on Early Colonial Settlement in Barbados." *Journal of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society*. Vol. LVIII:137-154.

### **Book Reviews**

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- 2020 **Reilly**, Matthew C. *Archaeology of Domestic Landscapes of the Enslaved in the Caribbean*, edited by James A. Delle and Elizabeth C. Clay. *Historical Archaeology* 54(3):676-677.
- 2018 **Reilly**, Matthew C. *Clashes of Time: The Contemporary Past as a Challenge for Archaeology*, edited by Jean-Marie Blaising, Jan Driessen, Jean-Pierre Legendre, and Laurent Olivier. *Historical Archaeology* 52(3):635-636.
- 2015 **Reilly**, Matthew C. *The Colonial Caribbean: Landscapes of Power in the Plantation System* by James A. Delle. *Historical Archaeology* 49(2):149-150.
- 2013 **Reilly**, Matthew C. *The Creolizing Subject: Race, Reason, and the Politics of Purity* by Michael J. Monahan. *Caribbean Quarterly* 59(3):180-182.
- 2012 **Reilly**, Matthew C. *Conquest and Land in Ireland: The Transplantation to Connacht, 1649-1680* by John Cunningham. *e-Keltoi*.

### **Grants, Awards, and Fellowships**

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Bard Graduate Center Visiting Fellowship	Spring 2026
Director's Field Funds, Penn Museum (\$4,973)	March 2025
CUNY Black, Race, and Ethnic Studies (BRES) Faculty Fellow (\$5,000)	2024-2025
Director's Field Funds, Penn Museum (\$4,750)	May 2024
Mark E. Mack Community Engagement Award	January 2024
• First Prize, Society for Historical Archaeology	
Wenner-Gren Foundation Post PhD Research Grant (\$19,600)	October 2022
U.S. Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation (\$20,000)	September 2022
• In partnership with the World Monuments Fund	
National Geographic Society COVID-19 Supplemental Funds (\$5,000)	August 2022
Director's Field Funds, Penn Museum (\$4,000)	July 2022
Colin Powell School Faculty Teaching Award, CCNY	May 2022
Cycle 53 PSC-CUNY Research Award #65554-00 53 (\$6,000)	April 2022
National Geographic Historic Places Initiative	September 2021
• Finalist, not awarded (\$4,500,000)	
Director's Field Funds, Penn Museum (\$4,000)	May 2021
CUNY Feliks Gross Award for Outstanding Assistant Professor	April 2021
Cycle 51 PSC-CUNY Research Award #63746-00 51 (\$6,000)	April 2020
National Geographic Explorers Grant #NGS-66868R-20 (\$35,000)	February 2020
Cycle 50 PSC-CUNY Research Award #62674-00 50 (\$6,000)	April 2019
National Geographic Explorers Grant #NGS-53444R-19 (\$26,658)	February 2019

Campus Engagement Network Curriculum Grant (\$4,000)	February 2019
CUNY Research Fund GRTI equipment funding (\$10,000)	December 2018
American Anthropological Association Leadership Fellow	May 2018
Humanities Initiative Award, Cogut Center, Brown (\$5,000)	May 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for lecture series</li> </ul>	
Global Experiential Learning and Teaching Grant, Brown (\$36,000)	March 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wintersession study abroad course</li> </ul>	
Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice Faculty Associate (\$2,000)	January 2017
Swearer Center's Community-Engaged Curriculum Grant (\$13,400)	January 2017
Social Science Research Institute Grant, Brown University (\$4,025)	December 2016
John Carter Brown Library Collaboration Grant (\$2,500)	September 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for lecture series</li> </ul>	
Gordon Bowles Essay Award Winner (\$100)	April 2014
Fulbright IIE – U.S. State Department (\$24,000)	2012-2013
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award – Syracuse	May 2012
Mae O'Driscoll Scholarship – Hofstra (\$500)	March 2012
Maxwell Teaching Fellowship (declined) – Syracuse	April 2012
Roscoe Martin Travel Grant Award – Syracuse (\$2,000)	Dec. 2010 and 2011
Maxwell Dean's Research Grant – Syracuse (\$6,000)	May 2011 and 2012

### **Conferences and Series Organized**

International Association for Caribbean Archaeology	July 2019
28 <sup>th</sup> Congress Program Chair, Barbados	
Rhode Island and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	2016-2017 Series
Brown University, Providence RI	
Archaeology and Futurity	April 14-15, 2016
Brown University, Providence RI	

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **City College of New York**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Archaeology of Displacement and Migration</li> </ul>	2020, 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate Seminar in Historical Archaeology (CUNY GC)</li> </ul>	2019, 2022, 2023, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pirates of the Caribbean: Scalawags, Sailors, and Slaves</li> </ul>	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Archaeology of Race and Slavery</li> </ul>	2018, 2020, 2023, 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human Origins</li> </ul>	2018-2020, 2023, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Archaeology</li> </ul>	2017-2021, 2025

#### **Brown University**

##### **Instructor and Designer**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Living and Material Landscapes of the African Diaspora</li> </ul>	Winter 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slavery, Memory, and Materiality</li> </ul>	Spring 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Archaeology of Us: Archaeologies of the Contemporary</li> </ul>	Spring 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pirates of the Caribbean: Scalawags, Sailors, and Slaves</li> </ul>	Fall 2014, Fall 2016

- Whiteness, Power, and Privilege Fall 2016
- Bad Things: Archaeologies of New World Vices Spring 2016
- In Ruins: Traces of the Past in the Present Fall 2015
- The Archaeology of Slavery Spring 2015

### **Syracuse University**

#### Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory (head TA) Fall 2011
- Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory Fall 2010
- Introduction to Historical Archaeology Spring 2011
- Introduction to Biological Anthropology Spring 2012

#### Workshop Organizer

- Postcolonial Archaeology Spring 2012

### **DePaul University**

#### Teaching Assistant

- Field School in Archaeology June 2009

### **Invited Lectures, Conference Papers, and Interviews**

- 2025 "Telling Time and Archaeological Context in Barbadian Excavations." Invited lecture at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill. Barbados, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2025 "Unearthing Black and Indigenous Histories at NYC's Morris-Jumel Mansion." BRES Faculty Fellows Symposium. CUNY Graduate Center. New York, NY, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2025 "Paths from the Plantation to Prosperity: An Archaeology of Barbadian Migration to Liberia", with Craig Stevens. Society for Historical Archaeology conference. New Orleans, Louisiana, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 2024 "Being an Upstander." Invited panelist for an Archaeology Division Executive Session at the American Anthropological Association Meetings. Tampa, Florida, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 2024 "The Irish in Barbados: Making Sense of the Myths and Charting Genealogies." Online presentation with Fiona Fitzsimons. The Barbados Genealogy Group, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 2024 Panelist for "Newton Uncovered: African Sacred Spaces in Regional Perspective." Online panel hosted by the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 2024 "The Back-to-Africa Heritage and Archaeology Project: Sketches of Liberia's Many Pasts." Historic Natchez Foundation. Natchez, Mississippi, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.
- 2024 "The Material Culture of Back-to-Africa: Object Reinvention in the Development of Africa's First Republic", with Lindsay Bloch and Craig Stevens. Society for American Archaeology conference. New Orleans, Louisiana, Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- 2024 "An Archaeology of Return?: African Diaspora Heritage in the Wake of the Slave Trade." Society for American Archaeology conference. New Orleans, Louisiana, Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 2024 "Five Years of the Back-to-Africa Heritage and Archaeology Project: The Co-Production of Knowledge and Liberia's Many Pasts." Invited lecture at the University of Pennsylvania Cultural Heritage Center. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

2024. "The Archaeology Plantation: White Supremacy and the Production of Archaeological Knowledge." Society for Historical Archaeology conference. Oakland, California, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 2024 "The Archaeology of Liberia's Providence Island beyond 1822 Settlement", with Chrislyn Laurore and Craig Stevens. Society for Historical Archaeology conference. Oakland, California, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 2024 "This Ground Beneath my Feet: Archaeology and Art at Walker's Dairy, Barbados", with Kristen Delatour and Annalee Davis. Society for Historical Archaeology conference. Oakland, California, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 2023 "Liberia's Plymouth Rock?: Archaeologies of Freedom-Making, Settler Colonialism, and National Heritage on Providence Island", with Caree Banton, Craig Stevens, and Chrislyn Laurore. Society for Historical Archaeology conference. Lisbon, Portugal, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 2023 "Global Archaeologies of the Long Emancipation." Session organizer at the Society for Historical Archaeology conference. Lisbon, Portugal, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 2022 "The Archaeology of Liberia's Providence Island beyond 1822 Settlement", with Abraham Fokoe, Caree Banton, Craig Stevens, and Chrislyn Laurore. Colonization, Christianity, and Commerce: The Afterlives of Slavery in the trans-Atlantic World conference. Monrovia, Liberia, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 2022 "Toward an Archaeology of Disenclosure for the African Diaspora." Invited lecture for the Deep Displacement Symposium. Brown University, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 2022 "The Archaeology Plantation: Racial Violence and the Making of Americanist Archaeology", with Stephanie Barnes. Invited lecture for the University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 2022 "The Barbados-Liberia Connection." Invited panelist with Caree Banton, Cherrine Smith, and Lorenzo Witherspoon. Barbados Genealogy Group, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 2022 "Archaeologies of the Long Emancipation in the Caribbean." Invited lecture for Leiden University, Netherlands, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 2022 "The Back-to-Africa Archaeology and Heritage Project: Liberian Archaeology in the Year of the Bicentennial", with Caree A. Banton and Craig Stevens. Liberian Studies Association Conference. Houston, TX, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
- 2022 "The Making of a Black Republic: Liberian Labor in Transatlantic Context." Society for American Archaeology annual meeting, with Craig Stevens and Caree Banton. Chicago, IL, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- 2022 "'Their Veneration for Every Thing Connected with the Grave': Bodies for the Lord and Labor in Nineteenth-Century Barbados." Society for Historical Archaeology annual meeting, with Brian Whiting and Newlands Greenidge. January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 2021 "Archaeologies of Racecraft from the West Indies to West Africa." Invited lecture for the Stanford University Archaeology Workshop. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.
- 2021 "Post-Plantation Archaeologies in and of the Caribbean." Invited paper for the University of the West Indies Cross-Campus History Seminar. October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



- 2021 "Archaeologies of Whiteness from the West Indies to West Africa." Invited lecture at the University of South Florida. April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 2020 "Barbadian Migration to Liberia: An Interdisciplinary Project." Invited lecture with Caree Banton for the Brown University Club of New York. November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 2020 Visiting Scholar at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Public lectures and class visits from October 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2020 "Whiteness, Slavery, and the Making of Race in the Atlantic World." Invited lecture at the Dyckman Farmhouse Museum. August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. New York, NY.
- 2020 "Building Post-Conflict Heritage through an Archaeology of the Back-to-Africa Movement in Liberia." Invited lecture at the University of Pennsylvania Cultural Heritage Center. February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2020 "Aspirational Architecture and AK-47s: The Intersections of Nineteenth-Century Settlement Processes and the Post-Conflict Detritus of Violence in Liberia," with Caree A. Banton and Craig Stevens. Society for Historical Archaeology Conference. January 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Boston, MA.
- 2020 "Greeks Bearing Archaeological Gifts: The Marathon Stone, Lewisohn Stadium, and the Influence of Classical Art and Architecture at City College in the Early Twentieth Century," with Elizabeth Macaulay-Lewis. Archaeological Institute of America Conference. January 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Washington D.C.
- 2019 "Archaeologies of Whiteness from the West Indies to West Africa." Invited lecture at Brandeis University. November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Waltham, MA.
- 2019 "Space Guns and Specious Futures: The HARP Project and Post-Plantation Heritage in Barbados." International Association of Caribbean Archaeology Conference. July 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Barbados, W.I.
- 2019 "Archaeologies of Structural and Physical Violence in Nineteenth-to-Twenty-First-Century Liberia." Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG) conference. May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Syracuse, NY.
- 2019 "West Indians in West Africa: Sketches of an Archaeology of the Back-to-Africa Movement from Nineteenth-Century Liberia." Invited lecture for the Contemporary Africa Seminar, Columbia University. Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 2018 "CCNY's Marathon Stone: The Politics of Owning the Past in the Present." Invited lecture for CCNY's 1847 Society. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, The Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- 2018 "Archaeologies of Whiteness from the West Indies to West Africa." Invited lecture for the CUNY Anthropology Colloquium. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 2018 "Archaeologies of the African Diasporas: A View from the Caribbean and West Africa." Invited lecture for the Friends of the Archaeological Institute of America New York Society. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, New York City.
- 2018 "West Indians in West Africa: The Barbadian Settlement of Crozierville, Liberia." Invited lecture at the Barbados Museum and Historical Society. July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Barbados.
- 2018 "From the Colony to the City: Materially Re-membering Slavery." Race, Memory, and Memorialization Conference, Brown University. May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Providence, RI.
- 2018 "Slavery and Freedom from the West Indies to West Africa," with Caree Banton. Society for American Archaeology conference. April 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Washington, D.C.

- 2018 "Archaeologies of Whiteness." Archaeology and Social Justice Conference, Brown University. March 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Providence, RI.
- 2018 "West Indians in West Africa: An Archaeology of the Nineteenth-Century Barbadian Migration to Liberia." Fellows lunch talk at the Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Brown University. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Providence, RI.
- 2017 "'White Slaves' to White Nationalism: Racial Alterity and the 'Redlegs' of Barbados." Invited lecture at Columbia University. November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 "Postcolonial Material Melancholia: Toward a Contemporary Archaeology of the Caribbean," with Miriam Rothenberg. International Association of Caribbean Archaeology conference. July 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. St. Croix, USVI.
- 2017 "'White Slaves' to White Nationalism: Racial Alterity and the 'Redlegs' of Barbados." Invited lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 "Racial Alterity on the Caribbean Plantation: 'White Slavery' and the White Possessive." Invited lecture at Syracuse University. April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 "The Afterlives of Slavery on the Caribbean Plantation Landscape," conference session organized and co-chaired with Geneviève Godbout. Society for Historical Archaeology Conference. January 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Ft. Worth, TX.
- 2016 "'White Slaves' in the Caribbean and the Politics of Historical Suffering." American Anthropological Association Conference. November 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2016 "The 'Redlegs' of Barbados and the (Un)Making of Race on the Plantation Periphery." Symposium on the Irish in the Caribbean. Trinity College Dublin. November 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Dublin, Ireland.
- 2016 "'Irish Slaves' in the Caribbean? Indentured Servants and Enslaved Africans in 17<sup>th</sup>-Century Barbados," with Jerome S. Handler. Irish Caribbean Connections Conference. July 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Cork, Ireland.
- 2016 "Contesting the 'White Slavery' Narrative: Repositioning the 'Redlegs' in Barbadian History and Society." Invited lecture at the Barbados Museum and Historical Society. June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Bridgetown, Barbados.
- 2016 "The Colony and the City: Contemporary Caribbean Landscapes in Transatlantic Context." Society for Historical Archaeology Conference. January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Washington, D.C.
- 2015 "Reconstituting the Redlegs: Race, Memory, and Archaeology on a Barbadian Plantation." Invited lecture at CUNY Queens College. December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Queens, NY.
- 2015 "Ruin Nation: Nation Building and Decay in Barbados." American Anthropological Association Conference. November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Denver, CO.
- 2015 "Colonialism and the 'Shadow King': Archaeological Perspectives on Race and Class from Barbados." Joint SAA/EAA Conference on Slavery and Colonialism. November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Curacao.
- 2015 "The unfree Irish in the Caribbean were indentured servants, not slaves." Co-authored with Liam Hogan and Laura McAtackney. *thejournal.ie*, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2015 "Means of Forgetting and Remembering: Oral Tradition and Reimagined Community Landscapes in Barbados." International Association of Caribbean Archaeology Conference. July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. St. Maarten.

- 2015 "'White Slaves,' European Indentured Servants, and Enslaved Africans in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Barbados," with Jerome S. Handler. Society for Caribbean Studies Conference. July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Birmingham, England.
- 2015 "Deconstructing Race on the Caribbean Plantation: An Archaeology of the 'Redlegs' of Barbados." Boston University. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Boston, MA.
- 2015 "Labor Transformations in the Seventeenth-Century Caribbean: The 1646 Hapcott Map and the Archaeology of Trents Estate, Barbados." John Carter Brown Library, Brown University. February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Providence, RI.
- 2015 "'Poor White' Economic (In)Activity and the Politics of Work in Barbados." Society for Historical Archaeology conference. January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Seattle, WA.
- 2014 "'White Slaves' and the Politics of 'Poor White' Archaeology in Barbados." American Anthropological Association conference. December 7, 2014. Washington, D.C.
- 2014 "Race and the Caribbean Plantation: Archaeology and the 'Redlegs' of Barbados." The Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University. October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Providence, RI.
- 2014 "Alternative and Caribbean Modernities: Race and Class in an Archaeological Study of the 'Poor Whites' of Barbados." University of Maryland. January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. College Park, MD.
- 2014 "At the Margins of the Plantation: An Archaeology of the 'Poor Whites' of Barbados." Society for Historical Archaeology conference. January 8-12, 2014. Quebec City, Quebec.
- 2013 "Indentured and Enslaved: Irish and Africans in Seventeenth-Century Barbados" with Jerome S. Handler. Ireland, Slavery, Anti-Slavery, and Empire conference. October 24-25, 2013. University College Dublin, Ireland.
- 2013 "Archaeology below the Cliff: Historical Archaeology of 'Poor Whites' in Barbados." International Association of Caribbean Archaeologists. July 15-21, 2013. Old San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2013 "The School of Female Industry: Race, Class, and Gender in Colonial Barbados." The Barbados Museum and Historical Society History Group. May 28, 2013. The Garrison: Barbados.
- 2013 "Archaeology below the Cliff: Archaeology of 'Poor Whites' in Pre and Post Emancipation Barbados." Archaeology Symposium of Jamaica. April 9-10, 2013. University of the West Indies, Mona: Jamaica.
- 2013 "Exploring the Stereotype: History and Archaeology of the 'Poor Whites' of Barbados." The Barbados National Trust. March 27, 2013. The Garrison: Barbados.
- 2013 "Drawing Lines 'Beyond the Line': Establishing a Slave Society in Seventeenth-Century Barbados," with Douglas V. Armstrong. OIEAHC Africans in the Americas. March 14-17, 2013: Barbados.
- 2012 "Fr. Antoine Biet's Account Revisited: Perspectives on Irish Catholicism in Mid-Seventeenth Century Barbados," with Jerome S. Handler. Caribbean Irish Connections Conference. November 16-17, 2012: Barbados.
- 2012 "'Barbadosed' and Bridging Colonialisms: Colonial Discourse and Practice and Irish Transplants in Seventeenth-Century Barbados." Theoretical Archaeology Group. May 18-20, 2012: Buffalo, NY.

## Media Appearances

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- 2024 ["The Irish in the Anglo-Caribbean, Servants or Slaves?"](#) *Dis A Fi Mi* History Podcast. Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 2023 ["DeSantis appointee to Disney board taught seminar using discredited research claiming White people were slaves in America,"](#) by A. Kaczynski, E. Steck, and S. Contoro. Quoted in article. *CNN KFile*. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 2022 ["Rising waters are swallowing Liberia's historical sites."](#) *Al Jazeera*. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 2022 ["Back-to-Africa Heritage and Archaeology Group Seeks to Explore Liberia beyond 1822,"](#) by W. Clayeh. Interviewed for article. *Front Page Africa*. June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- 2020 ["Fact check: The Irish were indentured servants, not slaves."](#) Interviewed for a story in *USA Today*. June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 2020 ["Debunked: Irish people in colonies were not slaves – they were indentured servants."](#) Interviewed for a story in *thejournal.ie*. June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 2019 "The St. Patrick's Day Rebellion." Podcast documentary interview aired on Newstalk Irish radio station. Produced by JJ O'Shea. March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 2018 "Barbados and Liberia Connection," by Heather-Lynn Evanson. Feature story on personal research. *Nation News*, Barbados. July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 2018 "'Not too late' for heritage sites legislation," by Heather-Lynn Evanson. Feature story on personal research. *Nation News*, Barbados. July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.
- 2018 ["No, the Irish were not Slaves in the Americas,"](#) by Eoin O'Carroll. Quoted in article. *Christian Science Monitor*. March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 2017 "The Irish Slaves Myth." Podcast interview with the *Irish Passport*. October 2017.
- 2017 ["Debunking a Myth: The Irish Were Not Slaves, Too,"](#) by Liam Stack. Quoted in article. *New York Times*. March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2013 Interview for radio documentary "To Hell or Barbados." Produced by Maud Hand. Aired on Newstalk Radio Ireland on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## Educational and Professional Experience

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<b>Principal Investigator</b>	2017-
Unearthing Voices: Archaeology and Visual Art in the Caribbean	Barbados, W.I.
<b>Principal Investigator</b>	2017-
Back-to-Africa Heritage and Archaeology (BAHA)	Liberia
<b>Principal Investigator</b>	2012-2017
The "Poor White" Archaeology Project	Barbados, W.I.
<b>Brown University</b>	May-June 2015
Survey and Landscape Archaeology Montserrat Project	
• Project team member	
<b>Syracuse University</b>	
Field and Teaching Assistant	
• Trents Archaeological Project, Barbados	2012-2016
• St. Thomas, USVI Archaeology Project	June 2012
<b>University of Chicago</b>	
Lab Supervisor and Teaching Assistant	Sept. 2009-Aug. 2010

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managerial position for all matters relating to archaeology laboratory</li> <li>• Provided training in artifact analysis to undergraduate students</li> <li>• Lead classroom discussions on archaeological method and theory</li> </ul>	
St. Antoine's Garden Archaeology Project	New Orleans, LA
Field Technician	Sept. – Oct. 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performed archaeological excavations in the French Quarter of New Orleans</li> <li>• Assisted with site mapping, flotation samples, and unit excavation</li> </ul>	
<b>Field Museum of Chicago</b>	Chicago, IL
Anthropology Intern	Summer 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban anthropology fieldwork examining Hispanic neighborhoods in Chicago</li> <li>• Conducted field interviews and conducted fieldwork throughout the city</li> <li>• Assisted in developing an ongoing material culture project at the Museum</li> <li>• Co-organized a symposium on material culture studies at the Museum</li> </ul>	
<b>URS Corporation</b>	Gaithersburg, MD
Field Technician	Jan. 2008 – Aug. 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performed field work on Phase I, II, and III archaeological projects</li> <li>• Conducted field work on historic and prehistoric Mid-Atlantic and Midwest sites</li> <li>• Conducted background research on field projects</li> </ul>	
Lab Technician	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performed general lab duties including artifact analysis and cataloguing</li> <li>• Performed general office duties</li> </ul>	
<b>Kings River Field Project</b>	Co. Wicklow, Ireland
University College Dublin Summer Field School	Summer 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial training in archaeological field methodology</li> </ul>	

### **Associations and Service**

#### **CUNY Graduate Center**

Affiliated faculty member in the Anthropology Program	2019-
Archaeology Subfield Coordinator	2023-
Human Ecodynamics Research Center Executive Board	2020-
M.A. Chair (3), Ph.D. Chair (5), and Ph.D. Committee Member (6)	2019-

#### **New York Academy of Sciences**

Advisory Board member for the Anthropology Section	2019-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice-Chair of the Advisory Board</li> </ul>	2019-2021

#### **University of Liberia**

International Advisory Board Member of the Center for Diaspora and Migration Studies	2022-
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#### **City College of New York**

Faculty Senate	2019-2022
Faculty Senate Executive Committee	2020-2022
Provost's ad hoc Committee on Tenure and Promotion	2020-2022
Faculty Senate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	2019-2022
Public Arts Committee, interim chair	2019-2020

Anthropology Student Association Club Advisor	2021-2022
Humanizing Club Advisor	2021-2022
Anthropology Department Advisor	2020-2023
CLAS Faculty Council	2019-2021
Campus Research Council	2019-2020
CPS Faculty Council Curriculum Committee	2018-2020
Campus Engagement Network Committee	2018-2020
<b>Brown University</b>	
Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project	2016-2017
Central Committee member and Research Committee Chair	Providence, RI
<b>Syracuse University</b>	
Anthropology Graduate Student Organization	Sept. 2010 – 2012
• Speaker Series Coordinator	
Future Professoriate Program	Aug. 2011 – 2012
• Participant and event organizer	

#### **Professional Society Memberships**

American Anthropological Association	<b>Member Since</b> 2011
Society for Historical Archaeology	2011
Barbados Museum and Historical Society	2011
Barbados National Trust	2012
International Association of Caribbean Archaeology	2013
Society for American Archaeology	2016
Professional Archaeologists of New York City	2018
• Board member	2022-
Historical Society of Liberia	2021

#### **Editorial Positions**

<i>Historical Archaeology</i>	2024-
• Associate Editor	

#### **Reviewer for Publications, Grant Applications, and Theses**

Wenner-Gren Foundation  
 National Science Foundation  
 National Geographic Society  
 CUNY Graduate Center  
 University of the West Indies, Cave Hill  
 Northwestern University  
 University of Pennsylvania  
*American Anthropologist*  
*Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*  
*William and Mary Quarterly*  
*International Journal of Historical Archaeology*

*Journal of African Diaspora and Heritage*  
*Transforming Anthropology*  
*Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology*  
*WIREs Water*  
*International Journal of Cultural Property*  
*Journal of Contemporary Archaeology*  
*Race and Social Problems*  
*Azania: Archaeological Research in Africa*  
*Journal of Material Culture*  
*Journal of Caribbean History*