

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Rackham Graduate School, 2018-present
Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History; Coursework completed WN 2020; Dissertation: *Forty Years within the Veil: "New Black Towns of the Rocky Mountain West from Greater Reconstruction to the Great Migration."*
- Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana Graduate School 2016-2018
Graduated in May 2018 with a M.A. in History with a focus on the American West
Thesis: *"The Erosion of the Racial Frontier: Settler Colonialism and the History of Black Montana, 1880-1930"*
- Carroll College, Helena, Montana 2011-2015 Graduated in May of 2015 with B.A. in History Minored in European Studies and Constitutional Studies
Member of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honors Society Carroll College Fighting Saints Men's Golf Team, 2011-2015
- Anaconda High School, Anaconda, Montana 2007-2011

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Montana Historical Society, Historical consultant working on the Montana African American History Documentary, produced in conjunction with Montana PBS with financial support from the National Park Service Underrepresented Communities Grant. To air 2022. Contracted April-June 2021.
- University of Michigan Graduate Research Assistant (June 2020-present) Research assistant for Dr. Angela Dillard. Primary and secondary source research for Dr. Dillard's upcoming book exploring the wide history of African American conservatives in the Civil Rights Era.
- University of Michigan, Department of History, Graduate Student Instructor (August 2019-April 2021) Taught with Dr. Stephen Berrey, HIST 374, *The Politics and Culture of the 1960s*; Taught with Dr. Anthony Mora, HIST 373, *The History of the U.S. West*; Teaching with Dr. Howie Brick, HIST 271, *History of the U.S. 1866-Present*.
- Montana State University, Department of History and Philosophy, Graduate Teaching Assistant (January 2018-May 2018) Worked for Dr. Robin Hardy, instructed recitation sections for HSTR 101: *Western Civilization II*. Graded student papers, essays, midterms, and finals.
- Montana State University, Department of History and Philosophy, Graduate Teaching Assistant (August 2017-December 2017) Worked for Dr. Mary Murphy, instructed recitation sections for HIST 110: *Early American History*. Graded student papers, essays, midterms, and finals.

- Extreme History Project, Non-profit public history group, Walking Tour Guide, (Summer 2017) Conducted historical walking tour of downtown Bozeman.
Contact Information: Crystal Alegria, Co-Director, Extreme History Project, crystal@extremehistoryproject.org
- Montana State University, Department of History and Philosophy, Graduate Research Assistant (January 2017-May 2017) Worked with Dr. Billy Smith to collect, codify, and analyze Runaway Slave Ads from late 18th century newspapers. Research is being done for an upcoming book by Dr. Billy Smith and colleagues.
- Montana State University, Department of History and Philosophy, Graduate Teaching Assistant (August 2016-December 2016) Worked for Dr. Susan Cohen, Instructed recitation sections for RLST 110: Religion, Conflict, and Politics. Graded student papers, essays, midterms, and finals.
- Montana Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, Research Historian (May 2016-August 2016) Worked with SHPO staff compiling primary source data, researching historic black communities across the state, and compiling historic property record forms for the "Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places Project."
Contact Information: Kate Hampton, Community Preservation Coordinator, SHPO, KHampton@mt.gov
- National Parks Service, Guadalupe Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks Cultural Resources Office (February-April 2016) Worked under the supervision of the Inter Mountain Regional Office to update the List of Classified Structures database for Guadalupe Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks.
- Montana Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, Research Historian (June 2015-October 2015) Worked with SHPO staff compiling primary source data, researching historic black communities across the state, and compiling historic property record forms for the "Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places Project."
- Montana Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, Volunteer Intern (September 2014-May 2015) Volunteered on the Montana African American History Project -160 hours volunteered

Publications

Books

Black Montana: Settler Colonialism and the Erosion of the Racial Frontier, 1877-1930 (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2021).

Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Anthony W. Wood and Billy G. Smith, "Fugitives from Slavery in Jamaica, 1718-1795: Lessons from Data sets and Newspaper Advertisements," *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation* Vol. 2: Iss. 2 (August 2021).

Anthony W. Wood and Billy G. Smith, "Escaped and Captured Slave Datasets from Newspapers in Jamaica, 1718-1795," *Magazine of Early American Datasets* (Philadelphia: McNeil Center for Early American Studies, 2021) Online at <https://repository.upenn.edu>

"Colonial Erosion: Unearthing African American History in the Settler Colonial West," *Settler Colonial Studies* 9:3 (Summer 2019), 396-417.

"After the West Was Won: How African American Buffalo Soldiers Invigorated the Helena Community in Early Twentieth-Century Montana." *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* 66:3 (Autumn, 2016) 36-50.

under review/forthcoming

"The Blackest City in the West: A Decade of Hope and Hardship in Cheyenne, Wyoming," *Annals of Wyoming*. (Solicited submission, under review)

Book Reviews

Review of Sarah Deutsch, *Making a Modern U.S. West: The Contested Terrain of a Region and its Borders, 1898-1940*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2022. 654 pp. *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* (upcoming Summer 2022).

Review of Laura J. Arata. *Race and the Wild West: Sarah Bickford, the Montana Vigilantes, and the Tourism of Decline, 1870-1930*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2020. 304 pp. *Western Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2021).

Public History

Writer, pre-production concept developer, on-camera commentator. "Montana African American History Documentary," Montana PBS (in production, scheduled 2022).

"Clippings, Notable Mentions, and News Correspondence from Cheyenne, Wyoming to the Colorado Statesmen (1905-1922)," A collection of news columns from Cheyenne to the African American published, *Colorado Statesmen* with brief commentary. African American Vertical File Collection. Wyoming State History Archives, Cheyenne, Wyoming, pp. 1-198.

"Whitening the Western Body," *High Altitude History*, February 16, 2018, available at <https://historymsu.wordpress.com/2018/02/16/whitening-the-western-body/>

"Race, Mountain Bikes, and the Myth of the White Wilderness Experience," *High Altitude History*, January 17, 2018, available at <https://historymsu.wordpress.com/2018/01/17/race-mountain-bikes-and-the-myth-of-the-white-wilderness-experience/>

"Why Black History Matters in White Places," *High Altitude History*, April 12, 2017, available at <https://historymsu.wordpress.com/2017/04/12/black-history-matters-montana-state-university/>

"Jess Lee Brooks: A Black Western Actor in the Narrative of the American West," *High Altitude History*, May 17, 2017, available at <https://historymsu.wordpress.com/2017/05/17/jess-lee-brooks-a-black-western-actor-in-the-narrative-of-the-black-west/>

"The Driver Family Story," an ESRI GIS Story Map published by the Montana State Historic Preservation Office, available online at <http://montana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=9d466c727cec485f9c1866fe72b7ef5d>

The following essays were published by the Montana Historical Society and the State Historic Preservation Office as part of the "Montana African American Heritage Resources Project." They are all available online at mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmerican.

- "African American Churches of Montana," available at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans/History/AfricanAmericanChurches>
- "African Americans and Montana Politics," available at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans/History/Political-Life>
- "Fate of the Zanzibar: A Historical Example of African American Interests and the Courts," available at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans/History/Political-Life>
- "Montana's African American Military History: The Buffalo Soldier Era," available at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans/History/Military-History>

Lectures, Presentations, and Podcasts

- "How History Disappeared the Blackest City in the West," Conference Paper, Western History Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas, upcoming October 12-15, 2022.
- "Black Montana and the Stories we Tell About Ourselves," *Ivan Doig Center for the Study of the Lands and Peoples of the North American West*, Lecture Series, Bozeman, Montana, October 19, 2021.
- "Keep off the Fourth: Black Westerners and the Memory of Emancipation," Conference Paper, Montana History Conference, Butte, Montana, Friday September 24, 2021.
- "Black Montana with Anthony Wood," Podcast interview for *The Dirt on the Past* hosted by the Extreme History Project. September 21, 2021. Online at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/black-montana-with-anthony-wood/id1532514949?i=1000536176018>
- "The Historicity of Home: Anthony W. Wood and *Black Montana*," Podcast interview for *The Write Question*, hosted by Laruen Korn, Montana Public Radio, aired September 16, 2021. Online at <https://www.mtpr.org/podcast/the-write-question/2021-09-16/the-historicity-of-home-anthony-w-wood-and-black-montana>
- "Black Migration to the West before the Great Migration," Guest Lecture in "History of the U.S. 1865-Present" (Brick), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 6, 2021.
- "Keep Off the Fourth: Black Westerners and Regimes of Settler Memory," Conference Paper, Western History Association Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 14-17, 2020.
- "The Black West: From the Civil War to the Great Migration," Guest Lecture in "The History of the U.S. West" (Mora), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 23, 2020 (streamed online).
- "The Environmental Movement: Collisions and Convergences," Guest Lecture in "The Politics and Culture of the 1960s" (Berrey), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 13, 2019.

- "Our Memory of this Place: Race and the Construction of Collective Memory in the West," Poster Presentation, Western History Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October 18-20, 2018.
- "Race and Ruination: The Exodus of Montana's African American Community," Lecture, Extreme History Project Lecture Series, Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman, Montana, October 26, 2017.
- "Race and Ruination: 1917 and the Origins of Montana's African American Exodus," Panel Presentation, Montana History Conference, Helena Great Northern, Helena, Montana, September 22, 2017.
- "Finding Black Montana: Rediscovering the Ruination of Montana's African American Community, 1880-1920," Lecture, Bozeman Pecha Kucha, Ellen Theater, Bozeman, Montana, September 13, 2017.
- "The Ruination of the Frontier: Western Racism, Western Narratives, and the History of Black Montana," a history poster presented at the Center for Western Lands and People's *"Festival of the West,"* April 20, 2017, Montana State University Bozeman.
- "Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places," Project Presentation, Friends of the Montana Historical Society Conference, Montana Historical Society, Helena, Montana, May 20, 2016.
- "Mapping Historic Neighborhoods," Project Presentation, Montana History Foundation, Helena, Montana, September 10, 2015.

Awards

- "Montana's African American Heritage Resources" project and the Montana Historical Society was selected as the 2019 Vernacular Architecture Forum's Buchanan Award.
- "Montana's African American Heritage Resources" project and the Montana Historical Society was selected as the 2018 American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Award of Merit winner
- 2017 Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Graduate Student Summer Research Award