

# L. LAMAR WILSON

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill**, Department of English and Comp. Literature, 2018  
African American and Multiethnic Literatures in the Americas  
Dissertation: *Quare Poetics: Black Maternity and the Arc of Protest in the African American Elegiac Tradition*  
Committee: GerShun Avilez (Co-Chair), Neel Ahuja (Co-Chair, University of California-Santa Cruz), James Coleman (prof. emeritus), Fred Moten (New York University), and Ruth Salvaggio (prof. emerita)

**M.F.A., Virginia Polytechnic and State University (Virginia Tech)**, Department of English, 2010  
Creative Writing  
Master's Thesis: *All-American: Poems*  
Committee Members: Erika Meitner (Chair), Bob Hicok, and Lucinda Roy

**B.S., Florida A&M University (FAMU)**, School of Journalism, Media and Graphic Communication, 2001  
Newspaper Journalism (English minor), summa cum laude

## APPOINTMENTS

2019-Present     Assistant Professor, Department of English, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.  
2018-Present     Low-Residency MFA Faculty, Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Miss.  
2016-2019        Assistant Professor, Department of English, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
2015-2016        Visiting/Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of English, Davidson College, Davidson, N.C.  
2010-2015        Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of English and Comparative Literature, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
2007-2010        Graduate Teaching Assistant, Virginia Tech, Department of English, Blacksburg, Va.

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

### *Monographs*

*Kweer: Black Maternity and the Arc of Protest in the African American Elegiac Tradition*  
(revisions of two chapters, roughly 50% of book, complete; proposal submission in Spring 2020)

### *Journal Articles*

#### Accepted/Published

“The Sweet Meat of My Feelings’: The Ghost of LeRoi Jones and the (Re)Birth of a Quare Nation.” Forthcoming in *Callaloo*. “Elegy” Issue. Ed. Joshua Bennett. (accepted; in proofs/production)  
“Birthing America’s Kweer: Motherless Children Preach the Gospel of Mercy.” *south* (formerly *Southern Literary Journal*) LI.1 (Fall 2019): 298-317.  
“She Is Twenty-Three Months Pregnant’: The Quaring of Black Maternity in Bob Kaufman’s Surreal Migration Narratives.” *Obsidian* 41.2 (2015): 335-431.

### *Book Reviews*

*Brother Mine: The Correspondence of Jean Toomer and Waldo Frank*. *Callaloo* 37.3 (Summer 2014): 735-739.  
“The Beauty of Troubled Tongues.” *Post No Ills*. 22 January 2010.

## FILM

### *Documentary Short*

*The Changing Same*. Associate Producer. 27 August 2017- 22 July 2019 (debut date). With Rada Film Group.  
➤ Opened 2<sup>nd</sup> season of PBS Shorts/American Documentary; continues to air throughout USA markets, including UNC-TV, and streams online through 2023.  
➤ Won 2019 Reel Sisters of the Diaspora Film Festival Best Documentary Award  
➤ Won special jury prize at the 2018 New Orleans Film Festival  
➤ Screened at 2018-2019 Full Frame (Durham, N.C.); Hot Springs (Ark.); Miami; Pan African (Los Angeles); Salem, Mass.; Smithsonian African American (Washington, D.C.); and St. Louis festivals.

- Featured on NPR's *Code Switch*, *Up First*, and *White Lies* in October 2019.
- Inspired [Rada Film Group's POV Spark/Scatter virtual-reality experience](#) for museums, galleries, churches, schools, and libraries, which uses the same title I developed for our film and for which my avatar is a "virtual guide"; it is scheduled for a 2020 release.

## POETRY PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

*Burden Hill* (draft complete; proposal submission in Spring 2020)

- Poems have been published prominently in journals and anthologies and have earned residencies at the Ebedi Writing Fellowship in Iseyin, Nigeria (declined) and the Ragdale Foundation (July-August 2019)

*Sacrilegion* (Carolina Wren Press Poetry Series #16). Durham, N.C.: Carolina Wren Press, 2013.

- 2012 Carolina Wren Press Poetry Series Prize winner
- 2013 Thom Gunn Award Finalist
- 2013 Independent Publishers Award – Bronze
- 2010 *Crab Orchard Review* Open Competition Finalist
- Reviewed or favorably mentioned in *Vinyl*, *Lambda Literary Online*, *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Muzzle*, *Pedestal*, *Ploughshares* blog, *Prairie Schooner*, and at The Poetry Foundation

### Co-Authored Collections

Holnes, Darrel Alejandro; Jones, Saeed; Laurentiis, Rickey; Williams Phillip B.; Wilson. L. Lamar. *Prime: Poetry & Conversation*. Alexander, Ark.: Sibling Rivalry Press, 2014. 45-67, 86-93.

- Twice named one of 2014's best collections at The Poetry Foundation
- 2015 American Library Association "Over the Rainbow" Commendation

### Poetry (in journals & other single-issue, peer-reviewed publications)

"Digging." *The New York Times*. 15 June 2019. Curated by Khadijah Queen and Jillian Wiese.

"Nursing." *The Academy of American Poets/Poem-a-Day*. 11 October 2018. Curated by Ross Gay.

"From 'Negus in Paris.'" *Hunger Mountain* 22 (Spring 2018). Ed. Donika Kelly: 145.

"The Morning After the Morning After: Oct. 3, 2017." *Talking River* (Winter 2017/Spring 2018): 143.

"How to Bake Bread," "How to Pick Cotton," "How to Disclose." *Crazyhorse* 91 (Spring 2017): 38-40.

"Games." *Prairie Schooner* 89:4 (Winter 2015). Ed. Natalie Diaz: 158.

"Cake," "Dreamboys," "The First Shower," "In Search of Abe in DuPont Circle," "Touch: A Letter to the Mother." *The Good Men Project*. September & December 2014, February 2015.

"Substantia Nigra." *The New Sound*. 2:1 (Spring 2013): 100-102.

"Touch: A Letter to the Mother." *The Feminist Wire*. 13 March 2013.

"Times Like These: Marianna, Florida." *Poetry Daily*. 11 March 2013.

"Dear Uncle Sam." *The Poetry Blog*. 21-28 December 2012.

"Family Reunion, 1993" and "To Green Polka Dot Muumuu Mother Loved to See Her Mother Wear." *African American Review* 45:1-2 (Spring/Summer 2012): 238.

"Legion: Human Immunodeficiency Virus." *Los Angeles Review* 12 (Fall 2012): 118.

"Resurrection Sunday." *Vinyl* 4. (Fall 2011, nominee for the Pushcart Prize)

"I Can't Help It." *jubilat* 20:1 (Fall 2011): 26.

"Ratiocination," "Cystoscopy as Transfiguration," "A Prayer for the Phlebotomist." *Cream City Review* 35.1 (Fall 2011: 2011 Beau Boudreaux Poetry Prize winner): 190-194.

"What of a Body." *Tidal Basin Review* (Summer 2011): 60.

"It Could Happen to Anyone, or a Letter to the Boy," "Woe Unto You, Sons," "Cripple," "Tarry" and "Oblation." *No Tell Motel*. 21-25 Feb. 2011.

"Finding Fault," "In Search of Abe in Dupont Circle," "Giving Up the Ghost." *Connotation Press Online*. Feb. 2011.

"In the Lion's Den" and "What I Should Have Told the Homeless Man in Cleveland Who Mistook Me for Mary's Son." *Lambda Literary Online*. 13 Jan. 2011.

"June 26, 2009: The Morning After" and "Dust to Dust: Blacksburg, Virginia (After Feb. 13, 2010)." *Tidal Basin Review* (Fall/Winter 2010): 111-112.

"Picky: Izola Ware Curry," "Times Like These: Marianna, Florida." *Callaloo* 33.4 (Fall 2010): 1005-1007.

"Le Petit Mort," "Drapetomania: Morning Dew," "Chooseday!" *Mythium*. 1.2 (Spring 2010): 83-86.

"You Da Only Man I Ever Loves, Daddy: Lot's Daughters," "I Am Black & Comely," "Touch." *Obsidian*. 10.2/11.1 (Fall/Winter 2009-Spring/Summer 2010): 230-232.

"Dreamboys." *Rattle* 31 (Summer 2009): 142-43.

"We Do Not Know Her Name" & "Lost & Found." *Crab Orchard Review* 14.2 (Summer/Fall 2009): 224-226.

"Drive-by." *Reverie* 3 (Spring/Summer 2009): 28-29.

"HeLa" and "Ghazal of the Naptime Blues." *Obsidian* 9.2 (Fall/Winter 2008): 89-90.

### **Poetry (in Anthologies)**

"Afterword: Burden Hill, I've Been in the Storm Too Long" and "Burden Hill Whip-poor-Will, I Play Dead." *Race and Utopian Desire in American Literature and Society*. Eds. Edward Chan and Patricia Ventura. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2019. 301-302.

"Eastern Whip-poor-Will: Burden Hill Whip-poor-Will, I Play Dead." *A Literary Field Guide to Southern Appalachia*. Eds. Rose McLarney and Laura Gray-Street. Athens, Ga.: University of Georgia Press, 2019. 90.

"Games." *Bodies Built for Game: The Prairie Schooner Anthology of Contemporary Sports Writing*. Ed. Natalie Diaz. Omaha: University of Nebraska Press, 2019. 201.

"Resurrection Sunday." *Furious Flower: Seeding the Future of African American Poetry*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Eds. Joanne V. Gabbin and Lauren K. Allenye. Chicago: Triquarterly/Northwestern University Press, 2019/2020. 138-141.

"Times Like These: Marianna, Florida." *Vinegar and Char: Southern Food in Verse*. Ed. Sandra Beasley. UGA Press, 2018.

"I Can't Help It." "Resurrection Sunday." *Reading Queer: Poetry in a Time of Chaos*. Ed. Maureen Seaton and Neil de la Flor. Tallahassee, Fla.: Anhinga Press, 2018.

"Prelude: I Can't Help It," "Times Like These: Marianna, Florida." "Dear Uncle Sam." *Anthology of Young Poetry of the U.S.A.* Ed. Taras Malkovych. Kiev, Ukraine: A-BA-BA-HA-LA-MA-HA Press, 2016.

"We Do Not Know Her Name." *Please Excuse This Poem: 100 New Poets for the Next Generation*. Eds. Brett Fletcher Lauer and Lynn Melnick. New York: Viking Penguin, 2015. 92.

"What of a Body." *White Space Poetry Anthology*. Minneapolis: White Space Poetry Project, 2014.

"(Moan): Robert McFerrin Sr." *A Face to Meet the Faces: An Anthology of Contemporary Persona Poetry*. Eds. Oliver de La Paz and Stacey Lynn Brown. Akron, Ohio: University of Akron Press, 2012. 127-28.

"What I Should Have Told the Homeless Man in Cleveland Who Mistook Me for Mary's Son." *Mighty Real: An Anthology of African-American Same Gender Loving Writing*. Eds. R. Bryant Smith and Darius Omar Williams. Cleveland: Effusses/Sangha Publishing, 2011.

"Ars Poetica: Nov. 7, 2008." *The 100 Best African American Poems (But I Cheated)*. Ed. Nikki Giovanni. Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks, 2010. 4-7.

"We Do Not Know Her Name." Poetry Society of America's *Ars Poetica* companion/online exhibition. Curator: Rachel Eliza Griffiths. March 2010.

### **CREATIVE NONFICTION PUBLICATIONS**

*Peer-Reviewed Nonfiction Essays & Journalism* (as L.L. Wilson, Lamar Wilson and L. Lamar Wilson)

"Queen of Snow Hill." *Oxford American* (Winter 2018): 136-143.

- Revisited in August 2019 in features by NPR's [Rodney Carmichael](#) and [The Breakfast Club](#); hip-hop artist Rapsody acknowledges our conversation as the inspiration for the focus of her 2019 album, [Eve](#).

"Falling to Fly: Letting the Black Female Within Guide as White Supremacy Thrives." *VIDA Review* Feature. 9 April 2018.

"Queer Black Avant-Garde Poetics: On Being Guilty of Excessive Darkness in the First Degree." *The Force of What Is Possible: Writers on Accessibility and the Avant-Garde Writers on Accessibility and the Avant-Garde*. Ed. Amy King and Lily Hoang. Brooklyn: Nightboat Books, 2014.

"These Mythologizing Is: On Tending to the Past and Autobiography." Poets' Roundtable on Person and Persona. *Los Angeles Review of Books*. 22 October 2013.

"Silence and Shame in the Black Church." *The Root*. 26 October 2011.

"The Help': Missed Opportunities." *The Root*. 13 August 2011.

"One Man's Horizons Opened Through E. Lynn Harris's Unabashed Romances." *Washington Post*. 24 July 2009.

"Q&A/NIKKI GIOVANNI: 'You have to learn to trust yourself.'" *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. 30 January 2007.

"Morrison brings us face to face with the blood, pain of slavery." *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. 24 May 2003.

"Singing with dignity and defiance: Simone's songs, style demanded attention." *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. 22 April 2003.

"Seeing 'Souls of Black Folk' through prism of a century." *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. 4 April 2003.

## DRAMA

*The Gospel Truth.*

Mickee Faust Club. Adelaide Schnittman Hall. Tallahassee, Fla. 2-3 June 2017.

- Full staging of one-act adaptation of *Sacrilegion* with cast of three Faust players, featured on WFSU (88.9 -FM), *Tallahassee Democrat*, TallahasseeArtsGuide.com, and WTXL-ABC.

Reading Queer Festival. Miami Botanical Gardens. Miami Gardens, Fla. 30 August 2014.

- Dramatic reading/workshop of a draft of the one-act, with three operatic singers (tenor, baritone, and bass), featured in *The Miami Herald*, *Miami New Times*, and other local media.

## AWARDS

2019 Best Documentary Winner, Sisters of the Diaspora Film Festival, *The Changing Same*

2018 Special Jury Prize, New Orleans Film Festival, *The Changing Same*

2015 American Library Association's "Over the Rainbow" Commendation, *Prime: Poetry and Conversation*

2013 Independent Publishers Award – Bronze, *Sacrilegion*

2012 Pushcart Prize nominee, *Vinyl*, "Resurrection Sunday"

2012 North Carolina Press Association Award, Headline Writing (*Charlotte Observer*, *Raleigh News & Observer*)

2011 Beau Boudreaux Poetry Prize, *Cream City Review*

2010, 2008 *New Letters* Poetry Prize Finalist

2010, 2007 National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence Award for Copy-editing (*Washington Post*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*)

2009 International Reginald Shepherd Memorial Poetry Prize Finalist, *Knockout*

2008 Emily Morrison Poetry Prize, *Virginia Tech*

2004-2006 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Best of Quarter headline commendations

2001 Florida A&M University SJMGC Top Graduate

2000 Hearst Foundation Editorial Award nominee, *The Famuan*

## FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

2019 Ragdale Foundation Residency Grant

2018, 2015 Chancellor's Doctoral Advancement Award, UNC-Chapel Hill

2017 Ebedi International Writing Fellowship (declined)

2015 Initiative for Minority Excellence Travel Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill

2010-2014 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

2013 W. Bruce Lea Jr. Graduate Award Fund Travel Grant, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

2010-2012 Blyden Jackson Fellowship, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

2013, 2011 Graduate Research Consultant Fellowship, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

2011, 2009, 2008 Cave Canem Foundation Fellowship

2011, 2008 Hurston/Wright Foundation Fellowship

2010, 2007 *Callaloo* Writers Workshops Fellowship

2008, 2000 Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Scholarship

2007-2010 Alfred E. Knobler Fellowship, Virginia Tech

2002 National Conference of Editorial Writers Fellowship

2000 Peggy Peterman Scholarship, Poynter Foundation & *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times*

1997-2001 Florida A&M University Presidential Scholarship and Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

1999 National Association of Black Journalists Scholarship

## READINGS, INTERVIEWS, & PERFORMANCES

"A Strange and Bitter Crop" and "The Lynching of Claude Neal." NPR's *Code Switch*, *Up First*, and *White Lies*. 29, 26, 22 October 2019.

"Poetry Reading & Film Screening: Wake Forest University." ZSR Library Auditorium (404). 15 October 2019.

*Old Gold & Black Interview*, front page, 17 October 2017.

"Poetry Reading: *Cincinnati Black Pride*." Contemporary Art Center. 21 June 2019.

"Poetry Invocation: 'Better: Skylight, Skylark.'" Mellon Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting: "Enduring Injustice, Legacies of Resistance." Alley Station—The Warehouse. Montgomery, Ala. 6 June 2019.

"Cave Canem @ Hugo House." w/Quenton Baker, Amanda Johnston, Dante Micheaux, and Anastacia Renee. Hugo House. Seattle. 2 November 2018.

"Ballast: An Intimate Reading." w/Quenton Baker, Amanda Johnston, and Dante Micheaux. Frye Art Museum. Seattle. 1 November 2018.

"Poetry Reading: Double Lives, Double Trouble." Old Dominion University Literary Festival. 25 October 2018.

"*Reading Queer: Poetry in the Time of Chaos* Reading." Los Angeles Literary Festival. w/Ching-In Chen, Cathleen Chambliss, and Caridad Moro-McCormick. 30 September 2018.

"Third Thursdays @ Auburn University." Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art. Auburn, Ala. 15 February 2018.

"Pure Products Reading Series." Monarch Espresso Bar. Tuscaloosa, Ala. 2 November 2017.

"*The Gospel Truth* Interview." WFSU Public Radio. Interview w/Tom Flanagan. 2 June 2017.

"Reading." Hendrix College. Bertie Wilson Murphy Building. Conway, Ark. 7 April 2017.

"Reading." University of West Alabama. Livingston, Ala. w/John Estes. 6 March 2017.

"L. Lamar Wilson @ Nitty Gritty Magic City." Desert Island Supply Company. Birmingham. 16 February 2017.

"Speak Out for Equity." The Peace Center. Greenville, S.C. w/Mendy Knott. 19 January 2017.

"A Conversation with L. Lamar Wilson." *Best American Poetry* Blog. With Abdul Ali. 17 December 2016.

"L. Lamar Wilson @ ASU." Albany State University 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Festival. w/Kwame Dawes, Douglas Kearney, and Kalamu y Salaam. 7 November 2016.

"Writing Across the Carolinas: A Discussion with Writers." Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. 15 October 2016.

"Bankhead Faculty Reading: John Estes and L. Lamar Wilson." UA Sella-Granata Art Gallery. 14 September 2016.

"Play Ball!: An All-Star Reception With *Prairie Schooner* Editors & Contributors." Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference: Los Angeles JW Marriott. 2 April 2016.

"Will Read for Food!" Fundraiser for Interactive Resource Center. Featured Reader w/UNC-Greensboro MFA Faculty. 19 November 2015.

West End Poetry Festival. Featured Reader. Carrboro, N.C. 16 October 2015.

"Wake Up to Poetry" Reading. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C. 28 March 2015.

"Sunday Kind of Love: L. Lamar Wilson," *Busboys and Poets*, Washington, D.C. 15 March 2015.

"Visiting Writer Series: L. Lamar Wilson," University of Southern Mississippi. Hattiesburg, Miss. 28 January 2015.

"Poetry Society of America @ McNally Jackson: L. Lamar Wilson, Wendy Xu, Rachel Zucker." New York. 2 Dec. 2014.

"FAMU Younger Poets Series: Ansel Elkins and L. Lamar Wilson." Reading and Craft Lecture. Florida A&M University. Tallahassee, Fla. 29-30 October 2014.

"*Sacrilegion: The Gospel Truth*." Reading Queer Festival. Headliner. Miami Beach Botanical Garden. 30 August 2014.

"Salon Sundays @ Carolina Actors Studio Theater." Featured Reader. With Dorianne Laux, Joe Millar, and Beth Brown. 20 April 2014.

" 'Let the Church Say ...': Cave Canem Poets on Faith and Irreverence." w/Destiny Birdsong, Donika Ross Kelly, and Cedric Tillman. Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center. Vanderbilt University. 10 April 2014.

Featured Reader. Virginia Tech Department of English. 26 March 2014.

"New Southern Poetry." Featured Reader. w/Lilah Hegnauer and Douglas Ray. Tennessee Williams New Orleans Literary Festival. New Orleans, La. 22 March 2014.

Featured Reader. North Carolina Poetry Society. Weymouth Center. Southern Pines, N.C. 18 January 2014.

"Queer Poetry, Queer Differences: 'I Am the What-Are You?' " Featured Reader. w/Eduardo Corral, Parker Phillips, and Maureen Seaton. Miami Book Fair International. 23 November 2013.

Featured Poet. Eudora Welty Writers' Symposium. w/Mitchell L. H. Douglas, Elizabeth Hughey, and Adam Vines. Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Miss. 25 October 2013.

"Interview: Lee Ann Brown and L. Lamar Wilson." w/Jeff Davis. *Wordplay*. Asheville FM. 15 June 2013.

"L. Lamar Wilson: *Sacrilegion*." Interview with Darnell L. Moore. *Lambda Literary Online*. 11 March 2013.

"Cave Canem @ AWP: Off-Site Reading." Simmons College. Boston. 8 March 2013.

"Carolina Wren Press and Etruscan Press @ AWP." Featured Reader. w/Remica L. Bingham, Lee Ann Brown, and Tim Seibles. Church of Boston. Boston. 7 March 2013.

"Cave Canem Presents New Works: francine j. harris, Randall Horton, and L. Lamar Wilson." The New School, New York. 12 February 2013.

"An Interview with L. Lamar Wilson (2012)." *American, British and Canadian Studies* (Academic Anglophone Society of Romania, Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu). 18 June 2012.

"YesYes Books: Reading and Celebration of Jonterri Gadson's *Peppered Girl*." Featured Reader. New York, N.Y. 21 September 2012.

"The Phantastique Five with Jericho Brown." Featured Reader. Association of Writers and Writers Programs @ Harold Washington College. Chicago. 1 March 2012.

"The *Heavy Petting* Tour Bus." Featured Reader. The Warehouse, Tallahassee, Fla. 16 September 2011.

"An Interview with L. Lamar Wilson: Part 1 and Part 2," *Blast Furnace*. 14 June 2011 and 25 July 2011.

- “ ‘Hierophant’ and Other Poems.” Courting Risk Reading Series. Association of Writers and Writers Programs Conference. Washington, D.C. 3 February 2011.
- “*The Color Purple*: On Location, 25 Years Later.” WUNC’s “The State of Things with Frank Stasio.” 15 December 2010.
- “73 Poems for 73 Years: Celebrating the Life of Lucille Clifton.” Reader, “wind on the st. marys river.” James Madison University, 21 September 2010.
- “Parable of the Schoolteacher: Chooseday!” “Rev. Glenn Orr & Nikki Giovanni Presents ‘Make a Joyful Noise: An Evening of Spirituals & Poetry.’” St. Paul AME Church, Blacksburg, Va., December 2009.
- “ ‘A Prayer for the Phlebotomist’ and Other Poems.” Virginia Tech English Graduate Conference, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va., February 2009.
- “ ‘Ghazal of the Naptime Blues’ and Other Poems.” Reader. Virginia Tech English Graduate Conference, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va., March 2008.
- “ ‘In Search of Abe’ and Other Poems.” Reader. *Callaloo* Writers Workshop, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, August 2007.

#### SCHOLARLY PAPERS AND LECTURES

- “More Than a Metaphor: The Ethics of Writing Through a Legacy of Racialized Violence.” Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia Fall 2019 Series. Montgomery College. Germantown, Md. 8 October 2019.
- “Lost Johnson, McKay Novels Extend the Arc of Satire in the New Negro Renaissance.” MLA International Symposium: “Remembering Lost Voices.” Universidade Católica Portuguesa-Lisbon. 25 July 2019.
- “Quaring Myths: The Poetics of Sun Ra and Gil Scott-Heron and the Black Maternal.” MLA International Symposium: “Remembering Lost Voices.” Universidade Católica Portuguesa-Lisbon. 24 July 2019.
- “The Erotic Freedom of ‘Black Girl Magic’: Fungible Trope to ‘Pynk’ Power.” Society of Utopian Studies Conference: “Disruption, Displacement, Disorder.” With UA MFA Sarah Barnes. University of California-Berkeley Clark Conference Center. 3 November 2018.
- “A Mandrake’s Call from the Nadir to the Instagram, Fakebook Generation: *A Wild Plain*’s Pivotal Role in Shifting the Arc of Protest in the African American Elegaic Tradition.” College Language Association. 6 April 2018.
- “Intersectional/Quare.” “Bless Our Hearts: Teaching While Queer in the South.” Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference. Tampa Waterside Marriott. With Douglas Ray, Lu Vickers, Julie Marie Wade, and Brandy T. Wilson. 10 March 2018.
- “Complex Narratives: A VIDA Voices and Views Disability Focus.” With Lydia X.Z. Brown and Lynne DeSilva-Johnson. Association of Writers and Writing Programs. Tampa Convention Center. 9 March 2018.
- “Write Like a Mother and Don’t Shut Ya Mouth: Or Birthing *Burden Hill* and Envisioning Black Liberation Amid White Nationalist Terror.” Society of Utopian Studies. Memphis. 10 November 2017.
- “The Lyric Line.” Hendrix College. Bertie Wilson Murphy Building. Conway, Ark. 7 April 2017.
- “Beyond Sex: The Poetics of Desire.” With Remica L. Bingham-Risher, Sarah McCall, and Tim Seibles. Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference: Washington, D.C. Marriott Marquis Salon 5. 10 February 2017.
- “Take Me to the Water: How Poets of Color Migrated South and Built an Inclusive and Growing Community.” Panel Chair. With John S. Blake, DaMaris Hill, Monifa Lemons Jackson, Grace Shuyi Liew. Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference: Washington, (D.C.) Convention Center 207B. 9 February 2017.
- “The Good Writer: Literary Ethics and the Literary Artist.” Panelist. Davidson College. 19 October 2015.
- “Remixing Ethnicity, Place, and Creative Writing.” “Love and Loss in Modernist Poetry: Alice Moore Dunbar-Nelson.” “Excavating the Voice: Literature of Nineteenth-century African-American Women: Alice Moore Dunbar-Nelson.” Northeast Modern Language Association Conference. Toronto, Ontario. 1-2 May 2015.
- “The Big Taboo and Black Sexuality in Contemporary American Poetry.” Association of Writers and Writers Programs Conference. Minneapolis, Minn. 9 April 2015.
- “Hush, Somebody’s Calling Me Out of My Name: The Fact of Quareness.” Roundtable: “Going Too Far: The Queer Poetics Distraction from Issues of Race and Class.” w/Jericho Brown, Dawn Lundy Martin, Mendi Lewis Obadike, and Roger Reeves. Furious Flower Poetry Conference. Harrisonburg, Va. 27 September 2014.
- “Electronic Corpse: The Role of Social Media in Collaborative Poetry-Making.” Furious Flower Poetry Conference. Harrisonburg, Va. 27 September 2014.
- “ ‘Feels Their Meters, Pronounces Them Queer’: Ancestral (Re)Vision of the Migration Narrative in Bob Kaufman’s Quare Elegies.” Whose Beloved Community? Conference, Atlanta, Ga. 28 March 2014.
- “ ‘He Is Beat’: Ancestral (Re)Vision of the Migration Narrative in Bob Kaufman’s ‘Grandfather Was Queer, Too.’” Emerging Scholar Series Lecture, Virginia Tech, Department of English. 26 March 2014.

- "Harvesting *Cane*: A Meditation on Poetics, Gender/Genre Border Crossing, and Quare Female Sexuality." Unleashing the Black Erotic Conference: Gender and Sexuality – Passion, Power, and Praxis. College of Charleston: Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture. 19 September 2013.
- "The Blues of 'Disremembering': Brenda Marie Osbey's 'The Evening News' as Womanist Elegy." Northeast Modern Language Association Conference. Boston, Mass. 22 March 2013.
- 'Our Sable Race': Queer Linguistic Play and Proto-Womanist Protest in the Poetics of Lucy Terry and Phillis Wheatley." Society of Early Americanists' Biennial Conference. Savannah, Ga. 28 February 2013.
- "Mired in the Muck of an Unsteady Middle Ground: Wallace Stevens's Disquieting Stroll Through Southern 'Decorations in a Nigger Cemetery.'" South Atlantic Modern Languages Association Conference. Durham, N.C. 11 November 2012.
- "The Life In-Between: The Economic Quandary of the Mulatto in a New Negro World." Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference. Raleigh, N.C. 29 September 2010.
- "Navigating 'This Maze of Daedal Paths': An H.D. Primer on Desire." Virginia Tech English Graduate Conference. Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va. February 2010.
- "Embracing the Elephants in Your Classrooms: How Linda Flower's Theories on Intercultural Rhetoric Can Deepen Composition Students' Literacy About Difference." Expanding Literacy Studies Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, April 2009.
- "The Allure of the Alley and Forbidden Love in Helene Johnson's Poetics." Virginia Tech English Graduate Conference. Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va. February 2009.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, N.C., Fall 2019-Present)*

#### **Assistant Professor, Department of English**

- CRW 100: Introduction to Creative Writing
- CRW 285: Documentary Poetics
- ENG 175: Multiethnic American Poetics
- ENG 320: "Black Is Beautiful": African American Poetics and Aesthetics, 1919-2019

### *Mississippi University for Women (Columbus, Miss., Spring 2018-Present)*

#### **Adjunct Assistant Professor/Low-residency MFA Faculty, Department of English**

- ENG 506: Poetry Workshop (three consecutive spring semesters)

### *The University of Alabama-Birmingham (Birmingham, Ala. Fall 2019)*

#### **Credentialed Instructor, Honors Program**

- UHP 320-9I: "Black Is Beautiful": African American Poetics and Aesthetics, 1919-2019

### *The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, Ala., Fall 2016-Spring 2019)*

#### **Assistant Professor, Department of English**

- ENG 200: Introduction to Creative Writing: The Living Writer (Fall 2018)
- ENG 249: African American Literature Survey (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
- ENG 303: Poetry Tour (Fall 2016, Spring 2018)
- ENG 408: Special Topics: The Sonnet Sequence (Spring 2018)
- ENG 603: Poetry Workshop: Gendered Triumphs (Spring 2018)
- ENG 608: Special Topics: The Sonnet Sequence (Spring 2018)
- ENG 608: Special Topics: The Elegy (Fall 2016, Fall 2018)
- ENG 609: Limning *The Art of ...* Series (Fall 2018)
- ENG 609: *Playing in the Dark*: Unleashing Childlike Curiosity (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

### *Davidson College (Davidson, N.C., Fall 2015-Spring 2016)*

#### **Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English**

- ENG 201: Professional Writing
- ENG 202: Introduction to Creative Writing
- ENG 282: African American Literature: Four Centuries of Elegaic Protest
- ENG 382: Black Sexualities
- ENG 383: Black Literature Since 1953

### *Davidson College (Davidson, N.C., Spring 2015)*

#### **Adjunct Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English**

ENG 203: Introduction to Writing Poetry  
WRI 101: Quare Harmonies: Rethinking “Queer” Through African American Poetics

**University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, N.C.)**

**Instructor, Department of English & Comparative Literature**

ENGL 129: Literature and Cultural Diversity (Spring 2013)  
ENGL 101, 102, 105: Composition and Rhetoric (Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2013, Spring-Fall 2014)

**Teaching Assistant, Department of English & Comparative Literature**

ENGL 140: Introduction to Gay and Lesbian Literature (Fall 2013)  
ENGL 142: Introduction to Film Analysis (Spring 2012)

**Graduate Research Consultant, Department of English & Comparative Literature**

ENGL 486H: Literature and Its Environments (Spring 2011, with Dr. Neel Ahuja)  
ENGL 086: The Cities of Modernism (Fall 2011, with Dr. Rebecka Rutledge Fisher)

**Virginia Polytechnic and State University (Blacksburg, Va.)**

**Instructor, Department of English**

ENGL 2744: Introduction to Creative Writing (Spring 2010)  
ENGL 1105: Introduction to College Composition (Spring 2008, Spring 2009)  
ENGL 1106: Writing From Research (Fall 2009)

**Bennett College (Greensboro, N.C.)**

**Instructor, Journalism & Media Studies Department**

JMS 170: Language Skills for Journalists (August 2011)

**Virginia Polytechnic and State University (Blacksburg, Va.)**

**Tutor, Upward Bound Program**

English Tutor, Grades 6-8 & 10 (Monthly, 2008-2010)

**THESIS DIRECTION/COMMITTEE WORK**

**Mississippi University for Women**

**Committee**

Dani Putney, *Salamat for Intersectionality: Poems*, Spring 2020  
Celeste Schueler, *Rebirth: Poems*, Fall 2019  
Lilyanne Kane, *Stitches: Poems*, Fall 2018  
C.T. Salazar, *Headless John the Baptist Hitchhiking: Poems*, Fall 2018

**The University of Alabama**

**Director**

Alex Bauer, *Trauma Bonds: Essays*, Spring 2018  
Diamond Forde, *Unlocking the Door: Poems*, Spring 2018, finalist for 2019 Georgia Poetry Prize  
(and, unofficially, *Mother Body*, winner of the 2019 Saturnalia Prize, 2021 publication set)  
Nabila Lovelace, *Bound: Poems*, Spring 2018  
Connor Towne O’Neill, *Down Along With That Devil’s Bones: Essays*, Spring 2017

**Committee**

Kendra Allen, *The Collection Plate: Poems/Memoir (Hybrid)*, Spring 2020  
Emily Montgomery, *Title (TBD): Novel*, Spring 2020  
Jahman Ariel Hill, *Black Enough: Poems/Choreopoem/Stage Production*, Spring 2019  
R.B. Brown, *mountainsong: poems*, Spring 2019  
Julia Coursey, *The Wail: Novel*, Spring 2019  
Elizabeth Theriot, *Haruspex: Hybrid*, Spring 2019  
Riley Bingham, *Displaysment: Poems*, Spring 2018  
Shelley Feller, *Dream Boat: Poems*, Spring 2018 (Cleveland State University Prize Editor’s Choice, September 2020)  
Steven Ikeme, *Origins & Existence: Stories*, Spring 2018  
Brett Shaw, *The Castrato: Poems*, Spring 2018  
Ryan Bollenbach, *A Third Floral Thinking: Poems*, Spring 2017



Kayleb Candrilli, *What Runs Over: Poems*, Spring 2017 (YesYes Books, December 2017; finalist, Lambda Literary Prize for Transgender Poetry)

Kit Emslie, *Hotel Nowhere: A Memoir*, Spring 2017

Bronwyn Valentine, *Split/Spine: Hybrid* (Poetic Prose), Spring 2017

#### **Davidson College**

##### **Committee**

Noah Driver, *Mom Wants You to Call Dad: Poems*, Spring 2016

#### **SERVICE**

Editorial Advisory Board: *The Compact Bedford Introduction to Literature*, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, and *Literature to Go*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Eds. Michael Meyer and D. Quentin Miller. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's. (August 2018-February 2019; published in October 2019)

Screener: AWP Donald Hall Prize for Natasha Trethewey (December 2018-May 2019; selected runner-up, ~100 ms.)

Judge: Blast Furnace Chapbook Contest (December 2015-March 2016)

Panelist: N.C. Arts Council Poetry Fellowship (May-June 2015)

Screener: AWP Donald Hall Prize for Crystal Williams (December 2014-June 2015)

Judge: Wake Up to Poetry/Wake Forest University Press Poetry Contest (February-March 2015)

Judge: Thom Gunn/Audre Lorde Awards for Gay and Lesbian Poetry (December 2014)

Judge: *Backbone*. Inaugural Issue (January 2013)

Fiction Reader: *Carolina Quarterly*. UNC-Chapel Hill (Sept. 2010-Aug. 2013, July 2014-Jan. 2015)

Assistant Poetry Editor: *Toad*. Virginia Tech (May 2010-Sept. 2011)

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

American Studies Association, Association of Writers and Writing Programs, College Language Association, Modern Language Association, Society of Utopian Studies, Society of Early Americanists