

## Ashley Crooks-Allen

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022 University of Michigan  
Department of AfroAmerican and African Studies  
*Du Bois-Mandela-Rodney/NCID Postdoctoral Fellow*

### EDUCATION

The University of Georgia Fall 2022  
Ph.D. in Sociology  
Dissertation: “*Mestizaje Undone: A Qualitative Social Media Analysis of Afro-Latinx Identity & #BlackLivesMatter Activism*”  
Committee: Dr. Patricia Richards (Co-chair), Dr. Maryann Erigha (Co-Chair), Dr. Pablo Lapegna, Dr. Lesley Feracho  
\*Comprehensive Exams in Race, Class, and Gender (emphasis on Social Movements)

The University of Georgia Spring 2019  
M.A. in Sociology  
Graduate Certificate in Women's & Gender Studies  
Thesis: “*Out of Many, One People*”: *Afro-Caribbean Experiences and Identity Formation in the Black Lives Matter Era*  
Committee: Dr. Patricia Richards (Chair), Dr. Pablo Lapegna, Dr. Justine Tinkler

Emory University Fall 2015  
B.A. in Creative Writing/English  
Minor in Sociology

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race & Ethnicity, Social Movements, Gender, Qualitative Methods, Afro-Latinx Studies, Afro-Caribbean Studies, Social Media

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer Reviewed

Maryann Erigha & **Ashley Crooks-Allen** (2020) Digital Communities of Black Girlhood: New Media Technologies and Online Discourses of Empowerment, *The Black Scholar*, 50:4, 66-76, [DOI: 10.1080/00064246.2020.1811601](https://doi.org/10.1080/00064246.2020.1811601)

Book Chapters

**Ashley Crooks-Allen** (2022) “Say Her Name”, Chapter 49, in [\*A Love Letter to This Bridge Called My Back\*](#), edited by Gloria J. Wilson, Joni B. Acuff, and Amelia M. Kraehe. The University of Arizona Press.

Manuscripts Under Review

Crooks-Allen, Ashley. “SayHisName?: How Afro-Caribbean Women Connect to the #BlackLivesMatter Movement via Men” (Revise & Resubmit)

Manuscripts in Preparation

Crooks-Allen, Ashley. “I’m obviously a Black girl, right?”: A Qualitative Analysis of Afro-Latina Social Media Users, Diasporic Feminisms & #BlackLivesMatter Activism

**FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

- 2022** UGA Graduate School COVID-19 Summer Assistantship, \$4200  
 UGA Graduate School Summer Doctoral Research Assistantship, \$3500  
 UGA African American Studies Institute: Lee Roy B. Giles Award Recipient, \$500
- 2021** UGA Graduate School Phelps-Stokes Graduate Fellowship, \$5000  
 The Latinx Project at NYU: Miriam Jiménez Román Fellowship, Finalist  
 University of California Santa Barbara Department of Black Studies Dissertation Fellowship, Finalist  
 AGEP Alliance Bridge to Academia Fellowship, \$4000  
 UGA Willson Center Graduate Research Award, \$1000
- 2020** University of Maryland Mellon-funded Diaspora Studies Seminar, \$3000  
 UGA Graduate School Summer Doctoral Research Assistantship \$3,500  
 RED Seed Grant - UGA Center for Research and Engagement in Diversity, \$500  
 UGA African American Studies Institute: Lee Roy B. Giles Award Honoree, \$100  
 UGA Willson Center Shelter Projects: Micro-Fellowship, \$500
- 2019** Mellon Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, \$1430
- 2017** RED Seed Grant - UGA Center for Research and Engagement in Diversity, \$500
- 2016** University of Georgia Graduate School Research Assistantship, \$38,110 (over 2 yrs)
- 2015** Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program
- 2014** Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Instructor of Record

AAS 290: #BlackLivesMatter: A Qualitative Social Media Analysis	Winter 2023
SOCI/AFAM 2020 African American Society	Spring/Fall 2021
SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2020
SOCI/AFAM 2820 Race & Ethnicity in America	Spring/Fall 2020
SOCI 3250 Protest & Social Movements	Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant

SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology	Spring 2022
SOCI 3830 Violence and Society	Spring 2019
SOCI 4700 Global Terrorism	Spring 2019
SOCI 2820 Sociology of Race & Ethnicity	Fall 2018

Guest Lecture

Introduction to Sociology - Vanderbilt University (Social Media & Social Movements)	December 9th 2020
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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Crooks-Allen, Ashley. December 2022. "Mestizaje Undone: A Qualitative Analysis of Afro-Latinx Identity & #BlackLivesMatter Discourse"

Presented at The Harvard Afro-Latin American Research Institute Conference

Crooks-Allen, Ashley. October 2022. "Mestizaje Undone: A Qualitative Analysis of Afro-Latinx Resistance via Social Media"

Presented at The 2022 Association of Black Sociologists Conference

Crooks-Allen, Ashley. August 2021. "#AfroLatina: A Qualitative Social Media Analysis of Afro-Latina Identity & Social Movements" | Section on Race, Gender, Class, Panel: "The Meanings of Colonialism, Racism, and Latinidad for Black Latinxs"

Presented at The American Sociological Association Conference

Crooks-Allen, Ashley. August 2021. "SayHisName?: How Afro-Caribbean Women Connect to the #BlackLivesMatter Movement via Men" | Panel: "Race and Gender in the Black Lives Matter Era"

Presented at The 2021 Association of Black Sociologists Conference

Crooks-Allen, Ashley. August 2019. "#BlackLivesMatter Matters: A Qualitative Analysis of Afro-Caribbean Identity in the Black Lives Matter Era" Presented at The American Sociological Association Conference Roundtable, New York, New York

Crooks-Allen, Ashley. August 2019. "Afro-Caribbean Experiences & Identity Formation in the Black Lives Matter Era." Presented at The Association of Black Sociologists Conference Roundtable, New York, New York

Crooks-Allen, Ashley. April 2018. "'Out of Many, One People': Afro-Caribbean Experiences & Identity Formation in the Black Lives Matter Era." Presented at The Southern Sociological Society Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana

Crooks-Allen, Ashley. 2015. "Too Much History: Jamaica's Inhabitation of Jean in *The True History of Paradise*." Presented at The Mellon Mays Southeast Regional Conference

Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program Seminar Presenter (2015)

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill Undergraduate Symposium Presenter (2015)

**INVITED TALKS**

Crooks-Allen. Ashley. July 19th, 2023. "Mestizaje Undone: A Qualitative Social Media Analysis of Afro-Latinx Identity & Resistance." University of Michigan, Rackham Aspiring Fellows Program Research Spotlight

Crooks-Allen. Ashley. February 8th, 2022. "Mestizaje Undone: A Qualitative Social Media Analysis of Afro-Latinx Identity & #BlackLivesMatter Discourse." Penn State University, Emerging Scholar Speaker Series

Crooks-Allen. Ashley. December 8th, 2021. "Mestizaje Undone: A Qualitative Social Media Analysis of Afro-Latinx Online Identity". The Latinx Project at New York University: "Digitizing Race, Pt. 2: An Exploration of Identity On Social Media"

Crooks-Allen. Ashley. November 12th, 2021. "Mestizaje Undone: A Qualitative Social Media Analysis of Afro-Latinx Identity & Social Media Discourse." University of Georgia, Department Of Sociology Fall 2021 Colloquium Series

**SELECT MEDIA INTERVIEWS, MENTIONS OF RESEARCH AND WRITING**

"'We Started the Movement': Athens Black Women Activists Talk Leadership, Remembrance and Justice." *The Red and Black*, 23 Sept. 2020, [www.redandblack.com/athensnews/we-started-the-movement-athens-black-women-activists-talk-leadership-remembrance-and-justice/article\\_06d6f8ae-c466-11ea-974c-9f04bbd2e925.html](http://www.redandblack.com/athensnews/we-started-the-movement-athens-black-women-activists-talk-leadership-remembrance-and-justice/article_06d6f8ae-c466-11ea-974c-9f04bbd2e925.html).

"Shelter Projects: Ashley Crooks-Allen, 'Sheltered in Place.'" *Flagpole*, 11 Sept. 2020, [flagpole.com/arts-culture/shelterprojects/2020/09/10/shelter-projects-ashley-crooks-allen-sheltered-in-place/](http://flagpole.com/arts-culture/shelterprojects/2020/09/10/shelter-projects-ashley-crooks-allen-sheltered-in-place/).

"July 13: Black Activists Discuss the Role of Women and Intersectionality in the Black Lives Matter Movement." *The Red and Black*, 13 July 2020, [www.redandblack.com/athensnews/july-13-black-activists-discuss-the-role-of-women-and-intersectionality-in-the-black-lives/article\\_832ec2de-c51e-11ea-9d0c-cfa997cbcbfe.html](http://www.redandblack.com/athensnews/july-13-black-activists-discuss-the-role-of-women-and-intersectionality-in-the-black-lives/article_832ec2de-c51e-11ea-9d0c-cfa997cbcbfe.html).

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

University of Georgia Latin America & Caribbean Studies Institute	
Summer Intern	Summer 2021
Sadie Nash Leadership Project Summer Institute	
Associate Site Leader	Summer 2018

**SERVICE**

"POC and the PhD: Academia By and For Graduate Students of Color"   Presented at The American Sociological Association Conference	
Co-Leader	2021

UGA School of Public & International Affairs Ambassador Program Diversity & Inclusion Committee	
General Advisor	2020
Southern Sociological Society	
Annual Conference Volunteer	2019
Sociology Graduate Student Society, University of Georgia	
Diversity Chair	2019
UGA Sociology Department Race & Diversity Workshop	
Assistant	2018
Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority Incorporated	
National Director of Communications	2019
Gender Justice Working Committee Member	2018
Inaugural Queer Leadership Summit Planning Committee Member	2018
University of Georgia Expansion Team Leader	2018

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

"Advancing Culturally Responsive Research and Researchers", The Advanced Methods Institute at The Ohio State University	2021
"Canon: Theorizing and Resisting in Black Feminisms", Black Feminist Future, Atlanta	2021
“Summer Institute in Migration Research Methods” University of California Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative	2021

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association  
    Sections:  
        Collective Behavior and Social Movements  
        Section of Racial and Ethnic Minorities (SREM)  
        Latina/o Sociology  
Association of Black Sociologists  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Black Women Studies Association

### **REFERENCES**

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