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## EDUCATION

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**PhD** in Geography | University of Kentucky

2020-Present

**MS** in Geography | University of Wisconsin – Madison

2018-2020

**BA** in Environmental Sciences & African-American Studies | Northwestern University

2011-2015

## HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

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**2023** AAG Travel Award | Department of Geography | University of Kentucky

**2022-2023** Workshop Series Grant: “Visual practices and experimental geographies” | N. Lally, B. Abbott, S. Feinberg, C. Keeve, RL Martens, M. Cinelli, F. Kelley, D. Strakovsky, L. Wiman | Cooperative for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS), University of Kentucky

**2022** Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant | Social Science Research Council, Mellon Foundation

**2022** Barnhart Award | Department of Geography | University of Kentucky

**2021** Lyman T. Johnson Torch Bearer Award | University of Kentucky

**2020-2023** Royster Topup Award | University of Kentucky

**2020-2023** Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship | University of Kentucky

- 2020** Trewartha Research Grant | Department of Geography | University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2020** Graduate Student Mini-Grant | Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems | University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2020** Trewartha Conference Travel Award | Department of Geography | University of Wisconsin - Madison
- 2019-2020** “Interrogating the Plantationocene” Research Fellowship | University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2018-2019** Advanced Opportunity Fellowship | University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2013-2015** Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship | Northwestern University
- 2012-2015** Paul Dana Memorial Scholarship | Northwestern University

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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- In Preparation** “Listening from the Front Porch: Reflections on cooperativity and agrobiodiversity.” C. Keeve. *The Professional Geographer*.
- In Preparation** “Black Rice – Black Geographies.” T. Williams, C. Keeve, C. Watkins, L. Van Sant, A. Moulton, J. Carney, B. Williams.
- In Preparation** “The Agrarian Question, Black Ecologies, and Abolitionist Futures.” M. Dupuis, L. Van Sant, and C. Keeve.
- In Preparation** “The Front Porch Model: Cooperative Community Organizing and Intellectual Inquiry.” C. Keeve, E.F. Hassan, B. Adeeb, C. Robinson-Banks, G. Graddy-Lovelace, H. Garth, T. Desmond, N. Kleinman, and J. Madden. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*.
- In Preparation** Practice bridge article for “Agrobiodiversity Nourishes Us” series. C. Keeve, I. Wallace, and B. Adeeb. *Elementa*.
- Under Review** “More-Than-Human Heritage: The Political Ecologies of the Paul Robeson Tomato.” M. Rhodes and C. Keeve. *Journal of Political Ecology*.
- Forthcoming** “Standing Together Against Silencing: Anthropology as Inclusive Public History in the Anti-CRT Legislative Era.” A. Kingsolver, E. Sesma, C. Keeve, M. Imler, A. Farmer, A. Stamm. *Southern Anthropologist*.

- 2021 "Introduction – Meandering through Critical Restoration Geographies: A Reading Group Collective." The CritRest Collective. *Antipode*.  
<https://antipodeonline.org/2021/10/15/critical-restoration-geographies/>
- 2021 "Symposium: Critical Restoration Geographies". Eds. C. Keeve, E. Clancy, K. Kinslow, and K. Bley. *Antipode*.  
<https://antipodeonline.org/2021/10/15/critical-restoration-geographies/>
- 2021 "Review of Marcus P. Nevius' City of Refuge: Slavery and Petit Marronage in the Great Dismal Swamp, 1763-1856." C. Keeve. *Antipode*.  
<https://antipodeonline.org/2021/04/16/city-of-refuge/>.
- 2020 "Keeping Seeds: Memory, Materiality, and Agrobiodiversity Conservation." C. Keeve. *UW-Madison Department of Geography Master's Theses*.  
<https://minds.wisconsin.edu/handle/1793/81098>
- 2016 "Electric Peoples: Toward an Afrofuturist Body Politic." C. Keeve. *Northwestern Undergraduate Research Journal: Vol. 11*

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP, CREATIVE WORK, COLLABORATIONS

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- 2022 "Ep. 17: Mycelial Networks of Seed Growers and the Truelove Seeds Listening Project." Prod. on podcast episode. *Seeds & Their People*. <https://trueloveseeds.com/blogs/satpradio/ep-17-mycelial-networks-of-seed-growers-the-truelove-seeds-listening-project>.
- 2022 "It's Time to Drop the Charges." J. Porter & C. Keeve. *The Lexington Herald-Leader*, July 14, 2022. Republished w/o paywall here: <https://radicaldiscipleship.net/2022/07/18/its-time-to-drop-the-charges/>
- 2022 "Economies of Seeds". R. Lear & C. Keeve. *Food Economies* chapbook. Atlas Arts.  
<https://atlasarts.org.uk/read-make-borrow/writing-publications>
- 2022 "Ep. 10: Chris Keeve: Seed Keeper, Chaotic Gardener, and Cooperative Geographer". Interview by *Seeds & Their People* podcast.

<https://trueloveseeds.com/blogs/satpradio/ep-10-chris-keeve-seed-keeper-chaotic-gardener-and-cooperative-geographer>

- 2022** “Material Conversations: Mater x Christian Keeve”. M. Westall. Fad Magazine. <https://fadmagazine.com/2022/05/13/material-conversations-mater-x-christian-keeve/>
- 2022** “iterations, afterlives, seeds, dust”. C. Keeve. Mater. <https://mater.digital/christian-keeve/>
- 2021** “June 2021 | The Earthbound Farmer’s Almanac”. *Partisan Gardens* podcast (interviewed). <http://www.partisangardens.org/podcast/june-2021-the-earthbound-farmers-almanac/>
- 2021** “We Sent Dandelions”. C. Keeve. Earthbound Farmer’s Almanac. <https://wfhb.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/AlmanacFINALweb2.pdf>
- 2020-2021** Critical Restoration Geographies. Public reading group and syllabus project. E. Clancy, K. Kinslow, K. Bley, and C. Keeve. Hosted at [www.politicalecology.org/criticalrestoration](http://www.politicalecology.org/criticalrestoration)
- 2020** “Radical garden spaces and the social lives of seeds.” C. Keeve. MOSES Organic Broadcaster July / August. <https://mosesorganic.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/BroadcasterJuly2020.pdf>
- 2020** “Fugitive Seeds.” C. Keeve. Edge Effects. <https://edgeeffects.net/fugitive-seeds/>
- 2020** Trade Roots Afro-Culinary Diaspora Gardens Project | Madison WI
- 2019** “Cosmic Assemblages and Radical Descents: Entering the [M] Archive.” C. Keeve. *Alienocene: Stratum 5*

## CONFERENCES, PANELS, PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023 “Listening on the Front Porch: Reflections on cooperativity and agrobiodiversity.” AAG Annual Conference.
- 2023 Organizer. “crit | viz | geogs: Revisiting critical visual methodologies.” AAG Annual Conference.
- 2023 Organizer/Moderator. “Abolition Ecologies in Action.” DOPE-CAPE Pre-Conference (AAG) Workshop.
- 2023 “Radical Radicles (etc.)” Queer Ecologies panel, Gaia Seed Gathering.
- 2023 Panelist. “Seed Story Night.” Northeast Organic Farming Alliance – New York (NOFA-NY) Conference.
- 2022 Panelist. “Panel Discussion: The Heirloom Collard Project”. Student Organic Seed Symposium (SOSS)
- 2022 “Seeds of Crisis, Movement, and Liberation”. Webinar with Organic Growers Alliance, Seed Sovereignty Programme UK/Ireland.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JC\\_Gm2rslo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JC_Gm2rslo)
- 2022 Organizer/Moderator. “Body Ecologies & Visceral Geographies II: Sweat 2 the Futures”. Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Conference.
- 2022 Organizer/Moderator. “Planning for Seedy Futures”. Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Conference
- 2022 “living archives, agrobiodiversity, + material culture”. AAG Annual Conference
- 2022 Panelist. Author Meets Critic: *Palm Oil Diasporas*, by Case Watkins. AAG Annual Conference
- 2022 Panelist. “Learnings from participatory grower networks”. Organic Seed Alliance Annual Conference
- 2022 Panelist. “Nonbinary Botany”. Organic Seed Alliance Annual Conference
- 2022 “Seed Stories, Fugitive Ecologies”. Invited talk, *Glasgow Seed School*. Centre for Contemporary Arts. <https://www.cca-glasgow.com/programme/seed-stories-fugitive-ecologies>

- 2021 “living archives + contested landscapes”. Panel, *Being Human in the Plantationocene*. AAA Annual Meeting.
- 2021 “thinking through emergent digital politics in critical seed geographies”. 4S Annual Meeting.
- 2021 Panelist. “Roundtable: Coming Into the Foodshed – the Next 25 Years”. Just Food Conference.
- 2021 “Thinking with Infrastructures of Agrobiodiversity.” Digital Ecologies.
- 2020 “The Collards at the End of the World: Living archives, historic gardens, and the stories of seeds.” Political Ecologies session, Southeast Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Conference.
- 2020 Panelist. “Future of Food Justice.” Interrogating the Plantationocene Seminar Series. University of Wisconsin.
- 2020 Panelist. *Gather* Screening Q&A. FH King Students for Sustainable Agriculture. University of Wisconsin.
- 2020 “ecologies of difference in agrobiodiversity conservation.” Political Ecology Network Biennial Conference.
- 2020 “Keeping Seeds or The Collards at the End of the World.” Black Graduate & Professional Students Association Erudite Hour. University of Wisconsin
- 2020 “Keeping Seeds: The poetics of fugitivity.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. \*Cancelled due to Covid-19
- 2020 Reading Group Co-Organizer, “Critical Restoration.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. \*Cancelled due to Covid-19
- 2020 Discussant, “Vegetal Politics.” Environmental Justice in Multispecies Worlds: Land, Water, Food. University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2020 “Racial Ecologies & Fugitive Materialisms: asking sweaty questions, doing sweaty work.” Dimensions of Political Ecology. University of Kentucky
- 2020 Paper Session Co-organizer, “‘Plastic Sweat Metal Skin’: Body Ecologies & Visceral Geographies.” Dimensions of Political Ecology. University of Kentucky
- 2020 Moderator, Sensoria Workshop with Paulla Ebron. Interrogating the Plantationocene Seminar Series. University of Wisconsin – Madison

- 2020** Panelist, *Daughters of the Dust Screening & Discussion*. Interrogating the Plantationocene Seminar Series. University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2020** “Radical Radicles: queering the food movement.” F.H. King Students for Sustainable Agriculture. University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2019** “Apocalypsis: On the prefigurative possibilities of unease.” Graduate Conference on Language and Literature (MadLit). University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2017** Co-organizer, “Donald McKinney Philadelphia STEM Ecosystem Community Based Learning Conference.” Philadelphia Education Fund and Philadelphia Regional Noyce Partnership, Philadelphia PA
- 2016** “Public Lands & Pollinator Conservation: A citizen science approach.” Native Plant Symposium, Montana Audubon Center
- 2015** “Electric Peoples: Towards an Afrofuturist Body Politic.” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Final Presentations, Northwestern University
- 2015** “Shock To Your System: Queer logics of modernity and mythology in the Black superheroic.” Speculative Humanities Conference, Essex County College
- 2014** “Shock To Your System: An Afrofuturistic examination of electromagnetism, android embodiment, queer futurity, and divine power in the Black superheroic.” #Black2TheFuture Conference, Purdue University
- 2014** “Electric Peoples: Janelle Monae’s Embodied Afrofuturism.” Black Body As Archive Symposium, Northwestern University
- 2014** “State of Nature: The placement of Blackness along ecological narratives through bioregional analysis of urban naturalism and Afrofuturism in Black literature.” Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium

## TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2023-2024** Graduate Project Manager, “The Heirloom Gardens Project” | Princeton University & Spelman College Food Studies Program
- Supervised by Drs. Hanna Garth and Tessa Desmond

- Funded by Princeton Alliance for Collaborative Research and Innovation

- 2023** Project Assistant, Nonbinary Botany | Hudson Valley Farm Hub
- Supervised by K Greene (Hudson Valley Seed Co. / Hudson Valley Farm Hub)
- 2023** Instructor, GEO130: Earth's Physical Environment | Summer
- 2022** Research Assistant. Book project of Dr. Lydia Pelot-Hobbs: *Prison Capital* | University of Kentucky. <https://uncpress.org/book/9781469675114/prison-capital/>
- 2022** Guest Lecture. "crisis, care, and data politics in changing seedscales". SISU350: BioEthics. American University.
- 2021** Huntertown Community Interpretive Park 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Park Dedication | Versailles, KY  
*Oral Historian / Recorder*
- 2021** Elmwood Stock Farm | Georgetown, KY  
*Delivery Driver / Marketing Specialist*
- 2020** Guest Lecture. "Black Agrarianism." Community & Environmental Sociology 340. University of Wisconsin.
- 2020** Urban & Regional Food System Program (Dawson Lab) | University of Wisconsin – Madison  
*Research Gardener / Field Crew*
- 2020** Department of Sociology | University of Wisconsin – Madison  
*STS201: Where Science Meets Society | Spring: Reader/Grader*



- 2019-2020** Andrew W. Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series | University of Wisconsin – Madison  
*Project Assistant | “Interrogating the Plantationocene”*
- 2019** Truelove Seeds | Philadelphia PA  
*Apprentice*
- 2019-2020** Department of Geography | University of Wisconsin – Madison  
*GEOG305: Intro to the City | Fall: Reader/Grader*  
*GEOG339: Environmental Conservation | Fall: Reader/Grader*  
*GEOG344: Changing Landscapes of the American West | Spring: Reader/Grader*  
*GEOG101: Introduction to Human Geography | Spring: Reader/Grader*
- 2018-2019** Department of Geography | University of Wisconsin – Madison  
*GEOG334: Nature, Power, Society | Fall: Reader/Grader*  
*GEOG434: People, Wildlife, and Landscapes | Spring: Reader/Grader*  
*GEOG345: Managing Nature in Native North America | Spring: Reader/Grader*
- 2018** Garrett Williamson | Newtown Square, PA  
*Garden Assistant*
- 2017-2018** School District of Philadelphia | Philadelphia, PA  
*Horticulture Teacher*
- 2017** Philadelphia Education Fund | Philadelphia, PA  
*STEM Ecosystem VISTA*
- 2016-2017** Department of Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands | Billings, MT  
*AmeriCorps VISTA Member*

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- 2023**            Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE) – Cultural and Political Ecology  
(CAPE) Pre-Conference Workshop  
*Organizer*
- 2022-2023**       Department of Geography | University of Kentucky  
*Facilitator, Geography Graduate Student Union*  
*Graduate Representative, DEI Committee*  
*Graduate Representative, Undergraduate Committee*  
*Space Committee*
- 2022**            12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE) Conference  
*Co-Chair w/ Annelise Straw*
- 2021**            Organic Seed Growers Conference | Organic Seed Alliance  
*Panel Proposal Reviewer*
- 2021-Present**   Political Ecology Working Group | University of Kentucky  
*Vice President*  
*Organizer, DopeReads Reading Group; Social Media; Plenary; Accessibility;*  
*Discussion Series; Email/Website*
- 2021-2022**       Department of Geography | University of Kentucky  
*Facilitator, Geography Graduate Student Union*  
*Graduate Representative, Colloquium Committee*  
*Facilitator, Critical Pedagogy Working Group*
- 2020-2021**       Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Conference | University of Kentucky  
*Organizer, Political Ecologies of Food Monthly Reading Group*  
*Organizer, Social Media Committee*

- 2020-2021** Department of Geography | University of Kentucky  
*Graduate Committee Graduate Co-Representative*  
*Social Committee Co-Chair*
- 2019-2020** Environmental Justice in Multispecies Worlds Conference | University of Wisconsin – Madison  
*Conference Organizer*  
*Discussant (Vegetal Politics session)*
- 2019-2020** Department of Geography | University of Wisconsin – Madison  
*Yi-Fu Tuan Speaker Series Graduate Representative*  
*Co-Lab Coordinator*
- 2019-2020** Black Graduate & Professional Students Association | University of Wisconsin – Madison  
*Treasurer*