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EDUCATION

PhD in Geography | University of Kentucky

2020-Present

MS in Geography | University of Wisconsin – Madison

2018-2020

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

2011-2015

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

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| 2024-26 | Carter G. Woodson Predoctoral Fellowship University of Virginia |
| 2024 | AAG Dissertation Research Grant American Association of Geographers |
| 2023 | Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant Social Science Research Council, Mellon Foundation |
| 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

- In Preparation** “Beyond Production: Reorienting knowledge and storytelling through collaborative practice.” G. Douglass-Jaimes, C. Keeve, and M. Ybarra. *The Professional Geographer*.
- In Preparation** “Black Rice – Black Geographies.” T. Williams, C. Keeve, C. Watkins, L. Van Sant, A. Moulton, J. Carney, and 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. Adeb. *Elementa*.
- Under Review** “Sitting with critical geographies of agrobiodiversity: Chaos and collaboration in the field.” C. Keeve. *The Professional Geographer*.
- Forthcoming** “Review of *Vegetal Sex: Philosophy of Plants*.” C. Keeve. *Plant Perspectives*.
- 2023** “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*.
- 2023** “More-Than-Human Heritage: The Political Ecologies of the Paul Robeson Tomato.” M. Rhodes and C. Keeve. *Journal of Political Ecology*.
<https://journals.librarypublishing.arizona.edu/jpe/article/id/4982/>
- 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

- 2024 "in the canes." Part of "Sugar: Soil, bodies, and land on the line" at Slow Seed Summit 2024. Slow Food International.
- 2023 Seedkeeping workshop (Facilitator & Educator). Seedleaf Market Gardener Program. September 27, Lexington KY.
- 2023 "Keeping Seeds: Plant Relations, Seed Cultures, and Solidarity." I. Irihamye & C. Keeve. Workshop on seedkeeping and solidarity at Catalyst 2023, hosted by Kentucky Student Environmental Coalition.
- 2023 "Interview with Christian Keeve, July 12, 2023." Climate Research, Policy, & Activism in Kentucky Oral History Project.
<https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt713gscwxg85>
- 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.politicaecology.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

- 2024 Moderator. "Scholar-Activist Panel." Dimensions of Political Ecology.
- 2024 Organizer/Panelist. "Dank Budz: Comrades cross-pollinate with Jared Margulies's *The Cactus Hunters*." Dimensions of Political Ecology.
- 2024 Organizer. "Palestinian Landscapes & Liberatory Ecologies." B. Abbott, E. Velozo, K. Ward, & C. Keeve. Dimensions of Political Ecology.
- 2024 Organizer. "Hazarding the Journey: Holding space for creative political ecologies." D. Turner & C. Keeve. Dimensions of Political Ecology.
- 2023 "Cooperative Geographies of Care, Mobility, + Fugitivity [or] Some maps that have not happened yet." American Studies Association.
- 2023 Organizer. "Bearing Fruit: The Politics, Practices, and Pleasures of Research with Community Seed Keepers." American Studies Association.
- 2023 "Cooperative Geographies of Care, Mobility, + Fugitivity [or] Some maps that have not happened yet." Race, Ethnicity, & Place / MidAtlantic Division AAG.
- 2023 "Sitting with The Heirloom Collard Project: Engaged scholarship in agrobiodiversity." E. Steinberg & C. Keeve. Society for Ethnobotany.
- 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. www.youtube.com/watch?v=iP-oaH_9PD0
- 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
- 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 “Apocalypse: 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 EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Guest Lecturer & Community Partner, “Black Lives Matter: Organizing from within a Civic Engagement Paradox” | African American Studies, Berea College (Instructor: Dr. LeAnna Luney)
- 2023-24 Instructor, GEO172: “Introduction to Human Geography” | Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2023 Instructor, GEO130: “Earth’s Physical Environment” | Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2022 Guest Lecture, “crisis, care, and data politics in changing seedscapes” | SISU350: BioEthics | American University (Instructor: Dr. Garrett Graddy-Lovelace)
- 2020 Guest Lecture, “Black Agrarianism” | Community & Environmental Sociology 340 | University of Wisconsin – Madison (Instructor: Dr. Jac Wypler)

- 2020** Department of Sociology | University of Wisconsin – Madison
STS201: Where Science Meets Society | Spring: Reader/Grader
- 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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023-2024** Research Assistant for Dr. Priscilla McCutcheon | University of Kentucky
- 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** Research Assistant, Nonbinary Botany | Hudson Valley Farm Hub
- Supervised by K Greene (Hudson Valley Seed Co. / Hudson Valley Farm Hub)

- 2022-23** Research Assistant for Dr. Lydia Pelot-Hobbs | University of Kentucky
- For book project: *Prison Capital*
- 2021** Oral Historian | Huntertown Community Interpretive Park 150th Anniversary
Celebration and Park Dedication | Versailles, KY
- 2021** Elmwood Stock Farm | Georgetown, KY
Delivery Driver / Marketing Specialist
- 2020** Research Gardener / Field Crew | Urban & Regional Food Systems Program
(Dawson Lab) | University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2019-2020** Andrew W. Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series | University of Wisconsin –
Madison
Project Assistant | “Interrogating the Plantationocene”
- 2019** Apprentice | Truelove Seeds | Philadelphia PA
- 2018** Garden Assistant | Garrett Williamson | Newtown Square, PA
- 2017-2018** Horticulture Teacher | School District of Philadelphia | Philadelphia, PA
- 2017** STEM Ecosystem VISTA | Philadelphia Education Fund | Philadelphia, PA
- 2016-2017** AmeriCorps VISTA | Department of Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands |
Billings, MT

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2023-24** American Studies Association
Student Councilor, ASA National Council
Grad Liaison, ASA Environmental Justice Caucus
- 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** 12th 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