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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Anthropology Department of Anthropology and Geography Colorado State University	2023 –
Faculty Fellow Joe Blake Center for Engaged Humanities, College of Liberal Arts Colorado State University	2025 – 2026
Faculty Graduate Degree Program in Ecology Colorado State University	2024 –
Research Affiliation School of Anthropology and Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology University of Arizona	2020 –

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Research Associate and EJ Policy Clinic Director Environmental Justice Policy Clinic, Democracy Initiative (Karsh Institute) University of Virginia	2021 – 2023
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EDUCATION

2020	Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Arizona Socio-Cultural Anthropology and Linguistic Anthropology
2014	M.A., Anthropology, University of Arizona
2010	B.A., Anthropology and Philosophy, College of William and Mary <i>Phi Beta Kappa, Magna cum laude</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Forthcoming **Yarrington, J.** "The Poetics of Denial: Epistemic Politics and the Climate Stereotype on Tangier Island, USA." *Signs and Society* 14(2). (Accepted 8 February 2026.)
- 2026 **Yarrington, J.** "That Sinkin' Feeling: Environmentally-Induced Distress on a Disappearing Island." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. <http://doi.org/10.1111/maq.70064>
- 2025 **Yarrington, J.** "Poetics and Performance: *Fanfa* Bands and the Semiotic Landscape in Northern Haiti." *Signs and Society* 13(2). <https://doi.org/10.1017/sas.2024.9>

- 2024 **Yarrington, J.** “Channel Effects: The Political Afterlife of Maintenance Dredging on Tangier Island, Virginia, USA.” *Human Ecology* 52(4): 905–921. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10745-024-00527-z>
- 2018 **Yarrington, J.** “*Sucre Indigène* and *Sucre Colonial*: Reconsidering the Splitting of the French National Sugar Market, 1800-1860.” *Economic Anthropology* 5(1): 20–31. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sea2.12099>
- 2014 **Yarrington, J.** “Messages from my Father-in-Law: Indexing Membership and Proximity in Long-Distance Voicemails.” *Language & Communication* 38: 24–33. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.langcom.2014.06.001>

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2018 **Yarrington, J.** “Producing the Periphery.” In *Locating Guyane*, eds. Catriona MacLeod and Sarah Wood. Liverpool University Press, 91-104. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv8j65s>

Book Reviews

- 2026 **Yarrington, J.** *Saving the Chesapeake: The History of a Movement*, A.S. Ramey. *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*. [In progress]
- 2024 **Yarrington, J.** *Engineering Vulnerability: In Pursuit of Climate Adaptation*, S. Vaughn. *Transforming Anthropology* 32(1). <https://doi.org/10.1086/730089>
- 2013 **Yarrington, J.** *Tectonic Shifts: Haiti Since the Earthquake*, M. Schuller and P. Morales, eds., *New West Indian Guide (NWIG)* 88 (1/2). <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24713507>
- 2012 **Yarrington, J.** *Haiti Rising: Haitian History, Culture and the Earthquake of 2010*, M. Munro, ed., *New West Indian Guide (NWIG)* 86 (3/4). <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24713430>

Manuscripts in Preparation (>80% drafted)

Yarrington, J. [REDACTED]. Book manuscript, draft completed.

Yarrington, J. *Sugar and the Edge of France*. Book manuscript.

Yarrington, J. “Prisoner and Migrant: Exile, Movement, and Colonial Belonging in French South America.” Article manuscript.

Planned Manuscripts (<80% drafted)

Yarrington, J. “[REDACTED]”

Planned submission [REDACTED]

Yarrington, J. “[REDACTED]”

Planned submission [REDACTED]

Yarrington, J. “[REDACTED]”

Target: [REDACTED]

Yarrington, J. “[REDACTED]”

Target: [REDACTED]

Technical Reports

- 2023 **Yarrington, J.** “Environmental Justice Project Manual for Practitioners: From Idea to Intervention.” Manual for the EJ Policy Clinic, University of Virginia, 2023.
<https://arizona.app.box.com/file/1299171901986?s=s1upszlqk4op26qnrwkt7avqpq46tezv>
- 2023 **Yarrington, J.** “Life Lessons: Teaching Water Safety to Address Environmental Injustice and Health Inequity in Norfolk, Virginia.” Report for the EJ Policy Clinic, University of Virginia, 2023.
<https://arizona.app.box.com/file/1282619150380?s=380mr9usp7a7ote1daqz7b9dtgqkw8r7>

Media

- 2024 **Yarrington, J.** “Gentrification as Coastal Planning in the Mermaid City.”
Theorizing the Contemporary, *Fieldsights* (Society for Cultural Anthropology), January.
Edited by Theo Hilton, Sheehan Moore, and Amelia Moore.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/gentrification-as-coastal-planning-in-the-mermaid-city>
- 2023 **Yarrington, J.** “Land Trusts May Be Solution to Climate-Driven Housing Squeeze.”
The Virginian-Pilot Guest Opinion (Op Ed), 18 February.
<https://sustainability.virginia.edu/land-trusts-may-be-solution-climate-driven-housing-shortage>

RESEARCH / APPLIED PROJECTS

- 2025 – “Eviction Lab”
Role: Co-PI
Data-gathering on marketization of land, public processes of land control and access (e.g., evictions, sales, inheritances), and relevant ecological changes (increased risk of fire, flood, etc.). Work will incorporate student contributions from ANTH 441 (Methods) and will result in publications and reports.
CSU IRB approval as project #6518 on 8 Jan 2025.
Funding: CSU Blake Fellowship to support research in Spring 2026
- 2016 – Tangier Island Project
Role: PI
Deliverables: Dissertation (2020), policy memoranda (2020), various local deliverables (2016-2020), book and article publications (ongoing)
Funding: \$26,400 in grants awarded
UA IRB approval as project #1705485533 in May 2017.
- 2016 – “Leveling Mechanisms in Northern Haiti” Project
Role: Research Assistant and Collaborator for colleague’s project
Deliverable: Data-gathering on land practices during a 6-month field period, contributed to dissertation findings, long-term research relationship with communities in rural northern Haiti
- 2022 – 2023 “Enhancing Resilience and Equity in Urban Coastal Communities”
NSF Coastlines and People Hub (CoPe)
Role: Personnel
Funding: My line was \$237,133, out of \$5 mil budget (5 years)
Awarded August 2022, left project in May 2023
- 2021-2023 “Wading Between Two Titans” Project (Norfolk, VA)
Role: EJ Policy Clinic Director

Deliverables: Policy intervention with Practitioner-in-Residence, research products, student research experiences
 Funding: Budget was \$500,000, funded by UVA Democracy Initiative
 UVA IRB approval as project #4908 on 4 March 2022.

- 2018-2019 “Reducing Time to Doctoral Degree” Project
 Role: PI / Graduate Research Associate II
 Deliverable: 5-month phase researching 100+ graduate students using survey, interviews and focus groups; 5-month implementation phase of 50-page “AnthGrad Toolkit” website
 Funding: \$25,000 from University of Arizona (UA) Grad College grant
- 2012-2014 Land and Labor in French Guiana Project
 Role: PI
 Deliverables: Master’s thesis (2014), publications
 Funding: \$7,385 in grants awarded
- 2011-2012 Tucson, Arizona Projects
 Projects: fruiting tree assessment and migrant gleaning, composting toilets, rainwater runoff, migrant settlement
 Role: Graduate Research Associate for the UA’s Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology (BARA)
 Deliverables: Various community deliverables
- 2008-2010 Catholic Ideas about Food and Embodiment in Williamsburg, VA
 Role: PI / Undergrad Honor’s Thesis
 Funding: \$400 from W&M Anthropology award
 Deliverable: Honors thesis
 WM IRB approval in January 2009 under supervision of Brad Weiss.
- 2007-2009 “The Serpentine Wall,” Separation of Church and State Project
 Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant for W&M Philosophy professor
 Funding: \$3,000 from National Endowment for the Humanities grant
 Deliverable: assistance on book manuscript

RESEARCH GRANTS

External Grants

- 2022 - 23 NSF “Coastlines and People Hub” (CoPe) Grant
 Applied with team as “Personnel” on \$5 million / 5-year project in Norfolk, Virginia
 Five interdisciplinary co-PIs from Civil Engineering, Biology, Architecture, and Social Work at UVA and Norfolk State University. Advised, worked with community participant / representative. My line was **\$237,133**.
- 2019 P.E.O. Scholar Award, International Chapter, P.E.O. Sisterhood, **\$15,000**
- 2017 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Fieldwork Grant, **\$8,000**

Internal Grants

- 2025 Joe Blake Center for Engaged Humanities Fellowship (\$10,000 course buy-out)
- 2023 Start-Up Research Package (2023-26), CSU, \$75,000
- 2018 Sullivan Scholarship Fund, UA, \$850
- 2017 Sullivan Scholarship Fund, UA, \$790

2016 Riecker Endowment Scholarship, UA, \$2,400
 2016 Comins Native American Studies Fund, UA, \$1,150
 2015 Helm Scholarship Fund, UA, \$600
 2015 Traditions, Transitions, Treasures Fund, UA, \$785
 2014 Graduate Tuition Scholarship, UA, \$2,700
 2014 Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, UA, \$500
 2014 Sullivan Scholarship Fund, UA, \$750
 2014 Travel Bursary, Association for the Study of Modern and Contemporary France, \$100
 2014 Pre-doctoral Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute, UA, \$1,000
 2013 School of Anthropology Grant, UA, \$500
 2012 Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, UA, \$500
 2012 School of Anthropology Grant, UA, \$300
 2009 Nathan Altshuler Undergraduate Research Award, Anthropology, W&M, \$500

AWARDS AND HONORS

2022 Barbara Rose Johnston Award, Anthropology & Environment Society, \$500
 2014 Dozier Award for Best Graduate Paper, School of Anthropology, UA, \$500
 2012 Honorable Mention, Willock Library Award, UA Libraries, \$50
 2010 NAACP Group Image Award for W&M Haiti Earthquake Response Group
 2010 Magna cum laude, W&M
 2009 High Honors in Anthropology, W&M
 2009 Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter, W&M
 2009 Pi Gamma Mu (International Honor Society in Social Sciences), W&M
 2005 National Honor Society, Albemarle High School
 2004 National French Honor Society, Albemarle High School

SPECIAL TRAINING

2025 Mentor Well Faculty Certificate (12 hours training), CSU Graduate Center for Inclusive Mentoring (GCIM)
 2024 Best Practices in Teaching: Student Motivation course, The Institute for Learning and Teaching (TILT), CSU
 2023 Data Literacy in R Credential Series, UVA Library and Research Data Services
 2023 Science Policy Bootcamp, UVA Science Policy Initiative
 2022 Innovations in Pedagogy Summit, UVA Center for Teaching Excellence
 2018 Online Course Design Certificate, Office of Digital Learning, UA
 2014 Summer Institute for Research Design, National Science Foundation (3 weeks)
 2009, 2010 Residence and travel in Haiti (3 months), survived earthquake in Port-au-Prince
 2008 College Leaders Program, Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership, UVA
 2008 Scripps Howard Journalism Intern, Washington D.C. (spring semester)
 2006-09 Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, Reporter, The DoG Street Journal, W&M
 2006 Communications Intern, Southern Environmental Law Center, Charlottesville, VA

ARCHIVE AND RECORDS EXPERIENCE

- International: Cayenne (French Guiana), Paris (France), Limonade (Haiti)
- National: U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (College Park, MD)
- Regional: Library of Virginia (Richmond)
- University Special Collections: William and Mary, University of Virginia, University of Arizona, Virginia Tech, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Colorado State University

- Local: Eastern Shore Public Library “Shore Room” (Accomac), Tangier Island Museum and Interpretive Cultural Center (Tangier Island), Family Collections (Tangier Island)
- Land and court records: Accomack County (VA), City of Norfolk (VA), Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County (VA)

CONFERENCES

PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2026 [Planned] Organizing a panel at annual conference, American Anthropological Association (AAA), St. Louis, November.
- 2018 Panel Organizer and Chair, “Class, Creed, and Climate Change Denial.” Anthropology and Environment Section, American Anthropological Association (AAA), San Jose, November. Discussant: Fred Damon (University of Virginia).

INVITED PAPERS

- 2026 “Moral Hazard and the Value of Loss.” Paper at annual conference “The Anthropology of Dwelling,” Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA), hosted at CSU. Conference organized by Landon Yarrington.
- 2025 “There’s a First-Time for Everything.” Paper for PriceFest, Festschrift for Richard and Sally Price, Tulane University, New Orleans, April. Hosted by Kris Lane.
- 2024 Panelist. “Climate Refugees and the Democratic Dilemma: Balancing Human Rights, Governance, and Environmental Justice.” Panel. CSU 5th Annual International Symposium, Ft. Collins, April.
- 2022 Panelist. “Anthropology and Climate Change” Roundtable. American Anthropological Association (AAA), Seattle, November. Organizer: Emily Benton Hite.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “Haunting the High Ground: Structuring Climate Migration in a Coastal American Metropolis.” Co-written with Landon Yarrington. American Anthropological Association (AAA), New Orleans, November. Organizers: Sheehan Moore and Setha Low.
- 2023 “What Does Environmental Justice Look Like for So-Called Climate Change Deniers?” Postdoc Research Symposium, University of Virginia, May
- 2023 “EJ in the Bay”
Invited lecture, Landscape U Program, Pennsylvania State University, March
- 2023 “Justice and Managed Retreat on the Urban East Coast”
Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA), Cincinnati, March. Organizer: Richard Stoffle.
- 2022 “Slave, Prisoner, Migrant: Ecologies of Development on Europe’s Farthest Border” World-Ecology Research Network Conference, Bonn, Germany, June. Organizer: Jason Moore.
- 2022 “Blue Flight: Loss and Liability in the Bay and Beyond”
Commune: Interdisciplinary EJ Conference, University of Virginia, April

- 2021 “What Does Environmental Justice Look Like for So-Called Climate Change Deniers?”
Postdoc Research Symposium, University of Virginia, November
- 2019 “*Bagnard* Ghosts on the Edge of France”
International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), Poznan, Poland,
August. Organizer: Brackette F. Williams and Marcelo Moura Melo.
- 2018 “The Certainty of Denial on a Disappearing Island”
American Anthropological Association (AAA), San Jose, November. Organizer: J.
Yarrington.
- 2017 “Making America Kin Again: Language in the Era of Donald Trump”
American Anthropological Association (AAA), Washington, D.C., December. Organizers:
Janet McIntosh, Norma Mendoza-Denton.
- 2017 “The Certainty of Denial.”
Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), Boston, August. Organizer: Chloe Ahmann.
- 2015 “Making Homes of Houses: Locating a Politics of Struggle in the 1926 Sears Roebuck *Book
of Modern Homes*”
School of Anthropology Lecture Series, UA, November
- 2014 “Indexical Order in Long-Distance Voicemails”
Dozier Award Lecture, UA, September
- 2014 “Sugar and the Edge of France”
Locating Guyane Conference, University of London Institute in Paris, Paris, July.
Organizers: Sarah Wood and Catriona McLeod.
- 2014 “Beet Sugar Conjunction”
School of Anthropology Lecture Series, UA, March
- 2012 “*Fanfa*: Soundscape, Intention, and Creolization at the City Limits”
Association of American Geographers (AAG), New York City, February. Organizer: Georgia
Lindsay.

TEACHING

On research leave, Spring 2026

Colorado State University

- ANTH 100: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology S25
- ANTH 200: Cultures in the Global System S24, F24, F25, F26
- *ANTH 316: Climate, Culture, and Capital F26
- ANTH 330: Human Ecology F25
- ANTH 415: Indigenous Ecologies and the Modern World F24
- ANTH 441: Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology S24, S25
- *ANTH 507: Ethnographic Discourse Analysis

* new courses I proposed and had accepted into the CSU course catalog

University of Arizona

- SOC 310 / ANTH 310: Culture and the Individual S19
- ANTH 353: Anthropology of Food S18
- SOC 310 / ANTH 310: Culture and the Individual S16

Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona

- ANTH 160: Schooling and Culture S16, 2 sections
- ANTH 150: Foodways F15, 2 sections
- ANTH 150: Race, Ethnicity, and the American Dream (Ling.) S15, 2 sections
- ANTH 150: Global Inequality F14, 1 section
- SOC 357: The Sociology of Happiness S14
- ANTH 200: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology F13
- ANTH 160: Patterns in Prehistory (Arch.) S13
- SOC 310 / ANTH 310: Society, Culture, and the Individual F12
- ANTH 347 / AIS 347: Native Peoples of the Southwest S12

Various guest lectures or panels in courses at University of Arizona, University of Virginia, Colorado State University, University of Mary Washington.

STUDENT ADVISINGColorado State University Undergraduate Capstone Advisees

- Tanner Bolin, Anthropology (F25)
- Meghan Meisinger, Anthropology (F25)
- Catherine Turner, Anthropology (F25)
- Ellie Woodyard, Anthropology (F24)

Colorado State University Graduate Students

- Jacob Foley, M.A. student (Anthropology), advisee (F25-)
- Elizabeth Graf, M.A. student (Anthropology), co-advisee (F25-)
- Noah Belanger, M.A. student (Communication Studies), committee member (F25-)
- Marisa Gonzalez, Ph.D. student (Social Work), committee member (S25-)
- Aimee Wagner, M.A. student (Anthropology), committee member (F24-)
- Seth Sagstetter, Ph.D. student (Anthropology), comps committee member (S25-)
- Nona Nyhart, Ph.D. student (Anthropology), comps committee member (F24), dissertation committee member (S25-)
- George Moncaster, M.A. student (History), portfolio committee member (F24-S25)
- Pike Wipperfurth, M.A. student (Political Science), thesis committee member (S24)

University of Virginia

Alannah Bell, undergraduate mentee, 2021-23
 Morgan Foster, undergraduate mentee, 2021-22
 Sidney Stephens, undergraduate mentee, 2021-22

University of Arizona

Alex Ralston, graduate/peer mentee, 2012-13
 Shelley Littin, undergraduate mentee, 2013-16
 Chris Sittler, undergraduate mentee, 2013-14

STUDENT RESEARCHColorado State University

2025 - Jacob Foley (MA advisee), working on Eviction Lab project, paid from departmental and start-up funds

EJ Policy Clinic Director, Democracy Initiative, University of Virginia

Fall 2022 Hired, supervised, mentored **3 undergraduate research assistants** (10 hr/wk). Worked to treat and deliver archival-quality PDFs to Norfolk State University and Old Dominion University.

Summer 2022 Hired, supervised, mentored **1 undergraduate Policy Intern** (20 hr/wk) through the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. Coordinated policy research on the “Wading Between Two Titans” project. Led team research at archives at UVA, the Library of Virginia, Norfolk State University, and Old Dominion University. Produced research dossier for the EJ Policy Clinic’s Practitioner-in-Residence.

Spring 2022 Hired, supervised, mentored **6 undergraduate research assistants and 2 undergraduate interns** (10 hr/wk).

Integrated a contribution from **12 students** in a History seminar.

Managed mixed methods team research for the “Wading Between Two Titans” project. Led team research at UVA archives. Produced an [ArcGIS storymap](#) and other research deliverables.

Fall 2021 Hired, supervised, mentored **1 undergraduate intern** (10 hrs/wk) on EJ issues in Virginia. For this work, the intern (1) created and ran an EJ Discussion Club, and (2) researched and write an honors thesis (Environmental Science) on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

SERVICE

2025 Reviewer, book proposal, Routledge (Taylor & Francis)

2024- Department Graduate Committee, Faculty Member, CSU

2024-26 Program Co-Chair, Anthropology & Environment Society, AAA (2-year position)

2025 Clark B Building Design Team, College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University

2025 Reviewer, *Nature + Culture*

2024 Volunteer, Award Committee, Climate Change Interest Group, AAA

2024 College-Wide Scholarship Committee, College of Liberal Arts, CSU

2022 Presentation, Doctoral Fellows Program, Jefferson Scholars Foundation, UVA

2022 Reviewed job candidates for the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, UVA

2019 Reviewer, *Labor History*

2019 Reviewer, *Economic Anthropology*

2018-19 Ex Officio Member, Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGUA), UA

2014-16 Reviewer, *Arizona Anthropologist*

2011-13 Treasurer, *Arizona Anthropologist*

2012 Travel Grant Judge, Graduate and Professional Student Council, UA

2009-10 Assistant Book Review Editor, *New West Indian Guide (NWIG)*
 2008-09 Chair, University Publications Council, W&M
 2007 Assistant to the President, International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

*Including editing of book manuscript

2013-16 * Research Assistant to Brackette F. Williams, UA
 2011-12 Research Assistant, Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology (BARA), UA
 2011 * Research Assistant to Yarimar Bonilla, Anthropology, UVA
 2011 * Research Assistant and Editor for James Harris, Philosophy, W&M
 2010 Research for Sonje Ayiti Organization (non-profit), Cap-Haitien, Haiti
 2010 Research for Wired Magazine (Condé Nast), Cap-Haitien, Haiti
 2009-10 * Research Assistant to Richard Price and Sally Price, Anthropology, W&M
 2007-09 Department Research Assistant, Anthropology, W&M
 2007-08 * Research Assistant, Serpentine Wall Project, James Harris, Philosophy, W&M

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Interviewed by journalists for stories published by national and regional media, including Thompson Reuters, NBC News, Chesapeake Bay Journal, Colorado Public Radio, others
- Assisted producing “Wading Between Two Titans” podcast, Repair Lab, UVA (2022-23)
- Helped to curate museum exhibit at UVA’s Special Collections, Fall 2022
- Worked on Op-Eds with EJ Policy Clinic Practitioner-in-Residence
- ORCID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-2000-1268>
- CSU Website: <https://www.libarts.colostate.edu/people/jmyarr/>

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (fluent writing, speaking), Haitian Creole (fluent speaking, basic writing)

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

Proficiency in Zotero, MaxQDA, Adobe Acrobat Pro, Audacity. Exposure to ArcGIS, SPSS, and R (R Studio). Experience with deeds/tax records, online and at physical locations, Circuit Courts clerks’ offices.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
 Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA)
 Society for Linguistic Anthropology (SLA)
 Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA)
 Anthropology and Environment Society (E-ANTH, A&E)
 Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)
 International Union for Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)
 American Association of Geographers (AAG)
 Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)
 Alliance Française, Tucson Chapter
 World-Ecology Research Network (WERN)
 The Energy and Climate Finance Network (Centre for Energy Ethics, University of St. Andrews)
 Climate Social Science Network (CSSN)
 Anthropology Career Readiness Network (ACRN)
 Cultural Anthropology Methods Program (CAMP) Community (Methods4All)