

Brittany D. White
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EDUCATION

2023-Present Ph.D., History, University of Virginia
2021-2023 M.A., History, University of Virginia
2013 B.A., African and African American Studies, Temple University

EMPLOYMENT

2018-2021 **National Communications Manager, City Year, Inc.**

Lead City Year’s storytelling initiative through sourcing, writing, and editing content for City Year’s national blog

Interviewed City Year AmeriCorps members and alums for annual reports and other internal copy

Supported City Year departmental and site needs as a communications generalist

2017-2018 **Senior Coordinator of AmeriCorps Residency Programs, Relay GSE**

Worked to support aspiring educators in one of the country’s largest teacher training programs, ensuring the uniform implementation of Relay’s AmeriCorps grants.

2015-2017 **Youth and Community Development Facilitator, Peace Corps Peru**

Co-facilitated “Pasos Adelante,” an afterschool sexual health education program designed for teenage girls to simultaneously build critical thinking skills and self-esteem while forming a group of peer health educators for students ages 13-16 with the support of parents

Co-facilitated ten-week program “Somos Diversos,” a program designed to teach children aged 13-16 about racism, gender, privilege, and stereotypes and to promote a culture of “allyship” in a Peruvian context

Served on the Diversity Task Force Committee, facilitating equity and inclusion discussions for volunteers in the Amazonas region

2013-2015 **Civic Engagement Project Leader, City Year Philadelphia**

Planned and executed five large-scale community development projects for Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives for major companies like Aramark, Wells Fargo, Comcast, and EY

Engaged 3,065 external volunteers from schools, corporate partnerships, and communities in 9,970 hours of service

Co-trained and coached first-year City Year AmeriCorps members to give school tours and service testimonials for corporate sponsor school visits and quarterly meetings with City Year board members

2013 **Residential Tutor Counselor, Upward Bound at Rhode Island College**

Supported teacher efforts in classes by assisting and encouraging engagement in four summer classes in a program designed for first-generation college-bound students

Facilitated study sessions for an assigned group of 6-8 participants and kept current records of student progress to ensure all students were on track with course work and prepared for class activities and exams

Created and facilitated weekly programming, including sessions on the importance of Study Abroad and Being a Global Citizen; planned the One World Cultural Showcase

2013 **Instructor, English Time Language School, Istanbul Turkey**

Planned and delivered lessons to a range of classes and age groups

Prepared and graded tests, examination papers, and exercises

Organized and became involved in social and cultural activities, such as sports competitions, school parties, dinners, and excursions

PRESENTATIONS

White, B. (2022). "Towards a Social History of African Slavery in the Ottoman Empire." *The Mid-Atlantic Ottomanist Workshop (MAOW)* at the University of Mary Washington.

GRANTS AND HONORS

- 2025 American Research Institute in Turkey Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2024 Kallinikeion Institute for Intensive Modern Greek Academic Achievement Award
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship
American School of Classical Studies in Athens William Sanders Scarborough Fellowship
- 2023 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fall 2023 Research Grant
Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Institutional Scholar
Center for Global Inquiry + Innovation, Global Graduate Research Grant
Ottoman Studies Foundation, Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School
UVA Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Fellowship
Edward Vaughn Howell Fellowship
UVA Corcoran Department of History Summer Dissertation Research Funding
- 2022 American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) Summer Fellowship for the Intensive Advanced Turkish Language at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul
UVA Corcoran Department of History Summer Dissertation Research Funding
- 2020 Hurston/Wright Foundation Writers Week, Creative Non-Fiction Writer
- 2016 Peace Corps, Office of the Third Goal Top Blogger

VOLUNTEER WORK

Reader, Chestnut Review, 2022

Read and provide feedback on flash fiction and prose submissions to the Chestnut Review online literary magazine.

Writer and Editor, Minga Peru, 2019-2022

With a focus on gender equity, environmental stewardship, and cultural identity, Minga Peru is a non-profit organization that strengthens leaders, organizations, and social networks in the most remote indigenous communities of the Peruvian Amazon. I volunteered with Minga Peru, helping them share participants' stories by writing and editing blog posts in English and Spanish.

DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

Ottoman History Podcast (OHP): The Last Black Man in Chania hosted and produced by Brittany White (forthcoming)

OHP: Nur Baba: A Sufi Novel of Late Ottoman Istanbul hosted and produced by Brittany White

OHP: Nationality on Trial in the 19th Century Mediterranean, hosted by Brittany White

OHP: Kantika: from History to Fiction, a Sephardic Journey hosted and produced by Brittany White

OHP: Moriscos and the Early Modern Mediterranean History with Mayte Green-Mercado hosted by Brittany White

OHP: Osman of Timisoara: Prisoner of the Infidels with Giancarlo Casale hosted by Brittany White

OHP: The Circassian Diaspora with Şölen Şanlı Vasquez hosted by Brittany White

OHP: Refik Halit: A Life of Opposition with Christine Philliou hosted by Sam Dolbee and Brittany White

WRITTEN PUBLICATIONS

White, B. (2021) Midnight in Trabzon. *The Hennepin Review*

White, B. (2021) Baldwin, Boğaz, ve Ben. *The Chestnut Review*

White, B. (2020) On the Side of the Diaspora. *The Bosphorus Review*.

LANGUAGES

Spanish, Advanced Proficiency

Turkish, Advanced Proficiency

Ottoman Turkish, Intermediate Proficiency

Greek, Intermediate Proficiency