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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

African American History, U.S. South, Historical Memory, U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction, Slavery in the United States and Caribbean, Race and Space, The Built Environment

## EDUCATION

- 2024                      **University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**  
M.A., History  
Graduate Certificate, Digital Humanities
- Thesis (forthcoming): *Dismantling the Master's House: How Freedom Seekers Reshaped the Built Environment During the U.S. Civil War, 1861-1865*
- 2016                      **Boston University, Boston, MA**  
M.A., Global Development Policy  
Graduate Certificate, African Studies
- 2014                      **University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR**  
B.A., International Studies

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

### *Digital Publications*

- 2023                      [\*Rhiannon Giddens' "Build A House": Homeplace Making in Black Memory and Imagination Part 2\*](#), American Historical Association, August 24, 2023
- 2023                      [\*Beyoncé's "Formation": Homeplace Making in Black Memory and Imagination Part 1\*](#), American Historical Association, July 26, 2023
- 2023                      [\*"Florida's rejection of an AP course is the latest salvo in a very old war"\*](#), *The Washington Post*, January 25, 2023
- 2022                      [\*"In Their Own Words: Black Pioneers from UVA's North Grounds to the Pacific Northwest"\*](#), *Race and Slavery at UVA's North Grounds*, December 8, 2022

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

### *Panels Chaired or Organized*

2023                      Organizer | *Beauty from Ashes: Black People and Radical Space Making during the Civil War and Reconstruction*  
Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
(Jacksonville, FL), September 20-24

### *Papers Presented*

2023                      Presenter | *Dismantling the Master's House: How Freedom Seekers Reshaped the Built Environment During the U.S. Civil War, 1861-1865*,  
Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
(Jacksonville, FL), September 20-24

### *Workshops/Roundtable Sessions*

2023                      Presenter | *Centering the Enslaved in Plantation Narratives*  
Public History Symposium by Queen's University Belfast and  
American University (Washington, DC), October 3 (*forthcoming*)

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

### *Current Projects*

2023 - Present            [The Memory Project](#), Karsh Institute for Democracy, University of  
Virginia

### *Additional Research Experience*

2023                      Dr. Lisa Goff (UVA) and Justin Reid (Griffin Blvd Archives), Archival  
research on Black land ownership in Reconstruction-era  
Cumberland County, Virginia

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Boston University

IR/GE 304: Environmentally Sustainable Development, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2015)

## MEDIA COVERAGE

Andrew Ramspacher, "Remarkable' UVA Students Expand Possibilities Through  
Washington Post Partnership," *UVA Today*, March 13, 2023,  
<https://news.virginia.edu/content/remarkable-uva-students-expand-possibilities-through-washington-post-partnership>

**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

*Peer Review*

2023 Peer Reviewer | *Essays In History*

**SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENT**

University of Virginia

2022-Present Secretary, Graduate History Students Association

Boston University

2015-2016 Dean's Ambassador, Pardee School of Global Studies

**LANGUAGES**

French (Proficient)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)

American Historical Association (AHA)