

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### EDUCATION

- **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Rackham Graduate School, 2018-present**  
Ph.D. student in the Department of History
  - **Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana Graduate School 2016-2018**  
Graduated in May 2018 with a M.A. in History with a focus on the American West  
Thesis: *The Erosion of the Racial Frontier: Settler Colonialism and the History of Black Montana, 1880-1930*
  - **Carroll College, Helena, Montana 2011-2015**  
Graduated in May of 2015 with B.A. in History  
Minored in European Studies and Constitutional Studies  
Member of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honors Society  
Carroll College Fighting Saints Men's Golf Team, 2011-2015
  - **Anaconda High School, Anaconda, Montana 2007-2011**
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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **Montana State University**, Department of History and Philosophy, Graduate Teaching Assistant (January 2018-May 2018) Worked for Dr. Robin Hardy, Instructed recitation sections for HSTR 101: Western Civilization II. Graded student papers, essays, midterms, and finals.
- **Montana State University**, Department of History and Philosophy, Graduate Teaching Assistant (August 2017-December 2017) Worked for Dr. Mary Murphy, Instructed recitation sections for HIST 110: Early American History. Graded student papers, essays, midterms, and finals.
- **Extreme History Project**, Non-profit public history group, Walking Tour Guide, (Summer 2017)  
Conducted historical walking tour of downtown Bozeman.  
Contact Information: Crystal Alegria, Co-Director, Extreme History Project, crystal@extremehistoryproject.org
- **Montana State University**, Department of History and Philosophy, Graduate Research Assistant (January 2017-May 2017) Worked with Dr. Billy Smith to collect, codify, and analyze Runaway Slave Ads from late 18<sup>th</sup> century newspapers. Research is being done for an upcoming book by Dr. Billy Smith and colleagues.
- **Montana State University**, Department of History and Philosophy, Graduate Teaching Assistant (August 2016-December 2016) Worked for Dr. Susan Cohen, Instructed recitation sections for RLST 110: Religion, Conflict, and Politics. Graded student papers, essays, midterms, and finals.

- **Montana Historical Society**, State Historic Preservation Office, Research Historian (May 2016-August 2016) Worked with SHPO staff compiling primary source data, researching historic black communities across the state, and compiling historic property record forms for the “Identifying Montana’s African American Heritage Places Project.”  
Contact Information: Kate Hampton, Community Preservation Coordinator, SHPO, KHampton@mt.gov
- **National Parks Service**, Guadalupe Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks Cultural Resources Office (February-April 2016) Worked under the supervision of the Inter Mountain Regional Office to update the List of Classified Structures database for Guadalupe Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks.  
Contact Information: Sam Tamburro, Cultural Resources Office, National Parks Service, sam\_tamburro@nps.gov  
Office phone: (505) 988-6847
- **Montana Historical Society**, State Historic Preservation Office, Research Historian (June 2015-October 2015) Worked with SHPO staff compiling primary source data, researching historic black communities across the state, and compiling historic property record forms for the “Identifying Montana’s African American Heritage Places Project.”
- **Montana Historical Society**, State Historic Preservation Office, Volunteer Intern (September 2014-May 2015) Volunteered on the Montana African American History Project -160 hours volunteered
- **Montana Historical Society**, State Historic Preservation Office, Intern for semester course at Carroll College (January 2014-May 2014) This internship was organized and monitored through Carroll College’s Historical Research Practicum Course for credit.

## Publications

### Books

*Black Montana: Settler Colonialism and the Erosion of the Racial Frontier, 1877-1930* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, forthcoming/under contract).

### Articles (Peer Reviewed)

“Colonial Erosion: Unearthing African American History in the Settler Colonial West,” *Settler Colonial Studies* (online November, 2018), 1-22.

“After the West Was Won: How African American Buffalo Soldiers Invigorated the Helena Community in Early Twentieth-Century Montana.” *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* 66:3 (Autumn, 2016) 36-50.

### Blogs, Story Maps, and Online Essays (Public History, not peer reviewed)

“Whitening the Western Body,” *High Altitude History*, February 16, 2018, available at <https://historymsu.wordpress.com/2018/02/16/whitening-the-western-body/>

“Race, Mountain Bikes, and the Myth of the White Wilderness Experience,” *High Altitude History*, January 17, 2018, available at <https://historymsu.wordpress.com/2018/01/17/race-mountain-bikes-and-the-myth-of-the-white-wilderness-experience/>

“Why Black History Matters in White Places,” *High Altitude History*, April 12, 2017, available at <https://historymsu.wordpress.com/2017/04/12/black-history-matters-montana-state-university/>

“Jess Lee Brooks: A Black Western Actor in the Narrative of the American West,” *High Altitude History*, May 17, 2017, available at <https://historymsu.wordpress.com/2017/05/17/jess-lee-brooks-a-black-western-actor-in-the-narrative-of-the-black-west/>

“The Driver Family Story,” an ESRI GIS Story Map published by the Montana State Historic Preservation Office, available online at <http://montana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=9d466c727cec485f9c1866fe72b7ef5d>

*The following essays were published by the Montana Historical Society and the State Historic Preservation Office as part of the “Montana African American Heritage Resources Project.” They are all available online at [mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmerican](http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmerican).*

“African American Churches of Montana,” available at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans/History/AfricanAmericanChurches>

“African Americans and Montana Politics,” available at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans/History/Political-Life>

“Black Agency in Race Politics and the Rejection of the Party Line,” Upcoming, to be available at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans/History/Political-Life>

“Fate of the Zanzibar: A Historical Example of African American Interests and the Courts,” available at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans/History/Political-Life>

“Montana’s African American Military History: The Buffalo Soldier Era,” available at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans/History/Military-History>

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### **Lectures and Presentations**

“Our Memory of this Place: Race and the Construction of Collective Memory in the West,” Poster Presentation, Western History Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October 18-20, 2018.

“Race and Ruination: The Exodus of Montana’s African American Community,” Lecture, Extreme History Project Lecture Series, Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman, Montana, October 26, 2017.

“Race and Ruination: 1917 and the Origins of Montana’s African American Exodus,” Panel Presentation, Montana History Conference, Helena Great Northern, Helena, Montana, September 22, 2017.

“Finding Black Montana: Rediscovering the Ruination of Montana’s African American Community, 1880-1920,” Lecture, Bozeman Pecha Kucha, Ellen Theater, Bozeman, Montana, September 13, 2017.

“The Ruination of the Frontier: Western Racism, Western Narratives, and the History of Black Montana,” a history poster presented at the Center for Western Lands and People’s “*Festival of the West*,” April 20, 2017, Montana State University Bozeman.

“Identifying Montana’s African American Heritage Places,” Project Presentation, Friends of the Montana Historical Society Conference, Montana Historical Society, Helena, Montana, May 20, 2016.

“Mapping Historic Neighborhoods,” Project Presentation, Montana History Foundation, Helena, Montana, September 10, 2015.

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### **Awards**

“Montana’s African American Heritage Resources” project and the Montana Historical Society was selected as the 2019 Vernacular Architecture Forum’s Buchanan Award.

“Montana’s African American Heritage Resources” project and the Montana Historical Society was selected as the 2018 American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Award of Merit winner

2017 Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Graduate Student Summer Research Award