

KARINA BERAS

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EMPLOYMENT

2025-Present SUNY PRODiG+ Postdoctoral Fellow | Africana Studies Department
Stony Brook University

EDUCATION

2025 Ph.D., Anthropology (Africana & Latino Studies minor fields) | Cornell University
Dissertation Title: *Safeguarding Sovereignty: Nationalism and Negrophobia in the Dominican Republic*

2013 M.A., Higher Education Administration | University of Michigan

2010 B.S., Hotel & Restaurant Administration | Cornell University

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

African Diaspora, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Black Geographies, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Ethnographic Methods, Migration, Anthropology of the State

PUBLICATIONS

Beras, Karina. 2025. "Witch Talk: Redirected Trauma Responses to State Violence in the Dominican Republic." *Transforming Anthropology* 33 (1): 36–45.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/735095>.

Beras, Karina, and Jarrett Martin Drake. 2023. "From Repositories of Failure to Archives of Abolition." In *Archives: Power, Truth, and Fiction*, edited by Andrew Prescott and Alison Wiggins, 343–58. Twenty-First Century Approaches to Literature. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Gillam, Reighan. 2023. Reighan Gillam on her book, Visualizing Black Lives Interview by Karina Beras. CaMP Anthropology Blog.
<https://campanthropology.org/2023/07/31/reighan-gillam-on-her-book-visualizing-black-lives/>.

Beras, Karina. 2023. "A Distant Home[Land]." *Anthropology News*, March 2, 2023.
<https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/a-distant-homeland/>.

———. 2018. "Prime Time: The First 6 Weeks Adjusting, Belonging, and Thriving in College." *Journal of College Orientation, Transition, and Retention* 25 (2): 127–30.
<https://doi.org/10.24926/jcotr.v25i2.2127>.

———. 2015. "Navigating Your First-Year as a Residence Life Staff Member." *Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers (MACUHO) Magazine*, 2015.
https://issuu.com/magazine.macuho/docs/macuho_fall_15_final

PRESENTATIONS

- Beras, Karina. 2025a. "Citizens in Question: Sorcery, Silencing, and Sorting in the Dominican Republic." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 23.
- . 2025b. "The Haunted as a Haunting Being: The Imaginary of Haitians as Other-Than-Human." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 21.
- . 2025.c "Profiling: Suspecting the Foreigner, Overlooking the Familiar." Presented at the Anthropology and the Black Experience Conference, Dakar, Senegal, May 16.
- . 2025d. "Politics and Social Conflict: Incendiary Instances, Extrinsic Energies." | Latin America and the Caribbean: Connection, Integration, and Negotiation. Presented at the Cornell Latin American and Caribbean Studies Symposium, Ithaca, NY, February 20.
- . 2024. "Museum Musings and Ethnographic Encounters." Presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, November 21.
- . 2023. "Intercambios de Sobrevivencia in the Dominican Republic." Presented at the Latin American and Caribbean Studies 60th Anniversary Symposium: "Un-Charting Territories," Ithaca, NY, February 18.
- Beras, Karina and Amy Somchanhmvong. 2021. "Collaborative Anthropology in Action and as a Method for Community Engagement." Roundtable organized at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 20.
- Beras, Karina. 2020. "An Ambivalent History: The Threads of Colonialism and Racism in American Anthropology." Conference paper presented at History Graduate Student Association Conference on Decolonial Histories: Imperialism, Resistance, and Liberation, Stony Brook University, NY, September 11.
- Beras, Karina, and Andrew Brugman. 2018. "Infusing Social Justice Programs into Orientation." Conference Presentation at the National Orientation Directors Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, October 23.
- Beras, Karina. 2017. "Prime Time: The First 6 Weeks Adjusting, Belonging and Thriving in College." Training Workshop presented at the Residential Life Student Training, Barnard College, New York, NY, August.
- . 2016. "Check Yo' Self: Self-Awareness for Effective Leadership." Workshop presented at the Swarthmore Leadership Conference, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, April.
- Beras, Karina, Christopher Seals, and Errol Wint. 2012. "Not All Cardinals Are Red." Conference Presentation at the Kentucky Blacks in Higher Education 29th Anniversary

Conference, Bowling Green, KY.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Mapping Out Blackness (Instructor of Record), First-Year Writing Seminar,
The John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell University
- 2023 Cultural Diversity and Contemporary Issues (Teaching Assistant),
Department of Anthropology, Cornell University
- 2022 Introduction to Latinx Studies (Teaching Assistant),
Latino Studies Program, Cornell University
- 2021 Neighborhoods, Housing, and Public Policy (Teaching Assistant),
Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University
- 2021 Multicultural Issues in Education (Teaching Assistant: Section Instructor),
Department of Anthropology, Cornell University
- 2020 Race and Public Policy (Teaching Assistant),
Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University

SERVICE

- 2022-23 Member, Cornell Einhorn Center Alumni Advisory Group
- 2022-23 Co-President, Cornell Latinx Graduate Student Coalition
- 2022 Panel Moderator and Planning Committee Member, Words Walking Without Masters:
Conversations on the Creative-Theoretical Symposium, Cornell University
- 2021-25 Manuscript Reviewer, Cornell Undergraduate Research Journal
- 2021-22 Secretary, Cornell Black Graduate & Professional Student Association
- 2020-22 Vice President, Ithaca Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- 2020-21 Social Sciences Voting Member, Cornell Graduate & Professional Student Assembly
- 2019-20 Communications Chair, Cornell 10-Year Reunion Planning Committee
- 2019-20 Anthropology Field Member, Cornell Graduate & Professional Student Assembly

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Lauriston Sharp Travel Award, Department of Anthropology, Cornell University
- 2024 Allan Holmberg Travel Award, Department of Anthropology, Cornell University

- 2024 Johnnetta B. Cole Student Travel Award, Association of Black Anthropologists
- 2024 Conference Travel Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University
- 2024 NextGen Professors Program: Advancing Diversity in the Academy, Cornell University
- 2024 Deans Excellence Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2024 Mark Claster Mamolen Dissertation Workshop, Afro-Latin American Research Institute, Harvard University
- 2024 Diversity Scholars Predoctoral Fellowship, Ithaca College (declined)
- 2024 SUNY Provost Diversity Fellowship for Advanced Doctoral Students, Cornell University
- 2023 Dissertation Writing Group Grant, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University
- 2022 Excellence in Leadership Award, Cornell Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Awards
- 2022 Cornell University Library Humanities and Social Sciences Doctoral Student Immersion Program
- 2021 Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Fellow, Cornell University
- 2021 Conference Travel Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University
- 2021 Graduate Reading Group Grant: “Race in the Global South,” Institute for Comparative Modernities, Cornell University
- 2021 Preliminary Fieldwork Grant, American Ethnologist Society
- 2019 Deans Excellence Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2012 Rackham Merit Fellowship Master’s Award, Horace A. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 2011 Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers Scholar, Phillips Andover Academy

LANGUAGES

Spanish – native speaker, advanced/fluent level of reading, writing, and translating
 French, Haitian Kreyol, Portuguese – basic level of reading, listening, and/or speaking

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR RESEARCH/ACADEMIC WORK/SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Africa: Senegal

Caribbean: Dominican Republic, Cuba

Europe: Italy, Spain

North America: U.S. and Canada

RELATED WORK & RESEARCH IN HIGHER EDUCATION/STUDENT AFFAIRS

- 2025 Research Assistant, College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Belonging Study
- 2022 MA Admissions Committee Application Reader, Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, University of Michigan
- 2021 Research Assistant, Professor Kathryn Mariner, University of Rochester
- 2020-24 Graduate Resident Fellow, Cornell University (gap AY 22-23)
- 2018-19 Associate Director, Office of Student Life, Barnard College
- 2016-18 Program Coordinator, Office of Student Life, Barnard College
- 2014-17 MBA Admissions File Reviewer/Reader, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014-16 Residential Communities Coordinator, Office of Student Engagement and Program Liaison, Black Cultural Center, Swarthmore College