

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**Serin D. Houston**

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**EDUCATION**

- Syracuse University** 2006 – 2011  
*PhD in Geography; Certificate of Advanced Study in Women and Gender Studies*  
• *Dissertation:* Ethnography of the City: Creativity, Sustainability, and Social Justice in Seattle, WA
- University of Washington** 2004 – 2006  
*MA in Geography*  
• *Thesis:* Spatial Stories: The Racial Discourses of Mixed-Race Households in Tacoma, WA
- Dartmouth College** 1996 – 2000  
*BA with High Honors in Geography, Magna Cum Laude*  
• *Thesis:* Geographies of Tibetan Identities: Nationalism, Power, and Performativity in the Diaspora

**TEACHING and RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- Mount Holyoke College, Assistant Professor** 2015 – present
- Mount Holyoke College, Visiting Assistant Professor** 2011 – 2015
- Community College of Vermont, Instructor** 2010
- Dartmouth College, Visiting Instructor** 2009
- University of Washington, Interdisciplinary Writing Program Instructor** 2006
- Simon Fraser University, Research Assistant** 2005
- University of Washington, Geography Department Research Assistant** 2004 – 2005
- Dartmouth College, President's Office Research Assistant** 2003 – 2004
- Dartmouth College, Geography Dept Research and Teaching Assistant** 2001 – 2004

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Book:**

Serin Houston. *Imagining Seattle: Social Values in Urban Governance*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press – Our Sustainable Future series. (Forthcoming).

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:**

Serin Houston. (2019). Conceptualizing Sanctuary as a Process in the United States. *Geographical Review*. (Forthcoming).

David Hernández, Serin Houston, Avery Allen '20, and Sofia Rivera '18. (2018). Entrapped: Visiting Migrant Detainees in Western Massachusetts. *Latino Studies* 16, 250-258.

Serin Houston and Kirk Lange. (2018). “Global/Local” Community Engagement: Advancing Integrative Learning and Situated Solidarity. *Journal of Geography in Higher Education* 42(1), 44-60.

Serin Houston and Charlotte Morse '15. (2017). The Ordinary and Extraordinary: Producing Migrant Inclusion and Exclusion in US Sanctuary Movements. *Studies in Social Justice* 11(1), 27-47.

Serin Houston, James McLean, Jennifer Hyndman, and Arif Jamal. (2010). Still Methodologically Becoming: Collaboration, Feminist Politics, and ‘Team Ismaili’, *Gender, Place, and Culture* 17(1), 61-79.

Serin Houston, Jennifer Hyndman, James McLean, and Arif Jamal. (2010). The Methods and Meanings of Collaborative Team Research, *Qualitative Inquiry* 16, 285-297.

Serin Houston. (2009). Scales of Whiteness and Racial Mixing: Challenging and Confirming Racial Categories, *The Geographical Bulletin* 50(2), 93-110.

Serin Houston, Richard Wright, Mark Ellis, Steven Holloway, and Margaret Hudson. (2005). Places of Possibility: Where Mixed-Race Partners Meet, *Progress in Human Geography* 29(6), 700-717.

Serin Houston and Richard Wright. (2003). Making and Re-making Tibetan Diasporic Identities, *Social and Cultural Geography* 4(2), 217-232.

Richard Wright, Serin Houston, Mark Ellis, Steven Holloway, and Margaret Hudson. (2003). Crossing Racial Lines: Geographies of Mixed-Race Partnering and Multiraciality in the United States, *Progress in Human Geography* 27(4), 457-474.

### **Reviewed Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entry:**

Serin Houston. (2016). Sacred Squatting: Seeking Sanctuary in Religious Spaces, in *Migration, Squatting and Radical Autonomy*. Chattapadhyay, S. and Mudu, P. (eds.) New York, NY: Routledge Press – Space, Place, and Politics Series. 183-188.

Serin Houston and Olivia Lawrence-Weilmann '17. (2016). The Model Migrant and Multiculturalism: Analyzing Neoliberal Logics in US Sanctuary Legislation, in *Migration Policy and Practice: Interventions and Solutions*. Bauder, H. and Matheis, C. (eds.) New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan Press – Migration, Diasporas and Citizenship Series. 101-126.

Serin Houston. (2010). Feminist Methodology, in *Encyclopedia of Geography*. Warf, B. (ed). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Serin Houston and Richard Wright. (2008). 'It's Just that People Mix Better Here': Household Narratives of Belonging and Displacement in Seattle, Washington, in *Immigration and Integration in Urban Communities: Renegotiating the City*. Hanley, L., Ruble, B., and Garland, A. (eds). Washington, DC: Johns Hopkins University Press, 73-95.

**Book Reviews:**

Serin Houston. (2014). Book review: Gareth Millington's *'Race', Culture and the Right to the City: Centres, Peripheries, Margins, Social and Cultural Geography* 15(4), 475-476.

Serin Houston. (2009). Book review: Katherine McKittrick's *Demonic Grounds: Black Women and the Cartographies of Struggle, Social and Cultural Geography* 10(6), 714-716.

**AWARDS, RESEARCH GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS**

<b>Kahn Liberal Arts Institute, Smith College, declined</b>	2018
<b>Mount Holyoke College Writing Fellowships</b>	2016-present
<b>AAUW Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship</b>	2017
<b>Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship</b>	2017
<b>Mount Holyoke College Research Support Grant</b>	2017, 2018
<b>Mount Holyoke College Research Assistance Grants</b>	2013, 2014, 2015
<b>National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship</b>	2006 – 2009
<b>Syracuse University Graduate Tuition Scholarship</b>	2006 – 2008
<b>Urban Geography Specialty Group Grants</b>	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
<b>Glenda Laws Student Paper in Feminist Geography Award</b>	2007

<b>University of Washington Joan Webber Prize for Distinguished Teaching</b>	2006
<b>Student Tech Fund Equipment Grant</b>	2006
<b>Howard Martin Grant</b>	2005
<b>University of Washington Graduate School Top Scholar Award</b>	2005
<b>Arch Gerlach Fellowship</b>	2004
<b>Dartmouth General Grant</b>	2001
<b>National Council for Geographic Ed. Award for Excellence of Scholarship</b>	2000
<b>Alexander von Humboldt Award for Best Honors Thesis in Human Geography</b>	2000
<b>Phi Beta Kappa</b>	2000
<b>Golden Key Honors Society</b>	2000
<b>Rufus Choate Scholar (top 5% of students)</b>	1998 – 2000
<b>Presidential Scholar Senior Honors Thesis Grant</b>	1999
<b>Raynolds Expedition Grant</b>	1999
<b>John Sloan Dickey Center Honors Thesis Travel Grant</b>	1999
<b>Dartmouth Geography Department Grant</b>	1999

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

*Mount Holyoke College*

- Geography 105: World Regional Geography
- International Relations 200: Research Methods
- Geography 202: Cities in a Global Context
- Geography 208: Global Movements: Migrations, Refugees, and Diasporas
- Geography 311: Global Movements
- Geography 312: Geographies of Racial Mixing and Multiraciality
- Geography 312 (2): Sense of Place, Sense of Planet

*Community College of Vermont*

- Geography 1010: Introduction to Geography

*Dartmouth College*

Geography 11: Qualitative Research Methods

Teaching Assistant for:

Geography 1: Introduction to Human Geography

Geography 13: Population, Culture, and the Environment

Geography 28: Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity

*University of Washington*

English 198D: Writing Link with Geography 271

English 198G: Writing Link with Geography 280

**CONFERENCE PAPERS and INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Contextualizing the Migration ‘Crisis:’ Patterns, Practices, and Protests.” Sterling College, Craftsbury Common, VT, October 2018.

“Climate-Induced Migration and the Pacific.” Guest lecture in Fundamentals of Environmental Humanities, Sterling College, Craftsbury Common, VT, October 2018.

“Telling Stories of Territory: Mapping US Sanctuary Legislation.” Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2017.

“The Ordinary and Extraordinary: Producing Migrant Inclusion and Exclusion in US Sanctuary Movements” (co-author Charlotte Morse). American Association of Geographers conference, Boston, MA, April 2017.

Invited panelist for “Women Leading the Movement for Change” panel. BOOM Conference, Mount Holyoke College, March 2017.

“Research and Writing Strategies.” Critical Social Inquiry Division III Seminar, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA, February 2017.

“Neighborhood Planning in Seattle, WA: The Possibilities of Incremental Change.” ‘Race + Class, Space and Design’ panel, Smith College, Northampton, MA, February 2017.

“Exclusive Inclusion: Sustainability in Seattle, WA.” Kahn Institute, Smith College, Northampton, MA, December 2016.

“Immigrant Sanctuaries.” Faculty Friday talk, Mount Holyoke College, April 2016.

“The Model Migrant and Multiculturalism: Analyzing Neoliberal Logics in US Sanctuary Legislation” (co-author Olivia Lawrence-Weilmann). American Association of Geographers conference, San Francisco, CA, March 2016.

“‘Global/Local’ Community-Based Learning: Engaging Students in Community Solidarity and Co-Labor” with Kirk Lange. American Association of Geographers conference, San Francisco, CA, March 2016.

Invited panelist for “Profiling, B/ordering, and the Political Work of Pedagogy.” American Association of Geographers conference, San Francisco, CA, March 2016.

“New Lands Farm Collaborations” with Sara Tower. Five College CBL Faculty Development Event, Mount Holyoke College, January 2016.

“Qualitative Research Methods.” Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School Strategic Action Planning Committee, South Hadley, MA, December 2015.

“Conversations on American Studies” podcast interview. Posted August 2015. Available at: <http://blogs.umass.edu/acolman/>

Panelist for “Powerful Objects: Theory-making through Objects, Bodies, and Feelings.” Critical Geographies conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2014.

“Spaces of Justice? The Politics and Prevalence of Immigrant Sanctuaries.” Association of American Geographers conference, Tampa, FL, April 2014.

Invited panelist for “Challenging Borders and B/ordering Mechanisms.” Association of American Geographers conference, Tampa, FL, April 2014.

“Urban Exclusions and Inequalities: Examining Public Space and Segregation.” Cities conference, Wilbraham-Monson Academy, Wilbraham, MA, April 2014.

“Masking Inequities, Promoting Growth: Urban Entrepreneurialism and the Creative Class in Seattle, WA.” Association of American Geographers conference, New York City, NY, February 2012.

“The Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI): Racialized Practice in Seattle, WA.” Association of American Geographers conference, Seattle, WA, April 2011.

“Revitalizing and Redefining the City: Seattle and its Sustainability and Social Justice Endeavors.” Association of American Geographers conference, Washington, DC, April 2010.

“Methodologically Becoming Two/Too: Collaborative Knowledge Production and ‘Team Ismaili’” (co-authors James McLean, Jennifer Hyndman, and Arif Jamal). Association of American Geographers conference, Boston, MA, April 2008.

“Whiteness in the ‘City of Destiny’: Power, Privilege, and Mixed-Race Households in Tacoma, Washington.” Association of American Geographers conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2007. Session co-organizer.

“Racializing Place and Placing Race: Neighborhood Narratives in Tacoma, Washington.” Race, Ethnicity, and Place conference, San Marcos, TX, November 2006.

“Racializing Place and Placing Race: Neighborhood Narratives in Tacoma, Washington.” Place Matters: Seeking Equity in a Diverse Society conference, Seattle, WA, October 2006.

“Work Together, Live Apart? The Immigration Debate” with Richard Wright. Dartmouth Los Angeles “Oh the Places You’ll Go” Celebration, Los Angeles, CA, August 2006.

“Becoming Ismaili: Scales of Identity” with Jennifer Hyndman, Arif Jamal, and James McLean. Pacific Northwest Immigration Symposium, Vancouver, BC, May 2006.

“Methodologically Becoming Too” with Jennifer Hyndman, Arif Jamal, and James McLean. Pacific Northwest Immigration Symposium, Vancouver, BC, May 2006.

“Spatial Stories: The Racial Discourses of Mixed-Race Households in Tacoma, WA.” Association of American Geographers conference, Chicago, IL, March 2006. Session co-organizer.

“Places of Possibility: Where Mixed-race Partners Meet” (co-authors Richard Wright, Mark Ellis, Steven Holloway, and Margaret Hudson). Association of American Geographers conference, Denver, CO, April 2005.

“Strange Bedfellows? A Civil Union of Queer Theory and Mixed-Race ‘Het’ Household Geographies.” Association of American Geographers conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 2004.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and MEMBERSHIPS**

### **Reviewed manuscripts for:**

*American Political Science Review* (2017)

*Annals for the American Association of Geographers* (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015)

*Field Methods* (2014)

*Gender, Place, and Culture* (2008, 2011, 2012, 2019)

*Global Networks* (2015)

*The Geographical Journal* (2017)

*Journal of Development and Social Transformation* (2008)

*Maxwell Review* (2007)

*Social and Cultural Geography* (2004)

*Sociological Forum* (2013)

**Memberships and Committees:**

American Association of Geographers (AAG) 2003 – present

*Specialty groups:* Black Geographies; Ethics, Justice, and Human Rights;  
Geographic Perspectives on Women; Political Geography; Qualitative Research;  
Social and Cultural Geography; Urban Geography

AAG Committee for Enhancing Diversity 2017 – present