

# Kristina E. Lee

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## EDUCATION

**Northwestern University** 2019 - Present  
Ph.D Candidate, Sociology

**Vanderbilt University** 2018  
M.A., Anthropology  
*Certificates: African American and Diaspora Studies, College Teaching, Latin American Studies*

**Brown University** 2016  
B.A., Anthropology

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political sociology, historical sociology, race and ethnicity, transnationalism, qualitative methods, computational social science, Blackness, Latin America, mutual aid

## PUBLICATIONS

Larkin-Gilmore, Juliet and Kristina E. Lee. 2019. "Remembering Black Nashville at Fort Negley." *The Public Historian*, 2019. 10.1525/tp.2019.41.4.100  
Turner, Bethany L., Parker VanValkenburgh, Kristina E. Lee, and Benjamin J. Schaefer. 2019. "Palaeodiet inferred from pre - Hispanic and early colonial human remains from Carrizales, Zaña Valley, Peru." *International Journal of Human Osteology*, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1002/oa.2752>

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Lee, Kristina E. 202 - present. "Towards a Theory of the Transnational Racial State: A Review of Sociological Approaches to Transnationalism and the Racial State." Northwestern University Department of Sociology Special Fields Paper.  
Lee, Kristina E. 2021- present. "Mutual Aid and the State: Community Care in Chicago During the COVID-19 Pandemic."  
Lee, Kristina E. 2020 - present. "Revisiting the WCAR: Afro-descendant Inclusion in Mexico and Peru 2001-2018." Northwestern University Department of Sociology Second-Year Paper.

## FELLOWSHIPS

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellow 2022-2025  
Graduate Fellow, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research 2021-2022  
Mellon Cluster Fellow, Latin American and Caribbean Studies 2019  
HASTAC Scholar, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities 2017-2018  
Provost Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University 2016-2018

Writing Fellow, Brown University Writing Center	2015-2016
Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Brown University	2014-2016
Community Fellow, Brown University Swearer Center	2013-2014

### **HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

Andean Cultures and Histories Research Grant, Northwestern University	2022
CRES Transformative Justice Research Grant, Northwestern University	2021
Sociology Emergency Small Research Award, Northwestern University	2020
Sociology Alumni Fund Grant, Northwestern University	2020
Historically Underrepresented Groups Scholarship, Society of American Archaeologists	2017
Tinker Summer Research Award, Vanderbilt University Center for Latin American Studies	2017
Anthropology Summer Research Award, Vanderbilt University	2017
Highest Achievement in Bioarchaeology, Brown Department of Anthropology	2016
Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (UTRA), Brown University	2014

### **PRESENTATIONS**

“The World Conference against Racism 20 Years Later: Evaluating Afro-Descendant Inclusion in Mexico and Peru.” *Social Science History Association*. Chicago, Illinois. November 2022.

“A Return to the Racial State: Transnationalizing Race to Rethink the State.” *American Sociological Association*. Los Angeles, California. August 2022.

“Afro-descendant State Inclusion: Effects of the WCAR in Mexico and Peru 20 Years Later.” *American Sociological Association*. Virtual. August 2021.

“The Fort Negley Descendants Project.” Juliet Larkin-Gilmore, Kristina Lee, Angela Sutton. *Digital Humanities and the History of Slavery Workshop*. Nashville, Tennessee. May 2018.

“Cuantos Somos?: Locating Afro-Identity through Processes of Nation-Making in Peru.” *Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*. Nashville, Tennessee. March 2018.

“Esclavitud e Afrodescendencia en Peru: Connecting Past and Present.” *Vanderbilt Center for Latin American Studies, Fall 2017 Tinker Award Symposium*. Nashville, Tennessee. September 2017.

“Documenting the Forced Migration of Enslaved Peoples at the Grassmere Plantation in Nashville, Tennessee Using Strontium and Lead Isotope Analysis.” Tiffany A. Tung, Kristina E. Lee, George Kamenov, John Krigbaum. *Society of American Anthropologists*. Vancouver, Canada. April 2017.

“Theories and their Logical Consequences: Anténor Firmin as a Locus for Theoretical Reform in Anthropological Thought.” *African American Intellectual History Society*. Nashville, TN. March 2017.

“Bodies of Empire, Bodies of Adaptation: Evaluating Indigenous Health Under the Impact of Colonization at Carrizales, Peru.” (Undergraduate honors thesis)  
*Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Senior Research Presentation*. Providence, RI. May 2016.

## **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Colonial Belonging Project <i>Research Assistant</i> , Professor Katrina Quisumbing King	2021-2022
Fort Negley Descendants Project <i>Project Coordination Team</i> , Vanderbilt University Digital Humanities Center	2017-2018
Grassmere Plantation Bioarchaeology Research Team <i>Research Assistant</i> , Professor Tiffany A. Tung	2016-2018
Vanderbilt University Bioarchaeology and Isotope Research Lab <i>Research Assistant</i> , P.I. Tiffany A. Tung	Summer 2016
Proyecto Arqueológico de Zaña Colonial (PAZC), Perú <i>Undergraduate Researcher</i> , P.I. Parker VanValkenburgh	Summer 2015
Huari-Ancash Bioarchaeological Field School in Marcajirca, Perú <i>Undergraduate Researcher</i> , P.I. Bebé Ibarra	Summer 2014

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

<i>Workshop Leader</i> , Graduate Student Teaching Conference Northwestern Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching	Summer 2021
<i>Lead Teacher</i> , 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade English KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School	Summer 2019
<i>Lead Teacher</i> , 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Composition KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School	2018-2019
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> Sociological Theory Professor Charles Camic, Northwestern University	Spring 2021
Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Power Professor Beth Redbird, Northwestern University	Winter 2021
Political Sociology Professor Ann Shola Orloff, Northwestern University	Fall 2020
Human Adaptation and Disease Professor Jada Benn-Torres, Vanderbilt University	Spring 2018
Food Politics in America Professor Beth Conklin, Vanderbilt University	Fall 2017
Introduction to Biological Anthropology Professor Jada Benn-Torres, Vanderbilt University	Spring 2017
Theories of Culture and Human Nature Professor Markus Eberl, Vanderbilt University	Fall 2016
Human Skeleton Professors Sarah Newman and Andrew K. Scherer, Brown University	2015

## **GUEST LECTURES AND INVITED DISCUSSIONS**

- Invited Discussant, CUNY Graduate Center Pipeline Program. November 2021.  
“Transitioning into Academia as a First-Gen Student of Color”
- Panelist, Northwestern University Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Program. April 2021.  
“Graduate Student Life Across the Disciplines”
- Invited Speaker, Tennessee State University. Intro to Anthropology. Spring 2021.  
“The Importance of Black Oral History in Nashville.”  
*Declined in order to recommend alternative speaker.*
- Invited Speaker, Northwestern University Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Program. April 2020.  
“Navigating Transitions: Graduate School and Beyond”
- Guest Lecturer, Vanderbilt University. ANTH3346. Spring 2018.  
“The Neolithic Revolution”
- Guest Lecturer, Vanderbilt University. ANTH3162. Fall 2017.  
“Bioarchaeology of Slavery”
- Guest Lecturer, Vanderbilt University. ANTH2109. Fall 2017.  
“Immigration and Food Politics”
- Invited Discussant, Society of American Archaeologists. Vancouver, Canada. March 2017.  
Afro-Latin American Archaeology Forum
- Guest Lecturer, Vanderbilt University, ANTH 1301. Spring 2017.  
“Hominin Origins: Introducing Archaic H. sapiens and Neanderthal.”  
“The Neolithic Revolution.”  
“Biomedical Anthropology at Work.”

## **SERVICE AND MENTORSHIP**

CHS Section Student Representative, American Sociological Association	2022-2024
Global Café Graduate Mentor, Northwestern International Studies Program	2021-2022
Mellon Mays Graduate Student Mentor, Northwestern University	2021-2022
Graduate Student Peer Mentor, Northwestern Sociology Department	2021-2022
Graduate School Diversity Peer Mentor, Northwestern University	2020-2021
Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Northwestern Sociology Department	2019-2022
Undergraduate Mentoring Committee, Northwestern Sociology Department	2019-2020

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

African American Intellectual History Society  
American Sociological Association  
Association of Black Sociologists  
Social Science History Association

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish: intermediate proficiency