

Brianna A. Simmons  
Curriculum Vitae

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**SKILLSETS**

- ❖ (Local and International) Mixed Methodology Research, Research Design, Data Analysis, Data Presentation, and Publication
- ❖ Teaching and Community-Engaged Practice
- ❖ Grant Writing, Budgeting, Project Management, Relationship Building
- ❖ Live Graphic Notetaking, Public Speaking, and Communications Coordination
- ❖ (Health) Policy Analysis, Network Analysis, Systems Analysis
- ❖ Qualitative and Quantitative Software, Methodology and Data Analysis

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**RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

- ❖ Antiracism, Blackness, Valuation, Theories of the Human, Theories of the Social & Death
- ❖ Black Maternal-Fetal/Maternal-Child Health, Reproduction, Gender, and Mothering
- ❖ Black (Health) Geographies and the Black Diaspora
- ❖ Political Theory and Black Invention
- ❖ Health Archivism, Black Feminisms/Black Criticism, Planetary Health, and Spiritual Herbalism
- ❖ Human Rights, Health Equity, Law, and Global Health, Technology
- ❖ Ethnographic and Research ethics, community-based problem solving, and Critical Pedagogy
- ❖ Geographical Information Systems, Digital Humanities, and Participatory Action Research

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**EDUCATION**

2024	Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Anthropology – University of California, Riverside
2019	Masters of Arts in Anthropology – University of California, Riverside
2017	Bachelor of Arts in Sociology - University of California, Riverside

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**RESEARCH POSITIONS**

2023	<b>Research Assistant and Data Analyst, <i>Opioid Substance Use and Imaginative Counter-Geographies in the Inland Empire</i></b> Contributed a framework of geography based in Black ways of knowing. Conducted data analysis on quantitative R-coded surveys, and qualitative interviews to unveil the antiblack unthought of public policy.
2020-2022	<b>Research Consultant and Data Analyst, <i>The Antiracism of Hydrologic Systems in Black Cemeteries in Durham, North Carolina</i></b> . Department of Environmental Science, Duke University Designed a research study that bridged intergenerational oral histories of Black community members in Durham with a toxicological study of the molecular contamination of water systems underneath racially segregated cemeteries and neighborhoods in Durham, North Carolina. <b>Research Assistant and Data Analyst, <i>Police Brutality Against Female Sex Workers in Kisumu, Kenya</i></b> (NIH Funded) Conducted extensive qualitative and quantitative analysis. (Winter'20)

Work led to a published manuscript in Social Science and Medicine, and transnational dissemination events.

- 2019 **Research Assistant**, *Social Networks Study and Qualitative Data Analysis Training, Kisumu and Eldoret, Kenya* (NIH Funded)  
Conducted extensive data collection, qualitative and quantitative analysis to inform scientific publications, and research workshops with collaborators throughout East Africa.

#### **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS (\*forthcoming)**

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- 2024 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Black Studies, San Diego City College  
**Lecturer**, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Riverside
- 2019 – present **Instructor and Teaching Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Riverside
- 2019 – 2023 **Research Consultant, Assistant and Data Analyst**  
**Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Riverside
- 2022 – 2023 **Communications Coordinator**, The Collaboratory for Black Feminist Health  
**Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Riverside

#### **SERVICE & VOLUNTEERING**

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- 2024-2023 **Peer Research Mentor**, Lumiere Education and Research
- 2022-2020 **Supporting Performer**, *Menino III a lecture performance about antiblackness organized by Aline Serzedello Vilaca* Sponsored by the Center for Ideas and Society, Decolonizing Humanism (?), Asian Pacific Student Programs, Chicano Student Programs, Department of Black Study, and Latino and Latin American Research Center (Oct '22)  
**Founder, Editor and Author of (Never) Meant to Survive, an Independent Newsletter**  
**Co-Organizer and Discussant**, Teach-In Webinar by Blackness Unbound (Nov '20)  
**Panelist**, Abolitionist Organizing and the University by MALIKAH (Nov '20)  
**Co-Organizer and Discussant**, Antiblackness, the University and Policing: A Cops Off Campus Teach-In (Oct '20)  
**Co-Organizer, Volunteer Political Education and Mutual Aid Coordinator**, Rethink Public Safety Coalition (RTPS) (June '20- August '22)  
**Panelist**, African Student Programs, Black Student Union Welcome Week (Sept '19)
- 2015- 2016 **Research and Campaign Coordinator for Hunger and Homelessness among UC Riverside students**, California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG)

#### **MEMBERSHIPS (\*forthcoming)**

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- 2023 **American Anthropological Association**  
**Association of Black Anthropologists**
- 2021-2023 **Black Women's Studies Association**
- 2019-2022 **Society for Applied Anthropology**
- 2019-2021 **National Women's Studies Association**  
**American Anthropological Association**

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, OTHER FUNDING

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2024	<b>Finalist</b> , University of California Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship
2023	Center for Ideas and Society, Graduate Research Grant, \$1275
2023	Sylvia Broadbent Memorial Fellowship, \$750
2020	Henry and Willie Lee Moses Engaged Anthropology Grant, \$1000
2020	Center for Ideas and Society, \$800
2019	Center for Ideas and Society Academic Book Club Grant, \$300
2018	Dean's Distinguished Fellowship, \$10,000

## AWARDS

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2023	<b>Health, Humanities and Disability Justice</b> , \$1000 – to support dissertation research about global antiblackness, black maternal-fetal healthcare financing, and disability justice
	<b>Rudolf Virchow Award</b> , Professional Category for <i>Learning from women who trade sex in Kenya about the antiblackness of Global Health</i> , Society for Medical Anthropology – Critical Anthropology for Global Health Interest Group at the American Anthropological Association

## PUBLICATIONS

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2023	Paper, <i>Fieldworking While Black: On the Plantocratic nature of Anthropology</i> , Thinking Gender UCLA e-scholarship repository 2023
	Mburia-Mwalili A, Wagner KD, Kwobah EK, Atwoli L, Aluda M, et al. (2023) <i>Social support and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic among a cohort of people living with HIV (PLWH) in Western Kenya</i> . PLOS Global Public Health 3(2): e0000778. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0000778">https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0000778</a>
2022	Brianna Simmons, Jennifer L. Syvertsen, <i>Learning from women who trade sex in Kenya about the antiblackness of global health</i> , Social Science & Medicine, 2022, 115246, ISSN 0277-9536, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115246">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115246</a>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (\*forthcoming)

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2024	Paper, <i>Black Invention and the Onto-politics of Mothering while Black</i> Co-Panelist on <i>Mothership Connection, Black Diasporic Approaches to Freedom and Community Health</i> , National Conference of Black Political Scientists
2023	Paper, <i>Scales of Betrayal, Protection, and Rebellion in contending with Antiblackness</i> , Strategies of Critique 2023: Care and Cure, York University (May 2023)
	Paper, <i>Fieldworking While Black: On the Plantocratic nature of Anthropology</i> , Thinking Gender UCLA 2023
2021	Paper, <i>Care, Death and Detention in the Wake of the Medical Insurance Complex in Kisumu, Kenya</i> Faculty Commons Graduate Student Conference, Center for Ideas and Society

Paper, *Refashioning Practices of Care Among Suppressed and Marginalized Women: A Qualitative Transnational Engagement/Review*, Care, Mutual Aid and Reproductive Labor in a time of crisis, Thinking Gender UCLA 2021

*Disrupting Anthropology: Ethical Methodology and The Case for Letting the Human Burn*, Society for Applied Anthropology

2020 Paper, *Engagements in Citizenship and Healthcare Practices in Eldoret, Kenya*. Society for Applied Anthropology Conference, Albuquerque, NM  
**(accepted but conference cancelled due to COVID-19)**

2019 Paper, *Aesthetics of Solidarity, and the Possibility of Black Resistance*. American Indian and Indigenous Collective, at University of California, Santa Barbara, Body as Archive Conference, Santa Barbara, CA

### **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

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2023 *On the Anniversary of the Assassinations of MLK AND Lil' Bobby Hutton—A Discussion on Captive Maternals and War Resistance*, with Joy James and Kalonji Changa, Center for Ideas and Society, UC Riverside

2020 *Disrupting Medical Anthropology*, Society for Applied Anthropology

2020 Black Study and Liberatory Futures, *Blackness Unbound*

### **INVITED TALKS**

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2024 S(CRIP)TS: Disability Justice and Antiracism

*Politics of Care and Reproductive Justice*, University of California, Riverside

Summer 2023 **Lecturer, PRIME Program – Learning how to work with African, Black and Caribbean Communities in the Inland Empire**, School of Medicine, University of California, Riverside

Spring 2023 **Paper**, *Scales of Betrayal, Protection and Rebellion in Contending with Antiracism*, Reproduction of Possibility Colloquium, Columbia University

Spring 2022 **Guest Lecturer**, Freedom Movements, Black Feminisms, and Black Radical Traditions ANTH 127 Political Anthropology, University of California Riverside

### **INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD**

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2024 **On Reproduction Justice: Politics, Practices, and Policies**, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Riverside

2023 **University Writing Program**, Department of English, UC Riverside

**ANTH 002 Introduction to Biological Anthropology** Department of Anthropology, UC-Riverside

2022 **ANTH 001 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology** Department of Anthropology, UC-Riverside

### **TEACHING ASSISTANT**

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2024-2023 ANTH 127 **Political Anthropology**, Department of Anthropology, UC - Riverside

GSST 021 **Gender and Sustainability Studies**, Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Sustainability Studies, UC- Riverside

2022-2023 Department of Anthropology, UC-Riverside

ANTH 007 **Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology** (Winter '23, Winter'22)

2020-2021 ANTH 001 **Introduction to Cultural Anthropology** (Fall '22)  
ANTH 127 **Political Anthropology** (Spring '22)  
Department of Anthropology, UC-Riverside  
ANTH 001 **Introduction to Cultural Anthropology** (Spring '21)  
ANTH 005 **Introduction to Archaeology** (Fall '20)  
ANTH 143G **Anthropology of Global Health** (Spring '20)  
2019 ANTH 001 **Introduction to Cultural Anthropology** (Summer '19)  
2016-2017 **Independent French Tutor**

**ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES**

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**French** – fluent | **Swahili** – proficient | **ASL** – classroom study