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Professional Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography University of California, Los Angeles	Jul 2023 - Present
Provost Early Career Fellow, Department of Geography and the Environment University of Texas at Austin	Aug 2021 – Jul 2023

Education

Doctorate, Department of Geography Designated Emphasis in Science and Technology Studies University of California, Berkeley	Aug 2021
Honors Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Analysis Pitzer College	May 2014

Grants & Fellowships

Total Amount: \$158,500

UT Austin Provost Pathway to Research and Scholarship Independence Grant \$16,000 for postdoctoral project, “Building Black Diasporic Relationships to Politics, Place, and Environment”	2022 - 2023
Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship \$81,000 funding graduate student research & study	2019-2022
Social Science Matrix Prospective Research Team Funding \$1,500 funding Berkeley Black Geographies interdisciplinary research project	2018
UC Consortium for Black Studies Grant \$4,000 funding graduate research	2018
Winter School, University of Göttingen Invited to week-long school on “Inherited Inequality” with international scholars and students	2018
Chancellor’s Fellowship for Graduate Study \$56,000 funding graduate study at UC Berkeley	2016-2018

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Jones, N., Brown, K., Bautista Duran, E., **Heitz, K.**, Kelekay, J., Rothschild Elyassi, G., Raymond G. (2022) “Other than the projects, you stay professional: Colorblind cops and the enactment of spatial racism in everyday policing.” *City & Community*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15356841221123820>

Heitz, K. (2021) Sunflower's Oakland: The Black Geographic Image as a Site of Reclamation. *Antipode*. 54:1

Pierce, L. & **Heitz, K.** (2020) "Say Their Names" review of The Legacy Museum: From Slavery to Mass Incarceration and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, Equal Justice Initiative, Montgomery, Alabama. *American Quarterly*, 72:4.

Heitz, K. (2019) "Pictured pioneers: photographic representation of Japanese-American identity on the frontier," *Visual Studies*, 34:1, 1-12

Hawthorne, C. & **Heitz, K.** (2018) "A Seat at the Table?: Reflections on Black Geographies and the Limits to Dialogue" *Dialogues in Human Geography*, 8:2.

In-Progress

Heitz, K. "Anti-Black Racism" *Wiley International Encyclopedia of Geography: People, the Earth, Environment, and Technology*

Reviews & Interviews

Heitz, K. (2022) Review of on Remi Joseph-Salisbury and Laura Connelly's *Anti-Racist Scholar-Activism*. Antipode.

(2021) "A Photographic Interview: Kaily Heitz on Black Oakland." UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix. <https://matrix.berkeley.edu/research-article/a-photographic-interview-kaily-heitz-on-black-oakland/>

Policy Reports

(2018) The Village, The East Oakland Collective, & Just Cities Institute, "Housing Oakland's Unhoused: Community Based Solutions To House All of Oakland's Unhoused Now"

Awards

Clyde Woods Black Geographies Specialty Group Graduate Student Paper Award 2020

Research Experience

Graduate Student Researcher June 2017 – August 2021
Justice Interaction Lab, Dr. Nikki Jones (PI), UC Berkeley

Policy Researcher June – September 2018
Just Cities Institute, Oakland, CA

Teaching Experience

URB 354: "Race, Social Justice, and the City" August 2022 – Present
Lead Instructor, Department of Geography
University of Texas at Austin

DS10: "Introduction to Global Studies" September – December 2018
Graduate Student Instructor, for Professor Michael Watts
Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley

Introduction to Smartphone Photography July – August 2017

Lead Instructor, Community Course
United Roots Oakland / Youth Impact Hub

Guest Lectures

GEOG 390K: Issues in Geography
Department of Geography and the Environment
University of Texas at Austin

October 11, 2022

AFR 391: Black Studies Methods
Department of African & African Diaspora Studies
University of Texas at Austin

March 9, 2022

Invited Talks

“Oakland is a Vibe” Manuscript Workshop, Dartmouth College. April 13, 2023.

“Oakland is a Vibe” University of California, Berkeley. May 13, 2022.

Conference Presentations

Panelist. “Feeling the Vibe: The Power of Black Affective Politics within Geographies of Gentrification”
Urban Affairs Association. April 28, 2023.

Invited Panelist. “Culture Work: Unsettled Freedom, Land, and Cultivating Spaciousness for Black Life”
International Workshop on Racial Capitalism. University of Texas at Austin. April 21, 2023.

Moderator. “On How We Mistook the Map for Territory” Geographies, Mapping the Human, and its
Others.” GRACLS, University of Texas at Austin. April 1, 2023.

Panelist. “Thinking, Being and Living Intersectional Feminist Geographies” Feminist Geographies
Conference. Virtual. June 15, 2022.

Organizer, Panelist & Discussant. “On the Poetics and Politics of Black Sense of Place.” American
Association of Geographers. Virtual. February – March, 2022.

Panelist. “Race and the Spatial Aesthetics of Gentrification.” American Association of Geographers, Virtual,
March 2021.

Invited Interlocutor for “Cartographies of Black Exodus” by Adrienne Hall. *Black as X: Platforming
Experimental Scholarship*. African American History, Culture and Digital Humanities Initiative, University of
Maryland, December 7, 2020.

Chair. “Reflections on Berkeley Black Geographies.” American Association of Geographers, New Orleans,
LA. April 2018.

--- Chair and Discussant. “Representations of the Black Spatial Imaginary.”

Panelist. “Digital Territories: Black Visual Narrativity & the Production of Space through the Camera.”
American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA, April, 2017.

Invited Panelist. “Imprisoned Pioneers: Reconstructing Japanese and American Identity at Manzanar,” Shape Shifters Conference. UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, March 2016.

--Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference. UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, February, 2017.

Caucus presenter. “The Earth, The City and the Hidden Narrative of Race,” Policylink Equity Summit 2015. Los Angeles, CA, October 28, 2015.

Presenter. “Come Hell or High Water: Building Racial Justice in the Face of Climate Change,” Alameda County Office of Education *Inventing Our Futures* Conference. Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland, CA, August 13, 2015

Professional Experience

Board of Directors East Bay Meditation Center	May 2020 – Present
Non-Profit Fellow Public Allies San Francisco & Silicon Valley	Sept 2015- June 2016
Project Coordinator Earth House Center	Feb. 2015- June 2016
Board of Directors, Secretary Mixed Roots Stories	Jan. 2015 – Jan 2018

Service to Profession

<i>Dialogues in Human Geography</i> Journal Reviewer	October 2022
<i>Antipode</i> Journal Reviewer	December, 2021
<i>Gender, Place & Culture</i> Journal Reviewer	November, 2021
<i>Annals of the American Association of Geographers</i> Journal Reviewer	December, 2020
<i>Visual Studies</i> Journal Reviewer	March 2019
American Association of Geographers, Black Geographies Specialty Group Program Committee	Oct 2017 – April 2018
<i>FIVE</i> Academic Journal Review Board Pitzer College	Jan – May 2012

Institutional Service

“Pushing Boundaries” Feminist Geography Conference Co-Organizer University of Texas at Austin	June 2022
“The Black Geographic” Symposium Co-Organizer University of California, Berkeley	March 2020
“Black Geographies: Insurgent Knowledge, Spatial Poetics and the Politics of Blackness”	

Symposium Co-Organizer
University of California, Berkeley

October 2017

Graduate Student Body Co-Chair, Department of Geography
University of California, Berkeley

September 2017 – May 2018