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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Transnational feminisms; Black feminist and decolonial theory; race, gender, and sexuality in the Americas; Afro-Caribbean and Afro-Latina/o diasporas; trans studies and queer of color critique; migration and displacement; ethnographic and community-based research methods; feminist pedagogy; healing justice; oral history and memory studies.

EDUCATION

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, USA.

Ph.D., Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, 2025.

Dissertation: "Being Black, Femme, and Trans in the Dominican Republic: Living and Embodying Resistance in Surround Violence." Committee: Carlos Decena and Ulla Berg (Co-chairs), Britney Cooper, Omaris Zamora.

Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2019.

University of Chile, Santiago, Chile.

Professional Title of Social Anthropologist (M.A. equivalent), 2015. *Summa cum laude.*

Thesis: "Negritudes Extranjeras en Chile Significaciones y estereotipos sexo-genéricos racializados en torno a los inmigrantes afro-latinoamericanos en Santiago de Chile." Committee: M.E. Tijoux, Andre Menard.

B.A., Social Anthropology, 2012. *Cum laude.*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

2025–present Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Frederick Douglass Institute (FDI), Department of Black Studies, University of Rochester.

2019–2025 Graduate Researcher & Instructor, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Rutgers University.

2015–2020 Associated Researcher, CEG–INTEC, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Belliard, C. (2017). "Mujeres Dominicanas en el Sur: Racismo y sexismo en inmigrantes afrocaribeñas en Chile." In *(Des)Orden de Género: Políticas de sexualidad y género en Chile*, edited by J. Pavez. CRANN Editions.

Belliard, C. (2016). "Identidades afrocaribeñas en Chile: racialización y sexualización en la vida cotidiana." In *Racismo: la piel como marca de la inmigración*, edited by M. E. Tijoux. Editorial Universitaria.

Articles in Preparation

Belliard, C. (in preparation) "Not Everyone Can Be Trans: Strategic Gender Fluidity and Economic Survival in the Dominican Republic."

Belliard, C. (in preparation) "Bound Together: Collective Testimonios of Black Femme Survival in the Dominican Republic."

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2023 Kathy Chamberlain Research Award, Women Writing Women's Lives, Graduate Center, CUNY.

2021 CLAS Research Award, Center for Latino and Caribbean Studies, Rutgers University.

2018 CLAS Research Award, Center for Latino and Caribbean Studies, Rutgers University.

2017–2019 Fulbright International Scholar Fellowship, U.S. Department of State.

2013–2015 Thesis Grant Award. Project FONDECYT 1130203. Sociology Department, FACSOC, University of Chile.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, USA.

2026 Instructor, Black Trans-queer lives in the Caribbean and beyond (201 level).

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, USA.

2022–2025 Program Instructor. Racial Justice Fellowship, Office of Undergraduate Intellectual Life, Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice (ISGRJ).

2019–2025 Instructor, Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Race (101 level).

2019–2025 Instructor, Feminist Practices (201 level), Instructor on record.

2021–2023 Teaching Assistant, Women's Global Health (TA). Women's Leadership Certificate (National Nurses United), Rutgers University.

2019–2020 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Gender, Race, and Sexuality, Department of Women and Gender Studies, Prof. Brittney Cooper, Teaching Assistant.

2018 Teaching Assistant, Color-lines and Borderlands, Latino and Caribbean Studies, Department of Latino and Caribbean Studies, Prof. Nelson Maldonado-Torres.

Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (INTEC), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Gender Studies Center.

2021 Instructor, Intersectionality: Gender and Multiple Discriminations.

2020 Pedagogical Program Coordinator, Online Certificate on Gender, Migration, and Public Policy, National Migration School.

Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Social Sciences and Humanities.

2016–2017 Instructor, Gender, Identities and Diversity; Migration, Race and Diversity.

Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile.

2012-2013 Teaching Assistant, Gender and Feminist Anthropology; Introduction to Rural Anthropology.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021–2025 Doctoral Dissertation Fieldwork & Analysis, Rutgers University. Conducted multi-sited ethnographic fieldwork, life history interviews, qualitative analysis, and dissertation writing on Black cis and Trans femme experiences of violence resistance in the Dominican Republic.

2021 Lead Researcher, INSALUD–UNICEF, Dominican Republic. “Covid-19 vaccination barriers and opportunities in the migrant population”. Developed a community communication strategy for promoting COVID-19 vaccination among migrant and undocumented populations, based on fieldwork qualitative analysis.

2020 Research Assistant, Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL), Rutgers University. Coordinated a white paper on the care work crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 2020 Research Associate**, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund & Foundation for a Just Society. Prof. Jeanette Tineo (PI). Contributed to the regional report on Belize and the Dominican Republic for general project on Resourcing Black Feminist Organizing in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 2019 Research Assistant**, School of Social Work, VOCA grant, Rutgers University. Center for Research on Ending Violence, Prof. Sarah Mchanon (PI). Conducted research on violence bystander intervention with QTPOC students across three campuses.
- 2018 Research Assistant**, Department of Latino and Caribbean Studies, Rutgers University. Prof. Yarimar Bonilla (PI). Supported research on qualitative data processing for research on sovereignty and Hurricane Maria.
- 2018 Lead Researcher**, Gender Studies Center (CEG)-INTEC - IDAC, Dominican Republic. Directed a diagnostic study on gender-based violence issues and local networks in the Bateyes of San Pedro de Macorís.
- 2016–2017 Lead Researcher**, Movement for Dominican-Haitian Women (MUDHA)- AECID, Dominican Republic. Led oral history and heritage research on Afro-Haitian identity in five Bateyes communities. Publication: “Memoria Histórica desde los Bateyes: memoria oral y patrimonio cultural de 4 Bateyes: Palmarejo, Lechería, Mata Mamón, KM 56, y la *Altagracia*.” Community outreach booklets. AECID–MUDHA, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2015 Research Assistant**, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, FONDECYT 1131144: Imaginaries, gender, representations of sexuality and sex markets in Chile. Prof. Jorge Pavez (PI). Conducted ethnographic research with Afro-Caribbean sex workers in Antofagasta and Punta Arenas regions.
- 2015 Research Assistant**, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, FONDECYT 1150876: Afrochilean heritage in the north: Identity, Race in Arica and Azapa. Prof. Luis Campos (PI). Participated in ethnographic research on African descent heritage and identity in northern region of Chile.
- 2013–2015 Research Assistant**, Universidad de Chile. FONDECYT 1130203: Foreign Blackness in Chile: Racialized Sex-Gender Stereotypes of Afro-Latino Migrants in Santiago of Chile. Prof. María Emilia Tijoux. Conducted ethnographic research on the racialization and sexualization of Afro-Caribbean immigrants in Santiago that lead to thesis.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025** Roundtable, “Feminist ‘World Travelling’: Race, Color, Gender, and the Possibilities of Revolutionary Tourism in the Caribbean.” *An Honour Song: Feminist Struggles, Feminist Victories*, National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA), San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2025** “Embodied Archives of Resistance and Refusal: Black and Trans Femmes Surviving Surround Violence.” *Poner el cuerpo en Latinx América*, Latin American Studies Association (LASA), San Francisco, CA.
- 2024** “Black and Trans Women Embodying Resistance in the Dominican Republic: Lived Experience and Tactics of Getting By from the Margins.” Invited to panel: Gendered and Linguistic Violence and Resistance in the Dominican Republic. *Reacción y resistencia: Imaginar futuros posibles en las Américas*, LASA, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 2023** “Trans Women Surviving Structural Violence in the Dominican Republic.” *The struggle continues: Resistance, Resilience, Resurgence*, National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA), Baltimore, MD.
- 2018** “Black Migrants in Chile: Dominican and Haitian Identities in the South.” Deportation Symposium, OBMICA & Rutgers University. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2018** “Decolonial Ways of Healing as Resistance and Liberation into a Zone of Being and Wholeness.” *Education, Culture and Emancipatory Thought in the Caribbean*, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA), La Habana, Cuba.
- 2017** “Review of the Current Situation of Trafficking of Women and Children in the Dominican Republic.” IV Congress of Human Trafficking, OBMICA–OBSERVALATRATA, PUCP, Lima, Peru.
- 2016** “The Racialization of Dominican Women and Men in Gendered Sexualized Relations in Chile.” IX Seminar of Gender Studies, INTEC, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

2017 “Dominican Women in the South: Racism and Sexism in Afro-Caribbean Immigrants in Chile.” International Seminar of the Dominican Studies Association, CUNY, New York, NY.

2015 “Racialization and Sexualization of AfroCaribbean migrants in Chile”. Racism: skin as a mark of immigration Colloquium. University of Chile, Santiago, Chile.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2024 Faculty Mentor, FIGS Individual Mentorship Program, Rutgers University.

2024 Program Coordinator & Co-Facilitator, Alternative Spring Break in the Dominican Republic. Center for Latino Arts and Culture & Office of Undergraduate Intellectual Life, ISGRJ.

2022–2025 Co-founder & Program Coordinator, Fellows in Racial Justice Learning Community, ISGRJ, Rutgers University.

2020–2021 Reviewer, Fulbright Foreign Student Program, U.S. Embassy in the Dominican Republic Fulbright Commission.

2019–2020 Graduate Student Representative, Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) Executive Committee, Rutgers University.

2019 Coordination assistance. Graduate Methodologies Lab for the WGSS feminist methodologies core course. Prof. Deborah Vargas, Rutgers University.

2018 Program Coordinator and organizer, “Symposium on Deportation and the Future of Migration Studies,” Rutgers–OBMICA, Dominican Republic.

2018 Production Assistant. “SEX SOS”, Sex Education TV Program for Teenagers & “What People Now”, documentary section on grassroots-based SexEd knowledge. Dominican Republic.

2018 Conference Organizer, Bodies of Power/Theory in the Flesh, WGSS graduate students conference. Rutgers University.

2018 Decoloniality Cluster Member, Rutgers University.

2018 Secretary, Women’s Gender Studies Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Rutgers University.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2021 Research Associate & Gender Specialist. PRORURAL Inclusive and Resilient Program baseline study on impoverished rural families. INTEC, MEPYD, FIDA, Dominican Republic.

2021–2022 Instructor and collaborator. Healing Justice and self-care workshop series for LGBTQI+ in the eastern region. TEPA, La Romana, Dominican Republic.

2022 Presenter, “Gender White” and “Afro-Caribbean Spiritualities” workshop events. Afritude Black Feminist Artist Collective. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

2015–2017 Project Coordinator, Gender, Inclusion and Violence Prevention Component (GISS). USAID & UNIBE University, Dominican Republic.

2015 Workshop educator. Gender violence and selfcare. Shelter for Women Victims of Domestic Violence, PRODEMU/SERNAM. Valparaíso Chile.

2014–2015 Program Assistant. Center for Intercultural and Indigenous Research- CIIR (previously ICIIS), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile.

2011–2012 – Undergraduate Intern. Interdisciplinary Center for Gender Studies (CIEG), Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile. Publication: Araya Espinoza, A., Vega Palma, A., Eltit, B., Belliard, C., et al. (2012). *Pumanque: lo que perdura cuando cae lo material*. Santiago de Chile. Community outreach booklet.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (advanced/professional), French (basic), Portuguese (basic).