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## EDUCATION

- PhD.** Political Science and International Relations, University of Southern California.  
Expected May 2023. Los Angeles, CA.  
Dissertation: “Hum So The Devil Doesn’t Hear You: Southern Black Rural Political Existences in the In Between”  
Committee Members: Ange-Marie Hancock (chair), Jane Junn, Christian Phillips, Francille Wilson (American Studies & Ethnicity), Josh Kun (Communications)
- MA.** Conflict Resolution, Georgetown University. May 2018. Washington, DC.
- BA.** International Affairs & Africana Studies, George Washington University. May 2016.  
Study Abroad. July – December 2014. University of Cape Town. Cape Town South Africa.

## PUBLICATIONS

### PUBLISHED

**Crawford, Claire B.** “Dreams from the Trap: Trap Music as a Site of Liberation.” Short article symposium submission for “Freedom Dreaming: A Symposium on Racial Injustice, Unrest and Abolition” in *Social Science Quarterly*. Jackson, Jenn, Traci Burch, and Periloux Peay, guest eds. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13085>

**Crawford, Claire B.** “Born Free in the 90s: American and South African Black Millennial Perspectives on Freedom.” January 2017. *Elliott School Undergraduate Scholar’s Journal XVI*.

### UNDER REVIEW

**Crawford, Claire B.** “Book Review- Reckoning: Black Lives Matter and the Democratic Necessity of Social Necessity” under review at *National Review of Black Politics*.

Zvobgo, Kelebogile and **Claire B. Crawford.** “Performing Truth? Examining Transitional Justice Practice in West Africa.” Invited contribution for the volume, *Right to Truth, Truth(s) through Rights: Mass Crimes Impunity and Transitional Justice*. Garibian, Sévane, ed.

### WORKING PAPERS

Best, Ayana and **Claire B. Crawford.** “Can We Say Their Names Too?: The Silencing of Black Trans and Masculine Presenting Women Around Police Violence in the Media.”

**Crawford, Claire B.** “We’ll Never Turn Back: Singing Songs of Freedom.”

**Crawford, Claire B.** “Liberty in the Making: Black Freedom Movements as a Mode of Transitional Justice.”

## OTHER WRITING

“[Some people want a U.S. truth commission. But truth commissions have limits.](#)” with Dr. Kelebogile Zvobgo. *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage. October 21, 2020.

“[The AME Breath.](#)” *Christian Recorder*. September 21, 2020.

“[Kamala Harris for the People.](#)” with Dr. Kelebogile Zvobgo. *Foreign Policy*. August 12, 2020.

“[Black America and Reparations.](#)” *Christian Recorder*. August 5, 2018.

## EXPERIENCE

### TEACHING

**Instructor of Record.** Occidental College.

Critical Theory & Social Justice Department.

- Humming in the In Between: Black Southern Organizing & Sound. Fall 2022.
- Social Justice Practicum. Spring 2022.
- Social Justice Bootcamp (with Dr. Caroline Heldman and Dr. Malek Moazzam-Doulat). Fall 2021.
- Ballroom. Renaissance. Pose. Werk. Spring 2021.
- Chattel Slavery and its Afterlives. Spring 2021.

Diplomacy & World Affairs Department.

- Social Movements in Comparative and Transnational Perspective. Fall 2022.
- Global Los Angeles. Fall 2020.

**Instructor of Record.** California State University Long Beach.

Africana Studies Department.

- Intro to Ethnic Studies. Spring 2022.
- Politics of the African American Community. Fall 2021.

**Teaching Assistant.** University of Southern California.

- Approaches to Research (IR). Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Spring 2020. Instructed by Professor Megan Becker.
- Theory and Practice of American Democracy (POSC). Fall 2021. Instructed by Morris Levy.
- Political Thought and Social Reform (POSC). Fall 2019. Instructed by Professor Anthony Kammas.

## RESEARCH

**Graduate Assistant.** A Different Dialogue, Center for Multicultural Equity and Access. Georgetown University. August 2016 – September 2018. Washington, DC.

**Primary Sources Researcher.** Reconciliation Education Project, Inc. July 2015 – July 2018. Washington, DC.

**Student Researcher.** Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project. September 2012-2015. Washington, DC.

## POLICY

**Summer Intern.** Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. June – July 2017. Washington, DC.

**Summer Intern.** CA/P Office, Department of State. June – August 2016. Washington, DC.

**Junior Sudan Desk Officer (Summer Intern).** U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan, Department of State. May – August 2015. Washington, DC.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

**USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant.** 2022. University of Southern California.

**Sam Younge Best Student Paper.** 2022. “We’ll Never Turn Back”. National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

**Adam Smith Fellow.** 2019-2022. Mercatus Center. George Mason University.

**Diversity Inclusion Access Fellow.** 2018-2023. Graduate School. University of Southern California.

**Elliott School Undergraduate Scholar.** Fall 2015-May 2016. Elliott School of International Relations, George Washington University. Washington, DC.

**Knowledge in Action Career Internship Fund Recipient.** Summer 2015. George Washington University. Washington, DC.

**Bright Future Award.** September 2012. Black Women’s Agenda. Washington, DC.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Guest Lecturer.** “Amandla!: Anti-Apartheid to #MustFall Movement.” Foundations of Comparative Politics Class. March 2022. University of Alabama at Birmingham. Virtual.

**Guest Lecturer.** “Dreams from the Trap.” Hip-hop History, Politics & Culture Class. March 2022. Ohio University. Virtual.

**Conference Panelist.** “Can We Say Their Names Too?: The Silencing of Black Trans and Masculine Presenting Women Around Police Violence in the Media.” With Ayana Best. NCOBPS 2022. March 2022. Virtual.

**Conference Panelist.** “Throwing Yourself Against the System: The Mass Meeting as Otherwise.” NCOBPS 2022. March 2022. Virtual.

**Conference Panelist.** “When We Can’t Come Together: Lessons of Coalition Formation and Duration from the Albany Movement.” WPSA 2021. April 2021. Virtual.

**Conference Panelist.** “We’ll Never Turn Back: Singing Songs of Freedom.” NCOBPS 2021. March 2021. Virtual.

**Conference Panelist.** “Whose World Order? Conceptualizing Global South Countries’ Entry into the International Society.” WPSA 2020. May 2020. Virtual.

**Conference Panelist.** “Whose World Order? Conceptualizing Global South Countries’ Entry into the International Society.” NCOBPS 2020. March 2020. Atlanta, GA.

**Guest Lecturer.** “Education as a Practice of Freedom.” Political Theory and Social Reform Class. November 2019. University of Southern California. Los Angeles, CA.

**Guest Lecturer.** “Born Free: Black Millennial Protests.” Race, Rights, and Reparations Class. February 2018. Georgetown University. Washington, DC.

**Panelist.** National American Indian Heritage Month. November 2017. National Geospatial Agency. Springfield, VA.

**Panelist.** “Born Free in the 90s.” April 2016. Elliott School of International Affairs. Panel 3: Identity Formation and Social Change. Washington, DC.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Council of Black Political Scientists.  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

## REFERENCES

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