

Curriculum Vitae
Sophie Sapp Moore
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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2025- Assistant Instructional Professor, Honors College
University of Houston
- 2023-2025 Assistant Professor, Geography and African American Studies,
Louisiana State University
- 2021-2023 Diluvial Houston Postdoctoral Fellow in Environmental Justice
Center for Environmental Studies and Humanities Research Center,
Rice University
- 2018-2020 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow for Research on the Plantationocene
Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

EDUCATION

PhD in Cultural Studies, Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory, 2018
University of California, Davis.

M.A. in Comparative Literature, 2008
San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California.

B.A. in French, 2002
Reed College, Portland, Oregon.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in "Basics of Online Learning and Teaching," Rice University CIRTl Network
Course completed August 2020.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Justice, Environmental Health, Political Ecology, Energy Geographies, Environmental Humanities, the Caribbean and Gulf Coast.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript

Moore, S. *Freedom's Ground*.

Manuscript in preparation. Invitation to submit book manuscript to Duke University Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

Moore, S. "Plantation Agriculture." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Food Studies*. Ed. Megan Elias. New York: Oxford University Press, in press December 2024.

Moore, S. and Victoria Koski-Karell. 2023. "Geographies of Empire: Infrastructure and Agricultural Intensification in Haiti." In special issue on "Contours of Environmental Justice in the Caribbean," *The Geographical Journal*.

Moore, S. 2020. "Between the state and the yard: Gender and political space in Haiti." *Gender, Place & Culture*. Published [online](#) 27 November 2020.

Wesner, A., **Moore, S.**, Martin, J., Kirk, G., Dev, L., and Behrsin, I. 2019. "Left Coast Political Ecology: A Manifesto." *Journal of Political Ecology* 26 (1): 529–44. (Authors are equal contributors, listed in reverse alphabetical order).

Moore, S. 2017. "Organize or Die: Farm School Pedagogy and the Political Ecology of the Agroecological Transition in Rural Haiti" *The Journal of Environmental Education*, 48(4): 248–259. Special issue on the political ecology of education.

Other Publications

Moore, S. 2023. "Cacos and Cotton: Unmaking Imperial Geographies on Haiti's Central Plateau." Chapter in edited volume *Global Plantations in the Modern World: Sovereignties, Ecologies, and Afterlives*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Moore, S. and Aida Arosoaie. 2022. "Plantation Worlds." Invited contribution to *Cultural Anthropology's* "Fieldsights" syllabus archive. Published [online](#) 14 June.

Moore, S. 2021. "Plantationocene." *Architectural Review* 1485, October 2021: 7-12.

Moore, S. and Aida Arosoaie. 2021. "A Syllabus for Plantation Worlds." *Edge Effects*. Published [online](#) 27 May.

Moore, S., Allewaert, M., Gómez, P., and Mitman, G. 2019. "Plantation Legacies." *Edge Effects*. Published [online](#) 21 January.

Moore, S. 2018. "There is no State: Authoritarian Returns on Haiti's High Central Plateau" Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative Working Paper Series.

Moore, S. 2018. "Chronic Carriers: Creole Pigs, Postplantation Politics, and Disturbing Agrarian Ontologies in Haiti" Chapter in edited volume *Coloniality, Ontology, and the Question of the Posthuman*. Routledge.

Moore, S. 2012. "Haitian-American Food" *Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America*: 148-150.

AWARDS

(*nomination*) Robert Udick Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award, Louisiana State University (Spring 2024)

Manship Summer Research Award, Louisiana State University: \$5,000 (Summer 2024)

Diluvial Houston Research and Teaching Grant, Rice University: \$6,000 (Fall 2022, Spring 2022).

Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of California, Davis: \$43,135 (2017-2018).

UC Consortium for Black Studies Graduate Research Grant: \$4,572 (2016).

Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Development Fellowship: \$23,050 (2015-2016).

UC President's Global Food Initiative Fellowship: \$2,500 (2014).

HArCS Dean's Summer Fellowship, University of California, Davis: \$2,500 (2013).

Mellon Research Initiative in Environments and Societies Summer Fellowship, University of California, Davis: \$1,000 (2013).

Cultural Studies Graduate Group Summer Research Fellowship, University of California, Davis: \$3,000 (2012-2017).

Graduate Distinguished Achievement Award, San Francisco State University (2008).

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

"Climate Change & Environmental Justice"

HNRS 2000, Louisiana State University, 24 October 2024.

- “Tropic of Cotton: Extraction, Empire, and Environmental Justice in the Gulf-Caribbean”
Geosciences Colloquium, Mississippi State University, 12 April 2024.
- “Methods in Geography: Political Ecology”
GEOG 7902, Louisiana State University, 16 November 2023; 21 November 2024.
- “Tropic of Cotton: Extraction, Empire, and Environmental Justice in Haiti”
African American Studies Summer Institute talk
Prairie View A&M University, 24 May 2023
- “Communist Trees: Forest Counter-Politics in Central Haiti”
Environmental Humanities Faculty Seminar (virtual)
Colby College, 3 May 2023.
- “From Extraction to Regeneration: Houston and the Gulf Coast”
Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes Meeting
Post-extractivist legacies and landscapes: Humanities, artistic and activist responses
Tallinn, Estonia, 28 April 2023.
- “Thinking Food, Thinking Urban”
Panel discussion at Gulf Coast Connections Convening
Rice University, 18 November 2022.
- “Unmaking”
Dean’s Lightning Talk Series, School of Humanities
Rice University, 1 November 2022.
- “‘Our politics is called agroecology!’ Agrarian Justice on Haiti’s High Central Plateau”
Anthropology Brown Bag Talk
Rice University, 6 October 2022.
- “Plantation Afterlives: Agrarian Justice in the Afro-Americas”
Race, Environment, Culture, and Political Ecology Across the Americas (virtual)
University Press of Florida NEH/SHARP series, 15 September 2022.
- “Environmental Justice”
Course module (virtual) in “Structural Racism and Inequity in the United States”
Glasscock School of Continuing Education, Rice University, 20 April 2022.
- “Haiti: Past, Present, and Future”
Panel discussion (virtual), Center for African and African American Studies
Rice University, 28 January 2022.
- “Anthropocene, Capitalocene, Plantationocene”
Classroom visit (virtual) with MAF 500: Race, Gender, Colonialism, and Science
University of Rhode Island, 23 November 2021.

"Environmental Justice"

Classroom visit (virtual) with MLSC 500
Rice University, 17 November 2021.

"Reckoning with Race: Chemical Histories"

Classroom visit (virtual) with History 235: Drugs, Chemicals, and Health
Duke University, 16 November 2021.

"Conversations in Pedagogy"

Classroom visit (virtual) with graduate students teaching Environmental Studies
Rice University, 4 October 2021.

"Conversations on Environmental Pedagogy"

Faculty Roundtable (virtual)
Center for Environmental Studies and the Center for Teaching Excellence
Rice University, 26 March 2021.

"Faculty Spotlight: Caribbean Ecologies"

Planet Now! Conversations in Environmental Studies (virtual)
Rice University, 16 November 2020.
Video available at <https://enst.rice.edu/event-videos>

"Plantationocene – Plantationobscene – Plantationoscenes" (with Monique Allewaert)

Global Plantation Symposium (virtual)
Princeton University, 16-17 October 2020.

"Tropic of Cotton: US Imperial Expansion on Haiti's Central Plateau"

Center for Culture, History, and Environment Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 11 March 2020.

"Soil Science and Radical Life"

Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, 26 September 2019.

"Free Soil and Agrarian Abundance in Central Haiti"

Center for the Humanities Lunchtime Lecture Series,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, 20 September 2019.

"Haiti in the Plantationocene"

World Environmental History: How do we live in the Anthropocene? University of Wisconsin-Madison, 7 March 2019.

"Communist Trees: Holding Power on Haiti's Forest Frontier"

History of Science Brown Bag, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1 February 2019.

"Zombie Democracy: Life, Death, and Elections in Rural Haiti"

Cultural Studies Colloquium Series, 18 May 2017.

"Decolonization and Relational Ontologies"

Left Coast Political Ecology Workshop, UC Berkeley, 7 May 2015.

"Labor in the Food System"

Food in American Culture, UC Davis, 23 February 2013, 28 May 2015

CONFERENCE, SEMINAR, & WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY

Co-Organizer. PERC: Political Ecology Readers' Collective. Intra-institutional, 2024-. With Jed DeBruin.

Member, Environmental Justice Working Group, Louisiana State University, 2023-.

<https://www.lsu.edu/ethics/environmental-justice-working-group.php>

Member, Critical Ecologies Research Group, Louisiana State University, 2023-.

Member, Center for African and African American Studies Junior Scholars Workshop, Rice University, 2023.

Organizer, Working Group on the Gulf Coast, the Caribbean, and Latin America, Rice University, Center for Environmental Studies, 2022-2023.

Co-organizer, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Research Initiative "Diluvial Houston: Rescued Histories, Engaged Humanities, and Imagined Futures," Rice University, 2021-2023. With Farès el-Dahdah, Joseph Campana, Gisela Heffes, and Melissa Bailar.

Co-Organizer, Plantationocene Reading Group, UW-Madison, University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, 2018-. With Jed DeBruin

Co-organizer, Mellon John E. Sawyer Seminar "Interrogating the Plantationocene," University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2018-2020. With Monique Allewaert, Gregg Mitman, and Pablo Gómez.

Sessions Organized

Lightning Session on Environmental Justice, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Detroit, Michigan, March 2025, with Jed DeBruin.

Lightning Session on Extraction, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, February 2024, with Jed DeBruin.

Early Career Scholars' Writing Workshop, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, February 2020, with Jared Margulies.

Plenary Panel Co-organizer and Co-presenter, Haitian Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, October 2019.

"Beyond the Crisis: Peasants and Agrarian Movements at the Limits of Environmental Narratives," with Scott Freeman.

Conference Session Co-organizer, Cultural Studies Association Annual Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 2019.

"Geographies of Power: Thinking Against the Plantation," with Lindsay Garcia.

Conference Session Co-organizer, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 2019.

"Towards a Global Geography of the Plantation," with Levi Van Sant.

Conference Session Co-organizer, American Anthropological Association Conference, San Jose, California, November 2018.

"The Plantation and the Planet: Experiments in Rethinking and Rescaling Plantation Studies," with Adam Liebman.

Conference Session Co-organizer, American Studies Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 2017

"Ecologies of Dissent: Development, Land Rights, Heritage and Food Security," with Basak Durgun, Christine Rosenfeld, and Tareq Radi.

Conference Session Co-organizer, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, February 2017.

"Getting on Together: Interspecies Responses to Crisis in Troubling Times," with Emma Gaalaas Mullaney.

"Lightning Session: Methods in Political Ecology," with Lucy Miller.

Public Outreach and Seminar Activities

Co-participant, Blackwood Educational Land Institute Farm Tour and Reflection on Extraction and Regeneration, Rice University Center for Environmental Studies and the Global Humanities Institute, July 2023.

Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbvF84jpme0&t=28s>

Organizer and Facilitator, "Gulf Roots: Houston Food Culture," Planet Now! Webinar, Rice University, 14 April 2023.

Video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRel-t_j_b0

Organizer and Facilitator, "Justice in the Food System," Planet Now! Webinar, Rice University, 23 March 2022.

Video available at <https://enst.rice.edu/event-videos>

Organizer and Facilitator, "Afro-Indigenous Intersections in Environmental Justice," Planet Now! Webinar, Rice University, 17 February 2021.

Video available at <https://enst.rice.edu/event-videos>

Discussant and Co-Organizer, "The Future of Food Justice" Webinar, University of Wisconsin-Madison Sawyer Seminar "Interrogating the Plantationocene," 30 October 2020.

Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80SW5IGq4T0>

Papers Presented

Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, February 2024.
"The Land Grant and Cotton Futures in the American Plantation Zone"

"In the Path of Disasters" Symposium, Rice University, November 2021.
"Dammed and Damned: Water Infrastructure and Unnatural Disaster"

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (virtual), November 2021.
"Cotton and Capital: Haiti and the Fabric of Empire"

American Studies Association Annual Conference (virtual), October 2021.
"Workshop: Envisioning Encounters, Possibilities, and Spaces of Radical Potential"

Cultural Studies Association Annual Conference (virtual), June 2021.
"Guerrilla Sovereignty"

Cultural Studies Association Annual Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 2019.
"The Unescaped: Plantation Power, Unnatural Disaster, and the Black Radical Tradition"

American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 2019.
"Whiteness and Plantation Power: Race, Space, and Capital in Haiti"

American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, San Jose, California, November 2018.
"Running Cattle, Cutting Cane in Hispaniola's Borderlands"

American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2017.
"The coloniality of hunger: Negotiating ethnographic debts in Haiti's precarious food systems"

American Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 2017.
"Tet chaje: Ecological learning in a changing landscape"

Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, February 2017.

"Bad Data: Feminist Political Ecology in Contested Forests"

Haitian Studies Association Annual Conference, Université Roi Christophe, Cap Haitien, Haiti, November 2016.

"Lapli pa tonbe: Agrarian transformations on Haiti's Central Plateau"

Cultural Studies Association Annual Conference, Villanova University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 2016.

"The Only Way to Save the Planet: Agroecological Politics in Central Haiti's Precarious Landscapes"

American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, March 2016.

Panel presentation: "Doing Qualitative Research While Introverted"

Interactive Short Paper: "Walking, Singing, Working: Three Field Methods for a Micro-Political Agroecology"

Cultural Studies Association Annual Conference, Riverside, California, May 2015.

"Cultivating Possible Worlds: Radical Agroecologists and the Politics of Rural Development in Central Haiti"

American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 2015.

"Pigs and poison: Ecological Relations and Ontological Politics in Rural Haiti"

Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, February 2015.

"Organize or die: Farm school Pedagogy and the Political Ecology of the Agroecological Transition in Rural Haiti"

Critical Geography Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2014.

"Outside Geographies: Autonomous Rural Space and Black Environmental Politics in Haiti"

Cultural Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 2014.

"Organize or Die: Natural Disaster and Cosmopolitical Ecology in Rural Haiti"

American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, March 2014.

"Organize or Die: Radical Environmentality and the Haitian Revolution"

Radical Caribbeans Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 2013.

“Radical Environmentalism: The Haitian Revolution and Territories of Resistance”

Cultural Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, May 2013.

“Developing Resistance: Radical Environmentalism and the Haitian Ecology of Survival”

LANGUAGES

English: Native speaker.

French: Fluent speaking, writing, and reading ability.

Haitian Kreyòl: Fully proficient speaking, writing, and reading ability.

Spanish: Limited professional proficiency.

Russian: Limited conversational and reading proficiency.

RESEARCH AND FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Archival research at National Archives I and II, Washington, DC, and College Park, Maryland, September 2022.

Dissertation research (archival) in Madrid and Seville, Spain, Winter 2016.

Dissertation research (ethnographic and archival) in Papaye and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, July 2015-May 2016.

Preliminary dissertation research (ethnographic) in Papaye, Haiti, Winter 2015.

Graduate Student Researcher, Mellon Research Initiative in Environments and Societies, University of California, Davis, 2013-2014.

Preliminary dissertation research (ethnographic) in Papaye, Port-au-Prince, and Jacmel, Haiti, Summer 2013.

Preliminary dissertation research (ethnographic) in Port-au-Prince and Cap Haitien, Haiti, Summer 2012.

SERVICE

To the Department

Search Committee Member. Department of African and African American Studies, Louisiana State University. Spring 2024.

Committee Member, Speakers Committee, Social Media Committee, Research & Scholarship Committee. Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University. Fall 2023-.

Committee Chair, Curriculum Committee. Department of African and African American Studies, Louisiana State University. Fall 2023-.

To the Profession

Peer Reviewer

Journal of Haitian Studies, Progress in Human Geography, American Ethnologist, Gender, Place & Culture, Geoforum, National Identities, Environment & Planning E. 2018-.

Editorial Collective Member, ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies, 2018-2024.

Governing Board Member, Cultural Studies Association, 2019-2022.

Co-Chair, Environment, Space, and Place Working Group, Cultural Studies Association: 2015-2020.

Co-founder, Left Coast Political Ecology Network, UC System, Portland State University, and University of British Columbia: 2013-2018.

To the Community

Director, Food Justice Lab, Rice University, 2023.

Project Consultant, ADAPT Haiti Project, UC Davis: 2014-2016.

Member, UC Haiti Initiative, UC Davis campus: 2011-2016.

Co-director, Critical Studies in Food and Society research cluster, UC Davis: 2012-2013.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Committee Service

Louisiana State University

Rachel Kirk, French Studies (member), 2024-

Mohammed Rifat, Geography (chair), 2024-2025

Kashif Rustamani, Anthropology (member), 2024-2025

Instructor of Record

University of Houston, Honors College

Environmental Health: F2025

Louisiana State University

Human Geography of the Gulf Coast: F2024

Black and Green: Environmental Justice in the Afro-Americas: F2024

African Diaspora Intellectual Traditions: S2024, S2025

Introduction to Human Geography: Americas and Europe: F2023, S2024, S2025

Louisiana State University Online

Introduction to Human Geography: Americas and Europe (prepared for online asynchronous delivery beginning in F2025)

Rice University

Introduction to Environmental Justice: S2023

Food Justice Lab: S2023

Justice in the Food System: F2022

Introduction to Environmental Studies: F2021

Black and Green: Environmental Justice in the Afro-Americas: S2021, S2022

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Introduction to Science and Technology Studies: Where Science Meets Society: S2019

University of California, Davis

Introductory French (French 1 and French 2): F2011, S2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Studies Association (since 2017)

American Anthropological Association (since 2017)

Haitian Studies Association (since 2012)

American Association of Geographers (since 2012)

Caribbean Studies Association (since 2009)