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CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

GCHU Global Research Associate; Kellogg College, University of Oxford, UK	2025
Visiting Scholar; University of Pennsylvania, PA	2024-25
Visiting Research Fellow; University of Amsterdam, Netherlands	2025
Adjunct Lecturer; State University Of New York, Old Westbury, NY	2025

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Geography, Rutgers University NJ	2024
	Dissertation: Sensory Fatigue: Militarization, Redevelopment and State Exceptionalism in Kingston Jamaica Committee: Prof. Kevon Rhiney, Geography (advisor); Prof. Kathe Newman, Urban Planning & Policy Development; Prof. Deborah Thomas, Anthropology (external examiner); Prof. Asher Ghertner, Geography; Prof. Robert Lake Geography (examination committee member)	
M.A.	Geography, Rutgers University, NJ	2021
B.S.	Geography, (<i>hons</i>) University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica	2014

CERTIFICATIONS

Geospatial Technology for Educators; CUNY, BCC- Geospatial Center (NSF & NASA supported)	2019
Agribusiness Development and Management, USAID	2017
Professional Development Training, Joy Town Development Foundation/UNESCO	2017

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Graduate Researcher

Militarization, Redevelopment and State Exceptionalism in Kingston Jamaica Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	2024
Challenges for coastal adaptation in Negril Jamaica University of the West Indies, Mona	2017
The Potential for Agrotourism Development in the Caribbean University of the West Indies, Mona & IICA	2015
Building Climate Resilient Urban Communities in the Caribbean: Prospects and Challenges University of the West Indies, Mona	2015

Consultant

Best Places to be Black in the US The Rutgers Law School Center for Law, Inequality and Metropolitan Equity (CLiME)	2025
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Undergraduate Researcher

China Harbor Engineering Company Logistics Hub Feasibility Project Mona Geoinformatics Institute, Jamaica	2016
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POLICY & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Policy

Report reviewer for security policy, *Zones of Special Operations Act* 2024
Caribbean Policy Research Institute, Jamaica

Program Development

Ignite STEM educational program for urban youth 2025
Philadelphia Education Fund, PA

Productivity Empowerment Project- Urban Agriculture Initiative 2017
Agency for Inner City Renewal & USAID

Life skills training for at-risk urban youth 2016
Joy Town Development Foundation & USAID

SUBMITTED MANUCIPTS

Walker, T. Sensory Fatigue: Exploring affective responses to militarization, redevelopment and state exceptionalism in Kingston Jamaica (Submitted, *Geoforum*)

Walker, T. Development through security or security through redevelopment: The logic of crime fighting and economic growth in Kingston, Jamaica. (Submitted, *Urban Studies*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Walker, T. J. (2024). Sensory Fatigue: Militarization, Redevelopment and State Exceptionalism in Kingston Jamaica (Doctoral dissertation, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey, School of Graduate Studies).

Rhiney, K., **Walker, T.**, Tomlinson, J. (2015). "The Potential for Agrotourism Development in the Caribbean", Technical report prepared for the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, 128 pp

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Walker, T. Under Siege: Decolonial Explorations of Space, Power, and Black Resistance (Target publisher, *Duke University Press*)

Walker, T. Conducting ethnographic research as an insider-outsider (Target journal, *Qualitative Research*)

Walker, T. The Modern Prison: Exploring contemporary dimensions of law reform and post-colonial penal practice in Kingston, Jamaica (Target journal, *Punishment and Society*)

Walker, T., Howard, D. Community action against urban militarization (Target journal, *Urban Studies*)

Walker, T., Jaffe, R. Theoretical and empirical considerations of "sensory fatigue" and "security encounters" (Target journal *Small Axe*)

Walker, T., Moulton A. New Dimensions of security practices in urban environments. (Target journal *Urban Political Ecology*)

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Panelist

Resilience in Beyond Climate Colonialism 2024
American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Hawaii

Racialized Redevelopments, Infrastructure, and Spatial (In)justice 2023
American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting Denver, Colorado

McGrann-Uban Studies Foundation, Global Black Geographies Conference 2023
Rutgers University, New Jersey

Presenter

Racialized Redevelopments, Infrastructure, and Spatial (In)justice 2023
American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting Denver, Colorado
Post-coloniality 2018
American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana
Second Caribbean in/securities and Creativity Conference 2018
University of the West Indies/ University of Leeds, UK
Challenges for Coastal Adaptation 2016
American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California

Invited speaker

Black Geographies and Ecologies 2024
CUNY, Hunter College
Stories from the Field, Graduate Student Colloquium 2021
Rutgers University
Graduate Seminar: Grant writing 2020
Rutgers University

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships

American Association of University Women International Doctoral Degree Fellowship (~\$36,000) 2021
Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (~\$20,000) 2020
Rutgers University Excellence Fellowship (~\$80,000) 2017,-18, -22
Rutgers University Doctoral Fellowship (~\$50,000) 2023,-24
Rutgers University PreDoctoral Leadership Development Academy Fellowship (\$2000) 2018
University of California, Santa Cruz Climate Engagement Fellowship (~\$2000) 2017

Grants

The Inter-American Foundation Research Fellowship Program (\$20,000) (applied) 2025
American Association of Geographers, Caribbean Geography Specialty Group Travel Grant 2023
MaGrann Foundation Summer Field Research Award (\$1000) 2023
Digicel Foundation Community Improvement Grant (\$15,000) 2017
NASA Geospatial Technology for educators (\$2000) 2019
MaGrann Foundation Field Research Award (\$1000) 2019
Rutgers School of Graduate Studies Research Grant (\$2000) 2018, 19
York University's Caribbean In/securities and Resilience Conference Travel Grant (~\$2000) 2018

Scholarship

University of the West Indies Post Graduate Scholarship (~10,000) 2014-17
Ministry of National Security, Jamaica Citizen Security and Justice Program Scholarship (~4000) 2011-14
Scotia Bank Jamaica 50 Scholarship (~\$1000) 2012
Wolmers Alumni Scholarship (~3000) 2011-13

Awards

Social Science Research Council IDRF Photo-Competition Winner 2021
University of the West Indies Commuting Student Advisor of the Year 2017
Joy Town Development Foundation Most Outstanding Executive Member 2016
Wolmers Trust, Outstanding Leadership 2014
University of the West Indies Science & Technology Dept. Excellence Award 2014

TEACHING

Instructor/ Lecturer

Intro to Urban Issues SUNY Old Westbury, NY, Dept. of Politics Economics and Law	Spring 2025
College Writing Rutgers University, NJ, English Dept.	Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Teaching Assistant

Rutgers University, Dept. of Geography World Cultural Regions; Prof. Tisha Bender	Spring 2020
Cities; Prof. Asher Ghertner	Spring 2020
Introduction to Environmental studies; Prof. Kevon Rhiney	Fall 2019
Earth Systems: Prof. Asa Rennermalm	Fall 2018, Spring 19
University of the West Indies Jamaica, Dept. of Geography Urban Studies; Prof. David Barker	Spring 2016
Geomorphology; Prof. David Mitchell	Fall 2015
GIS; Prof. Robert Kinlocke	Spring 2015
Research Methods; Prof. Kevon Rhiney	Fall 2014

Curriculum Development

Ignite STEM Philadelphia Education Fund	2024-25
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SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Board Member

American Association of Geographers, Caribbean Geographies Specialty Group	2023-25
Jamaica Geographical Society	2015-16
Youth Coalition for Success, Jamaica	2011-17

University Service

Graduate Geographers Project, Rutgers University	2017-24
Commuting Student Advisor, University of the West Indies	2017
President, University of the West Indies Geographical Society	2015

Philanthropy

Co-founder, Emerging Scholars Scholarship and Bursary Program	2025
Co-Founder, Philadelphia High School STEM Diversity Initiative	2024
Founder, Trench Town Youth Empowerment Group, Jamaica	2021

REFERENCES

Dr. Kevon Rhiney Rutgers University, NJ 908-590-8042 kr558@geography.rutgers.edu	Dr. Deborah Thomas University of Pennsylvania, PA 919-219-9368 deborah.thomas@sas.upenn.edu	Dr. Kathe Newman Rutgers University, NJ 848-932-2799 knewman@rutgers.edu
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