

Curriculum Vitae
Serin D. Houston

Contact Information

Department of Geography
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EDUCATION

Syracuse University 2006 – 2011
PhD in Geography; Certificate of Advanced Study in Women and Gender Studies
• *Dissertation:* Ethnography of the City: Creativity, Sustainability, and Social Justice in Seattle, WA

University of Washington 2004 – 2006
MA in Geography
• *Thesis:* Spatial Stories: The Racial Discourses of Mixed-Race Households in Tacoma, WA

Dartmouth College 1996 – 2000
BA with High Honors in Geography, Magna Cum Laude
• *Thesis:* Geographies of Tibetan Identities: Nationalism, Power, and Performativity in the Diaspora

TEACHING and RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Mount Holyoke College, Associate Professor 2021-present

Mount Holyoke College, Assistant Professor 2015 – 2021

Mount Holyoke College, Visiting Assistant Professor 2011 – 2015

Community College of Vermont, Instructor 2010

Dartmouth College, Visiting Instructor 2009

University of Washington, Interdisciplinary Writing Program Instructor 2006

Simon Fraser University, Research Assistant 2005

University of Washington, Geography Department Research Assistant 2004 – 2005

Dartmouth College, President's Office Research Assistant 2003 – 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Serin Houston. (paperback edition 2021). *Imagining Seattle: Social Values in Urban Governance*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press – Our Sustainable Future series.

Serin Houston. (2019). *Imagining Seattle: Social Values in Urban Governance*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press – Our Sustainable Future series.

Book Reviews, Events, and Media Attention:

Serin Houston, Patricia Lopez, Jasmine Mahmoud, and Richard Wright. (2021). “Author Meets Her Readers: Serin Houston’s *Imagining Seattle*.” American Association of Geographers virtual conference, Seattle, WA.

Feminist Geographies Specialty Group. (2021). *Imagining Seattle* was honored in the annual feminist book celebration. American Association of Geographers virtual conference, Seattle, WA.

Wayne Feiden, Serin Houston, and Waleska Lugo-DeJesús. (2019). Panelists at the “Social Values in Action: Building Equitable and Sustainable Cities” symposium celebrating *Imagining Seattle*. Mount Holyoke College.

Serin Houston. (2019). From the Desk of Serin D. Houston: Exploring a Storied Landscape. Guest blog post on *Behind the Book* at the University of Nebraska Press. <https://unpblog.com/2019/06/04/from-the-desk-of-serin-d-houston-exploring-a-storied-landscape/>

Serin Houston and Ryan Driskell Tate. (2019). Podcast interview about *Imagining Seattle* for the New Books Network. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/serin-d-houston-imagining-seattle-social-values-in-urban-governance-u-nebraska-press-2019/>

Maxwell School of Syracuse University. (2019). Unintended Consequences. *Maxwell Perspective*. <https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/news/perspective/unintended-consequences/>.

Sasha Nyary. (2019). Questions about “Imagining Seattle.” <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/media/questions-about-imagining-seattle>

Robert Beauregard. (2019). Houston, Serin D.: *Imagining Seattle*: social values in urban governance. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* 57(1), 110.

Paul Constant. (2019). Seattle is a Story. *The Seattle Review of Books*.
<https://seattlereviewofbooks.com/reviews/seattle-is-a-story/>.

Wayne Feiden. (2019). Book Review. *Journal of Planning Literature*.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0885412219890604>.

Refereed Journal Articles:

Serin Houston. (2019). Conceptualizing Sanctuary as a Process in the United States. *Geographical Review* 109(4), 562-579.

David Hernández, Serin Houston, Avery Allen '20, and Sofia Rivera '18. (2018). Entrapped: Visiting Migrant Detainees in Western Massachusetts. *Latino Studies* 16, 250-258.

Serin Houston and Kirk Lange. (2018). "Global/Local" Community Engagement: Advancing Integrative Learning and Situated Solidarity. *Journal of Geography in Higher Education* 42(1), 44-60.

Serin Houston and Charlotte Morse '15. (2017). The Ordinary and Extraordinary: Producing Migrant Inclusion and Exclusion in US Sanctuary Movements. *Studies in Social Justice* 11(1), 27-47.

Serin Houston, James McLean, Jennifer Hyndman, and Arif Jamal. (2010). Still Methodologically Becoming: Collaboration, Feminist Politics, and 'Team Ismaili.' *Gender, Place, and Culture* 17(1), 61-79.

Serin Houston, Jennifer Hyndman, James McLean, and Arif Jamal. (2010). The Methods and Meanings of Collaborative Team Research. *Qualitative Inquiry* 16, 285-297.

Serin Houston. (2009). Scales of Whiteness and Racial Mixing: Challenging and Confirming Racial Categories. *The Geographical Bulletin* 50(2), 93-110.

Serin Houston, Richard Wright, Mark Ellis, Steven Holloway, and Margaret Hudson. (2005). Places of Possibility: Where Mixed-Race Partners Meet. *Progress in Human Geography* 29(6), 700-717.

Serin Houston and Richard Wright. (2003). Making and Re-making Tibetan Diasporic Identities. *Social and Cultural Geography* 4(2), 217-232.

Richard Wright, Serin Houston, Mark Ellis, Steven Holloway, and Margaret Hudson. (2003). Crossing Racial Lines: Geographies of Mixed-Race Partnering and Multiraciality in the United States. *Progress in Human Geography* 27(4), 457-474.

Reviewed Book Chapters:

Serin Houston and Olivia Lawrence-Weilmann '17. (2016). The Model Migrant and Multiculturalism: Analyzing Neoliberal Logics in US Sanctuary Legislation, in *Migration*

Policy and Practice: Interventions and Solutions. Bauder, H. and Matheis, C. (eds.). New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan Press – Migration, Diasporas and Citizenship Series. 101-126.

Serin Houston. (2016). Sacred Squatting: Seeking Sanctuary in Religious Spaces, in *Migration, Squatting and Radical Autonomy*. Chattapadhyay, S. and Mudu, P. (eds.). New York, NY: Routledge Press – Space, Place, and Politics Series. 183-188.

Serin Houston and Richard Wright. (2008). ‘It’s Just that People Mix Better Here:’ Household Narratives of Belonging and Displacement in Seattle, Washington, in *Immigration and Integration in Urban Communities: Renegotiating the City*. Hanley, L., Ruble, B., and Garland, A. (eds.). Washington, DC: Johns Hopkins University Press, 73-95.

Encyclopedia Entry:

Serin Houston. (2010). Feminist Methodology, in *Encyclopedia of Geography*. Warf, B. (ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Book Reviews:

Serin Houston. (2014). Book review: Gareth Millington’s *‘Race’, Culture and the Right to the City: Centres, Peripheries, Margins*. *Social and Cultural Geography* 15(4), 475-476.

Serin Houston. (2009). Book review: Katherine McKittrick’s *Demonic Grounds: Black Women and the Cartographies of Struggle*. *Social and Cultural Geography* 10(6), 714-716.

Invited Web-Based Publications:

Serin Houston and Colleen Molnar ‘21. (2020). New Sanctuary Movement. *World Religions and Spirituality Project*. <https://wrldrels.org/2020/01/29/new-sanctuary-movement/>

AWARDS, RESEARCH GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS

Mount Holyoke College Research Assistance Grants	2013 – ‘15, 2019 – present
Mount Holyoke College Writing Fellowships	2016 – present
Kahn Liberal Arts Institute, Smith College, <i>declined</i>	2018
Mount Holyoke College Research Support Grants	2017, 2018
AAUW Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship	2017
Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship	2017
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2006 – 2009

Syracuse University Graduate Tuition Scholarship	2006 – 2008
Urban Geography Specialty Group Grants	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
Glenda Laws Student Paper in Feminist Geography Award	2007
University of Washington Joan Webber Prize for Distinguished Teaching	2006
Student Tech Fund Equipment Grant	2006
Howard Martin Grant	2005
University of Washington Graduate School Top Scholar Award	2005
Arch Gerlach Fellowship	2004
Dartmouth General Grant	2001
National Council for Geographic Ed. Award for Excellence of Scholarship	2000
Alexander von Humboldt Award for Best Honors Thesis in Human Geography	2000
Phi Beta Kappa	2000
Golden Key Honors Society	2000
Rufus Choate Scholar (top 5% of students)	1998 – 2000
Presidential Scholar Senior Honors Thesis Grant	1999
Raynolds Expedition Grant	1999
John Sloan Dickey Center Honors Thesis Travel Grant	1999
Dartmouth Geography Department Grant	1999

COURSES TAUGHT

Mount Holyoke College

- Geography 105: World Regional Geography
- International Relations 200: Research Methods
- Geography 202: Cities in a Global Context
- Geography 208: Global Movements: Migrations, Refugees, and Diasporas
- Geography 311: Global Movements
- Geography 312: Geographies of Racial Mixing and Multiraciality

Geography 312 (2): Sense of Place, Sense of Planet
Geography 328: Climate Migration

Community College of Vermont

Geography 1010: Introduction to Geography

Dartmouth College

Geography 11: Qualitative Research Methods

Teaching Assistant for:

Geography 1: Introduction to Human Geography

Geography 13: Population, Culture, and the Environment

Geography 28: Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity

University of Washington

English 198D: Writing Link with Geography 271

English 198G: Writing Link with Geography 280

CONFERENCE PAPERS and INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Panelist for “Author Meets Her Readers: Serin Houston’s *Imagining Seattle*.” American Association of Geographers virtual conference, Seattle, WA, April 2021.

“Unsettling Whiteness in Neighborhood Planning: Social Justice Efforts in Seattle, WA,” UMass, Amherst, Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, Zube Lecture Series, March 2021.

“Imagining Seattle: Social Values in Urban Governance,” Arts Leadership Book Series, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, December 2020.

“Conceptualizing Sanctuary as a Process in the United States.” American Geographical Society conference, New York City, NY, November 2019.

“Social Values in Action: Building Equitable and Sustainable Cities.” Symposium celebrating *Imagining Seattle*, Mount Holyoke College, September 2019.

“Conceptualizing Sanctuary as a Process in the United States.” American Association of Geographers conference, Washington, DC, April 2019.

“Ethical Considerations and Embodied Emotions: Insights from an Inaccessible Fieldsite” with Kiana London. American Association of Geographers conference, Washington, DC, April 2019.

Panelist for “Placing ‘Failure’ in Research: Challenges and Transformation in Geographic Fieldwork” session. American Association of Geographers conference, Washington, DC, April 2019.

“Beyond Sanctuary Cities: Examining Local Immigration Policies and Belonging in the United States.” Earth Adventures lecture series, Mount Holyoke College, March 2019.

“Beyond Sanctuary Cities: Geographies of Immigration Policy and Belonging.” Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, February 2019.

“Exclusive Inclusion: Choosing Sustainability and Being Green.” Guest lecture in *Global Geography: Place-making and the Modern World*, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, February 2019.

“Contextualizing the Migration ‘Crisis:’ Patterns, Practices, and Protests.” Sterling College, Craftsbury Common, VT, October 2018.

“Climate-Induced Migration and the Pacific.” Guest lecture in *Fundamentals of Environmental Humanities*, Sterling College, Craftsbury Common, VT, October 2018.

“Telling Stories of Territory: Mapping US Sanctuary Legislation.” Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2017.

“The Ordinary and Extraordinary: Producing Migrant Inclusion and Exclusion in US Sanctuary Movements” (co-author Charlotte Morse). American Association of Geographers conference, Boston, MA, April 2017.

Panelist for “Women Leading the Movement for Change” session. BOOM Conference, Mount Holyoke College, March 2017.

“Research and Writing Strategies.” Guest lecture in *Critical Social Inquiry Division III Seminar*, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA, February 2017.

“Neighborhood Planning in Seattle, WA: The Possibilities of Incremental Change.” ‘Race + Class, Space and Design’ panel, Smith College, Northampton, MA, February 2017.

“Exclusive Inclusion: Sustainability in Seattle, WA.” Kahn Institute, Smith College, Northampton, MA, December 2016.

“Immigrant Sanctuaries.” Faculty Friday talk, Mount Holyoke College, April 2016.

“The Model Migrant and Multiculturalism: Analyzing Neoliberal Logics in US Sanctuary Legislation” (co-author Olivia Lawrence-Weilmann). American Association of Geographers conference, San Francisco, CA, March 2016.

“‘Global/Local’ Community-Based Learning: Engaging Students in Community Solidarity and Co-Labor” with Kirk Lange. American Association of Geographers conference, San Francisco, CA, March 2016.

Panelist for “Profiling, B/ordering, and the Political Work of Pedagogy” session. American Association of Geographers conference, San Francisco, CA, March 2016.

“New Lands Farm Collaborations” with Sara Tower. Five College CBL Faculty Development Event, Mount Holyoke College, January 2016.

“Qualitative Research Methods.” Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School Strategic Action Planning Committee, South Hadley, MA, December 2015.

Panelist for “Powerful Objects: Theory-making through Objects, Bodies, and Feelings” session. Critical Geographies conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2014.

“Spaces of Justice? The Politics and Prevalence of Immigrant Sanctuaries.” Association of American Geographers conference, Tampa, FL, April 2014.

Panelist for “Challenging Borders and B/ordering Mechanisms” session. Association of American Geographers conference, Tampa, FL, April 2014.

“Urban Exclusions and Inequalities: Examining Public Space and Segregation.” Cities conference, Wilbraham-Monson Academy, Wilbraham, MA, April 2014.

“Masking Inequities, Promoting Growth: Urban Entrepreneurialism and the Creative Class in Seattle, WA.” Association of American Geographers conference, New York City, NY, February 2012.

“The Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI): Racialized Practice in Seattle, WA.” Association of American Geographers conference, Seattle, WA, April 2011.

“Revitalizing and Redefining the City: Seattle and its Sustainability and Social Justice Endeavors.” Association of American Geographers conference, Washington, DC, April 2010.

“Methodologically Becoming Two/Too: Collaborative Knowledge Production and ‘Team Ismaili’” (co-authors James McLean, Jennifer Hyndman, and Arif Jamal). Association of American Geographers conference, Boston, MA, April 2008.

“Whiteness in the ‘City of Destiny’: Power, Privilege, and Mixed-Race Households in Tacoma, Washington.” Association of American Geographers conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2007. Session co-organizer.

“Racializing Place and Placing Race: Neighborhood Narratives in Tacoma, Washington.” Race, Ethnicity, and Place conference, San Marcos, TX, November 2006.

“Racializing Place and Placing Race: Neighborhood Narratives in Tacoma, Washington.” Place Matters: Seeking Equity in a Diverse Society conference, Seattle, WA, October 2006.

“Work Together, Live Apart? The Immigration Debate” with Richard Wright. Dartmouth Los Angeles “Oh the Places You’ll Go” Celebration, Los Angeles, CA, August 2006.

“Becoming Ismaili: Scales of Identity” with Jennifer Hyndman, Arif Jamal, and James McLean. Pacific Northwest Immigration Symposium, Vancouver, BC, May 2006.

“Methodologically Becoming Too” with Jennifer Hyndman, Arif Jamal, and James McLean. Pacific Northwest Immigration Symposium, Vancouver, BC, May 2006.

“Spatial Stories: The Racial Discourses of Mixed-Race Households in Tacoma, WA.” Association of American Geographers conference, Chicago, IL, March 2006. Session co-organizer.

“Places of Possibility: Where Mixed-race Partners Meet” (co-authors Richard Wright, Mark Ellis, Steven Holloway, and Margaret Hudson). Association of American Geographers conference, Denver, CO, April 2005.

“Strange Bedfellows? A Civil Union of Queer Theory and Mixed-Race ‘Het’ Household Geographies.” Association of American Geographers conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 2004.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and MEMBERSHIPS

Reviewed manuscripts for:

ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies (2020)
American Political Science Review (2017)
Annals for the American Association of Geographers (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)
Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space (2019, 2020)
Field Methods (2014)
Gender, Place, and Culture (2008, 2011, 2012, 2019 – 3x)
Geographical Journal (2017)
Geographical Review (2019, 2020)
Global Networks (2015)
Journal of Development and Social Transformation (2008)
Journal of Urban Affairs (2020)
Maxwell Review (2007)
New Diversities (2019)
Planning Perspectives (2019, 2020)
Sage Publishing – book proposal (2019)
Social and Cultural Geography (2004)
Sociological Forum (2013)
Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers (2019)
Urban Geography (2019 – 3x)

Memberships and Committees:

American Association of Geographers (AAG) 2003 – present

Specialty groups: Black Geographies; Ethics, Justice, and Human Rights;
Feminist Geography; Political Geography; Qualitative Research; Social and
Cultural Geography; Urban Geography

AAG Committee for Enhancing Diversity 2017 – 2020

MHC Faculty Equity in Hiring Committee 2019 – 2021