

## **Kori A. Graves**

Department of History  
Social Science 60L  
University at Albany, State University of New York  
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### **Earned Degrees**

University of Wisconsin-Madison, History, Ph.D., August 2011  
Dissertation: "Domesticating Foreign Affairs: The African-American Family, Korean War Orphans, and Cold War Civil Rights." Nan Enstad (chair), Brenda Gayle Plummer, Susan Johnson, Christina Greene, Charles Kim  
University of North Carolina-Greensboro, History, M.A., December 2001  
M.A. Thesis: "The Right of Every Woman: Antebellum North Carolina Women in Legislative and County Court Records." Loren Schweningen (chair), Lisa Tolbert, Colleen Kriger  
Appalachian State University, Sports Medicine, B.A., Magna cum laude, May 1995

### **Employment**

University at Albany, State University of New York, Department of History: Associate Professor, June 2022-present.  
University at Albany, State University of New York, Department of History: Interim Department Chair, January-May 2022.  
University at Albany, State University of New York, Department of History: Associate Professor, September 2019-December 2021.  
University at Albany, State University of New York, Department of History: Assistant Professor, January 2016-August 2019.  
University at Albany, State University of New York, Department of History: Visiting Assistant Professor, January-December 2015 (Recipient of Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Leave Program Award).  
University at Albany, State University of New York, Department of History: Assistant Professor, 2012-December 2014.  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Department of History: Visiting Assistant Professor, 2011-2012.  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Letters and Science: Project Assistant for Teaching Assistant Training and Professional Development, 2010-2011.  
University of Wisconsin Press, Acquisitions Division: Project Assistant, 2007-2009.  
University of Wisconsin Press, Marketing Division: Marketing Assistant, 2006-2007.  
University of Wisconsin Press, Acquisitions Division: Acquisitions Assistant, 2005.  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Women's Studies Program: Teaching Assistant, 2006-2007.  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of History: Teaching Assistant, 2004-2005.  
Wisconsin Historical Society, American Journeys Project: Research Assistant, 2003.  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Smoke and Mirrors" Research Project: Research Assistant, 2001-2003.  
University of North Carolina-Greensboro, "Race and Slavery Petitions Project," Digital Library on American Slavery: Graduate Assistant, 1999-2001.

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## **Scholarly Activity**

### Book Manuscript

*A War Born Family: African American Adoption in the Wake of the Korean War* (New York University Press, January 2020)

### Refereed Articles

“‘The Debt We Owe’: *Dobbs v. Jackson* and the History of African Americans’ Struggle for Adoption and Abortion Rights” (*Adoption and Culture*, 10, no. 2, 2022.)

“Amerasian Children, Cold War Child Welfare Reform, and Pearl S. Buck’s Transracial and Transnational Adoption Activism.” (*Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, April 2019)

“The Black Popular Press and the Politics of African Americans’ Adoptions during the Era of Revolutions” (In review, *Journalism History*)

### Book Chapter

“Black American Adoption Advocates and the Origins of Intercountry Adoption,” in Silke Hackensch, ed., *Adoption across Race and Nation: US Histories and Legacies* (The Ohio State University Press, November 2022)

<https://ohiostatepress.org/books/titles/9780814215173.html>

### Web Publications and Encyclopedia Entries

“Transnational Adoption from Korea,” Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Migration Studies, forthcoming.

Contributor to Women and Social Movements Website’s Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the United States, biography of Catherine Mary Douge Williams, June 2020

[https://search.alexanderstreet.com/view/work/bibliographic\\_entity%7Cbibliographic\\_details%7C4744415?utm\\_campaign=AlexanderStreet&utm\\_medium=internal&utm\\_source=aspresolver#page/1/mode/1/chapter/bibliographic\\_entity|bibliographic\\_details|4744415](https://search.alexanderstreet.com/view/work/bibliographic_entity%7Cbibliographic_details%7C4744415?utm_campaign=AlexanderStreet&utm_medium=internal&utm_source=aspresolver#page/1/mode/1/chapter/bibliographic_entity|bibliographic_details|4744415)

Contributor to *The American Yawp* online textbook, entry on “Ronald Reagan and American Foreign Policy”

(<http://www.americanyawp.com/text/29-the-triumph-of-the-right/>)

### Work in Progress

*Skin is Skin: Dudley Beauty Corporation, Mary Kay Cosmetics, and the Transnational Evolution of Black Beauty* (Book Manuscript)

“Faith, Choice, and Justice: Dr. Dorothy Brown and the Fight for Abortion Rights in Tennessee” (Article Manuscript)

## **Conference Presentations**

“Forgotten Adoptions of the Forgotten War: African Americans and the Origins of Transnational Adoption,” Korean Adoption and Its Global Legacies: 70 Years and Beyond, Northwestern University, Mu Films, and Me & Korea, Evanston, IL, April 14, 2024.

"African American Child Savers, the State, and the Lessons and Legacies of Korean-Black Adoptions," States of Korean Adoption Symposium, University of California Irvine Center for Critical Korean Studies (CCKS), Irvine, CA, June 2-3, 2023.

“Black Adoptions and ‘Prejudices about Taking Other People’s Children’,” Black Germany and Beyond Conference, Zoom meetings sponsored by Rutgers University in Camden, New Jersey, February 19, 2022.

“African-American Adoption Programs and the Regulation of German and Korean Transnational Adoption,” Adoption, Kinship, Culture: Engaging the Past, Imagining the Future Virtual Conference, Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture, October 22, 2021.

- “The Douge-Williams Family and African Americans’ Struggles for Success in Nineteenth-Century Albany, New York,” Albany History Fair - #EveryMonthBlackHistoryMonth, Historic Cherry Hill, Albany, NY, May 13, 2021.
- “Dr. Dorothy L. Brown and the Politics of Adoption and Abortion, 1950-1968,” LibertyCon 2021 – Freedom Road: The Struggle for Justice Continues, Underground Railroad Education Center, Albany, NY, March 20, 2021.
- “A New Approach to the Study of African-American Families in Slavery, Freedom, and the Freedom Struggles of the 1950s and 1960s,” Black History Month Speaker’s Panel Featured Speaker, Clark University’s Center for Gender, Race, and Area Studies and the History Department, Worcester, MA, February 13, 2020.
- “Changing Ideas about Black Women’s Motherhood as a Result of the Cold War and the Civil Rights Movement,” Art, Women, Race, and Class Reading Group, Albany, NY, March 20, 2019.
- “African-American Unmarried Fathers and the Expansion of WWII and Korean GI Adoptions,” Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference, Oakland, CA, October 18-20, 2018.
- “‘Coloured [sic] Americans and No Savages’: African-American Families and Intercountry Adoption in the 1950s and 1960s” Designing Modern Families Conference, Kassel, Germany, November 17-18, 2017.
- “‘A Practice Which Is Not Followed ...for White Children’: African Americans and Stories of Child Migration for Domestic and International Adoption” Social Science History Association Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 2-6, 2017.
- “Before It Was ‘A Practice of Genocide’: Transracial Adoption and African Americans in the 1950s and 1960s” Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Conference, Minneapolis, MN, October 27-29, 2016.
- “Immigration Reform and the Politics of ‘Negro-Korean’ Adoptions” Immigrant America: New Immigration Histories from 1965-2015 Conference, Minneapolis, MN, October 23-24, 2015.
- “African-American Women, Transnational Adoption, and the Political Dimensions of Early Cold War Maternalism” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Toronto, Canada, May 22-25, 2014.
- “A Measure of Fitness: The African-American Family and Early U.S. - Korean Adoptions” Organization of American Historians Conference, New York, NY, March 2008.
- “Mothers of a New People” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, MN, June 2008.
- “‘No Future in Their Country’: The African-American Family and the International Adoption of ‘Negro-Korean’ Children” Anderson Library Research Forum, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis-St. Paul, November 2007.
- “Pearl S. Buck, Welcome House, and U.S. Interracial Adoption of American-Born Children of Asian Descent” Program in Gender and Women’s History Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison History Department, Madison, Wisconsin, October 2007.
- “Pearl S. Buck’s Vision of the Mixed-Race Child and International Adoption” National Women’s Studies Association Conference, St. Charles, Illinois, June 2007.
- “The Best, Brightest, and Most Beautiful: The Mixed-Race Child in the American Media, 1950-1970” 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Women’s Studies Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, April 2007.

### **Seminars, Public Lectures, and Media**

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Guest Speaker, "James Knapp and His Context," Albany History Fair, Historic Cherry Hill, May 4, 2025.

Guest Speaker, "'The Abortion Menace': African Americans and Abortion, 1950-1972," SUNY Historians Network Webinar Pilot Series: U.S. History, SUNY History Lab, June 6, 2024.

Commenter, Transnational Adoption, Cold War Militarism, and Literary Creation Seminar, Harvard Radcliffe Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 2-3, 2023.

Guest Speaker, Geographies of Kinship Virtual Pre-Broadcast Conversation, "African Americans' Adoption of Korean Children," WORLD Channel, Mu Films, and the Center for Asian American Media, May 14, 2022.

Guest Speaker, "A Conversation with Deann Borshay Liem and Kori Graves," Virtual Film Screening (*Geographies of Kinship*) and Book Talk (*A War Born Family: African American Adoption in the Wake of the Korean War*) sponsored by the Black German Heritage and Research Association and Davidson College, Davidson, NC, March 14, 2022.

Guest Speaker, "Researching, Writing, and Reimagining *A War Born Family*," Virtual event sponsored by Spelman-George Washington East-Asia Virtual Professional Development Program, March 4, 2022.

Guest Speaker, "Tracing Legacies of Korean-Black Adoptions: Family Stories and the Complicated Histories of Antagonism between Blacks and Asians," Race, Precarity, and Privilege: Migration in a Global Context, Virtual event sponsored by Migration Initiative and the Mellon Sawyer Seminar at University of California, Santa Barbara, February 3, 2022.

Guest Speaker, "'Black People Adopt?': Why Histories of African Americans' Adoptions Matter Today," Virtual event sponsored by National Association of Adoptees and Parents, November 19, 2021.

Podcast Guest/Interviewee, "Black Korean Adoptees," *Time To Say Goodbye* Podcast, November 2, 2021.

(<https://goodbye.substack.com/p/kori-graves-on-black-korean-adoptees>)

*Geographies of Kinship* Roundtable Conversation, Association for the Study of African American Life and History Virtual Conference, September 25, 2021.

"Historical Context of African Americans' Involvement in U.S.-Korean Adoptions," Panel Discussion on *Geographies of Kinship* for APA Month, Union College, Schenectady, NY, May 12, 2021.

"African-American Families and Transnational Adoption in the Wake of the Korean War," Adoption in the Wake of War Panel, Asian/Pacific/American Institute at New York University, New York, NY, March 3, 2020.

Keynote Address, "The Most Secure Future Possible," The James Campbell Matthews Banquet in Honor of Black History Month, The Black Law Students Association of Albany Law School, Albany, NY, February 29, 2020.

"New Discoveries about Old Histories: African-American Women and the Suffrage Movement in Albany, New York," UAlbany History Department's Phi Alpha Theta Induction Ceremony, December 6, 2019.

Podcast Guest/Interviewee, "Life Stages: Marriage," *Civics 101: A Podcast*, New Hampshire Public Radio, April 30, 2019.

(<https://www.civics101podcast.org/civics-101-episodes/marriage>)

"What College Admissions Scandals Teach Us about the Value of Education," UAlbany History Department's Warren Roberts Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 26, 2019.

“The Origins and Evolution of the Laws and Policies of African-American Transracial and Transnational Adoption in the 1950s and 1960s,” Albany Law School Scholars Workshop, May 3, 2017, Albany, NY.

“‘It Is No Right, But A Wrong’: Albany and the Antecedents of Anti-Suffrage,” 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Albany History Fair, Historic Cherry Hill, May 7, 2017, Albany, NY.

“How the Civil Rights Movement Transformed Women’s Rights and Family Rights in the 1960s and 1970s,” Presentation for Woodland Hill Montessori School, March 9, 2017, East Greenbush, NY.

Panelist, *No Child* Theater Production, Emma Willard School, February 27, 2016, Troy, New York.

Panelist, Retrospective on the Civil Rights Act of 1964, African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region, Inc., February 22, 2014, Albany, New York.

Introduction and Discussion Leader, *Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle* Film and Discussion Session, “The Loving Story,” Schenectady County Historical Society, February 15, 2014, Schenectady, New York.

### **Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

Undergraduate Research Assistant Funding, Minerva Center Innovation Funding for Research & Creative Endeavors, University at Albany, Albany, NY, January-May 2025.

Stuart A. Rose Library Short-Term Fellowship – African-American Collections (\$750.00), Emory University Libraries & Information Technology, Atlanta, GA, October 2020.

Dean’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, University at Albany, December 4, 2019.

College of Arts and Sciences Conference Participation Support Program Award, University at Albany, September 2016.

Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Leave Program Award, University at Albany, January – December 2015.

College of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Fund Award, University at Albany, January 2014.

Online Course Development Initiative, University at Albany, November 2013.

College of Letters and Science Teaching Fellows Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2008.

Distinguished Service as a Teaching Assistant Award, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007.

Blattberg Dissertation Fellowship, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007.

Honorable Mention, Hyde Dissertation Research Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007.

Marie Christine Kohler Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007.

Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007.

Huggins-Quarles Award, Organization of American Historians, 2006.

Clarke Chambers Travel Fellowship, Social Welfare History Archives, University of Minnesota, 2006.

History Department Research Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006.

Early Teaching Excellence Award, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2005.

Vilas Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2005.

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Gerda Lerner Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003.

Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2002.

Rebecca Chambers Wright Scholarship, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, 1999-2001.

University Chancellor's Scholarship, Appalachian State University, 1991-1995.

## **Teaching**

### University at Albany, Undergraduate

History 101: American Political and Social History II

History 201: History of Marriage and Family in the U.S.

History 310: History of Women in the U.S.

History 312: U.S. Foreign Policy 1920 to the Present

History 390: History of the Body, Beauty, and Identity Politics

History 395: The Historian's Craft

History 489Z: Senior Research Seminar

History 498: Honors' Independent Research/Writing

### University at Albany, Graduate

History 603/639: Readings in Gender in American Culture and Society

History 609/629/640: Seminar in American History/Social and Economic History/Gender and Society

History 610: Research Seminar in History

### University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Undergraduate

History 2312: U.S. History, 1877 to Present

History 4355: Arkansas History

History 4390: Politics of Marriage and Family in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

## **Graduate Examinations and Thesis Advisor**

### Dissertation Committees

Robert L. Beach

Joni Christel

Andelina Dreshaj

Kaycie Haller

Michelle Henault

Brian Keough

P.J. Kuno

Kathy Merring-Darling (Chair)

Shannon Missick

Eric Morgenson

Minkyong Park

Sarah Patterson (Chair)

Jessica Polmateer

Eugene Smith

Satya Som

Kyle Stanton

Evan Sullivan

### M.A. Examinations

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 Megan Aurelia (4/8/2014)  
 Megan Bailey (3/20/2015)  
 Carolyn Bennett (2/2015)  
 Sue Boland (5/8/2017)  
 Claire Burgon (5/16/2017)  
 Derek Canino (5/3/2018)  
 Priscilla Court (Chair, 4/24/2018)  
 John Epp (5/4/2020)  
 Daniel Fitzsimmons Cruz (3/28/23)  
 Brock Hammond (12/7/2017)  
 Sydney Lemire (Women's Studies)  
 Patrick Niles (Chair, 2/4/2014)  
 Amanda Partridge (2/27/2020)  
 Olivia Roig (5/11/2018)  
 Alicia Sansone (3/27/2018)  
 Sheri Sarnoff (4/7/2020)  
 Alex Short (12/2/2022)  
 Shane Stuart (5/8/2015)  
 Elizabeth Sweeny (Women's Studies, 5/5/2017)  
 Robert Warren (12/4/2019)  
 Elizabeth Urbanczyk (Chair, 4/28/23)  
 Arianna Wedin (10/13/2014)  
 Cassandra Jane Werking (12/16/2014)  
 Meghan Willis (5/9/2022)  
Undergraduate Honors  
 Carlee Litt, (2018-2019)  
 Chloe Ross (2019-2020)  
 Sheri Sarnoff (2016-2017)  
 Alice Russo (2023-2024)

## **Service**

### Department

Director, Institute for History and Public Engagement, University at Albany, SUNY, August 2024-present.

Coordinator, Department Colloquium, September-May 2023.

Ad Hoc Workload Review Committee Chair, September to November 2023.

Interim Department Chair, January-June 2022.

Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee, August 2018-May 2021.

Coordinator, Department Colloquium, September 2019-March 2020.

Selection Committee Member, Arthur E. Elkirch, Jr. Prize in American History, March-April 2019.

Member, Researching New York Programming Committee, February-November 2018.

Member, Researching New York Programming Committee, June-November 2017.

Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, January 2016-May 2017.

Mentor, Ossining High School ASCS 203 Social Science and Humanities Research Seminar, 2016-2017.

Member, Search Committee, German History, 2016-2017.

Panelist, History Department Colloquium, "What Can Modern American Historians Say about

This 'Historic' Election," October 26, 2016.  
Member, Alumni Relations Cluster, October-December 2014.  
Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, August-December 2014.  
Member, Researching New York Programming Committee, April-November 2014.  
Presentation, History 500 Job Market Workshop, April 2014.  
Presentation, Phi Alpha Theta Women's History Month Meeting, April 2014.  
Member, Search Committee, Early U.S. History of Capitalism, 2013-2014.  
Judge, William Reedy Prize, Spring 2013.  
Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, August 2012-May 2013.  
Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, August 2012-May 2013.

### University

Patricia Sticking Brown Research Award Committee Member, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, UAlbany, spring 2025.  
Search Committee Member, Center for the Advancement of Teaching, Learning, and Online Education (CATLOE) Instructional Designer for Online Programs Position, University at Albany, January-May 2025.  
Department Faculty Senate Representative, University Senate, University at Albany, September-August 2023.  
Graduate Academic Council Member, University at Albany, September-August 2023.  
Undergraduate Academic Council Member, University at Albany, September-August 2023.  
Member, "Art, Women, Race, and Class Reading Group," UAlbany Art Museum Series on Angela Davis' text *Women, Race, and Class* to accompany the photographic series *Reading Women* by Carrie Schneider, 6 February to 3 April 2019.  
Member, United University Professionals Food Pantry Committee, January 2017-April 2019.  
Faculty Advisor, Her Campus Student Organization, January 2017-2020.  
"Talkback" Panelist, *Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson* Theatre Production, UAlbany Theatre Department, March 3, 2016.  
Mentor, Educational Opportunity Faculty Mentor Program, October 2013-May 2016.  
Judge, Patricia Sticking Brown Research Award, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, UAlbany, spring 2014.  
Contributor, *American Playlist* Museum Writing Project, University Art Museum, February 2014.  
Personal Achievement Liaisons (PALs), January – May 2013.

### **Community Service**

Consultant, The World of James Knapp Interpretative Program, Historic Cherry Hill, Albany NY, September 2024-May 2025.  
Member, Board Directors, Historic Albany Foundation, Albany, NY, November 2021-January 2025.  
Member, Board of Trustees, Robert C. Parker School, Wynantskill, NY, May 2021-June 2023.  
Member, Colonie Historical Society, Colony, NY, March 2018-present.  
Consultant, "Casting Her Ballot" Tour Script, Historic Cherry Hill, Albany, NY, February-April 2017.  
Member, Woodland Hill Montessori School NY Suffrage Centennial Committee, January 2017-present.

### **Other Professional and Institutional Service**



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Interpretive House Tour Script Consultant and Editor, Historic Cherry Hill, Albany, NY, April 2023-March 2025.

Panelist, Career Day, Historic Cherry Hill, Albany, NY, July 31, 2023.

Grant Advisory Committee Member, IMLS Inspire! Grant, Phase II, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Inspire! Grant, Historic Cherry Hill, Albany, NY, August 2022-present.

Consultant, National Endowment for the Humanities American Rescue Plan (NEH ARP) Educational Programming Project, Historic Cherry Hill, Ten Broeck Mansion, and the Underground Railroad Education Center, January 2022-October 2022.

Grant Advisory Committee Member, IMLS Inspire! Grant, Phase I, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Inspire! Grant, Historic Cherry Hill, Albany, NY, November 2020-June 2021.

Community Advisory Committee Member, Historic Cherry Hill, Albany, NY, June 2020-present.

Humanities Advisor, *Relative Strangers*, Documentary Directed and Produced by Deann Borshay Liem, Mu Films, Berkeley, CA, November 2019 to present.

Selection Committee Member, Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Blach, Greenfield, and Indian Rights Association Fellowship Program, March-April 2019.

Member, Editorial Board for Formations: Adoption, Kinship, and Culture Book Series, The Ohio State University Press, September 2017-present.

Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Frontiers: Journal of Women's Studies*, 2012.

#### University of Arkansas at Little Rock

UALR Book Discussion Facilitator, Little Rock School District Book Club, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 15 November 2011.

#### University of Wisconsin-Madison

Co-Facilitator, Teaching Assistant Spring Training Workshop, College of Letters and Science, 13 January 2010.

Student Representative, Korean History Search, Department of History, 2007-2008.

Presenter, Teaching Assistant Discussion Section Facilitator, Department of History, August 2006.

Presenter, Equity and Diversity Resource Center Professional Development Diversity Training, October 2005.

Graduate Council Student Representative, Department of History, 2004-2006.

Presenter, Introduction to Graduate School, Department of History, August 2003.

Student Representative, Diversity Committee, Department of History, 2003.