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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Current

Postdoctoral Research Fellow; City University of New York, City College, NY	2025 - 26
Visiting Scholar; University of Pennsylvania, PA	2024 – 25
Adjunct Lecturer; State University Of New York, Old Westbury, NY	2025 - 26

Past

GCHU Global Visiting Research Associate; Kellogg College, University of Oxford, UK	2025
Visiting Research Fellow; University of Amsterdam, NL	2025

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Geography, Rutgers University NJ 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); Prof. Asher Ghertner, Geography; Prof. Robert Lake Geography (exam committee)	2024
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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research

Research lead for Latin America & Caribbean Division International Centre for Social Equity & Participation, Hong Kong	2025-26
Qualitative Research Consultant The Rutgers Law School Center for Law, Inequality and Metropolitan Equity (CLiME)	2025
Research Assistant University of the West Indies The Potential for Agrotourism Development in the Caribbean (IICA) Building Climate Resilient Urban Communities in the Caribbean: Prospects and Challenges	2015-16
Researcher Mona Geoinformatics Institute, Jamaica China Harbor Engineering Company Logistics Hub Feasibility Project	2016

Policy

Report reviewer for security policy, <i>Zones of Special Operations Act (2017)</i> Caribbean Policy Research Institute, Jamaica	2024
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Program Development

Ignite STEM educational program for urban youth of Philadelphia Philadelphia Education Fund, US	2025
Productivity Empowerment Project- Urban Agriculture Initiative Agency for Inner City Renewal & USAID	2017
Life skills training for at-risk urban youth of Kingston Jamaica Joy Town Development Foundation & USAID	2016

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Graduate Researcher

Militarization, Redevelopment and State Exceptionalism in Kingston Jamaica Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	2024
Challenges for costal adaptation in Negril Jamaica University of the West Indies, Mona	2017

SUBMITTED MANUCIPTS

Walker, T. Security, Surveillance, and Community Wellbeing in Kingston's Militarized Urban Landscape. (*Invited to submit manuscript by the editors of special issue "The Urbanisation of Conflict and Conflict Urbanisation" Urban Studies*)

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. (2025). Urban Futures Across Borders: Reflections from a Visiting Research Associate. Global Centre on Healthcare and Urbanization, Kellogg College, Oxford University.

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

MANUCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Presenter

Militarized Urbanism & Politics of Security: Impacts in Kingston, Jamaica Global Centre on Healthcare & Urbanisation, University of Oxford	2025
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Panelist

Resilience in Beyond Climate Colonialism	2024
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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

GCHU Visiting Global Research Fellowship, Kellogg College, University of Oxford (~\$11,000) 2025
 Visiting Research Fellowship, University of Amsterdam (~\$5,000) 2025
 Rutgers University Doctoral Fellowship (~\$50,000) 2023,-24
 American Association of University Women International Doctoral Degree Fellowship (~\$20,000) 2021
 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (~\$36,000) 2020
 Rutgers University Excellence Fellowship (~\$80,000) 2017,-18, -22
 Rutgers University PreDoctoral Leadership Development Academy Fellowship (\$2000) 2018
 University of California, Santa Cruz Climate Engagement Fellowship (~\$2000) 2017

Grants

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

Lecturer

City College of New York -CUNY	Fall 2025
Plagues Past and Present	
Rights to the City	

Adjunct Instructor

SUNY Old Westbury, NY, Dept. of Politics Economics and Law	Spring 2025. 26
Intro to Urban Issues	

Teaching Assistant

Rutgers University, Dept. of Geography	
College Writing	Fall 2023, Spring 2024
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

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Board Member

City University of New York, Center for Worker Education Awards Committee	2025-26
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