

# Heather A.H. Kirkland

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## EDUCATION

- American University** Washington, D.C. 08/2009-present  
PhD in Anthropology, GPA 3.8
- Rollins College** Winter Park, FL 08/2001 – 05/2005  
Bachelors of Arts in Anthropology, GPA 3.4

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### TEACHING

- American University** Washington, DC 11/2013-present  
*Instructor*-University Budget Office  
Course: Fiscal Management Basics
- Facilitator*-University Budget Office 2/2016-present  
Course: Coffee Talk-A Forum for Budget Managers
- Rollins College** Winter Park, FL 05/2005-7/2006  
*Teacher's Assistant*-Professor of Activism, Information Technology  
Course: Activism 101: Making a Difference Locally and Globally
- Rollins College** Winter Park, FL 08/2003-12/2003  
*Peer Mentor*- English Department, African American Studies  
Course: Black Literature, Film, and Culture

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- American University**-Washington D.C. 6/2013-present  
*Budget Officer*, University Budget Office-Office of Finance and Treasurer
- American University**-Washington D.C. 10/2008-5/2013  
*Program Specialist*, Justice Programs Office, Bureau of Justice Assistance, BJA Technical Assistance Project
- United States Department of Justice (USDOJ)** - Washington, D.C. 01/2007-9/2008  
*Office Services Assistant*, Information Systems Support Group (ISSG), Antitrust Division
- Rollins College**- Winter Park, FL 05/2004 – 07/2006  
*Research Assistant* to Professor of Activism, the Associate V. P. of Information Technology
- British Parliament**-Great Britain, UK 01/2004 – 05/2004  
*Researcher/Intern* for Evan Harris Member of Parliament (M.P.)

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## ACHEIVEMENTS

**Dedicated Service Award**, American University 2014

**National Science Foundation**, NSF Honorable Mention for Research 2012

Received an Honorable Mention from NSF for my Graduate Research Fellowship application regarding the cultural implications of Disaster Preparedness and Response plans in the United States.

**Best Professional Presentation** in the Social Sciences by a Graduate Student 2012

Presented a paper entitled “Erasure and Subject Formation in the Neoliberal Construction of Disasters in the United States” at the American University 22nd Annual Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference. My presentation was awarded the “Best Professional Presentation in the Social Sciences by a Graduate Student”.

## COMMUNITY/ CIVIC ACTIVITIES

**Eatonville, Florida** and Rollins College community project 2005

Generated ideas based on ethnographic research I conducted for my senior thesis and facilitated joint development of programs, activities, educational and cultural events, that were mutually beneficial, in terms of intellectual and community growth, for members of the Rollins College and Eatonville, communities. I also worked to integrate the students at Rollins College with the Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts.

**Diversity Committee** with College of Arts and Sciences, CAS Dean 2003-2005

Addressed issues of recruitment and retention of minority faculty and students to the Rollins college community in Winter Park, Florida. Surveyed student perceptions on diversity and organized a task force of faculty, staff, and student representatives.

**Women’s Leadership Forum** with Rita Bornstein 2003

Participated in a Women’s Leadership forum hosted by the President of Rollins College, Rita Bornstein. We discussed issues surrounding women’s leadership and representation in higher education at the student and faculty levels. We also discussed the complexities of women and families bridging the gap between the public and private sectors.

**Caribbean Student Association**, Office of Multicultural Affairs 2003-2005

Served as the treasurer and community service organizer

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## COMMUNITY/ CIVIC ACTIVITIES cont.

### **Student Liaison**

2003

Hosted informational tours about Rollins College. Participated in student panels for prospective students and their parents. Conducted telethons for the office of admissions to answer the questions of prospective students.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 “Creating Lasting Partnerships: A Collaborative Approach to Bridging the Divide”  
Emergency Management Institute (EMI)-18<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium
- 2012 “Erasure and Subject Formation within the Neoliberal Construction of Disasters in the United States”. Presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, (SSSP) 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, in conjunction with a panel entitled: “*Reclaiming Hazardous Space: Investigating Pollution, Disaster, and Reuse Continued*”. Denver, CO.
- 2012 “Erasure and Subject Formation within the Neoliberal Construction of Disasters in the United States”. Presented at the American University, College of Arts and Sciences 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference. Washington D.C.
- 2010 “Continuity of Operations Plan, COOP and Emergency Preparedness in Court Services”  
Presenter on behalf of the Criminal Courts Technical Assistance Project, Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Court Services and Offender Supervision Federal Agency, Washington, D.C.
- 2006 Activism 101: Ecuador, Service Learning Projects: The Possibilities of Interdisciplinary Collaboration, presenter. Winter Park, FL.
- 2006: Activism 101: Making a Difference Locally and Globally, panelist, College of Arts and Sciences, CAS service learning panel. Winter Park, FL.
- 2005 “Eatonville Florida and the Zora Neale Hurston Museum: The Historical Connection between Rollins College and the Eatonville Community”, presenter and organizer, Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Forum, Winter Park, FL.

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

Bureau of Justice Assistance, BJA Drug Market Intervention (DMI) Training Initiative, Summary and Comparative Analysis of Participant Evaluation Responses DMI II Second Training Session. American University, May 29, 2009

Bureau of Justice Assistance, BJA Drug Market Intervention (DMI) Training Initiative, Summary and Comparative Analysis of Participant Evaluation Responses DMI II Third Training Session. American University, September 10, 2009

“There Is” Brushing Art & Literary Journal, Vol. 33: 76-77, 2005.

“What's New in Information Technology: An informative update of IT's efforts to give students effective resources” The Sandspur, August 20, 2004  
<http://www.thesandspur.org/news/what-s-new-in-information-technology-1.2388925#.ToP9FWp8uuI>

## **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

Activism 101: Making a difference locally and internationally

Black Literature, Film, and Culture

Drug Market Intervention: Training manual

Fiscal Management Basics

Coffee Talk-A forum for Budget Managers

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/HONORS**

The William Averette Anderson Fund-Student Council

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists

Delta Sigma Theta Honors Society

Ellen Knowles Harcourt Scholar

National Honors Society