

Katherine Pace, PhD

CURRENT POSITION

Researcher, Cost of Dispossession, City of Austin, Austin, TX

April 2022-present

Part of a City of Austin-funded team of researchers who, under the directorship of UT professor Edmund T. Gordon, are using census data, land ownership records, and property appraisals to produce maps of black residency, land ownership, and businesses in Austin from 1880 to 1950, and estimate the monetary cost of segregation and redlining to the city's black communities. Responsibilities include:

- bring an ecological analysis to the work, highlighting the historic and contemporary interplay between water and racial capitalism in Austin;
- ground data in historical narrative while highlighting the social costs of dispossession and redlining to Austin's black communities;
- gather historic photos and other audiovisual materials to accompany data and narrative;
- gather street, topographic, watershed, and floodplain maps to complement and underlay the team's census maps;
- gather black land ownership data from online land archives and black business data from city directories;
- clean census data;
- co-develop methodologies for data analysis and presentation;
- co-write project reports and grants. Project reports can be found at <https://ctxretold.org/black-communities/cost-of/>.

EDUCATION

Doctorate in History, University of Melbourne, Australia

August 2012

Dissertation analyzed the ideas and actions of interwar Melbourne's white humanitarian movements, as seen through the personal papers of one the movements' main secretaries, Amy Brown, and a transnational, postcolonial lens.

Bachelor of Arts, Plan II and History, University of Texas at Austin

June 2004

Honors thesis combined archival research and oral history to document the historic ties between Chicano-led environmental justice movement in Austin in the 1990s and Mexican American labor and civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Pace, K.L.**, "Shifting Terrains of Risk: A History of Natural Hazards and Displacement in Three Historic Black Communities of Central Austin, Texas," *Journal of Historical Geography* 79 (2023), 39-51, ISSN 0305-7488, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhg.2022.08.002>.
2. **Pace, K.L.**, "'We may expect nothing but shacks to be erected here': An Environmental History of Downtown Austin's Waterloo Park," *Not Even Past* (28 March 2022), <https://notevenpast.org/we-may-expect-nothing-but-shacks-to-be-erected-here-an-environmental-history-of-downtown-austins-waterloo-park/>.
3. **Pace, K.L.**, "Forgetting Waller Creek: An Environmental History of Race, Parks, and Planning in Downtown Austin, Texas," *Journal of Southern History* 87.4 (2021), 603-644.

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4. Torres, G. and **Pace, K.**, “Understanding Patriarchy as an Expression of Whiteness: Insights from the Chicana Movement,” *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy* 18.129 (2005), 129-172.

PUBLIC-FACING PUBLICATIONS

1. **Pace, K.L.**, “Turning toward EV Frontline Communities,” *Nonprofit Quarterly* (30 March 2023), <https://nonprofitquarterly.org/turning-toward-ev-frontline-communities/>.
2. **Pace, K.**, “Presente,” *Anthology of the Flor de Nopal Annual Literary Festival* (December 2011), 11.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Jack Temple Kirby Award, Southern Historical Association (2023)

Awarded to “Forgetting Waller Creek” in recognition of the best work in southern environmental or agricultural history published over the past two years.

Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship, University of Melbourne, Australia (2006-2011)

Melbourne International Research Scholarship, University of Melbourne, Australia (2006-2011)

INVITED TALKS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

- “Clearing the Slums: A Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Austin’s Waterloo Park,” Texas Children in Nature Network 2022 Summit, Austin, TX, December 7, 2022.
- “Expanding Austin’s Black archive through an ecological lens,” guest lecturer in Johnathon Lowell’s Urban Ecology undergraduate class, University of Texas at Austin, August 29, 2022.
- “Seeing Out the Other Eye - A View Through Waller Creek,” gallery talk in conjunction with visual artist Heather Parrish, Flatbed Press, Austin, TX, July 22, 2022, <https://sightlinesmag.org/questioning-waller-creek-heather-parrish-at-flatbed-press>.
- “Racial Landscaping: A Brief History of Park Planning along Lower Waller Creek,” presentation to the Austin Parks and Recreation Board, Austin, TX, July 25, 2022.
- “Along the Water: A Healing Journey through the Historic Freedom Communities of Austin,” co-presenter of historic walking tour of lower Shoal Creek, organized by the Pease Park Conservancy, Austin, TX, March 5, 2022.
- “Sustaining Austin’s Live Music Culture: An Architectural Response to the Economic and Social Challenges Facing the Red River Cultural District,” historic walking tour presented in conjunction with Preservation Austin at the Texas Society of Architects’ annual conference, Austin, TX, November 9, 2017.
- “The Disappearance of Waller Creek: An Environmental History of Residential Segregation in Austin,” lecture given at:
 - Monkeywrench Books, Austin, TX, May 22, 2017
 - Earth Week, Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, TX, April 18, 2017
 - Capital Area Master Naturalists monthly meeting, Austin, TX, July 26, 2017
 - Akins High School Park Rangers Cadet Program, Austin, TX, September 28, 2017
 - People United, KOOP Radio 91.7FM, Austin, TX, September 8, 2017, and June 15, 2018
- “Resolving California’s Water Crisis: Rain and Greywater Systems and the Contradictions between Public Health and Environmental Sustainability,” paper presented at Second

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Planning and Land-Use Strategies Summit (PLUS2): The Informal City, Los Angeles, CA, May 15-16, 2015.

- “Rain Harvesting 101,” Fiesta Gardens, Austin, Texas, January 29, 2013.
- ““The Best Brains:” Expertise at Work in Melbourne’s Interwar Eugenics and Settler Colonial Humanitarian Movements,” School of Philosophical and Historical Studies Postgraduate Association Annual Conference, University of Melbourne, May 16, 2010, Melbourne, Australia.

WORK AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Copyeditor, *Nonprofit Quarterly* (NPQ)

February 2021-August 2022

Copyedited articles published by NPQ, a publication for US-based non-profits, philanthropic organizations, and progressive social movements; provided developmental editing services to NPQ fellows; produced an in-house style guide; edited website copy.

Academic Editor and Spanish-to-English Translator

May 2017-January 2021

At this time, I am only accepting referrals from previous clients, so my editing website (www.paceediting.com) is not active. Provide developmental editing, copyediting, and Spanish-to-English translation services to scholars employed at various academic institutions around the US and Mexico. Clients include historians as well as US and Latin American anthropologists, geographers, cultural, literary, critical race, and gender studies scholars, urban geologists, and archeologists.

Grow Local Education Program Manager, Sustainable Food Center, Austin, TX

August 2014-
May 2017

Developed, managed, and taught seasonal series of adult organic food gardening workshops; produced a 54-page book on urban food gardening in Central Texas, focusing on inexpensive gardening techniques, management of the region’s extreme climate, and ways to minimize gardeners’ ecological footprint; translated the book and gardening series into Spanish; trained, managed, and supervised a cohort of 15 paid workshop facilitators; managed Spread the Harvest, a program that provides low-income and school gardeners with free food gardening materials; created and edited website, newsletter, and social media content. Newsletter pieces include:

- <https://sustainablefoodcenter.org/latest/gardening/blessed-bees>
- <https://sustainablefoodcenter.org/latest/gardening/indigenous-agriculture-and-sustainable-food>

Teacher’s Assistant, “Freedom and Slavery in 19th Century America,” University of Melbourne, Australia

July-October 2011

As a graduate student, led bi-weekly discussions of readings assigned to Professor David Goodman’s undergraduate class and graded student papers and exams.

CIVIC AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

***Vidas Dignas*, Huasca de Ocampo, Hidalgo, Mexico**

November 2019-present

Founder of and organizer with an animal-welfare collective dedicated to bringing animal-welfare education and low-cost pet sterilization services to semi-urban communities in and around the municipality of Huasca de Ocampo, Hidalgo, México.

- Secured two USD \$5,000 grants from the Summerlee Foundation;
- With the help of an editor, translated A Hero in my Hood’s English-language coloring book about dog care into Spanish and incorporated the book into a series of game-based elementary school workshops on animal welfare;
- Trained collective members to give workshop.

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To date, the workshops have been given in two communities in Hidalgo, both in conjunction with low-cost sterilization campaigns. As *Vidas Dignas* seeks additional funds to print books and subsidize sterilization costs, more established animal welfare advocates in the State of Mexico and Mexico City have adopted the school workshops for use. Evidence of our work can be found at www.facebook.com/VidasDignasHuascadeOcampo.

Translator, Austin Language Justice Collective (ALJC), Austin, TX 2016-2018
Provided paid and volunteer Spanish-language translation services at events organized by local organizations, including nonprofits and university groups.

Urban Forest Steward Certification, Austin Tree Folks February 2014
Completed four-week certification course in urban-forest stewardship. Topics included urban forest ecology, tree biology, tree species suited to Austin and their water, soil, and sun needs, tree planting, care, and pruning, municipal heritage-tree regulations, and attempts underway on behalf of the city and the local nonprofit, Tree Folks, to grow Austin's urban canopy.

Volunteer, Meristem Collective, Melbourne, Australia July 2009-August 2012

- Cultivated ecologically appropriate, predominantly perennial food and medicinal plants in the collective's greenhouse. The plants were used in "guerilla gardening" orchards and sold to local gardeners.
- Participated in "guerilla gardening" activities, planting small orchards on public lands on the outer bends of Melbourne creeks;
- Read key texts on permaculture principles and practices, rainwater harvesting, grey water systems, and composting;
- Assisted with the installation of three residential greywater systems. Led the installation of one more.

Permablitz, Melbourne, Australia September 2007-September 2009
While beginning to grow food at home, worked with fellow permablitz members to convert residential lawns into soil-building food gardens.

Editor, *Lilith: A Feminist History Journal*, Melbourne, Australia February 2007-June 2009
Editorial board member.

- Guided articles through the referee process;
- Copyedited for publication;
- Co-organized the journal's annual conference.

Las Brujas, Mexico City, Mexico September 2004-February 2006
Volunteered with a feminist collective to translate English-language feminist texts, including gender studies and women's history, into Spanish for public dissemination, and participated in weekly feminist reading group.