

# Katherine Leah Pace, Ph.D.

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## EDUCATION

**Doctorate in History**, University of Melbourne, Australia 2012  
Dissertation: "The Best Brains: Expertise at Work in Interwar Melbourne's Liberal Public Sphere"

**Bachelor of Arts**, Plan II and History, University of Texas at Austin 2004

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Academic Editor** 2012 – present  
Provide Spanish-to-English translation, developmental, line and copy editing, and proofreading services to humanities scholars and social scientists. Edited books include:  
Courtney Desiree Morris, *To Defend this Sunrise: Black Women's Activism and the Geography of Race in Nicaragua* (Rutgers University Press, 2023)  
Shanya Cordis, *Unsettling Geographies: Antiracism, Gendered Violence, and Indigenous Dispossession in Guyana* (forthcoming)  
Shanya Cordis, Maya J. Berry, Claudia Chávez Argüelles, Sarah Ihmoud and R. Elizabeth Velásquez Estrada, *Fugitive Anthropology: Embodying Activist Research* (University of Texas Press, 2025).

**Grants Manager**, Luz de Atabey Midwifery Project, Austin, TX 2025 – present  
Research, write, and edit grant applications and reports

**Researcher**, Pease Park Conservancy Heritage Grant, Austin, TX 2024 – 2025  
Research the Black history of lower Shoal Creek, upon which Pease Park sits, to develop a heritage project showcasing the park's Black history

**Researcher**, Cost of Dispossession, Equity Office, City of Austin, TX 2023 – 2025  
Researcher and writer for Black commemorative-history project led by Professor Edmund T. Gordon  
Project reports can be found at <https://ctxretold.org/Black-communities/cost-of/>.

**Editor**, *Nonprofit Quarterly* (NPQ), Remote 2021 – 2023  
Copyedited articles for publication; provided developmental editing and writing coaching to NPQ fellows

**Grow Local Education Program Manager**, Sustainable Food Center, Austin, TX 2014 – 2017  
Developed, managed, and taught urban food-gardening series; managed Spread the Harvest, providing low-income and school gardeners with free food gardening materials; created and edited website, newsletter, and social media content

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed articles

2023 Pace, Katherine Leah. "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: 39-51.

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- 2021 Pace, Katherine Leah. "Forgetting Waller Creek: An Environmental History of Race, Parks, and Planning in Downtown Austin, Texas." *Journal of Southern History* 87(4): 603-644.
- 2005 Torres, Gerald and Katie Pace. "Understanding Patriarchy as an Expression of Whiteness: Insights from the Chicana Movement." *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy* 18(129): 129-172.

## Non-peer reviewed scholarly articles

- 2022 Pace, Katherine Leah. "'We May Expect Nothing but Shacks to Be Erected Here': An Environmental History of Downtown Austin's Waterloo Park." *Not Even Past* (28 March). <https://notevenpast.org/we-may-expect-nothing-but-shacks-to-be-erected-here-an-environmental-history-of-downtown-austins-waterloo-park/>.

## Non-scholarly publications

- 2023 Pace, Katie. "Turning toward EV Frontline Communities." *Nonprofit Quarterly* (30 March). <https://nonprofitquarterly.org/turning-toward-ev-frontline-communities/>.
- 2012 Pace, Katherine. "Presente," *Anthology of the Flor de Nopal Annual Literary Festival* (December): 11.

## AWARDS + SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023 Jack Temple Kirby Award, Southern Historical Association  
Awarded to "Forgetting Waller Creek" in recognition of the best work in southern environmental or agricultural history published over the past two years.
- 2006 – 2011 Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship and Melbourne International Research Scholarship, University of Melbourne

## AFFILIATIONS

- Member**, American Society for Environmental History 2017 – present
- Research Affiliate**, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin 2017 – 2018

## COMMUNITY + PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer**, *Current Urban Studies*(CUS) 2024 – 2025
- Vidas Dignas**, Huasca de Ocampo, Hidalgo, Mexico 2019 – present  
Organized low-cost pet sterilization campaigns; secured funding from the Summerlee Foundation to subsidize sterilization costs; manage social media platform

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**Urban Forest Steward Certification**, Austin Tree Folks, Austin, TX

2014

**Meristem Collective**, Melbourne, Australia

2009 – 2012

Co-managed greenhouse; planted “guerilla” orchards on outer bends of urban creeks; installed residential greywater systems

**Editorial Board**, *Lilith: A Feminist History Journal*, Melbourne, Australia

2007 – 2009

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish – fluent speaking and reading, advanced writing