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Objective

PhD candidate in Urban Geography with excellent communication, technical, and analytical skills, and a wide range of research and project management experience, hoping to attain a full-time academic position at a reputable institution upon the conferral of my doctoral degree

Summary of Skills and Competencies

- Skilled in quantitative, qualitative and mixed-methods research
- Adept at using SPSS, NVivo, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint
- Proficient in the writing of technical reports, journal articles and other publications
- Effective communicator, presenter, critical thinker and problem solver
- Able to thrive in dynamic, high-pressure environments, independently and as a team player

Education

2017 – Present	University of the West Indies, Mona	PhD. candidate in Geography (Finalizing)
2014 – 2017	University of the West Indies, Mona	BSc. in Geography (Honours, First Class)
2007 – 2014	Naparima College, Trinidad	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Exams

Research Experience

- June – July 2022 **Intern, Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE), Energy Ministry of Trinidad and Tobago**
- Country delegate responsible for liaising with local Energy Sector stakeholders to collect national statistics and trends related to renewable energy performance indicators
 - Results from this primary and secondary data collection will be collated from CARICOM member states to produce a regional Energy Report Card (ERC)
- June 2021 – May 2022 **Research Assistant, Inter-American Development Bank**
- Helped to research and write sections of a vulnerability and risk assessment report and climate change adaptation plan for Jamaica's local housing sector
- June – August 2020 **Research Assistant, Food and Agriculture Organization**
- Coordinated social surveys of food suppliers and informal vendors in Kingston, Jamaica
 - Assisted in writing of chapters to be included as part of a technical report
- March – May 2020 **Research Assistant, Nature Conservancy Resilient Islands Project**
- Assisted on mapping and remote sensing project that attempted to digitize and catalogue physical and ecological resources at Old Harbour Bay, Jamaica
- June – December 2018 **Research Assistant, Hungry Cities Partnership**
- Administered social surveys among informal vendors throughout Kingston, Jamaica
- March – July 2018 **Research Assistant, The World Bank Forces of Nature Project**
- Leader of a research cluster surveying the dual impact of flooding and climate change events in rural coastal communities throughout Jamaica
- January – March 2018 **Research Assistant, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Jamaica**
- Assisted with epidemiological mapping; produced and presented digitized maps and curated animations on the spatio-temporal patterns of Screwworm Myiasis across Jamaica

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Assistant for Urban Geography and Urban and Regional Planning, 2018 - Present
- Tutor for Introductory Courses in Human and Physical Geography, 2017 - Present
- Demonstrator for Courses in Human and Physical Geography and GIS, 2017 - 2020

Publications (Articles in Periodicals, Book Chapters, Technical Reports)

- Kinlocke, R., Birthwright, A., Anderson, R., Doughorthy, K., **Mahabir, A.**, Wright, T. and McPherson, D., 2021. *Facilitating physical and economic access of healthy foods to vulnerable populations: An analysis of the food system of the Kingston Metropolitan Area, Jamaica*. Bridgetown, Barbados: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
- Kinlocke, R., **Mahabir, A.**, Smith, R. and Nelson, J. 2022. Expressions of hope(lessness): Exploring the psychosocial impacts of COVID-19 on accommodation workers in Negril, Jamaica. In: S. Rolle, I. Bethell-Bennett and J. Minnis, eds. *Pandemics, disasters, sustainability, tourism: An examination of impact on and resilience in Caribbean small island states*. Somerville, MA: Emerald. <https://bit.ly/3Os5G2B>
- **Mahabir, A.**, Anderson, R., Kinlocke, R., Smith, R., Doughorthy, K. and Madho, C. 2022. Discourse, difference and divergence: Exploring media representations and online public sentiments toward marginalized urban communities in Jamaica. *Social Sciences*, 11(6), p.240. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci11060240>
- **Mahabir, A.** and Anderson, R., 2020. The ICT poverty trap: How technology disparities exacerbate the spread of disease and division in Jamaica. *Platypus: Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing*. <https://bit.ly/3Hwg72E>
- **Mahabir, A.** and Kinlocke, R. 2021. Cut and paste policing? An assessment of Compstat's importation and implementation in a developing country. *Caribbean Journal of Criminology*, 3(1), pp.40-68. <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4120661>
- Smith, R., **Mahabir, A.**, Kinlocke, R. and Bassan, J. 2022. Adaptation amidst unprecedented change: The impact of COVID-19 on accommodation workers in Negril, Jamaica. In: S. Rolle, I. Bethell-Bennett and J. Minnis, eds. *Pandemics, disasters, sustainability, tourism: An examination of impact on and resilience in Caribbean small island states*. Somerville, MA: Emerald. <https://bit.ly/3Os5G2B>

Publications (Forthcoming/ "In-Press")

- Kinlocke, R., Smith, R., Birthwright, A. and **Mahabir, A.** *Vulnerability and risk assessment: Jamaica's housing sector*. IADB; Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation.
- Kinlocke, R., Smith, R., Birthwright, A. and **Mahabir, A.** *Climate Change Adaptation Plan: Jamaica's housing sector*. IADB; Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation.
- **Mahabir, A.** and Kinlocke, R. Alternative domains of injustice: Exploring hopelessness and psychosocial resilience among residents of an excluded area. *The Geographical Journal*.

Publications (In Preparation)

- Anderson, R. and **Mahabir, A.** Fear and isolation: Sense of safety and ability to form social circles among students at the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.
- Anderson, R. and **Mahabir, A.** Misunderstood? Low participation and unique challenges encountered by students at the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.
- Edwards, P., **Mahabir, A.**, Kinlocke, R. and Moulton, A. Going down the wrong road? Assessing the impact of BRI-backed projects on lives and livelihoods in Caribbean cities.
- **Mahabir, A.** and Anderson, R. Contested geographies of the college campus: The experiences of Muslim students at the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

- The University of the West Indies Postgraduate Scholarship Awardee (2019 – Present)
- Courtney Russell Caribbean Scholar Award, American Association of Geographers (2022)
- Political Geography Specialty Group Award, American Association of Geographers (2022)
- The American Association of Geographers Enrichment Award (2021)
- Winner of the Democratizing Innovation in the Americas Lab Competition (2020)
- Clinton Global Initiative University Fellow (2019)
- Graduate Fellowship Award and Travel Award from the Urban Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (2019)

Recent Conference Presentations

- Psychosocial Geographies, Inequality and Under-development (Paper Session Organized with Robert Kinlocke). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, N.Y., 2022.
- Urbanization, governance and the spatial revolt of food vendors in Kingston (Paper). Caribbean Urban Forum, Georgetown, Guyana, 2021.
- Media bias and social polarization: A qualitative exploration of the public discourse towards vulnerable social groups during the COVID-19 pandemic in Kingston, Jamaica (Paper). Tenth Annual Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Baltimore, M.D., 2020.
- Examining the psychosocial geographies of exclusion in the urban ghetto (Paper). Twelfth CARICOM Regional Statistical Research Seminar, Kingston, Jamaica, 2019.
- More harm than Good? A critical analysis of Compstat in a developing country (Paper). URISA Caribbean GIS Conference, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 2019.

University and Community Service

- At-Large Officer, Caribbean Geography Specialty Group, AAG (2021 – Present)
- Volunteer, Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management, Trinidad (2021 – Present)
- Volunteer, University of the West Indies Mona Islamic Organization (2017 – Present)

Other Skills

Languages: English, Spanish (Low Fluency)

Computer skills: Video Editing and Graphic Design

Other Qualifications: CPR Certified