**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**

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| 2017 – Present  2014 – 2017  2007 – 2014 | University of the West Indies, Mona  University of the West Indies, Mona  Naparima College, Trinidad | PhD. candidate in Geography (Finalizing)  BSc. in Geography (Honours, First Class)  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., Doughhorty, 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., Doughorty, 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

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