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Chadra Pittman **Class of 2027**

Current Employer:

University of Alabama Birmingham

Professional Background:

Chadra's work is published in *Transforming Anthropology*, *The Feminist Wire*, with a notable mention in "A Joyous Revolt: Toni Cade Bambara" by Linda J. Holmes and "The African Burial Ground in New York City: Memory, Spirituality, and Space" by Andrea Frohne. She is featured in *Scalawag Magazine*,

Urban Intellectual, *Chicago Tribune*, the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Daily Press*, the *Virginia Pilot*, *USA Today*, on WHRO/NPR and she has appeared on C-SPAN Books, ABC Nightline, MTV & Al-Jazeera. Chadra has been a guest lecturer at Columbia University, Brandeis University, William and Mary's Africana House, Hampton University, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, (ASALH), Long Beach City College, and the College of Charleston, the Institute for Human Rights, and the Unity Commission at Hampton's Diversity College. She was the Public Relations strategist for NASA Pioneer Dr. Katherine G. Johnson and has worked with Ta-Nehisi Coates, Dr. Carol Anderson, Dr. Lee Baker, Dr. Warren Perry, Dr. Michael Blakey, and Dr. Mae Carol Jemison over the course of her career.



As a Remembrance expert, Chadra has orchestrated ceremonies for the 1619 Project book launch for Nikole Hannah-Jones at Fort Monroe, the 400th African Landing Healing Day Commemoration, and for William & Mary's Law School. She orchestrated the Inaugural Juneteenth Remembrance commemoration, ceremonies for the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, (ASWAD) conference in Charleston, SC, the Jamestown Settlement, and the excavation site of Angela, the first documented enslaved woman recorded in the colony of Virginia in 1619. Chadra

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orchestrated the Opening Remembrance ceremony for those who perished due to racial violence and COVID for the 43rd Annual Association for African American Museums (AAAM) conference in 2021, the inaugural “Take Back the Night” rally in Newport News, Virginia, spearheaded the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, hosted the Trans Day of Remembrance, #BlackLivesMatter Community Conversations and Day of Unity, to honor women and children who have been killed due to patriarchal, racial and gendered violence. Chadra is a Social Justice Expert with the Unity Commission, served as Keynote Speaker for the Science Educators for Equity, Diversity & Social Justice (SEEDS) Conference, Fort Monroe Camp Fire and Port Hampton Lecture Series, panelist for the WNBA Atlanta Dream & Atlanta Pride Social Justice platform, Weyanoke’s Black History & Native American History Month celebrations, curator for Sankofa’s Remembrance Media Exhibit at the Slover Library, host of ASWAD’s 2019 Film Festival, REEL IT OUT LGBT Film Festival, Panelist for MILK & United in Anger: ACT UP Against AIDS and Project Manager for Film Festivals honoring Audre Lorde and James Baldwin.

Major Accomplishments:

Chadra is a member of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, with a 4.0 GPA, is the recipient of ASWAD’s Presidential Award in Accra, Ghana (2023), UAB’s National Alumni Society Dean’s Graduate Award (2023), Intersectional Feminism and Social Justice award from the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender (2021), City of Hampton Spotlight Citizen’s Award (2019), Proclamations from the City of Hampton, for her work with Remembrance (2019, 2013), Norfolk Botanical Garden’s Groundbreakers Award (2019), Weyanoke Association Service Award (2018), Barrett Peake Foundation Distinguished Award for Service (2017), Promoter of Excellence for Hampton City Schools, (2015 & 2014). Chadra served on the Board of Directors for the Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG), President’s Council for Inclusion and Diversity for the NBG, the Southeast CARE Coalition for Environmental Justice, and was most recently, appointed as Student Representative for the General Anthropology Division for the American Anthropological Association.

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Native of the Bronx, New York, Chadra Pittman is a Former Public Educator & Media Coordinator for the world-renowned 17th century New York African Burial Ground, creator of Sankofa's International Day of Remembrance, the only Middle Passage ceremony in Coastal Virginia, now in its 13th year and co-creator of a Global Remembrance ceremony template to be utilized in 175 countries worldwide.

Chadra is a Feminist Anthropologist, the Founder and Executive Director of The Sankofa Projects, an educational, cultural, social justice organization, which is centered on the African Diaspora, and 4 E.V.E.R. (End Violence End Rape), an educational, activist organization that seeks to end global sexual violence, eradicate rape culture and advocates for deaf and LGBTQIA+ inclusion into these typically hearing and heteronormative spaces.

Previous Service to ASALH:

Guest Lectured for Hampton Roads, Virginia Branch of ASALH.

What I Hope to Accomplish as an Executive Council Member of ASALH:

I would like to assist in broadening the reach of ASALH worldwide and create opportunities for ASALH's growth as an organization.

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