

**BIOGRAPHY** Jade Bentil is a Black Feminist Historian and PhD candidate in the Faculty of History at the University of Oxford. Her work maps the genealogies of Black women's world-making activism, both in Britain and throughout the Black diaspora. Her research combines the politics of Black feminism, prison industrial complex abolition, anti-imperialism and queer theorisations to approach the histories of Black women's autonomous organising in mid-late twentieth century Britain. For her work on Black women's activism in the twentieth century, she was awarded the 2017 Marion Sharples Prize.

Jade is currently working on her first book, *Rebel Citizen*, an oral history-based project focusing on the intimate recollections and experiences of Black women of African and Caribbean descent who migrated to Britain following the Second World War. *Rebel Citizen* will be published by Penguin Press in 2022.

## EDUCATION

- 2019-2022      ● University of Oxford – Dphil History – *In Progress*
- 2017            ● University of Leeds – MA Race and Resistance – Distinction
- 2015            ● University of Leeds – BA English and Spanish – First Class Honours with a Distinction in Spoken Spanish

## BOOKS AND CHAPTERS

*In Progress*      2021      Bentil, Jade. **REBEL CITIZEN: A History of Black Women Living, Loving and Resisting**. London: Allen Lane, 2021. UK and Commonwealth publication rights are represented by Emma Paterson at Aitken Alexander Associates.

*In Progress*      'We were fire-fighting against Thatcher and the system she was putting forward': The Black Women's Movement and the Boundaries of Nationhood in Thatcher's Britain, *Feminist and Queer Activism in Britain and the United States in the Long 1980s* (ed. by Dr Sarah Crook and Dr Charlotte Jeffries, forthcoming)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019-2022      ● Open-Oxford-Cambridge Doctoral Training Partnership
- 2017            ● Marion Sharples Prize for Best Dissertation by a Taught Masters Student, School of History, University of Leeds

## ARTICLES

- 2020            ● **Black Lives Matter, grandma and me: how our world changed during lockdown**, *The Guardian*
- 2019            ● "Do it all, my sisters": The imaginative worlds of Toni Morrison. *Prospect Magazine*

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

Feb 2020      Invited lecture: **Black Feminism in Britain and the Politics of Place, Race and Nation**, Center for Gender and Diversity Research; University of Tübingen.

Jan 2020      Invited lecture: **'Be a thief to the university': Black feminist politics and Navigating the Ivory Tower** Student Success Lecture Series; University of Kent.

- Jan 2019 Invited lecture: **OWAAD and the History of Black Activism on British University Campuses**, *Hidden Histories Series*; University of Warwick.
- Dec 2018 **Operating Outside of the “First World Nation”: Brixton Black Women’s Group and Negotiating the Post-Imperial in 1970s and 1980s Britain**, *After Empire Conference*; University of Leeds.
- Oct 2018 Invited speaker: **Herstory: How Black Feminists in Britain Disrupt the “Nation”**, *Herstory: Black Women’s Lives in Britain*; University of Warwick.
- Sep 2018 **“Strangers at Home”: How Black Women Fought Back in Thatcher’s Britain**, *Third Annual Black Feminism, Womanism and the Politics of Women of Colour in Europe Symposium*; Berlin.
- June 2018 Invited speaker: **‘Charting the Journey’: How Black Feminists Challenged Dominant Ideas of “Britishness” in the 1980s**, *Intersections and Academia Conference*; University of Sheffield.
- May 2018 Invited speaker: **‘We had a voice and we wanted it to be heard!’: The Black Women’s Movement, Black Socialist Feminism and Thatcherism, 1978-1988**, *Women’s Paths Conference: Exploring Black British Women’s Activism in the UK*; University of Leeds.

## SELECTED TALKS, PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

- August 2020 Invited to chair author event: **Lola Olufemi & Minna Salami: Critical Reflections on Feminism**; at Edinburgh International Book Festival
- June 2020 Invited to chair book club event featuring Saidiya Hartman: **‘Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments’ by Saidiya Hartman**; Rothmere American Institute, University of Oxford.
- March 2020 Invited to chair panel: **Intersectionality and Feminism**; Somerville College, University of Oxford.
- March 2020 Invited speaker: **REBEL CITIZEN X Badass Women in History**; Women of the World Festival.
- Oct 2019 Invited lecture: **History of Black British Feminism**; Black Girl Fest.
- Sep, 2019 Invited speaker: **A Black Feminist Reflection on the Power of Storytelling**; ABIKE Suppers.
- July 2019 Invited to chair panel: **What is Black Feminism in Britain?** Chair of panel at Housmans Bookshop organised by the Black Feminist Bookshop, featuring Emma Dabiri, Aviah Sarah Day and Chloe Filani
- April 2019 Invited panellist: **Project Myopia Anniversary Celebration**: Panellist; Project Myopia.
- April 2019 Invited workshop facilitator: **Black British Feminism Workshop**; Black Girl Fest x Becoming.

## PODCASTS

- March 2020 **“Feminism Interrupted”: Lola Olufemi, Jade Bentil and Gail Lewis in conversation**; Pluto Press
- July 2019 **Black Feminism in Britain: Jade Bentil & Paulette Williams**; PhD Divas

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

- July 2020 **Black Study and Abolition** - contributor to series on Black theory and abolition for Bar Book Forum
- Jan 2020 Peer Reviewed chapter submission for forthcoming edited volume *Contemporary Movements Around Black/African Women’s Bodies*, ed. by Msia Kibona Clark and Wunpini F. Mohammed