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ART AND HUMANITIES

MEDIA

Crochet
Surface Pattern Design
Urban Design
Journalism
Weaving
Digital Video and Audio
Creative Nonfiction Writing
Developmental Editing
Sewing
Knitting
Jewelry-Making

AWARDS

DC Arts and Humanities
Fellowship, FY 2026

100 Most Influential
Contemporary Urbanists,
Planetizen, 2023

Black Makers Matter
Collection, Spoonflower
2020

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts
Communication-
Public Relations
North Carolina State
University

Master of Public Affairs
Concentration in
Community and Economic
Development
University of North Carolina
Greensboro

BIO

Kristen Jeffers (she/they) is the creator and managing editor of The Black Urbanist and Kristpattern multimedia platforms, which strive to bring a Black queer feminist dynamically disabled perspective to the greater urbanist sphere through a newsletter, workbook, and podcast on Defying Gentrification, and managing urbanist fiber craft events. She's held a variety of communication and public affairs positions over the last decade and a half and is one of Planetizen's 2023 100 Most Influential Contemporary Urbanists. Most recently, they were the contributing editor for Greater Greater Washington and have been featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, Streetsblog the (Memphis) Commercial Appeal, and on NPR affiliates, WAMU, WUNC and KCUR, along with bylines in House Beautiful, Sierra Magazine, Streetsblog, Next City, and Grist.

KEY ARTISTIC AND HUMANITIES WORKS

BOOKS

The Defying Gentrification Playbook, 2025

SELF-DRAFTED CROCHETED GARMENTS

Kristen's Dreamcoat Duster, 2026

Kristagon Sweater, 2024

Kristory Dress, 2023

Kristory Pencil Skirt, 2021

Kristfinity Scarf Pattern, 2021

SURFACE PATTERN DESIGNS

In Like A Lamb, 2025

Flowing Women Christmas, 2015

HeartSpeakFarConnect, 2015

URBAN DESIGN MULTIMEDIA PROJECTS

The Black Urbanist Multimedia Platform 2010- present

Defying Gentrification Podcast 2024-present

Defying Gentrification, Crafting Liberation Newsletter 1
2024-present

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NONPROFIT PRINT PUBLICATION DESIGN

Walk-Up WakeUp Call , Smart Growth America, 2019

Foot Traffic Ahead, Smart Growth America 2019, 2023

PODCASTING

Defying Gentrification 2024-present

Third Wave Urbanism 2016-2018

The Black Urbanist Radio Show 2014-2018

URBAN DESIGN PUBLIC SPEAKING/ WORKSHOPS

“A Black Urbanist Journey to an Accessible Queer Feminist Future”, Congress for New Urbanism, 2024

“Black Urbanism: From Surviving to Thriving” Columbia University GSAAP, Lectures in Planning Series, 2023

PERSONAL ESSAY WRITING

“What an Urban Planner Took From MoMA’s Architecture and Blackness in America Exhibit, House Beautiful,” 2021

“Kristen E. Jeffers on Building Resilience”
Sierra Magazine, 2020

EDITING FOR NONPROFIT MEDIA

“Is Prince George’s County losing its status as the region’s Black promised land?”, Olobusayo Sabi, Greater Greater Washington, 2023

COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOPS

DC State Fair Fiber Arts Demonstration Booth, 2025

Heurich House Makers Month, Maker-Led Workshop: Beginner Crochet with KristPattern, 2024

DC Design Week, Crochet as Self Care, 2022

Sweet Pea Fiber, Kristfiniy Scarf Masterclass, 2021