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Education

New York University (NYU)

Ph.D. in African Diaspora History 2023

M.Phil in History 2020

Dissertation: "We were but women': Print Culture, Anti-Colonialism, and Activism Amongst Black Women in the Francophone Diaspora, 1920-1976."

Advisors: Michael Gomez (Primary), Sinclair Thomson, & Madina Thiam (Late: J. Michael Dash).

Readers: Monique Bedasse & Rebecca Goetz

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

M.A. in African Studies 2014

M.A. Thesis: "Yearning for Transformation: Senegalese Women in the Margins of Home and France, 1958-2003"

Advisors: Professors Allen F. Roberts, Ghislaine Lydon, and Françoise Lionnet (Harvard).

Eugene Lange College, the New School for Liberal Arts

B.A. in History, minor in Ethnicity and Race 2011

B.A. Thesis: "The Tale of the Black Matriarch"

Advisor: Professor Elaine Abelson

Employment History

Georgia Institute of Technology, Assistant Professor in School of History and Sociology

-Fall 2024- Present

Spelman College, Lecturer of International Studies. -Fall 2023- Spring 2024

California State University, Sacramento (CSUS), Lecturer of Ethnic Studies

-Spring 2020- Spring 2023 & Fall 2014- Spring 2016

Pratt Institute, Adjunct Instructor in School of Liberal Arts-Fall 2017-Spring 2018

New York University (NYU), Course Assistant in Department of History-Spring 2017

UCLA African Studies Center -Summer 2012- Summer 2014

Honors and Awards

- Fall 2022-Spring 2023: Quinn Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- Summer 2022: NYU Department of History Professional Development Grant
- February 2022: Cooper Woodson College Mentor of the Month
- Fall 2019: New York University Provost's Global Research Initiative Fellow, Paris.
- Summers 2017- 2019: New York University Opportunity Fellowship Program.

- Fall 2016- Spring 2022: New York University Graduate School of Arts & Science MacCracken Fellowship. Awarded supplemental Opportunity Fellowship.
- Fall 2016: Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation Merit Scholarship.
- Fall 2013: Alpha Kappa Alpha Tau Tau Omega Graduate Scholarship.
- Fall 2012: Delta Sigma Theta Mary Murphy Graduate Fellowship.
- Fall 2012-Spring 2014: UCLA Graduate Division Regents Stipend & Fellowship
- Undergraduate Awards (2007-2011): Lang College Scholarship, Dean's Scholarship, BAFA Merit Award, University Scholars Award, BFA Scholarship, Dean's BFA Scholarship

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities

Books

- *We Blazed the Trail: Black Decolonial Feminisms and Imagined Alternatives in the French Antilles*. Manuscript in Progress.

- "Nationalism before it's too late: Fanon, FAGA and the Predicament of the French Antilles." in *Palgrave Handbook on Frantz Fanon*. Forthcoming edited volume.

Articles—Refereed

- "Towards a New Pan-Africanism in Maryse Condé's *Waiting for the Waters to Rise*." Under review at *Callaloo*

- "Annette Mbaye D'Erneville, Awa, and Pan-African State Feminism(s)." *African Studies Review*. Proposal accepted and article in progress.

- "A Life Lived Between Autobiography, Fiction, and History: Maryse Conde." *Ufahamu Journal of African Studies*. Vol.39:2. Spring 2016 (Peer Reviewed)

- "Edouard Glissant and the African Roots of Creolization." *Ufahamu: Journal of African Studies*. Vol. 38.2. Winter 2015 (Peer Reviewed)

Other Publications and Creative Products

-Contributor and Consultant to Chambre des échos in *Tituba qui pour nous protéger* exhibition on Maryse Condé. Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France. October 2024 to January 2025.

-Strictly Facts: A Guide to Caribbean History and Culture. Invited Guest. "[The Legacy of the Négritude Movement and Black Women's Activism in the French Caribbean](#)." Podcast with Alexandria Miller. July 2024.

-NYU Intersectional Feminist/Queer Studies Collective Workshop. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Participant and Presenter. December 2022.

- "Revisiting Sembene's Women: The Four of *Xala*." *Sunu Journal of African Affairs, Critical Thought +Aesthetics*. May 2020. [Virtual](#)

Research Languages

-Research Language(s): Advanced competency in French

Grants and Contracts

-ADVANCE Travel Grant, Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall 2025 (\$2500)

Professional Affiliations

- African American Intellectual History Society
- African Studies Association
- Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora
- Black Women's Studies Association
- Caribbean Philosophical Association
- National Women's Studies Association
- Women in French

References (Available upon request)