

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Ph.D., Black Studies (Fall 2026)

M.A., African American Studies (Summer 2022)

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

B.A., Comparative Ethnic Studies (Spring 2020)

Minors in Women's & Gender Studies, Queer Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Black Studies, Trans Studies, Trans of Color Critique/Black Trans Feminism, Black Feminist Theory, Performance Theory, Media Studies, Pop Culture, Cultural Production, Ontology, Materiality

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2026 "I Saw Things I Imagined: Speculative Modalities of Black Trans Feminism in Janelle Monáe's *Dirty Computer* and Solange's *When I Get Home*," *Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the United States*, Special Issue: Black Speculations/Black Futures, Oxford University Press

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

Feb 2026 "Atmospheric/Aspirational Anti-Blackness"
Invited Lecture for "Ethnic Studies 112: Race, Culture, and Politics in the U.S."
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Jan 2025 "Slavery and its Afterlives: Black Genders' Un/Representability"
Invited Lecture for "Ethnic Studies 112: Race, Culture, and Politics in the U.S."
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Oct 2024 "'Sing Like that Little White Black Girl You Are': Racial & Gender
Plasticity in the Discography of Ariana Grande"
Conference Presentation
Association for the Study of Arts of the Present Conference

- Feb 2024 “Gender and Jazz with Brandee Younger”
 Guest Lecture by NAACP Image Award Winner, Doris Duke Foundation
 Awardee, and Grammy-nominated harpist Brandee Younger
 Moderator
 Northwestern University
- Mar 2023 “Untouchable Encounters: An Inter/Intracommunal Abolitionist Meeting on Sex
 Negativity” (with Soumya Rachel Shailendra)
 Conference Presentation
American Comparative Literature Association Conference
- Feb 2023 “Black (Trans) Feminism and Afrofuturist Possibility in Octavia Butler’s
Kindred”
 Invited Lecture for “African American Studies 211: Slave and Neo-Slave
 Narratives”
 Northwestern University
- Nov 2022 “What’s Queer About Queering?: Queering At The End of the World”
 Roundtable Panelist
National Women’s Studies Association Conference
- Nov 2022 “I Wanted My Body To Be The Thing: A Love Note To/wards Black Trans
 Feminist Possibilities in the Field of Performance Studies” (with Madeleine
 LeCesne)
 Conference Presentation
American Studies Association Conference
- Mar 2022 “I Wanted My Body To Be The Thing: A Love Note To/wards Black Trans
 Feminist Possibilities in the Field of Performance Studies” (with Madeleine
 LeCesne)
 Conference Presentation
English Graduate Student Organization Winter Salon
 Northwestern University
- Mar 2021 “The No-State ‘Solution’: Palestine and the Question of Queer Theory
 Public Lecture by Dr. Jasbir Puar
 Moderator
 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

TEACHING

- Spring 2025 Black Studies 380/Humanities 370: Your Faves Are Problematic(?) Racial
 And Gender Imbrication in Contemporary Pop Media

Instructed by Mustafa Siddiqui

Instructor

- Developed original class “exploring the lyrical, sonic, and visual worldmaking enacted by contemporary pop musicians as an exercise in making sense of the myriad roles that pop culture and media play in the production, reproduction, and maintenance of power and social operations” (excerpted from my course description)

Winter 2024 Black Studies 327: New Black Music (Jazz) in Chicago

Instructed by Dr. Nitasha Sharma

Teaching Assistant

- Unique class which required support in coordinating visits with music industry personnel, workshops with jazz musicians, and putting on a 400-person-capacity show on campus with 8 featured jazz musicians

Spring 2023 Black Studies 334: Gender and Black Masculinity

Instructed by Dr. Marquis Bey

Teaching Assistant

Winter 2023 Black Studies 211: Slave and Neo-slave Narratives

Instructed by Dr. Nicole Spigner

Teaching Assistant

Winter 2022 Black Studies 211: Black Classicism

Instructed by Dr. Nicole Spigner

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2021 Black 245: Black Queer Diasporas

Instructed by Dr. Alexander Weheliye

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2020 Ethnic Studies 241: Survey of Indigenous Studies

Instructed by Dr. Jenell Navarro

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Winter 2020 Ethnic Studies 310: Hip-Hop, Poetics and Politics

Instructed by Dr. Jenell Navarro

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Winter 2020 Ethnic Studies 114: Introduction to Ethnic Studies

Instructed by Dr. Jenell Navarro

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

- Fall 2019 Ethnic Studies 400: Critical SWANA (Southwest Asian and North African) Studies Theorizing
Instructed by Mustafa Siddiqui, advised by Dr. Denise Isom
 Supervised Undergraduate Teaching
- Developed original class engaging critical theory and citational politics in refutation and subversion of Orientalist scholarship
 - Units emphasized the work of scholars Edward Said and Jasbir Puar as foundational lenses, applied theory to contemporary contexts such as the Sudanese Revolution (Dec 2018 – Aug 2019), explored the convergences between SWANA Studies and Black Studies, Indigenous Studies, and Latinx Studies, and investigated the complexities of SWANA feminisms and trans/gender studies
- Fall 2019 Ethnic Studies 112: Race, Culture, and Politics in the U.S.
Instructed by Dr. Lizzie Lamoree
 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

HONORS, AWARDS, AND APPOINTMENTS

- Fall 2024 - Spring 2025 Franke Graduate Fellowship from Northwestern University's Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities
- Awarded prestigious fellowship for the 2024-2025 academic year. Admitted into a selective cohort of four graduate fellows in the humanities to “cultivate research and teaching within the interdisciplinary setting of the Kaplan Institute”
- Fall 2024 Conference Travel Grant from Northwestern TGS (The Graduate School)
- Awarded travel funding to attend and present at the 2024 *Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present Conference*
- Summer 2023 Summer Professional Development Travel Grant from Northwestern University's Black Studies Department
- Awarded travel funding to attend the Summer Institute of Psychoanalysis in Paris, France
- Summer 2023 Northwestern University and the University Sorbonne Nouvelle's Summer Institute of Psychoanalysis
- Accepted into a selective cohort to attend summer institute in Paris, France

- Summer 2023 Northwestern University TGS-SSRC Dissertation Proposal Development Program 2023
- Interdisciplinary program with faculty mentors and a \$4,000 fellowship award
- Spring 2020 Cal Poly Ethnic Studies Department Curricular Innovation Award
- Awarded to one graduating senior, created in honor of the recipient, in recognition of exceptional curricular development and implementation
- Fall 2019 Conference Travel Grant from Cal Poly's Women's and Gender Studies Department
- Awarded travel funding to attend the 2019 *National Women's Studies Association Conference* in San Francisco, California
- Spring 2019 Cal Poly Ethnic Studies Department Rising Scholar Award
- Awarded to one non-graduating student, amongst awards ceremony for graduating seniors at Ethnic Studies End of the Year Banquet, for significant "contributions to [the] department, college, and university"
- Spring 2019 Cal Poly Pride Center Outstanding Service and Leadership Award
- Awarded to students who have helped advance LGBTQIA2S+ programs and services
- Spring 2019 Cal Poly Women's and Gender Studies Department Excellence in Leadership for Social Change at Cal Poly Student Award
- Awarded to the "Critical Trans of Color Theorizing Self-Directed Course," a cohort including myself and 6 other students
- Fall 2018 - Spring 2019 Cal Poly Associated Students Inc. Social Justice Funding Committee Member
- Awarded seat in approval committee to disburse \$15,000 to social justice-oriented student organizations

ACADEMIC PROJECTS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

"Trans Synthetics: Black Immaterial Praxis and the Politics of Gender Authenticity"
PhD Dissertation for the Department of Black Studies at Northwestern University
 Spring 2026 (forthcoming)

“Lessons for Holding and Being Held Without Form: Black Trans Feminist Notes on Identity”
*Second Year Paper (Master’s Thesis) for the Department of Black Studies at
Northwestern University
Summer 2022*

“Proposing Critical SWANA (Southwest Asian and North African) Studies Theorizing and Beyond”
*Undergraduate Senior Capstone Project for the Department of Ethnic Studies at
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Spring 2020*

- Created and led a student-run independent studies course listed as Ethnic Studies 400. For this course, I created an original syllabus and lectures, facilitated discussions, organized guest speaker visits, and had the students produce critical writing and creative/art-based projects

“Refiguring The American Surveillance/Security State Post 9/11 Through Literature”
*\$3,000 Research Stipend from Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Undergraduate Research Assistant to Dr. Roberta Wolfson, Winter 2018 – Spring 2019*

- Conducted & synthesized research, and edited for Dr. Wolfson’s writing projects
- Helped conduct research for Dr. Wolfson’s book project *Refiguring Race and Risk: Counternarratives of Care in the US Security State*

REFERENCES

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