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## EDUCATION

- 2011 **Juris Doctor, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, MN**  
Editor-in-Chief, *William Mitchell Law Raza Journal*  
Associate Editor, *Litigation News* (an American Bar Association publication) six issues  
William Mitchell Fellow (1 of 21 in an entering class of 336)
- 1998 **Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Georgia, Athens, GA**  
Womanist Studies Consortium, a Rockefeller Humanities Fellowship Residency Program with the  
Institute of African-American Studies, University of Georgia
- 1997 **Doctor of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN**  
Major: American Studies  
Minor: Feminist Studies
- 1991 **Bachelor of Arts, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**  
Majors: American History and Afro-American Studies,  
Minor: English  
*Student Body President, First Black Woman in the Ivy League*
- 1987 **High School Diploma Canterbury School, New Milford Connecticut**  
I am the only woman to receive the Thomas J. Sheehy III Distinguished Alumni Award. Canterbury  
was a Boys Boarding School from 1915-1971. I received the award in (2022)

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

### Macalester College

**Chair, History Department** 2025-present

**Special Assistant to the Provost for Strategic Initiatives** 2023-2025

**Chair, American Studies Department** (Spring 2022, 2012-2018, 2003-2005)

### Grinnell College

**Parent and Families Leadership Council** 2022-Present

### Mitchell Hamline College of Law

**Trustee** 2023-Present

## **Leadership**

- As Special Assistant to the Provost, oversee strategic initiatives related to Curriculum (8 committee members) and Social Responsibility (13 committee members)
- As Chair of the History Department, oversaw a department with 7 faculty and 60 majors. Budget including endowments is **\$155,00.00**.
- As Chair of American Studies Department, oversaw a department with 5 faculty, and 40 majors.
- Leadership development programs including the ACM-Mellon Academic Leadership Fellowship, which is a program meant to familiarize humanities faculty with academic leadership at the highest level through immersion in the workings of upper-level academic administration on each host campus. The fellows are tenured faculty who have demonstrated leadership capabilities, a commitment to diversity and inclusive equity, and the potential to have a transformative impact through leadership at their current or future institutions. As contributors to senior leadership discussions, each fellow will lead a discrete project or portfolio of responsibilities as identified by the host college's senior leadership team.
- Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Leadership Institute, is a program for women in higher education which allows for cross-institutional learning about higher education administration across different axes including general leadership principles, higher education trends, change management, budgets and financial statements, legal issues, crisis management, strategic planning, inclusive leadership, and equity.

## **Faculty Governance and Engagement**

- Served as Presiding Officer of the Faculty, (2019-2020), conducted the first virtual faculty meeting due to COVID.
- Served as Faculty Personnel Committee, Chair. (2016-2017); Under my leadership we reviewed 18 faculty members; 4 pre-tenure, 8 tenure, 6 promotion for Full Professor. Unanimously passed a resolution revising the faculty grievance procedure to better reflect Title IX considerations.
- Sat on Faculty Advisory Council, (2021-2022), was one of seven faculty members who were in the President and Provost's Cabinet
- Demonstrated ability to gain consensus among faculty with different perspectives on difficult topics and was instrumental in passing in strategic initiatives including unanimously a resolution revising the General Education Requirement from "Multiculturalism" to "Identity and Difference." Lead author for the 17-page report, which framed the requirements in use until 2026.

## **Curricular Innovation and Change**

- Curriculum Committee Co-Chair, (2023-2024); In March 2026 the Board of Trustees reviewed and unanimously endorsed Mac Core updates. This was the first overall curriculum change since 1987,
- Educational Policy and Governance Committee, Chair. (2021-2022);
- General Education Curriculum Requirement Committee, Chair. (2012-2013);
- As Acting Coordinator, African American Studies Program. (2000-2001), was the only untenured member of a faculty team to introduce African American Studies into the curriculum.

## **Interdisciplinary and Experiential Engagement**

- Created and team-taught a course with a colleague in the French Department called Paris Noir/Blacks in Paris. Structured the classroom experience with a two-week field course in Paris.
- Created and team-taught with a colleague in the History Department a course called African American Life, Past, Present, Future. This course was taught during fall semester and included a fall break trip to Washington D.C. to get a guided tour of the National Museum of African American History and Culture by President Biden's appointee to the Committee on Arts and Humanities, Tsione Wolde-Michael

- Co-chair the [Congress to Campus Program](#) at Macalester, facilitating dialogues across difference requires by utilizing wisdom that comes with a position of seniority, and allows for students to raise questions and have thoughts and perspectives challenged without disrespect.

### **Budget Management**

- Assist with the stewardship of a \$48 million budget as a member of the Region's Hospital Foundation Board
- As a participant in the ACM Leadership Fellows program, took a course on Higher Education Finance, studying a range of financial issues including zero-based budgeting.

### **Fundraising**

- Serve on the Campus Philanthropy Working Group, (2022-present)
- As American Studies Chair, worked the VP for Advancement and with the Capital Campaign Planning Committee to secure \$250,000 donation for the American Studies Department's El-Kati Lectureship
- Appointed to the Trustees' Committee for Advancement and attended the year-long Center for Scholarship and Teaching (CST) Academic Leadership Seminar, gaining experience in advancement, development, and working with corporate foundations
- Raised money for low-income and first-generation students to participate in an experiential learning opportunity called Paris Noir enabling half of the class to pay \$100 for a \$3,500 high-impact learning experience

### **Strategic Planning**

- Acted as Strategic Planning Champion, (2021-2022), was one of four faculty chosen by the President and Provost to help the College embark on a year-long strategic planning process.

### **Accreditation**

- Completed external review of the department (2015) and worked to implement recommendations from the report.
- Executed on the recommendations to establish a Steering Committee - worked with the Provost to choose faculty from the Geography, Art History, and Religious Studies Departments to become voting members at our department meetings.

### **Recruitment and Retention**

- Hired two Department Coordinators; one was the College's first Transgender employee; one was the first woman of color faculty department coordinator.
- Served as Provost's Search Committee Member, (2020-2021)

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

- Served on the following committees: Committee Member for Macalester Fund Designation to Support Racial Equity Initiatives, 2020-present
- Serve as Chair, Social Responsibility Committee since 2023

### **External Engagement**

- Chair of the MN Book awards 2021-present
- Vice President of [MABL](#) (Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers)
- Government experience~~worked for the late Senator Paul D. Wellstone as a Constituent Advocate; appointed by Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton to the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights; appointed by Governors Ventura, Dayton, and Walz to the Board of Public Defenders.

- Conceptualized [Tuskegee/ U of MN Department of Surgery Collaboration](#), responsible for community outreach. We secured a \$800,000 National Institute of Health Grant in 2024.
- Featured in the documentary, [Reconstruction Destroyed](#).

## **FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

### **Macalester College**

- Professor, Department of American Studies and Political Science 2013-Present
- Associate Professor 2004-2013
- Assistant Professor 1998-2004
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Pol.Science and Women’s and Gender Studies 1997-1998
- Instructor, Women’s and Gender Studies, Macalester College 1994-1997

### **Other Institutions**

- Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota Law School 2024 & 2025
- Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota 2011
- Associate Faculty, American Studies, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 2004-Present
- Instructor, Summer Research Program for Minority Undergraduates, University of Pennsylvania 1991

### **Faculty Highlights**

- [Faculty Fellow, Kofi Anan Institute for Global Citizenship](#), (Spring 2021)
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. Principal Investigator. Funder Grant ID# 21200699, \$354,500. (2012-2013, 2015-2016)
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Faculty Coordinator (2012-2016)

## **HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP**

2023- Present Trustee, Mitchell Hamline College of Law  
 National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Secretary  
 National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Executive Council Member  
 National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Newsletter Editor  
 National Conference of Black Political Scientists, “Women and Politics” Section Chair  
 National Conference of Black Political Scientists, “Identity Politics: Gender, Class, Ethnicity, Sexuality, and Religion” Section  
 The Shirley Chisholm Presidential Accountability Commission, Member  
*The Commission conducts research, consulting with the Executive Branch and members of Congress. Convenes public forums and issues report cards grading presidential administrations on issues of importance to African Americans.*  
 American Studies Association, Minority Scholars Committee, Co-Chair  
 American Studies Association, Ethnic Studies Committee, Member

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (2015 to the present)**

2024 Sigma Pi Phi's Omicron Boulé, Archousa of the Year  
 2023 [Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, 200 Black Leaders in the Twin Cities region](#)

- 2022 Trustee Award, Macalester College, recognition for excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.
- 2022 “Understanding Our Duluth Lynchings” Symposium Wins 2022 AASLH History in Progress Award and Award of Excellence

The AASLH Leadership in History Awards are the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. The History in Progress (HIP) Award, given at the discretion of the AASLH Awards Committee, is an additional award for an Award of Excellence winner whose nomination is highly inspirational, exhibits exceptional scholarship, and/or is exceedingly entrepreneurial in terms of funding, partnerships, collaborations, creative problem solving, unusual project design, or inclusiveness. Only 5% or fewer of the total number of Award of Excellence winners can be given the HIP Award.

- 2022 Minneapolis YWCA “Woman of Power”
- 2021 [Thomas Jefferson Award, Macalester College](#)
- 2020 AARP MN & Pollen 50 over 50 Honoree as a “Disruptor” and “Narrative Shaper.”
- 2020 Distinguished Recognition for Leadership and Service from Voices Magazine
- 2019 Association of Black Women in Higher Education’s Presidential Award
- 2018 Alumni Annual Fund Donations in Honor of Duchess Harris (11), Macalester
- 2017 Recognition from the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas
- 2017 University of Pennsylvania, “Distinguished Service Award” for outstanding contributions to “foment an educated, engaged and informed citizenry”
- 2016 Citation of Outstanding Service from NCOBPS
- 2016 Sigma Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., “Woman of the Year”
- 2015 Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, “Profiles in Courage” Award

## **ADDITIONAL SERVICE TO MACALESTER COLLEGE**

Faculty Mentor for:

1. Hewlett Foundation Pluralism and Unity Program
2. Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program
3. McNair Scholars Program
4. Preparing Future Faculty at the University of Minnesota
5. Frank Karel Fellowship in Public Interest Communications

## **STEERING AND GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

### **Service from 1996-present**

Academic Leadership Program hosted by the Center for Scholarship and Teaching

The African American Studies Subcommittee of the American Studies Steering Committee

*One of seven faculty members to create a minor in African American Studies*

Alumni of Color Reunion Planning Committee

Center for Global Studies and Citizenship Planning Committee. Appointed by the Provost.

Council for Equity and Institutional Transformation

Democracy in Action Steering Committee

Faculty Professional Activities Committee. Elected by Faculty.

Faculty Appeals Committee. Elected by Faculty.

Gateway Prize for Excellent Writing Selection Committee. (3 times.)  
Human Rights and Humanitarianism Interdepartmental Program Steering Committee  
*One of nine faculty members to create a core in Human Rights and Humanitarianism*  
Legal Studies Steering Committee  
Multicultural Advisory Board. Board Member.  
Resources and Planning Committee. Elected by Faculty.  
Student Learning Committee  
Task Force on the Budget. Appointed by Provost.  
The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Selection Committee. Appointed by the Academic Dean.  
Trustees Committee on Advancement. (TWICE) Appointed by Provost.  
Trustees Committee on Academic Affairs. Appointed by Provost.

## **DEPARTMENT SEARCH COMMITTEES**

American Studies  
Comparative North American Studies Search Committee  
Dean of Multicultural Affairs Search Committee  
Dean for the Study of Race and Ethnicity Search Committee. (2 faculty positions)  
English Search Committee  
History Search Committee. (3 faculty positions)  
Political Science Search Committee. (3 faculty positions)  
Title IX (Chair)

## **Third Year Review Committees**

Committee member, Professor Kirisitina (Kiri) Sailiata Ph.D., Assistant Professor of American Studies. Macalester College, 2024.

Committee member, Tia-Simone Gardner, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Media and Cultural Studies. Macalester College, 2022.

External reader, Professor Heidi R. Lewis, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Feminist and Gender Studies. Colorado College, 2014.

## **Tenure Committees**

Committee member, Professor Karin Aguilar-San Juan, Ph.D., American Studies. Macalester College, 2005.

External Reader, Professor Lakesia D. Johnson, J.D., Ph.D., Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies and English. Grinnell College, 2013.

External Reader, Professor Aura Wharton-Beck, Ed.D., Educational Leadership. University of St. Thomas, 2023.

## **Full Professor Committees**

Committee Chair, Professor Ron Barrett, Anthropology, Macalester College, 2024.

External Reader, Professor Michelle Scott, History Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2022.

External Reader, Professor Kiese Laymon, English Department, Rice University 2021.

External Reader, Professor Maurice Stevens, Comparative Studies. The Ohio State University, 2017.

Committee Chair, Professor Karin Aguilar-San Juan, American Studies, Macalester College, 2017.

External Reader, Professor Erica Armstrong Dunbar, History and Black Studies. University of Delaware, 2016.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES**

I have consistently sought to diversify my expertise in American and Afro-American Studies with extensive international experiences including study in England (Oxford), Nigeria and Sweden and also in policy development.

2002-2003 Policy Fellow, Partners in Policymaking Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Government Training Service, St. Paul, Minnesota

1998-1999 Policy Fellow, Health Care Policy, Hubert. H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

1996-1997 Research Fellow and Co-Director of Programs, Institute on Race and Poverty, University of Minnesota Law School

1996 Study Abroad, Lund University, Lund, Sweden. Comparative analysis of labor migration of Blacks from the Southern United States, and Chicanos from Mexico, and Swedes, to Minnesota (funded by the Helen Henton International Alumni Fund)

1994 The Women's Campaign School. Inc., Yale University Women's Studies Program

1992-1994 Constituent Advocate/Issue Liaison, U.S. Senator Paul David Wellstone, St. Paul, Minnesota

1992 Study Away, University of Michigan Center for Afro-American and African Studies (Big Ten Academic Alliance Traveling Scholar)

1990 Study Abroad, University of Oxford, Oxford, England

1989 Study Abroad, University of Ibadan Institute for African Studies, Ibadan, Nigeria

## **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**

I am an interdisciplinary scholar trained in American Studies. In my work, I strive to recover episodes of Black political significance that have largely been neglected, ignored, or lost within general scholarship, contextualize them within broader historical frameworks, and restore them.

### Scholarly Books

1. Forthcoming August 2026, [\*Black Feminist Politics from the Voting Rights Act to the Kamala Harris Vice Presidency\*](#)
2. *Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Trump*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.  
A definitive investigation of the mainstreaming of black feminist politics in the 21st century. This volume incorporates the transformative influence of black feminist political strategy and principles in mainstream U.S. politics, especially in the 2016 U.S. election. The text deepens earlier editions' consideration of sexuality and gender identity in black feminist politics and explores the role of digital organizing and social media in setting the terms of contemporary political struggles.
3. *Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Obama*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.
4. *Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Clinton*, 1<sup>st</sup> ed., Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.
  - Finalist for the 2010 Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics Anna Julia Cooper Outstanding Book Award
  - Symposium: Author Meets Her Critics at The 44th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Oakbrook, IL, March 2013.
  - Book Signing at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Luncheon, February 2014

### Printed Reviews

*The Root*, The Reading List: The Intellectual Edition, 2009.  
*Feminist Review*, Fall 2009.  
CHOICE, Fall 2009.  
*On the Issues Magazine*, Fall 2009.  
*Black Voices*, May 8, 2011.  
*The Feminist Wire*, March 15, 2012 (4 parts)  
*The Root*, 15 Black Feminist Books for Everyone, 2013.  
*National Political Science Review*, Volume 17:2, Fall 2015  
The St. John's University Humanities Review  
Special Issue: "2020 Vision: The Humanities in the Age of Trump"  
Volume 16, Issue 1, Spring 2019

### Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

1. Forthcoming October 2026, *Meghan: Essays: Essays on Monarchy, Race and Colonialism*, University of Arizona Press.

2. *Black Girl Magic Beyond the Hashtag: Twenty-First Century Acts of Self Definition*, University of Arizona Press, September 24, 2019 (co-editor, Julia Jordan-Zachery).

Book provides a context for exploring recent developments in Black femmes', girls', and women's studies, including the conceptual and epistemological challenges and opportunities presented by the articulation of "Black Girl Magic."

### Printed Review

*MS. Magazine*, Reads for the Rest of Us: September 2019 "It is full of thoughtful and engaging pieces that will have broad appeal."

[\*Gender and Society\*](#) May 2020

[\*Hungarian Journal of English and American Studies\*](#) Review: Magic Embodied The Future is Black Girl Magic Vol. 28, No. 1 (Spring, 2022)

3. *Racially Writing the Republic: Racists, Race Rebels, and Transformations of American Identity*, Duke Univ. Press, 2009 (co-editor, Bruce Baum).

This book takes aim at a central dilemma of U.S. political history: how the promise of U.S. democracy – and of the "American dream" – has been integrally bound up with the ravages of American racism. We explore the gap between grand American ideals and the troubled American racial reality through the thorny efforts of two different groups of writer-activists to create American democracy and national identity: canonical thinkers and leaders.

### Printed Reviews

*Left History*, Vol. 14, No. 2. 2009

*Ethnic and Racial Studies*, September 2010, Vol. 33, No. 8.

*Journal of American History*, December 2010.

*American Literature*, 2011, Vol. 83, No. 1.

*Journal of American Ethnic History*, Spring 2012.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. "The Future of Black Feminism and Black Women Political Elites: A Reflexive Interview with Duchess Harris" by India S. Lerner, *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*, Volume 43, Issue 1, 2022

Black feminist politics have traditionally been theorized outside formal political institutions, necessitating a nuanced and capacious account of what Black feminist politics can be in formal political environments. Situating *Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Trump* in conversation with recent political changes, I explore the future of Black feminist politics in formal political institutions in an interview with Professor Duchess Harris. Ultimately, Harris recommends leaning into understanding Black women political elites as unique and incomparable to each other while also being attentive to how Black feminist politics may appear in formal political institutions.

2. "[A Black Pedagogy Is an Engaged Pedagogy: How an American Studies professor went to law school and became a teacher for the twenty-first century.](#)" *Public Seminar*, week of May 26, 2022.

Black faculty generally do not teach Black students: like white faculty, we teach everyone who shows up. Thus my classroom is an opportunity for students with different perspectives, backgrounds, experiences affinities, and biases to grow into a learning community. Being a part of such a community serves them well once they leave college. And the need to know how to keep learning when I am no longer around to teach them. Beyond integrating legal components of my scholarship and teaching, I pass on law school's final lesson to me: invest in, commit to, your own education.

3. "Bridging Generational Gaps Through Out-of-Classroom Intergenerational Experiences." *Generations*, vol. 41, no. 3, 2017, pp. 84-89.

In the process of leveraging social media and other contemporary tools, our community's elders worry that our narratives are being lost and an intergenerational gulf is opening. This article details one effort to bridge that generation gulf, while seeking to take what occurs in the academy—in the classroom and elsewhere on campus—and apply it outside academic institutions.

4. "Black Feminist Prison Politics." *National Political Science Review*, vol. 17, no. 1, 2015.

An analysis of how race and class oppression are additional barriers in the lives of incarcerated women, complicating the already formidable challenge of reentry for women who are confronting multiple oppressions.

5. "Infiltrate What Exists, Innovate What Doesn't: Mentoring in the Academy, Leading by Example." *The Feminist Wire*, 20 May 2014, [thefeministwire.com/](http://thefeministwire.com/).

This piece is built around my academic professional development plan, and is part of what I hope will be a larger conversation around mentoring and developing positive, empowering, caring space within the academy. The purpose is to provide a model for other feminist scholars, especially women of color.

6. Beyond Critique: Feminist Strategies in the 21st Century. [thefeministwire.com/2014/04/beyond-critique-introduction/](http://thefeministwire.com/2014/04/beyond-critique-introduction/). (co-editors, S. Bartlow and S. Gilmore).

Two co-editors and I envisioned and created an online forum that encouraged people to see people talk about love, care, community and more in ways that center work and moves "beyond critique."

7. "Incarcerated Motherhood." *Touro Law Center's Journal of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity*, vol. 6, no. 1, 2012-13.

In an extensive discussion on incarcerated women, this article is outlined as follows: Part I explains the unique gendered experience of incarcerated women. Part II explores legal theories of marginalization and oppression and how these theories are instructive in designing legal services. Part III explains how the Reentry Clinic incorporates these key theories in its service delivery. Part IV considers how the application of theory in the clinical setting results in higher success rates than traditional legal services. In addition, I recommend specific prison policy reform in order to facilitate the successful reentry of incarcerated women.

8. "What You Don't Know Can Kill You: Race, Class, and Access to Genetic Cancer Testing."

*The Feminist Wire*, June 12, 2013.

Mellon Mentee Christine Ohenewah '15 and I discuss the implications of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in favor of Myriad that would allow companies to patent naturally-occurring human genes; a decision that could profoundly affect the emerging and lucrative medical and biotechnology industries.

9. “Your Feminism Ain’t Like Ours, Because We Are Raising Quvenzhané.” *The Feminist Wire*, April 23, 2013.

Black women have defined our own feminism within the context of U.S. racism for two hundred years. Young white feminist can learn from Black feminism, a feminism that doesn’t ridicule the path they take—career, family, or a blend of both.

10. “Civil Rights Law and The Valley Swim Club: ‘Trouble the Waters’ in the Age of Obama.” *William Mitchell Law Raza Journal*, vol. 3, no. 1, Spring 2012. (co-authors, C. Green and K. Gaskins).

In the summer of 2009, a group of Black and Hispanic students were turned away from an elite swim club in the suburbs of Philadelphia just after the historic election of the first Black President of the United States. My co-authors and I examine the legality of discrimination in places of public accommodation.

11. “Diversity in Appointing Class Counsel.” *Litigation News*, Winter 2011.

Analysis of an order by a federal district judge describing diversity requirements for counsel seeking to be appointed as class counsel.

12. “The Help Leaves Her Longing for a More Authentic Story.” *JENdA: A Journal of Culture and African Women Studies*. 2011.

In a discussion about seeing, “The Help”, after initially avoiding it, I confront the movie’s absence of context – a Klan-less 1963 Mississippi, no real-life violence from the White Citizens Council, and no Medgar Evers. I conclude that although well intended, and with decent production values, the movie leaves one wanting more.

13. “Kathryn Stockett Is Not My Sister and I Am Not Her Help.” *JENdA: A Journal of Culture and African Women Studies*. 2011.

Although the book is promoted to be about the struggles of Black maids in 1962 Mississippi it is presented through the perspective of a white college graduate of Ole Miss – and this exemplifies the disconnect between many Black women and the Feminist movement.

14. “The State of Black Women in Politics Under the First Black President.” *The Scholar and Feminist Online*, Issue 8:3, 2010.

I examine President Obama's nomination of Elena Kagan to the U.S. Supreme Court, and the exits of Desiree Rogers and Shirley Sherrod, and ask why the Obama Administration's support for both women was either withheld or ill-informed.

15. "Inactive Bar Status Causes Loss of Privilege." *Litigation News*, Fall 2010.

Discussion of a federal magistrate judge's ruling that a corporation did not take reasonable precautions to confirm in-house counsel's authority to practice law.

16. "Shifting Fees for Expert Deposition Preparation." *Litigation News*, Summer 2010.

Discussion of a decision in the Eastern District of Louisiana that allowed a party to recoup from opposing party for charges its expert incurred preparing for a deposition.

17. "'Clerk-Loaning' Program Sparks Ethical Debate." *Litigation News*, Fall 2009.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Committee on Judicial Ethics that approved the practice that allows private law firms to provide law school graduates with a "clerking bonus" while the new graduate clerks for a judge upon graduation.

18. "Twittering in the Jury Box." *Litigation News*, Summer 2009.

The concerns and ramifications of jurors using social media – Twitter, Facebook, etc. – and other online resources while serving on jury duty.

19. "Computers to Replace Lawyers? Not Yet." *Litigation News*, Spring 2009.

Review of "E-Discovery: Twenty Questions and Answers," by John M. Barkett, which raises the question: Has the day arrived for computers to replace lawyers?

20. "All of Who I Am in the Same Place: The Combahee River Collective." *African American Mosaic: A Documentary History from the Slave Trade to the Twenty-First Century, Volume Two: From 1865 to the Present*, by John H. Bracey, and Manisha Sinha (Reprinted).

21. "Negative Black American Stereotypes and Their Impact on Japanese Mindset and Behaviors." *Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal*, 2002.

Article addresses three issues that impact of negative Black American stereotypes on Japanese mindset and behaviors: 1) the reinforcement of Blackness as negative and dangerous by white American GIs; 2) the controversial rape allegations against U.S. Air Force Officer Timothy Woodland; and 3) the new prominence of Black Americans in President Bush's cabinet.

22. "Multicultural Feminism Transforming Democracy." *Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Comparative Studies*, Iss. 9, 2002. (Reprinted).

23. "Babylon is Burning, Or Race, Gender, and Sexuality at the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention." *Visiones Contemporaneas De La Cultura Y La Literatura Norteamericana En Los Sesenta Universidad de Sevilla*. (Reprinted)

24. “Babylon is Burning, Or Race, Gender, and Sexuality at the Revolutionary People’s Constitutional Convention.” *The Journal of Intergroup Relations*, vol. 27, 2000. (co-author Adam Waterman)

My co-author and I discuss the Revolutionary People’s Constitutional Convention (RPCC) in Philadelphia in September 1970. Although some considered the RPCC a failure we discuss how the RPCC created a space where different organizations – such as the Combahee River Collective could emerge.

25. “All of Who I Am in the Same Place: The Combahee River Collective.” *Womanist, Theory and Research*, vol. 2 no. 2, 1999.

Six highly educated, Black lesbian feminist from the Combahee River Collective are interviewed in this article.

26. “Expanding Women’s Opportunities: Black Participation on the President’s Commission on the Status of Women.” *The Journal of Intergroup Relations*, vol. 25, no. 1, 1998.

This article looks at why Black women were never written about in the President’s Commission on the Status of Women, chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt in 1961, which expressly included a consultation body to focus on the problems of Negro women.

- Recipient of second-prize cash award for the JOURNAL’s Best Articles for 1998-1999.

### **Invited Articles and Book Chapters**

1. “National Black Feminist Organization.” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*, Oxford Univ. Press, 2012 (editor, Lynn Dumenil).

A chronicle of the inception of the National Black Feminist Organization (NBFO), the initial issues it focused on, its first public statements, its purpose to be a business and educational forum, and its support for the Equal Rights Amendment.

2. “To Die for The Peoples Temple: Religion and Revolution after Black Power.” *Peoples Temple and Black Religion in America*, Indiana University Press, 2004 (co-author, A. John Waterman) (editors, R. Moore, et al).

A discussion of The Peoples Temple attempt to integrate a new cosmology that responded to both the failures and successes of the Civil Rights and Black Power movements and how The Peoples Temple gave meaning to the world that was quickly emerging.

3. “The American Health Insurance Landscape: From Self-Insurance to Subsidies, Rationing and Turmoil.” *Minnesota Medicine: A Journal of Critical and Health Affairs*, vol. 85, no. 1, 2002 (co-author, Robert W. Geist, M.D.).

We address the dramatic change in American health insurance in the 20th century. Specifically, the effect of insurance subsidies on medical inflation and how that has changed cost, availability and expectations in the health care industry.

4. “Nineteenth Century Black Feminist Writing and Organizing as a Humanist Act.” *By These Hands: A Documentary History of African-American Humanism*. New York University Press, 2002 (editor, A. Pinn).

The article addresses the intersection of feminism and humanism during slavery and Reconstruction. There is also a focus on former slave Harriet Jacobs and anti-lynching advocate Ida B. Wells to illuminate the racialization of gendered politics.

5. “From Kennedy to Combahee: Black Feminist Activism from 1960 to 1980.” *Sisters in the Struggle: African-American Women in the Civil Rights-Black Power Movement*, New York Univ. Press, 2001 (co-editors, V.P. Franklin and B. Collier-Thomas).

This chapter examines the black feminist movement from President Kennedy to the Combahee River Collective, as well as the development of the definition of the politics of identity.

6. “Medical Inflation: New Systems for Controlling It.” *Minnesota Physician: The Independent Medical Business Newspaper*, vol. 15, no. 9, 2001 (co-author, Robert W. Geist, M.D.).

My co-author and I address the history of medical inflation crisis, HMOs, and potential new systems that might provide relief such as a single-payer model (to control supplies) and a private insurance mode (to control demand).

7. “Multicultural Feminism Transforming Democracy.” *Macalester International*, Vol. 9, 2000.

A discussion of the history leading up to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996 and the woeful status of Black women in South African politics.

8. “The Problem of the 21st Century: The Problem of the Dollar Sign.” *Black Issues in Higher Education*, iss. 17:6, 2000.

I write about how finances play into choices made by some Blacks who are looking into a career in academia versus a career in the private sector.

## Book Reviews

Review of: *America, Goddam: Violence, Black Women, and the Struggle for Justice* by Treva Lindsey. Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2022. Pp. 342. \$24.95 (cloth). [The Journal of African American History Volume 109, Number 2 Spring 2024](#)

Review of: *Race, Gender, and Political Representation: Toward a More Intersectional Approach*, by Beith Reingold, Kerry L. Haynie, and Kirsten Widner. *NATIONAL REVIEW OF BLACK POLITICS* Volume 4, Issue 3-4 JULY–OCTOBER 2023

Review of: *Urban Black Women and the Politics of Resistance*. *National Political Science Review*, Volume 17:2, 2015.

Review of: *Reclaiming the F Word: Feminism Today*. *The London School of Economics and Political Science Review of Books*, October 12, 2013.

Review of: *The Violent Empire: The Birth of an American National Identity*. *Journal of American History*, Vol. 97, No. 3. 2010.

Review of: *Black Feminist Voices in Politics*. *National Political Science Review*, Vol. 11, 2007.

Review of: *Living for the Revolution: Black Feminist Organizations, 1968-1980*. *The Journal of African American History*, vol. 91, no. 2. 2006.

Review of: *Critical Race Feminism: A Reader*. *Women and Politics: A Quarterly Journal of Research and Policy Studies*, vol. 24, no. 1, 2002.

Review of: *The Rooster's Egg*. *The Journal of Intergroup Relations*, Vol. 24, No. 3, 1997.

Review of: *Analyzing Racial Justice and Social Law*. *The Journal of Intergroup Relations*, vol. 24, no. 3, 1997.

Review of: "My American Journey." *The Journal of Intergroup Relations*, vol. 24, no. 3, 1997.

Review of (essays): "Mammy and Uncle Mose: Black Collectibles and American Stereotyping" and "Ceramic Uncles and Celluloid Mammies: Black Images and Their Influence on Culture." *American Quarterly*, vol. 48, no. 4, 1996.

Review of: *Black Feminist Thought*. *Cañon: The Journal of the Rocky Mountain American Studies Association* 1.2 (1994).

## PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

As a scholar who has published extensively within the academy, I also believe it is important to make scholarship accessible to as many people as possible. Therefore, whether writing books for middle and high school students, writing op-eds in widely-read publications, creating digital archives, or curating museum exhibits, I develop resources to stimulate thought and engage in productive dialog.

### Digital Archive

The Human Computers at NASA Project was an installment in the *RACE: Are We So Different?* exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

### [The Duchess Harris Collection, ABDO](#) (Junior Library Guild Selections)

A planned collection of 120 books that feature scholarly content for elementary and middle school (grades 4-8) and high school (grades 9-12). Released in January 2018, this collection represents an expansion to two additional divisions of ABDO due to demand by librarians and teachers to make these popular books accessible to younger audiences. Current books from the collection include:

### ***Race and Policing*. ABDO, (co-author, R. Rissman) 2017**

*Examines recent incidents of non-whites being mistreated or dying in police custody, the historical institutions and laws that underpin today's system, and what police departments and communities are doing to improve communication and relationships. Features include essential facts, a glossary, references, websites, source notes, and an index. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards.*

### **Printed Reviews**

School Library Journal

#### **2016 *Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA (Hidden Heroes)*, ABDO (co-author, S. Bradford Edwards) 2016**

*Discusses how in the 1950's Black women made critical contributions to NASA that made it possible for the nation's astronauts to explore outer space. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards.*

*This book was adapted into a play, "[Hidden Heroes](#)."*

### **Printed Reviews**

The Feminist Wire

AAIHS

Booklist Online

School Library Journal - Piecing Together Our Past: US History Series

#### ***Black Lives Matter*. ABDO, (co-author, S. Bradford Edwards) 2015**

*The first primer of its kind for ABDO Publishing Company's "Special Reports" series, designed to teach 6th-12th graders about historical-structural inequalities productive of anti-Black violence in U.S. law and society.*

### **Printed Reviews**

American Libraries Magazine

LA Review of Books

Mommy Poppins

New York Public Library Staff Pick, May 9, 2016

Oceanside Psych

SCBWI p. 48

School Library Journal - Helping and Healing Social Sciences Series

School Library Journal - Librarian Creates #BlackLivesMatter Booklist for Teens

School Library Journal - Librarians, Educators Not Put Off By Black Lives Matter Controversy

School Library Journal - Teens Creating Change: Past and Present

Teen Librarian Toolbox - Confronting Racial Injustice with Justice in Nic Stone's Dear Martin

The Feminist Wire

Zetta Elliot

The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics

## **OPINIONS AND EDITORIALS**

### **The Huffington Post**

As a regular contributor to Huffington Post from 2010 – 2012, I wrote on race, feminism, and politics. All articles in this section may be located at: [duchessharris.com/book-essays-contributions](http://duchessharris.com/book-essays-contributions).

**Response to Black Women and Fat** (May 14, 2012)

**Kathryn Stockett Needs Help** (August 4, 2011)

**I Was Anita Hill** (October 21, 2010)

**President Obama's Report Card** (September 29, 2010)  
**Are Michelle Obama or Gabourey Sidibe Our Only Role Models?** (September 15, 2010)  
**Shirley Sherrod for President** (July 27, 2010)

**Elena Kagan's Cultural Competence Questioned** (May 14, 2010)  
**Incarcerated Motherhood: Precious in Real Life** (April 3, 2010)  
**Why Lord?** (February 28, 2010)  
**Alexis Pauline Gumbs: Technology Sister Insider** (January 11, 2010)

### **Miscellaneous Opinion Editorials**

[Dame Magazine | Is the U.K. Ready for a Reckoning on Race?](#), December 22, 2022

[“The bomb threats against Howard University affect far more than a single university.”](#) *Washington Post*, February 16, 2022

“Politics and Civil Unrest in America (You can run, but you can’t hide).” *The TeachingBooks Blog: An Inside Scoop on books and authors*, February 8, 2021

“Unlearning False Histories, A Rosa Parks Resource List for the Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.” *School Library Journal*, November 30, 2020

“Beyond Black History Month: Duchess Harris Explains the Historical Influence of Black Americans” *School Library Journal*, February 6, 2020

“Black Lives Matter and the Price of the Ticket.” *African American Intellectual History Society*. September 16, 2016.

"Addressing Torture in Our Own Backyard." *Human Rights Observer*, vol. XXVII, iss 2. (co-author, Ayaan Natala '18).

“The World Is Burning— Paris, Beirut, Kenya, and on Our Front Steps Here in Minnesota. What Can We Do About It?” Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, November 24, 2015. (co-author, M. Mitchell).

“The Books That Prove Black Lives Have Always Mattered In America.” *The Guardian*, November 2015. (co-author, J. Schwieter Collazo).

“This is What a Feminist Professor Looks Like.” *Minnesota Women’s Press*, July 2013

“If Being Fat Was Ever An Act Of Black Resistance, It's Not Any Longer,” Minnesota Public Radio web site, *The Week in Commentary*, May 15, 2012.

“‘The Help’ Leaves Her Longing For A More Authentic Story,” Minnesota Public Radio web site, *The Week in Commentary*, September 13, 2011

“Barack Obama as Walter Lee Younger, Jr.” *Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder*, December 2008.

“More Than Memorabilia? Khaila as Jezebel, Mammy, and Sapphire in Losing Isaiah.” *COLORS: Opinion & The Arts in Communities of Color*, vol. 4, 1995.

## **Editorships and Reviewerships**

Member: Editorial Board, *National Political Science Review*, 2010-2019.

### **Application Reviewer**

Bush Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship

Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship

JoAnn Gibson Dissertation Writing Award

Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics : *Anna Julia Cooper Best Publication Prize*

### **External Reviewer**

American Cultural Studies Program, Colorado College

Women's and Gender Studies Program, Bates College

ACM: Chicago Program: Arts, Entrepreneurship, & Urban Studies

American Studies Journal, University of Kansas (One of three to review including Mari Yoshihara, the Editor of *American Quarterly*).

### **Manuscript Reviewer**

Black Women, Gender & Families Journal

Cornell University Press

SUNY Press

Politics & Gender

Polity

Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society

The MMUF Undergraduate Journal

### **Judge**

2023 Organization of American Historians "Darlene Clark Hine Award" for the best book in African American women's and gender history

The Loft Literary Center "Mirrors and Windows" Fellowship

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS, 2015-present**

### **Commencement Addresses**

The Jeremiah Program, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 2011

Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 2017

Capella University, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2018

Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 2018

Capella University, Orlando Florida, March 2019

Capella University, Orlando Florida, March 2020

Capella University, San Antonio, Texas, December 2021

Capella University, virtual, October 2022

Capella University, virtual, June 2023

### **Keynote Presentations**

Queens College Publish and Flourish Workshop, “Turn that Paper into A Book: How a Mellon Mays 12-page Paper became *Black Feminist Politics: from John F Kennedy to Kamala Harris* 4th Edition.” October 20, 2023

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, “Teaching Civics through History: The History of Voting Rights in the United States” November 12, 2022

DePaul University’s Inaugural Symposium of the Social Transformation Research Collaborative, October 21, 2022

[2022 Hybrid David Noble Lecture](#), April 7, 2022

Patricia Thomas Lecture for the Association of Pathology Chairs, July 2021

**Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Trump.** Association of Black Women in Higher Education (ABWHE) Breakfast Keynote Address, University of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN, October 2019.

**Changing the Narrative.** St. Paul Foundation, Annual Facing Race Award, Minneapolis, Minnesota. October 2018.

Greater Philadelphia Women’s Studies Consortium. Philadelphia, April 2018.

Guest Scholar-In-Residence (Greater Philadelphia)

**Engaging Gender in the Moment of #MeToo**, Temple University, April, 2018.

**Engaging Gender in the Moment of #MeToo and Teaching in the Era of #BlackLivesMatter**, University of Delaware, April 2018.

**Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA**, Villanova University, April, 2018.

**Teaching in the Era of #BlackLivesMatter**, Drexel University, April 2018.

**Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA**, Ralph Ellison Lecture Series Speaker. Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama. March 2018.

**Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA**, Central San Diego Library and University of San Diego Copley Library, February 2018.

Ronald Foreman Lecture on Race and Politics. University of Florida, April 2018.

**Chaos or Community: Fifty Years since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, La Crosse Community Annual Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wisconsin, January 2018.

The Laura C. Harris Lecture. Denison University, Granville, Ohio, October 2017.

**The Last Lecture.** Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, May 8, 2017.

*Selected by the Senior Class to deliver “The Last Lecture” based on my scholarly contributions to the field of American Studies and deep commitment to mentorship on campus.*

The Ann Lydecker Lecture. University of Wisconsin-River Falls, April 2017.

Martin Luther King Keynote. Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Minneapolis, January 2016.

**What is Your Currency? Social Capital for Scholars of Color in the Academy.** Bryn Mawr College, Social Science Research Council Mellon Mays Graduate Initiative Program Annual Graduate Student Summer Conference. Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, June 2016.

**Honoring Women's History Month.** CentraCare Health, St. Cloud Hospital. St. Cloud, Minnesota, March 2016.

**Forbidden Knowledge: The Formal.** University of Pennsylvania's Black Student League. University of Pennsylvania, February 2016.

Lean In Together Minneapolis-St. Paul Conference. Minneapolis, September 2015.

### **International Conferences**

**Team Teaching Backs in Paris with Professor Julie Rogers.** "Literary Landscapes: Forms of Knowledge in the Humanities" at Sorbonne University, June 2023

**NASA, Empire, and the Digital Future of Black Women's History.** Sixth International Conference: Fragments of Empire after the American Century. American University Beirut, Center for American Studies and Research. Beirut, Lebanon, January 2016.

**"Fictions of the 1950s and 1960s,"** Australia/New Zealand American Studies Association Conference, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, July 2012.

**"Race,' 'Blackness,' and the Condition of Modernity,"** Seventh Biennial Conference "Blackness and Modernities" at the Collegium for African American Research at the Universidad Nacional de Educacion a Distancia, Madrid, April 2007.

**"A Look at Thomas Jefferson and Strom Thurmond's Legacy: Racial Intimacies in the American National Identity,"** First International Conference on Interdisciplinary Sciences, University of the Aegean, Island of Rhodes, Greece (virtual presentation), July 2006.

**"Blacks in Paris and Whites in Selma: National Boundaries and Racial Borders,"** 2004 Australia/New Zealand American Studies Association Conference, "Borders and Boundaries," University of Auckland, New Zealand, July 2004.

**"Japanese Perceptions of Blacks: The Problem is More Than Little Black Sambo,"** Miyagi University of Education, Sendai, Japan, January 2002.

**"Babylon is Burning, Or Race, Gender, and Sexuality at the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention,"** The International Conference 'Focusing the Vietnam Era: Contemporary Views of American Literature and Culture in the Great Sixties,' Universidad de Sevilla, Seville, Spain (Co-Presenter with Adam Waterman), March 2000

### **National Conferences**

**Appellate Judges Education Institute Summit,** Stories of Courage: Frederic McGhee and Civil Rights Advocacy in Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota November 2025

**Institute for Citizens & Scholars Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat**, Faculty Community Building Panel and Leadership, Discourse & Campus Engagement Panel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 2025

**Institute for Citizens & Scholars Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat**, Faculty Community Building Panel and Leadership, Discourse & Campus Engagement Panel, Austin, Texas, August 2024

**Institute for Citizens & Scholars Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat**. Mentoring Panel, Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 2023

**Founders of the Field: The Study of Black Women in Politics**, The 54th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, March 2023.

**Institute for Citizens & Scholars Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat**. Mentoring Panel, Savannah, Georgia, August 2022

**Presidential Plenary: ‘I Write What I like’: Celebration of Moral Courage and Political Clarity in Higher Education**, The 53rd Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Virtual March 2022.

**Making Change and Making Kin against Extractivism and Racial Capitalism** Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Virtual, October 2021.

**Ambivalent Revolts** Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Virtual, October 2021.

**Black Feminist Politics from Kennedy to Kamala**. #Feminism: Gender & the 2020 Election sponsored by Northeastern University, October 30, 2020 [online zoom](#).

[Forum for Scholars and Publics at Duke University](#), #DocuHistory: I Am Not Your Negro, July 16, 2020

**Reclaiming Our Time: Black Feminist Politics in the Trump Era**. Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Honolulu, Hawai'i, November 2019.

**Diversity in Troubled Times**. The American Physical Society (National Physics Meeting). Washington, D.C., January 2017.

**Perspectives on Organizing and Action**. The Citizen Journalism, New Media and Activism Colloquium. DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, April 2016.

**Teaching for Change: Teacher Education in the Age of the Black Lives Matter Movement**. The American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. Washington D.C., April 2016.

**Feminism and Leadership in the 1960s and 70s**. The Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. Providence, Rhode Island, April 2016.

**When the Road Turns: Confronting Personal and Family Life Changes in the Academy**. The 47th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Jackson, Mississippi, March 2016.

**From ‘ConcernedStudent1950’ to Diversifying the Profession: Responding to Student Demands for Change.** Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. Atlanta, January 2016.

**Students' Committee: Job Materials.** Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Toronto, Canada, October 2015.

**African American Women in the Shadow of Outer Space: Black Women and the Making of NASA.** Association for the Study of African American Life and History 100th Annual Conference. Atlanta, Georgia, September 2015. (co-presenter, Ayaan Natala'18).

**What A Black Feminist Politic Can Contribute Toward Diversifying and Addressing Discrimination in Political Science.** Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, California, September 2015.

### **Local/Regional Conferences**

**America the Beautiful? Perspectives on Race, Otherness, and Resistance Movements.** The University of Minnesota Office of Equity and Diversity, October 2015.

**Interdisciplinary Exchange with Professor Juliana Hu Pegues.** The University of Minnesota Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Reading Group. April 2015.

### **Conference Panels**

**Growing Your Anti-Racism Leadership Practice** at the Bravely Confronting Racism in Higher Education Meeting at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, *Virtual*, November 2023

**Growing Your Anti-Racism Leadership Practice** at the Bravely Confronting Racism in Higher Education Meeting at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, *Virtual*, November 2022

**Growing Your Anti-Racism Leadership Practice** at the Bravely Confronting Racism in Higher Education Meeting at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, *Virtual*, November 2021

**Institute for Citizens & Scholars Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat.** Mentoring Panel, *Virtual*, August 2021

**Unmasking Peninsula** presented by Hampton University and the Hampton Roads Community Foundation. April 23, 2021

The University of North Carolina ~ Charlotte, The Department of African American Studies invites you to join us for our annual Symposium: **A NATION IN PERIL: RACE, HEALTH, AND DEMOCRACY**, April 23, 2021

**Growing Your Anti-Racism Leadership Practice** at the Bravely Confronting Racism in Higher Education Meeting at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, *Virtual*, April 2021

**New Directions in Black Women in Politics: A Panel in Honor of the 30th Anniversary of Jewel Prestage's “African American Political Woman”** National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, *Virtual*, March 2021.

### **Pandemic Perspectives: Stories Through Collections**

Smithsonian's National Museum of American History Thursday Colloquium, November 3, 2020

**Bold Belonging: Black Women's Dynamic Theories of Citizenship** Association for the Study of African American Life and History 100th Annual Conference. *Virtual*, September 2020.

**The Ballot is Our Bullet: The Power of the African American Vote**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History 100th Annual Conference. *Virtual*, September 2020.

**Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat.** Mentoring Panel, *Virtual*, August 2020

**"We Have to Take for Ourselves and Build our Own Power," Black Women in Elected Office,** Southern Political Science Association Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2020.

**"Outsiders Within" Professional Development in the Academy for African American Women,** Southern Political Science Association Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2020.

**Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat.** Mentoring Panel, Wesley Chapel, Florida, August 2018.

**Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat.** Mentoring Panel, Wesley Chapel, Florida, August 2016.

**Avoiding the Poll Tax: CPT (aka The Colored People's Tax!).** Summer Institute on Tenure and Professional Advancement at Duke University, August 2016.

**The State of Race in the United States.** George Washington Teacher Institute at Mount Vernon, July 2016.

**And Justice for All: From MLK to Black Lives Matter.** Dominican University, River Forest, IL, January 2016.

**Art Illuminating Human Rights.** Minneapolis Institute of Art, September 2015.

**Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat.** Mentoring Panel, Wesley Chapel, Florida, August 2015.

**Upper Midwest Working Conference.** Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Carleton College, February 2015.

## TEACHING

## Courses Taught (27)

### **American Studies (AMST)**

African-American Women's History and the Politics of Representation

Black Is ... Black Ain't: Introduction to African-American Studies

[Blacks in Paris](#)

Black Public Intellectuals

Black Political Thought

Critical Methods for American Studies Research

Culturally Diverse American Autobiography

Ethnic Studies and Campus Activism

Explorations of Race and Racism

First Year Course: Race in US Social Thought

First Year Course: The Obama Presidency

First Year Course: The Black Intellectual Tradition from Richard Wright to Barack Obama

The Politics of Black Identity: Malcolm as Metaphor

Senior Seminar: Tapestries: Interwoven voices of local and global identities

### **Political Science (POLSCI)**

Foundations of U.S. Politics

[Gender and Transnational Politics: A Comparison of Northern Ireland and the Southern United States](#)

Modern African-American Political Movements

Policy Analysis: Health Care in the United States

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics

The Civil Rights Movement: History & Consequences

Understanding Obama's Legacy (open to all four years)

Gender and Transnational Politics: A Comparison of Northern Ireland and the Southern United States

### **Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)**

Contemporary Black Feminist Theory

Race, Class, and American Feminism

Still Brave: Black Feminism from the 19th to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### **History**

Public History: African-American Life Past, Present, and Future

### **Legal Studies (LS)**

Critical Race Feminism (and WGSS)

Feminism and the Law (and WGSS)

Junior Seminar: Race and the Law (and AMST)

### **RESEARCH SUPERVISION (1996-2023)**

Since 1998 I have supervised the research work of budding scholars on more than 30 projects. Whether serving as an advisor on a Doctoral thesis, an honors thesis (primary or secondary), or as faculty mentor for the 2017 Macalester Roundtable, a highlight of my work as an academic is developing and coaching the next generation of scholars.

### **Doctoral Thesis Advisor**

**Black Cyborgs: Blackness Narratives in Technology, Speculative Fiction, and Digital Cultures.** Dr. Caitlin Gunn, Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies, Ph.D., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

**Manufacturing Urban America: Politically Engaged Urban Black Women, Renewed Forms Of Political Censorship, And Uneven Landscapes Of Power.** Dr. Brittany M Lewis, Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies, Ph.D., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

**The History of the Founding of the Legal Rights Center: A study of Coalition Building between the Black and American Indian Communities of Minneapolis.** Dr. Nalo M. Johnson, American Studies Ph.D. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Experiences of African American Women in Higher Education in the State of Minnesota.** Dr. Darlene Fry, Ed.D. University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### **Undergraduate Honors Thesis**

**Gender Between The Lines: How American Courts Negotiate, Authenticate, and Regulate Gender Variant Identities.** Julian Applebaum

**Turning on Power: California's Deregulation Disaster and the Fight for Sustainable Energy Future.** Mr. Brendan Bell.

**Tulsa Wealth Disparity: The Legacy of the 1921 Race Massacre on Local Housing and Economic Development Policies.** Lizzy Burton.

**The Politics of Liminality: The Public Sphere and First Generation Black American Identity in the Works of Shirley Chisholm, Colin Powell, and Barack Obama.** Mr. Tinbete Ermyas.

**Bloody Sunday in Black and Green: Towards a Trans Atlantic Understanding of Civil Rights Campaigns in the United States and Northern Ireland.** Ms. Mollie Gabrys.

**Considering Brixton and the Bronx: Using Path Dependence and the Effects of Migration to Explain British and U.S. Urban Housing Policy Development.** Mr. Alex Grant.

**Eating Spaces and Places: Examining the Latin@ Barrio, Chinatown, and Black Urban Space as Sites of Collective and Social Imagination.** Ms. Katie Hinkfuss

**Racial Uplift in a Jim Crow Local: Black Union Organizing in Minneapolis Hotels 1930-1940.** Mr. Luke Mielke. *Recipient of the 2016 Barbara Wertheimer Prize in Labor History.*

**A Dividing City and Limited Education: An Analysis of School Segregation in Chicago, Illinois and Seattle, Washington.** Mr. Ricardo Millhouse

**Blood Diamonds: The Recovery of Black Unification Amidst White Hegemony.** Ms. Christine E. Ohenewah

**Public Sphere, Pop Culture, and Politics in the Post-Civil Rights Era: The Role of the Black Public Intellectual in the Modern Day.** Ms. Carmen Phillips.

**Haunted: Three Generations of Black Feminism.** Ms. Lucy Short

**A New Breed of Female: Black Female Rappers and Black Feminist Theory.** Ms. Shaun Walsh.  
*Recipient of 1999 Women's & Gender Studies Prize.*

**A New and More Possible Meaning: The Legacy of the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention.** Mr. Adam Waterman. *Keck Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant*

#### **Honors Thesis Advisor**

**Ginanaandawi'idizomin: Anishinaabe Intergenerational Healing Models of Resistance.** Ms. Zoe Allen

**Encountering the Beyond: Asian & Black Identity in the World of Film.** Ms. Carissa Baquiran.

**A Patchwork Quilt of Reality: Individuality, Collectivity, and the Narrative Community in Toni Morrison's Novels.** Ms. Megan Bayles.

**Decolonizing Healing, Decolonizing Mental Health: The Impacts of Settler-Colonialism on Blackfeet Youth Suicide.** Ms. Abaki Beck.

**Trust: An Organizational Resource in Navigating an Overburdened Criminal Justice System.** Ms. Alejandra Carrillo.

**The Construction of Queer Space in Twentieth Century African American Science Fiction and in Medical Discourses of the Eugenics Movement.** Ms. Freda Fair.

**The Sound that Broke the Back of Words: Black Motherhood in Selected Novels of Toni Morrison.** Ms. Alysia Garrison.

**The RED Revolution from the Perspective of Visual Cultural Studies: A New Chapter in Art, Commerce and Corporate Social Responsibility.** Ms. Caroline Karanja.

**Female Black Voices in the Print Media: How popular African-American women's periodicals deal with the social and personal issues of their readerships.** Ms. Kaori Mashio, Miyagi University of Education, Sendai, Japan.

**A Way out of No Way: Women's Experiences in the Minnesota Family Investment Program.** Ms. Amanda Pezalla.

**The Highway Chronicles.** Ms. Rachel Rostad.

**Voices from Beyond the Platform: Black Female Activist Autobiography as Protest Rhetoric.** Ms. Elly Searle.

**A Taxonomy of Jonestown.** Ms. Karin Smith.

**Justice, Prevention, Respect: A Critical Investigation of Sexual Violence on College Campuses; And a Denunciation of Carceral Feminism.** Ms. Naomi Strait

**A Genealogy of Welfare Queens: Social Welfare Policy and African American Women, 1935-1996.** Mr. Minh Ta.

**Organizational Alliances: Promoting or Provoking Democratic Participation.** Mr. Joel Ulrich.

**Time Significance and Power of Multiple Identities: A Critical Review of the Research on Lesbian Parenting and an Ethnographic Study of African American Lesbian Motherhood.** Ms. Phoebe Vaughn.

**Emmitt Till and the Fight for Justice in Civil Rights Era Cold Cases.** Ms. Ashley Vargas

**Blood on the Walls: Irish Republican Women Prisoners and the Rhetoric of Resistance.** Ms. Katherine Wiik.

**A Piece of Land: Black Women and Land in South Africa and the United States of America.** Ms. Alessandra Williams.

**One Baptism, One Faith: Two Races Two Churches: Race and the Southern and National Baptist Conventions.** Mr. Dan Zemans.

#### MACALESTER INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE 2017

**You're in America, Speak English: Examining Empathy, Language, and Nationalism.** Hallie Kircher-Henning '19, Rebecca Kline '18, Marlee Yost-Wolff '19.

#### GRANTS RECEIVED (23)

I have received approximately \$2.5 Million in support of my academic work and for Macalester College from diverse sources. These grants range from small grants to (re)design a course, to large grants which led to an endowed lectureship. I also managed the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship grant (budget \$354,500).

- 2023 [ACM-Mellon Academic Leadership Fellowship](#). 50K
- 2022 Secured \$1M for the American Studies Endowed Fund for Excellence from Andrew Kaufteil'01. The department had \$0 before this gift.
- 2017 The Office of President Brian Rosenberg, and the Center for Scholarship and Teaching's Fund for the Advancement of Collaborative Teaching (FACT), and Digital Humanities Grant. (w/ Professor Linda Sturtz). \$20,000
- 2017 Mellon Creating Lifelong Learners Grant (w/ Marlee Yost Wolf '19). \$4,500
- 2015 Mellon New Perspectives Grant to revise "Race and the Law" course. \$500
- 2015 Mellon Creating Lifelong Learners Summer Research Fund, (w/Ryan Harris '17 and Ayaan Natala) '18. \$6,084
- 2015 Educating Sustainability Ambassadors (w/Lucy Short '15). \$1,855
- 2014 Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Grant, Co-Director of the Human Computer Project. \$500
- 2014 Paul Anderson Interdisciplinary Summer Research Fund (w/Lucy Short '15) \$3,823
- 2012 Wallace Travel Grant. \$3,600
- 2009 Bush Foundation Leadership Fellowship. \$96,000
- 2007 Wallace Travel Grant. \$1,500
- 2005 American Studies Endowed Lectureship. \$250,000  
*Included in the Capital Campaign, led to the 'Mahmoud El-Kati Distinguished Lectureship in American Studies'.*
- 2004 Wallace Travel Grant. \$3,000
- 2004 Center for Scholarship and Teaching, Co-Mentoring Grant. \$1,000
- 2003 Hewlett Foundation, Got Synergy? Grant. \$3,600

*Launched 'Voices From the Gaps', an internet project focused on the lives and works of women writers of color in North America.*

- 2001 Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship. \$30,000
- 2001 Bush Course Development Grant. \$2,400
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- 2000 Mellon Technology Grant. \$600
- 1999 Keck Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant. \$3,800
- 1998 Macalester College Curriculum Development Grant. \$4,500
- 1995 Committee on Institutional Cooperation Dissertation Fellowship. \$30,000
- 1994 University of Minnesota American Studies Small Research Grant. \$400
- 1991 Committee on Institutional Cooperation Pre-doctoral Fellowship. \$10,000

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY**

I am a scholar *and* a public intellectual. I reach beyond academic discourse to remain civically engaged, accessible, and relevant, always seeking to work within the academy and the community to model how service can lead to productive conversations and social change.

#### **Community Service Current**

Board of Directors, Friends of St. Paul Libraries, Chair of the MN Book Awards 2022 & 2023  
Board of Directors, Region's Hospital Foundation Board

#### **Community Service 2020-1992**

Co-Chair, Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
Board of Directors, Brownbody  
Board of Directors, The Arc  
Board of Directors, True Friends  
Board President, Articulture  
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