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**EDUCATION**

ABD University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies, May 2019 (expected)

**Dissertation Title:** *Self-Care Practices of Black Women Activists in Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

**Dissertation Committee:** Ermitte Saint Jacques (Chair), Anika Wilson (Co-Chair), Erin Winkler,

Robert Smith and Cheryl Kader

M.A. California State University, Dominguez Hills, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, 2011

**Thesis Title:** *Listening to Herstory: Life, Love and Liberation in Ama Ata Aidoo’s Changes: A Love Story*

M.Ed. University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, 2007

B.A. California State University, Dominguez Hills, 2006

 Double major in Language and Linguistics and Public Administration

**Certifications**

2015 Certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies, UW-Milwaukee

2011 Certificate in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, CSU, Dominguez Hills

2011 Certificate in Rhetoric and Composition, CSU, Dominguez Hills

**PUBLICATIONS**

**NON-PEER REVIEWED**

**Book Chapter:**

“Queer Black Space-Making in Milwaukee, Wisconsin,” in *Echoing Ida Anthology*, Kemi Alabi, Cynthia Greenlee, Erin Malone and Janna Zinzi (Eds), Under Contract with Feminist Press (Forthcoming, February 2020)

**Book Reviews:**

2018 Review of *Reproductive Justice: A New Vision for the 21st Century*, Lorretta J. Ross and Rickie

Solinger, (University of California Press, 2017) (Under Review) in *Resources for Gender and*

*Women's Studies: A Feminist Review*

**Popular Writing:**

2016 “Milwaukee Officials: Black Youth, Single Mothers Are Not Responsible for Systemic Failures-

You Are,” *Rewire*, August 17, 2016, <https://rewire.news/article/2016/08/17/milwaukee-black-youth-mothers-not-responsible-systemic-failings/>

2016 “Auntie Conversations: Black Women Talk Sex, Self-Care, and Illness,” *Rewire*, July 12, 2016,

<https://rewire.news/article/2016/07/12/auntie-conversations-black-women-talk-sex-self-care-illness/>

2016 “‘Overworked and Underpaid’: On Organizing, Black Womanhood, and Self-Care,” *Rewire*,

April 15, 2016, <https://rewire.news/article/2016/04/15/black-activism-womanhood-self-care/>

2015 “Journey to Me: How I Came to Myself and Embraced All of Me,” *For Harriet*, June 3, 2015,

<http://www.forharriet.com/2015/07/journey-to-me-how-i-came-out-to-myself.html>

**RESEARCH AND WRITING IN PROGRESS**

I am in the beginning stages of co-writing an article that will be submitted to the Psychology of Women Quarterly. The article will use Black feminist epistemology and data from two sets of interviews with forty Black women. Participants’ personal narratives and dialogue between researcher and participant will be examined to explore interviews as therapeutic.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**UW-Milwaukee, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies**

Solo Instructor. Black Reality, AFRIC 100 (Fall 2018)

Solo Instructor. The Black Woman in America, Africa and the Caribbean, AFRIC 414 (Spring 2018)

Teaching Assistant. Introduction to African American History, 1865-Present, AFRIC 112 (Fall 2017)

Solo Instructor. Survey of African American Literature, AFRIC 102 (Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012)

Teaching Assistant. Survey of African American Literature, AFRIC 102 (Spring 2012, Fall 2011)

**UW-Milwaukee, Department of Women and Gender Studies**

Solo Instructor. Black Feminisms: Black Women as Laborers, Leaders and Lovers, WGS 290 (Fall 2017, Spring 2017)

**CSU, Dominguez Hills, Department of Africana Studies**

Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Africana Studies, AFS 200 (Spring 2011, Fall 2010, Spring 2010, Fall 2009)

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2018 Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program Mini-Grant

2018 Tennessen Anniversary Scholarship, Center for 21st Century Studies, UW-Milwaukee

2018 Women of Color Leadership Project, National Women’s Studies Association

2016 Graduate Student Travel Award, UW-Milwaukee

2015 Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program Mini-Grant

2012 The George W. and Winston A. Van Horne Prize for the most outstanding graduate oral and written comprehensive examination, UW-Milwaukee, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies

2012 UW-Milwaukee Recognition Award for Contribution to Women’s Resource Center

2011 Kwame Nkrumah and Shirley Chisholm Award for Outstanding Student Leadership and Community Service, CSU, Dominguez Hills, Department of Africana Studies

2011 Langston Hughes Excellence in Scholarship Award, CSU, Dominguez Hills, Department of Africana Studies

2010 Ankh Maat Wedjau National Honor Society, National Council for Black Studies

2004 Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

**INVITED LECTURES**

2017 Center for Gender and Sexualities Studies, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, “Letters, Activism and Joy: Black Feminist Archives as Sites of Resistance”

2017 Center for Gender and Sexualities Studies, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, “Reproductive Justice and the Feminist Classroom”

2017 Department of Africana Studies, California State University, Long Beach, CA, “Researching the Black Body: Experiences with Black Feminist Epistemology as Methodology”

2016 Toni Cade Bambara Scholars/Writers/Activists Program, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, “Calling In, Calling Out and Loving Fiercely: The Community Making of Toni Cade Bambara”

**SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Panels Co-Organized:**

2016 “Building Transnational Alliances across the Intersections of Black Feminist, Queer, and Immigrant Movements to Transcend Borders,” Association of Women in Development, Black Feminisms Forum, Bahia, Brazil

**NATIONAL**

**Panels Co-Organized:**

2018 “Envisioning Our Collective Feminist Futures: Black Feminism, Mothers, Activists and Girls,” National Women’s Studies Association, Just Imagine. Imagining Justice: Feminist Visions of Freedom, Dream Making and the Radical Politics of Futures, Atlanta, Georgia

2018 “Your Pleasure Toolkit: Rituals and Practices for the Movement,” Civil Liberties and Public Policy, 32nd Annual Conference, From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom, Amherst, Massachusetts

2015 “RJ and U. Campus and Community Battle the Precarity of Women’s Personhood,” National

Women’s Studies Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Papers Presented:**

2018 “Self-Care is Resistance: Black Women Activists as Radical Imaginaries,” National Women’s Studies Association, Just Imagine. Imagining Justice: Feminist Visions of Freedom, Dream Making and the Radical Politics of Futures, Atlanta, Georgia

2018 “Every day is War: Black Women Activists Choose Resistance and Care,” Association for the

Study of African American Life and History, African Americans in Times of War, Indianapolis,

Indiana

2018 “Black Women in Defense of their Wellness: Activism and Community,” Black Women for

Wellness, Power Forward Conference, Los Angeles, California

2017 “The Pleasure Path: Art's Role in Black Queer & Trans Liberation,” Let’s Talk About Sex

Conference: Resist, Reclaim, Redefine, New Orleans, Louisiana

2017 “Our Voices, Our Leaders, Our Movement,” In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s

Reproductive Justice Agenda, Washington, D.C.

2016 “Voicing Pain, Voicing Resistance: The Media Making of the Third World Women’s Alliance,”

National Council for Black Studies, Charlotte, North Carolina

2016 “The Power and Pitfalls of Organizing: The Letters of Toni Cade Bambara and Audre

Lorde,” Black Feminist Realness: Taking Back Our Minds, Body and Power, Toni Cade Bambara Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

2015 “Organizing the Rising American Electorate,”Red State Perspectives on Reproductive

Justice, Take Root, Norman, Oklahoma

2014 “Black Women’s Activism: A Space of Their Own,” Association for the Study of African

American Life and History, Memphis, Tennessee

2014 “Reproductive Justice 101,” Safe, Healthy, Strong: Sharing, Listening, Learning, Planned

Parenthood Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Moderator:**

2018 “Building a Movement through Pleasure and Healing,” Civil Liberties and Public Policy, 32nd

Annual Conference, From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom, Amherst, Massachusetts

2016 “Black Lives Matter with Alicia Garza and Patrisse Cullors,” Distinguished Lecture Series at UWM, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**SERVICE**

**Service to the Department/University**

2018 Black Feminist Symposium Planning Committee, UW-Milwaukee, Women’s Resource Center

2017 Survivor Support and Victim Advocacy Search Committee, UW-Milwaukee, Norris Health Center

2014 Visiting Faculty Search Committee, UW-Milwaukee, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies

2013 Black Graduate Student Alliance, Director of Academic Support, UW- Milwaukee

**Service to the Community**

2018 Board Vice President, 9to5 Wisconsin

2017 Board Member, 9to5 Wisconsin

2016 Uplifting Black Liberation and Community, Co-Founder/Member, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2016 African American Roundtable, Co-Chair, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2015 Echoing Ida Program

2015 The Ms. Foundation for Women, Public Voices Fellowship

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2018 Graduate Project Coordinator, Women’s Resource Center, UW-Milwaukee

2017 Interim Executive Director, New Voices for Reproductive Justice, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2015 Director, Reproductive Justice Collective Project, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2013 Facilitator, Diverse and Resilient, Acceptance Journeys Project, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**AFFLIATIONS**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Coordinating Council for Women in History

National Council for Black Studies

National Women’s Studies Association

SisterSong: Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective