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**EDUCATION**

PhD University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), Department of African and African Diaspora Studies, August 2020 (expected)

**Dissertation Title:** “Learning to Take the Excess Baggage Off”: An Ethnographic and Autoethnographic Study on Black Women’s Self-Care Practices

**Dissertation Committee:** Ermitte Saint Jacques (Chair), Anika Wilson (Co-Chair), Erin Winkler, Robert Smith and Cheryl Kader

MA California State University (CSU), Dominguez Hills, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, 2011

MEd University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, 2007

BA California State University, Dominguez Hills, 2006

 Majors: Language and Linguistics and Public Administration

**Certifications**

2015 Women’s and Gender Studies, UWM

2011 Conflict Analysis and Resolution, CSU, Dominguez Hills

2011 Rhetoric and Composition, CSU, Dominguez Hills

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Reviews:**

Review of *Making all Black Lives Matter: Reimagining Freedom in the 21st Century* by

Barbara Ransby, (University of California Press, 2018) in *Resources for Gender and Women's*

*Studies: A Feminist Review*. (Forthcoming)

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

Rickie Solinger, (University of California Press, 2017) in *Resources for Gender and Women's*

*Studies: A Feminist Review*, vol. 39, nos. 3-4, Summer-Fall 2018, pp. 29-30.

**Public Scholarship:**

2020 [“Everyone Loves Someone Who Had an Abortion: The Ms. Q&A with Eveline Shen and Yamani Hernandez,”](https://msmagazine.com/2020/01/27/everyone-loves-someone-who-had-an-abortion-the-ms-qa-with-eveline-shen-and-yamani-hernandez/) *Ms. Magazine*, January 27, 2020

2019 [“Black Friday: A Special Rite of Passage with My Black Family,”](https://www.theroot.com/my-black-friday-a-special-rite-of-passage-with-my-blac-1840046809) *The Root*, November

29, 2019

2019 [“We Dream a World: Black and Queer in Milwaukee,”](https://theglowup.theroot.com/we-dream-a-world-black-queer-in-milwaukee-1835909222) *The Root*, June 27, 2019

2016 [“Milwaukee Officials: Black Youth, Single Mothers Are Not Responsible for Systemic Failures-You Are,”](https://rewire.news/article/2016/08/17/milwaukee-black-youth-mothers-not-responsible-systemic-failings/) *Rewire.News*, August 17, 2016

2016 [“Auntie Conversations: Black Women Talk Sex, Self-Care, and Illness,”](https://rewire.news/article/2016/07/12/auntie-conversations-black-women-talk-sex-self-care-illness/) *Rewire.News*, July 12, 2016

2016 [“‘Overworked and Underpaid’: On Organizing, Black Womanhood, and Self-Care,”](https://rewire.news/article/2016/04/15/black-activism-womanhood-self-care/)

*Rewire.News*, April 15, 2016

2015 [“Journey to Me: How I Came Out to Myself and Embraced All of Me,”](http://www.forharriet.com/2015/07/journey-to-me-how-i-came-out-to-myself.html) *For Harriet*, July

3, 2015

2015 [“And Let Your Dreams Save You,”](https://thisbridgecalledourhealth.wordpress.com/2015/06/03/and-let-your-dreams-save-you-by-charmaine-lang/) *This Bridge Called Our Health*, June 3, 2015

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Department of Women’s and Gender Studies**, UWM (2017)

Associate Lecturer. Black Feminisms: Black Women as Laborers, Leaders and Lovers

**Department of African and African Diaspora Studies**, UWM (2011-2018)

Instructor. Black Reality: Survey of African-American Society

Teaching Assistant. Introduction to African American History, 1865 to the Present

Instructor. Survey of African American Literature

Instructor. The Black Woman in America, Africa and the Caribbean

**Department of Africana Studies**, CSU-Dominguez Hills (2009-2011)

Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Africana Studies

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2020 Casey O’Brien Outstanding Activist Award, UWM, Women’s and Gender Studies

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

2018 California State University Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program Mini-Grant

2018 Tennessen Anniversary Scholarship, Center for 21st Century Studies, UWM

2018 Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice Fellow, Rockwood Leadership Institute

2016 Graduate Student Travel Award, UWM

2015 California State University Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program Mini-Grant

2014 Chancellor’s Graduate Student Award, UWM, Graduate School

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

2012 UWM Recognition Award for Contribution to Women’s Resource Center

2004 Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

**INVITED LECTURES**

2019 “‘To Touch and To Unify:’ What Toni Cade Bambara Taught Us,” The Women’s Research and Resource Center, Toni Cade Bambara Scholar-Activism Conference, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia

2019 “#InterviewBlackWomen: Stories and Lessons by Black Women Activists,” The Women’s Center, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois

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

**SELECTED CONFERENCE 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’s Rights in Development, Black Feminisms Forum, Bahia, Brazil

**NATIONAL**

**Panels Co-Organized:**

2020 “Black Feminist Epistemology, Research and Field Work,” (Panel session canceled)

National Council for Black Studies, Fields and Functions of Africana Studies:

Mapping Terrains of Research, Teaching and Resistance, Atlanta, Georgia

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

2015 “Reproductive Justice and You: Campus and Community Battle the Precarity of

Women’s Personhood,” National Women’s Studies Association, Precarity, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Papers Presented:**

2020 “Black Women’s Activism: Popularity and Possibilities of Self-Care,” University of

North Carolina, Africana Studies Department and the Women’s and Gender Studies

Program Symposium, Imagining Futures: Black Girls and Women at the Intersections, Charlotte, North Carolina (Conference canceled)

2020 “Making the Revolution Irresistible and Sustainable: Autoethnography and

Activism,” (Panel session canceled) National Council for Black Studies, Fields and Functions of Africana Studies: Mapping Terrains of Research, Teaching and Resistance, Atlanta, Georgia

2019 “To Purge the Poison: Black Feminist Revolutionary Rage as Healing Praxis,”

National Women’s Studies Association, Protest, Justice, and Transnational

Organizing, San Francisco, California

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

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

Alliance,” National Council for Black Studies, Charlotte, North Carolina

2015 “A Mandate for Reproductive Justice Leaders on Campus,” National Women’s Studies Association, Precarity, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2014 “Black Women’s Activism: A Space of Their Own,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Memphis, Tennessee

**Moderator:**

2019 “#ArchiveBlackWomen: Preservation and Access to Black Women’s Stories,” National Women’s Studies Association. Protest, Justice, and Transnational Organizing, San Francisco, California

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**

**University Service**

2018 Black Feminist Symposium Planning Committee, UWM, Women’s Resource

Center

2017 Survivor Support and Victim Advocacy Search Committee, UWM, Norris Health Center

2013-2015 Black Graduate Student Alliance, Director of Academic Support, UWM

**Departmental Service**

2014 Visiting Faculty Search Committee, UWM, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies

**Professional Service**

2020 National Network of Abortion Funds, Policy Cohort Fellow

2019-2020 Carolina Abortion Funds, Volunteer

2019-2020 9to5, National Secretary

2015-2020 Echoing Ida, Program Fellow

2018 9to5, National Executive Director Search Committee

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

2015 The Ms. Foundation for Women, Public Voices Fellow

**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

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Black Women’s Studies Association

Coordinating Council for Women in History

National Council for Black Studies

National Women’s Studies Association