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Current Position

Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor of Gender Studies

Education

Ph.D. American Studies

December 2015

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, April 2011

Areas of expertise: 20th Century American Literature and Culture, African American Literature, LGBT Studies

Dissertation: "Marginal and Forbidden:" Black Lesbians, Contemporary American Culture, and the Politics of Representation." Directed by Bill V. Mullen and Venetria K. Patton (co-chairs)

M.A. English, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

August 2007

Master's Thesis: "The Right to Represent: The Transformation of Topsy in Robert Alexander's *I Ain't Yo' Uncle*." Directed by Professor Paula Backscheider

B.A. English, Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia

August 2005

Scholarly Publications

"On Black Lesbian Femme Invisibility." *Sinister Wisdom*, no. 107, 2018, pp. 78-85.

"Who's Your Mammy? Tyler Perry and the Limits of Black Spectatorship." *The Problematic Tyler Perry*. Ed. Brian C. Johnson. New York: Peter Lang Publishing, Inc. 2016. 79-91.

"Ethnicity and Sexual Identity in the United States," *The International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality*. Eds. Patricia Whelehan and Anne Bolin. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2015. 353-356.

"Sexual Stereotypes about Ethnic Minorities in the United States," *The International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality*. Eds. Patricia Whelehan and Anne Bolin. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2015. 1296-1300.

Stansbury, K.L., Harley, D.A., Allen, S.A., Nelson, N., & Christensen, K. (2010). African American lesbians: A selective review of the literature. *African American Research Perspectives*, 13 (1), 99-108.

Honors and Awards

WGSS Graduate Instructor of the Year, 2013-2014
NWSA Women of Color Leadership Project, 2013-2015
Purdue Research Fellowship, Summer 2012, 2013
Charles E. Eisinger Research Award, Summer 2010
Purdue Doctoral Fellowship, 2009-2013
Research Fellowship, Auburn University, 2006

Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Papers

“Black Lesbians and Cinematic Regimes of Representation” **American Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago IL, November 9-12, 2017.

“On Black Lesbian Femme Invisibility” **National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Cincinnati, OH, November 8-10, 2013.

“Black Lesbians and the Politics of Representation” Presented as a guest lecture to WOST 282: Introduction to LGBT Studies course at Purdue University, October 23, 2012.

“Who’s Your Mammy?: Tyler Perry and the Limits of Black Spectatorship.” **National Council of Black Studies Annual Meeting**, Atlanta, GA, March 7-9, 2012.

“Black Women in Popular Culture” Presented as a guest lecture to the WOST 280: Introduction to Women’s Studies course at Purdue University, March 19, 2012.

“Don't Explain and "Don't Say It" Either: Black Lesbians in the Fiction of Gomez and Shockley.” **Celebrating African American Literature: Race, Sexual Identity and African American Literature**, Penn State-University Park, September 30-October 1, 2011.

“The Problem with *Precious*: Representations of Blackness in Contemporary Literature and Film.” **National Council of Black Studies Annual Conference**, Cincinnati, Ohio; March 17-20, 2011.

“Sisters Outside No More: Locating the Black Lesbian in Contemporary American Literature and Film.” **Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) 95TH Annual Convention**, Raleigh, NC; September 2010.

Teaching Experience

William Peace University, Adjunct Professor

2017-present

Fundamentals of Writing (ENG 100)
Writing about African American Literature (ENG 252)
Professional Writing (ENG 314)

South University, Online English Instructor February 2010-present
Principles of Composition
Composition I, II, and III
World Literature

Purdue University, Graduate Instructor 2011-2014
Introduction to Women's Studies
Introduction to LGBT Studies

Clayton State University, Instructor Winter 2008
Clayton County Public Schools, Teacher and Graduation Coach 2007-2008
Auburn University, Graduate Teaching Assistant 2005-2007

Other Instructional Activities
English Center Tutor, Auburn University 2005-2006

Teaching Interests

Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Black Women's Writing
Introduction to LGBT Studies
Feminist Theory & Methods
Black Sexual Citizenship
Introduction to Lesbian Studies
Contemporary African-American Literature
African American Popular Culture and New Media
Introduction To American Studies
Issues In American Studies
African American Women Writers

Professional Experience

Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, BLF Press 2014-present
Associate Director of Multicultural and Equity Services, Mansfield, University 2014-2015
Program Coordinator, Spokane Community College, Spokane, Washington 2008-2009
Accounting Associate II, TSYS, Columbus, Georgia 1999-2004
Reports Distribution Representative, TSYS, Columbus, Georgia 1996-1999

Professional Organizations

North Carolina Writer's Network, Member
Community of Literary Magazines and Presses, Member

Golden Crown Literary Society, Member
Independent Book Publishers Association, member
National Women's Studies Association, Member
American Studies Association, Member
Modern Language Association, Member

Academic/Community Service

Board of Trustees, Chairperson, LGBT Center of Raleigh	2018-2019
Board of Trustees, LGBT Center of Raleigh	2017-2018
Chair, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Search Committee	Spring 2015
President's Council on the Status of Women	2014-2015
Founding Board Member, Bay Area Lesbian Archives	2014-2016
Reviewer, <i>Feral Feminisms</i>	2013-present
Chair, Purdue American Studies Symposium Committee	2013-2014
Member, Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs Student Advisory Board	2013-2014
President, American Studies Graduate Student Organization	2012-2013
Member, LGBT Studies Advisory Committee	2011-2014
Program Representative, GradSEA	2011-2012
Officer, American Studies Graduate Student Organization	2010-2011
Co-chair, Purdue American Studies Symposium Committee	2009-2010
Board Member, Pride Lafayette, Inc.	2010-2011
Communications Coordinator, Odyssey Youth Center	2008-2009
Volunteer, Literacy Alliance Kindergarten Readiness Program	2003-2004

Public Engagement/Literary Arts

Black Lesbian Literary Collective, Co-Founder	2016-present
Reviewer, <i>The Lesbrary</i>	2016-2017
Contributing Writer, <i>Elixher Magazine</i>	2012-2013

Languages

French