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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025-Present	Assistant Professor of African American Literature, English, UNLV

EDUCATION

2016	B.A. English, Women's and Gender Studies, Lafayette College
2018	M.A. English and American Literature, New York University
	Thesis: "Those who seek with lamentation": *Nightwood*, Affect, and the Bodily Calamities of Modernity"
2025	Ph.D. English, Brown University
	Dissertation: "Psychoanalytics: Towards a Black Object Study"

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Black Feminist Theory
African American and Caribbean Literatures
Queer of Color Critique
Psychoanalysis

PUBLICATIONS

"Rededication: Hurston, Black Object Thinking, and 'the black feminist critical enterprise." *The Journal of American Culture*, vol. 45, no. 3, Sept. 2022, pp. 247-59, https://doi.org/10.1111/jacc.13397

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023-2024	Cogut Institute Fellow
	The Cogut Fellowship is awarded yearly to scholars whose work is intellectually rigorous and interdisciplinary in scope. Fellows meet weekly and give a series of public presentations of their work through the Cogut Institute for the Humanities at Brown University.
2023	W.W. Women's Studies Dissertation Fellowship National Finalist
	Administered by the Institute for Citizens and Scholars, this fellowship supports doctoral studies of women and gender. Selected fellows demonstrate an enduring interest in, and commitment to studying women's issues.
2022-2023	Pembroke Research Center Development Grant

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The Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women at Brown awards research funding to one graduate student annually. Graduate students who receive the award have projects which are both innovative and related to the work of the Pembroke Center.

2021 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar

25 individuals were competitively selected as stipended participants in a three-week NEH funded seminar titled "Hurston on The Horizon: Past, Present, and Future." The seminar classes were taught by leading African American and Hurston studies scholars.

2016-2017 Charles Wickham Moore Scholarship

This tuition merit scholarship is awarded to New York University students who show exceptional aptitude for advanced degree study.

TEACHING

2025 UNLV, ENGL 290 - "Intro to African American Literature: Inventing Canon, Culture, Community"

2021 Brown University, ENGL 0200- "Strangeness" at the Margins: Black and Queer Narratives"

2021 Brown University, ENGL 0900- "Critical Reading and Writing: The Academic Essay"

2019-2022 Brown University, Writing Instructor at Sheridan Writing Center

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2025 "The Academic Matter of Blackness." MELUS National Conference. Los Angeles, CA.

2025 "Racial Invention at the Terrifying Frontiers: On Black/Indigenous/Palestinian Transgressions." CARGC Fellows Biennial Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

2024 "*Abeng* and The Racial History of Bauxite." Invited Guest Lecturer. Providence, RI.

2023 "Blackness as Passing." MLA: National Convention. San Francisco, CA.

2022 "In Pursuit of 'Psychoanalytics." The Nicknames of Distortion: A Hortense Spillers Symposium. Providence, RI.

2019 "Inside dark': A Consideration of Black Objects in Morrison's *A Mercy*." Identity and Agency Colloquium. Providence, RI.

SERVICE

2020-Present Co-chair of working group, "theory now," Brown University

2023 21st Century Ph.D. Mellon Proctor, Brown University

2019-2021 Departmental Diversity Inclusion Action Plan Committee Member, Brown University

2020-2021	English Graduate Organization Secretary, Brown University
2019-2020	English Graduate Peer Mentor, Brown University
2018-2019	English Graduate Cohort Representative, Brown University

LANGUAGES

French
English

REFERENCES

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