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EDUCATION

***Boston University* | Fall 2022-Present**

PhD | Boston, MA

English and American Literature

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Master of Arts | Boston, MA

English and American Literature

***Cornell University* | December 2021**

Bachelor of Arts | Ithaca, NY

Major(s): *Africana Studies* and *Literatures in English* with a concentration in *African American Literature*

RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL EXPERIENCE

Ithaca City School District Literary Arts Initiative | 2021-2022

Research Assistant for Dr. Rayna M. Kalas to create a literary magazine for an Ithaca City School District elementary school while funded by a Cornell University community engagement grant

- Conducting research on statewide secondary school literature curriculums and pedagogy
- Developing engaging workshops geared toward elementary students K-5 emphasizing critical thinking and creativity
- Collecting and formatted poetry and prose submissions to be published as an annual literary magazine

Mellon Collaborative Studies in Architecture, Urbanism, and the Humanities Fellowship | 2021-Present

Student Reacher and Fellow supervised by Dr. Riché Richardson and visiting scholar architect Peter Robinson in the Cornell Mellon Design Justice Workshop titled *Black Memory Workers and Their Spatial Practices: Explorations on African American Heritage Sites in New York City*

- Researched and engaged Black heritage sites in New York City during a week of field work, including the *Brownsville Heritage House* and *Weeksville Heritage Center*
- Collaborating with Black womxn architect writer Roberta Washington and her collection of African American architectural archives and history as my research project titled "*Reaching African American Architecture*"

The Cornell Diplomat | 2021

Editor and Staff Writer for *The Cornell Diplomat*, Cornell University's premier political magazine

- Assisting Staff Writers in writing articles on domestic and international political issues
- Editing staff writer articles for print in *The Cornell Diplomat Issue V*
- Wrote on the dissemination and reception of information within the African Diaspora

Teacher Assistant at Cornell University | 2020

Undergraduate Teacher Assistant supervised by Dr. Carole Boyce Davies for her *Black Women and Political Leadership* course

- Facilitated the organization and operation of the course
- Worked closely with undergraduate students in preparation for their final presentations and podcasts on various historical and contemporary Black womxn political leaders

Independent Study: Writing Black Women's Social Engagement | 2020

Student Researcher supervised by Dr. Carole Boyce Davies

- Conducted research on the concept of the "angry Black womxn"
- Published podcast on Spotify with an accompanying written section, detailing my research
- Interviewed Black activist poet Lotoya Francis on her poem "ANGRY BLACK WOMAN ALERT," where we discussed the prevalence of such stereotypes while examining their implications and effects for/on Black womxn

Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Hidden Valley Camp | Summer 2018 and 2019

Education Specialist at the *Cornell Cooperative Extension residential 4-H Hidden Valley Camp* based in Schuyler County, New York

- Created its first week-long educational curriculum for over one hundred children and adolescents aged six to sixteen
- Aided youths as they engaged in educational activities and experiments meant to foster their critical thinking and investigative skills
- Led activities ranging from science experiments that explored Newtonian Laws of Physics to social experiments meant to examine the bystander-effect and complicity in group dynamics.

Editor and Staff Writer for the 4-H Hidden Valley Newsletter

- Assisted Camp Director in the writing and editing of articles for the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Hidden Valley's Newsletter to be distributed weekly to parents
- Reported and wrote on student activities and events at Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Hidden Valley Camp

Cornell University Thread Magazine | 2019

Creative Consultant for *Thread Magazine*, Cornell University's leading fashion magazine

- Supervising photoshoots for the print magazine to be distributed throughout the Cornell Campus
- Designed and pitched creative plan for the fall 2019 magazine theme, *What's Your Next Move?*

First Amendment Newspaper | 2017- 2018

Contributor for Cornell University's start-up political periodical *The First Amendment Newspaper*

- Wrote articles on political issues within the African Diaspora, such as Western neocolonialism with African nations

THEME PARTY Magazine | 2019

Creative Consultant for Cornell University start-up interdisciplinary magazine, *THEME PARTY*, focused on the consolidation of student scholarly articles from both the STEM field as well as the Humanities and Arts

- Facilitated in the organization of the magazine while designing its overall layout and cover

YMCA New York State Youth and Government Program | 2014- 2017

District One Principal Justice for Monroe County, New York in the *YMCA New York State Youth and Government Program*, a mock government program

- Trained youth attorneys over the course of a year on how to argue assigned cases in preparation for mock legal trials to be held at the New York State capitol in Albany, New York
- Presided over weekly program meetings in a supervisory capacity to ensure proper case assignments and Monroe county, district management

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Online, Science, Technology, and Engineering Community (MOSTEC) | Summer 2016

Student Researcher in the MOSTEC Program held on Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- Conducted research in experimental astrophysics alongside MIT graduate students
- Presented research on *Time Dilation and Special Relativity in Astrophysics* at the culminating *Research Symposium* held on the MIT campus
- Interviewed Harvard Professor Dr. Daniel Eisenstein, a leader in the study of dark energy and the expanding universe, to discuss topics in astrophysics, followed by an accompanying written article based on the interview

Physics of Atomic Nuclei (PAN) | Summer 2016

Participant in the PAN program held at Michigan State University's *Superconducting National Cyclotron Laboratory*

- Conducted research experiments in nuclear physics alongside graduate students
- Participated in physics lectures given by Michigan State University professors Dr. Micha Kilburn and Dr. Zachary Constance

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EXPERIENCE

Infinite Tutoring: Where Potential is Empowered... | 2013- 2018

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of *Infinite Tutoring: Where Potential is Empowered*, a community outreach program based in Rochester, New York whose core mission is to educate middle school students on life skills (e.g., goal setting, conflict resolution, and public speaking) using an original curriculum

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

TIME CHANGE! Black Women's 2020: A Conversation with Barbara Smith | 2019

Student Moderator for a Cornell University colloquium featuring Black feminist Barbara Smith sponsored by the Cornell University Africana Studies and Research Center, Department of Literatures in English, and Department of Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Boston University Presidential Graduate Fellowship | Fall 2022- Present

Mellon Collaborative Studies in Architecture, Urbanism, and the Humanities Fellowship | Fall 2021

Cornell University Dean's List | Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

New York State Delegate for the YMCA Conference on National Affairs | 2017

Spanish National Exam Bronze Medal Finalist | 2017

Rochester, New York Black Scholar | 2013- 2017

VOLUNTEER-WORK EXPERIENCE

Volunteer, Loaves and Fishes of Tompkins County | 2018-2020

Volunteer, Rochester, New York Habitat for Humanity | 2013- 2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Student Member, American Association of Blacks in Higher Education | 2020-Present

Student Member, National Council for Black Studies | 2020- Present