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EDUCATION

PhD English and American Literature, New York University

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Dissertation: Pedagogies of Struggle: The Print Politics of US Latinx and Asian American Writer-Activists, 1898-1968

MA, English and American Literature, New York University

January 2019

BA, English and Spanish (double major), University of Connecticut

May 2009

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

19th, 20th century, and contemporary American and ethnic American literature, Asian American and US Latinx studies, migration and diasporas, women of color feminisms, queer of color critique, settler colonialism, social movements, decolonial thought.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

Title: Pedagogies of Struggle: The Print Politics of Latinx and Asian American Writer-Activists, 1898-1968

This book interrogates the relationship between literature, learning, and social justice. Arguing that the pre-Civil Rights era is an important yet understudied period for understanding collective action and the formation of political consciousness, I analyze the work of Latinx and Asian American writer-activists engaged with antiracist, anticolonial, and feminist politics during this era. I study ways in which texts spark awakenings of revolutionary consciousness and offer supportive infrastructures for organizing. I engage with the archives of Fabiola Cabeza de Baca, Jovita González, Jesús Colón, Pura Belpré, and Carlos Bulosan—all of whom were teachers and/or produced educational materials. These thinkers ask questions about the ways people learn and become politicized, and turn to literature to theorize the links between knowledge production and political action. I study published novels, memoirs, and collected essays, as well as archival material in the form of manuscripts, letters, and documents pertaining to teaching and activist work. These reveal investments in non-institutional forms of learning that value experiential modalities and rely on unconventional ways of circulating texts and ideas. I problematize the entanglement of these kinds of intellectual work with other racialized, gendered, and classed forms of labor. I argue these embodied forms of labor have the capacity to shape revolutionary subjectivities, call for the formation of alliances within and beyond the nation-state, and compel us toward decolonial modes of world-making. I also examine ways in which literature mediates access to everyday struggles and strivings that often fall outside the representational frames of large-scale, "organized" social movements. To this end, I attend to quotidian acts of resistance and care which bolster political action and encourage us to imagine unlikely forms of solidarity within and beyond the nation-state.

PUBLICATIONS

"Ancestor Stories" and Community Care in Virginia Grise's Rasgos Asiaticos. Forthcoming at HowlRound Theater Commons

CONFERENCE PAPERS

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"To Write a Real Tale": Identity, Authority, and Knowledge Production through The Writings of Winnifred Eaton November American Studies Association, Baltimore, MD		
"Education for All": The Folk Pedagogy of Jovita González Recovering the US Hispanic Literary Heritage, Houston, TX	2024	
"I Lived in the Land of Storytelling": The Folk Pedagogy of Fabiola Cabeza de Baca April Latina/o/x Studies Association, Tempe, AZ	2024	
A Nuyorican in Moscow: Jesús Colón's Moving Pedagogy Modern Language Association, Philadelphia, PA	2024	
"Vitally Alive": Debility, Community, and "Care Work" in the Archive of Carlos Bulosan Nov American Studies Association, Montreal, Canada	2023	
"Stories Not in Books": Archives and Memory Work in Virginia Grises' Rasgos Asiaticos The Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present (ASAP/14), Seattle, WA	2023	
"In No Page of Our History': The Radical Pedagogy of Jesús Colón." March The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States, New Orleans,		
"The Other 'Other' in the Radical US-Third World Imaginary of Carlos Bulosan." April Association for Asian American Studies, Virtual Conference.	2021	
"Performance and Spatial Politics in Karen Tei Yamashita's I Hotel." March Association for Asian American Studies, San Francisco, CA.	2018	
FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS		

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Society of Scholars, University of Washington Simpson Center for the Humanities	AY 2025-2026
American Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women	AY 2022-2023
Millicent Bell Dissertation Fellowship, NYU Department of English	AY 2022-2023
Public Humanities Fellowship, Museum of the City of NY/ NYU GSAS (Declined)	AY 2022-2023
Mainzer Summer Fellowship (Awarded for Research in Gender Studies), NYU GSAS	June 2022
Conference Attendance Grant, NYU Student Government Assembly	April 2022

CV Starr Award for Asian/Pacific/American Research, The A/P/A Institute at NYU Summer 2021

Graduate Conference and Travel Grant, NYU Department of English

March 2018

Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, NYU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) 2016-2022

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, University of Washington (Seattle, Department of English) 2023-present Courses taught: Liberation Pedagogies (ENGL 556), Women of Color Feminist Theory and Practice (AS 160), Latinx Literary Genres (ENGL 362), American Literature (ENGL 250W)

Adjunct Professor, New York University Department of English 2020-2023 Courses taught: American Literature to 1900, Women of Color Feminist Theory and Practice, Reading as a Writer

TA/Recitation Instructor, New York University Department of English 2018-2022 Courses Taught: Literatures in English I: Medieval and Early Modern Literatures (Prof. Archer); Literatures in English II: Literatures of the British Isles and British Empire, 1660-1900 (Profs. McDowell and Hyland); Literatures in English IV: 20th and 21st Century Lit (Profs. Trujillo and Hendin); Literatures in English III: American Literature to 1900 (Prof. Posmentier)

TA/Recitation Instructor, New York University College Core

Courses taught: Texts and Ideas: On Liberation (Prof. Watson); Texts and Ideas: Antiquity and the Renaissance (Prof. Gilman)

ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (EFL) TEACHING AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

English Teacher, Instituto Kelington, Granada, Spain.	2014- 2016
English Teacher, IML La Zubia, Granada, Spain	2012- 2016
Language and Culture Assistant, IES Manuel de Falla in Maracena, Granada, Spain	2013- 2014
Language and Culture Assistant, CEIP Virgen de La Cabeza in Churriana de La Ve Spain	ega, Granada, 2012- 2013
English Teacher Queensland Kindergarten, Hanoi, Vietnam	Summer 2012
Language and Culture Assistant, IES Jose Luis Lopez Aranguren, Avila, Spain	2011-2012
Writing Internship, Connecticut Writing Project	Spring 2009

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Spring 2024
2023-Present
2023-Present
2022
2021-2022
2017-2023
2017-2022
2019-2020
2017-2018
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LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in Spanish, working knowledge of French.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Modern Language Association, Association for Asian American Studies, The Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS), the Latina/o/x Studies Association, Recovering the US Hispanic Literary Heritage, American Studies Association, Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present (ASAP).