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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Education, Rutgers University, May 2023
History of Education
Dissertation: *Across Oceans and Campuses: HBCU Presidents and the Search for Democratic Ideas Abroad in the Early-Mid 20th Century*
- M.A. Education, Rutgers University, 2020
- M.A. School of International Service, American University, 2014
International Politics (Social and Political Theory, International Organizations)
Thesis: U.S. Norms in Education & Diplomacy
- B.A. Department of Politics, University of Dallas, 2011
Political Philosophy (International Studies, French)

Certificates

Africana Studies, Rutgers University, 2020

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Reviewed Book Reviews

- 2021 Favors, Jelani Manu-Gowon. *Shelter in a time of storm: how Black colleges fostered generations of leadership and activism*. University of North Carolina Press, 2019. 354pp. ISBN 9781469648330. *Educational Studies*.

Invited Book Reviews

- 2023 Proenza-Coles, Christina. *American Founders: How People of African Descent Established Freedom in the New World*. New South Books, 2019. *Journal of African American History*.

Forthcoming Manuscripts

“Institute for Colored Youth (Cheney University), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.” in Vanessa Garry and Paulette Isaac-Savage (eds). *Black Cultural Capital: Activism that Spurred African American High Schools*. Information Age Publishing Inc. (forthcoming 2023)

Manuscripts in Preparation

- “Madam Presidents Across Oceans and Campuses: HBCU Female Leadership and Black Internationalism in the Early 20th Century.” for *History of Education Quarterly*
- “Cookbook as Textbook: Sue Bailey Thurman Preserving and Teaching Diasporic Identity Through Food.” For *Journal of African American Studies*

“Benjamin E. Mays: President, Preacher, Civil Rights Leader: A Model for the College Presidency.” for *Review of Higher Education*

Other Publications

"Network Mode of Working Among NGOs in Odisha: Trends, Issues and Challenges,"
Madhyam Foundation (July 2012). <http://transcend-global.org/node/77>

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022	Graduate Fellow, Rutgers Graduate School of Education
2021	Alternate, University and Louis Bevier Fellowship, Rutgers University
2021, 2020, 2019	Graduate Fellow, Rutgers Graduate School of Education
2018, 2017	Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record), Rutgers GSE
2017	South Africa Initiative Grant, Rutgers University
2017	Chancellor's Scholarship for Service Learning, Rutgers Center for Global Education
2017	Summer Special Study Award, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University
2016	Graduate Fellow, Rutgers GSE
2012	Graduate Council Research Grant, School of International Service, American University

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

2019	Co-organizer, Inaugural Rutgers Africana Studies Graduate Symposium, December 9
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Papers Presented

submitted	Sue Bailey Thurman and Black Internationalism: Education in Non-Traditional Spaces. Submitted as part of panel: Gender and African American Education: Shifting Chronologies, Pedagogies, Activisms, and Geographies. History of Education Society, Atlanta, GA, November 1-5, 2023
2022	Willa B. Player and Black Internationalism at Bennett College, History of Education Society, Baltimore, MD, November 3-6
2022	Cookbook as Textbook: Sue Bailey Thurman Preserving and Teaching Diasporic Identity Through Food, Association of African American Life and History, September 29-October 1
2021	Black Internationalism and Anticolonialism at Howard University under Mordecai Johnson, History of Education Society, San Diego, CA, November 3-7

- 2021 Madam Presidents: Female HBCU Presidents and the Search for Democratic Ideals Abroad, Association of African American Life and History, September 16 virtual
- 2019 Madam Presidents Across Oceans and Campuses: HBCU Female Leadership and Black Internationalism in the Early 20th Century, Rutgers Africana Studies Symposium, December 9
- 2019 Across Oceans and Campuses: HBCU Presidents and the Search for Democratic Ideas Abroad in the Early-Mid 20th Century, History of Education Society, Columbus OH, October 30-November 3

Discussant

- 2017 Moderator, Penn Ethnography in Education Research Conference
- 2015 Discussion Facilitator & Moderator, Institute for Global Education Diplomacy, Association for Childhood Education International

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 *Rev. Howard Thurman and Sue Bailey Thurman* for Race and Religion undergraduate and graduate course [cross-listed Theology and Sociology] at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, November 30

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2021 Black Internationalism and Education: The Ideas, Travel, and Educational Leadership of Benjamin Mays, Brown Bag Lecture Series, Rutgers GSE, New Brunswick, March 24

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania, Instructor

Leadership Lessons from the Humanities (Fall 2020 [online], Spring 2021 [online])

Rutgers University, Instructor

History of Education (Spring 2020 [hybrid]), cross-listed in History Department

Rutgers University, Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record)

History of Education (Spring 2019), cross-listed in History Department

Introduction to Education (Social Foundations) (Fall 2017/2018)

Social Foundations of Education Clinic (in-school observations) (Fall 2018)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017-2018 Research Assistant, Civic Identity and American Muslim Students, PI: Thea Abu El-Haj Funder: NAEd/Spencer Foundation

- 2017 South Africa Initiative, Rutgers Graduate School of Education
Conducted cross-cultural facilitation for educators and students, in-depth study of race relations, and educational institutions in South Africa
- 2012-2014 Primary Investigator, U.S. Norms in Diplomacy and Education [oral histories], American University
- 2012-2014 Research Associate, COTELCO and Institute on Disability and Public Policy
ASEAN American University campus research centers
- 2012-2014 Research Associate, ASEAN Institute on Disability and Public Policy, Thailand
Coordinated and moderated events featuring high level government officials and diplomats; assisted with production and assembly of promotional material and media events
- 2012 Research Fellow, Madhyam Foundation, India
Wrote report on local NGO networks; conducted surveys and field interviews

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

History of Education Society, Annual Meetings, 2021-Present
American Educational Research Association, Division F: History and Historiography, 2018

To Profession

Program Coordinator, 61st History of Education Society Meeting, 2021
Member, Graduate Mentorship Committee, 61st History of Education Society Meeting, November 2021
Co-editor, *Mid-Atlantic Education Review Journal* 2016-2018

To Department and University

Member and Communications Chair, Graduate Student Affairs Committee, 2016-Present
Invited Panelist and Student Host, Accepted Student Day, Rutgers GSE, 2016-2017, 2019
Student Representative, PhD Program Teaching Portfolio Committee, 2019
Student Interviewer, Prospective Rutgers academic job candidates, 2016-2018
Co-founder/Vice President, Int'l Politics Master's student association, 2011-2013
Student Representative, Administrative Brainstorm Team for Master's curriculum redesign, 2012-2013

To Community

Chair, Development Committee, Philadelphia Women's Theatre Festival, 2019-Present
Board of Directors, Philadelphia Women's Theatre Festival, 2019-Present
Board Member, Our Mother of Consolation Parish Council, 2022-Present

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

IRB training

Archival History, Oral History, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods

International Research and Program Evaluation

Intensive media training for TV, radio, and newspaper on political and cultural issues

SELECTED OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manager, Outreach, Marketing, and Communications, San Miguel School of Washington DC
(6th-8th grades), 2014-2016

Program Assistant, Kevin Rohan Memorial Eco-Foundation, Nepal, 2012-2013

Intern for Dean of University Admissions; other on-campus employment: Drama Department,
Resident Assistant, and Admissions Tour Guide Dallas, TX Campus, University of
Dallas, 2007-2011

Resident, Student Life, and Business Office Assistants, Rome Italy Campus, University of
Dallas: Managed logistics for large group student travel for study abroad program,
organized student and government records, planned community and educational events,
2008- 2009

LANGUAGES

French, conversational (certified working proficiency, 2012)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

History of Education Society, 2019-Present

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, 2020-Present

African American Intellectual History Society, 2020-Present

American Educational Research Association, 2019-Present

Philosophy of Education Society, 2016-2018