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## **EDUCATION**

### **DISSERTATION-IN-PROGRESS:**

*CUNY Will Be Free!: Black, Puerto Rican, and Women's Compositions, Literatures, and Studies at the City College of New York and New York City, 1960-1980*

ADVISORS: Ammiel Alcalay, Carmen Kynard, Robyn C. Spencer, Ira Shor

2016 **M.PHIL.**, English Literature, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York

2012 The Free University of New York City, co-founding participant

2010 **B.A.**, English Literature, Harlem University / The City College of New York

## **PROFESSIONAL WORK**

- ❖ Brooklyn College, Adjunct Lecturer, Africana Studies Department and English Department, Fall 2018 (forthcoming).
- ❖ EC English New York, English as a Second Language (ESL) Instructor, Summer 2018.
- ❖ Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Dissertation Fellow, Fall 2017-Spring 2018.
- ❖ Scholar-in-Residence and Archival Dissertation Fellow, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Fall 2016–Spring 2017.
- ❖ Kingsborough Community College/CUNY, Graduate Writing Fellow and Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Certification, Fall 2015–Spring 2016.
- ❖ CUNY Graduate Center, Library Assistant, Mina Rees Library, Fall 2014–Spring 2016.
- ❖ Medgar Evers College/CUNY, Adjunct Lecturer, English Department, Fall 2014.
- ❖ Medgar Evers College/CUNY, Graduate Teaching Fellow, English Department, Fall 2013–Spring 2014.
- ❖ American Studies Association, Principal Researcher on 2014 *Scholars Under Attack* Digital Map for American Studies Association Conference, November 2014.
- ❖ Baruch College/CUNY, Graduate Teaching Fellow, English Department, Spring 2011–Spring 2013.
- ❖ Adjunct Project, Co-Coordinator of Education and Advocacy, Spring 2011–Spring 2013.
- ❖ LaGuardia Community College/CUNY, Adjunct Lecturer, English Department, Fall 2010.

## **TEACHING THEMES**

20th and 21st century U.S., Caribbean, and Latin American literatures; African American and African Diasporic literatures; women's literatures; urban composition-literacies; social movements poetics and fiction; American studies; cultural studies; labor histories; educational reform and transformation histories.

## **HONORS/AWARDS**

- ❖ Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Dissertation Grant, 2017–2018.
- ❖ Summer Research Travel Fellowship by the Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (CLACLS) at the CUNY Graduate Center, 2017.
- ❖ Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture Archival Dissertation Fellowship,

- 2016–2017.
- ❖ Dean K. Harrison Research Fellowship, 2016–2017.
  - ❖ Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America Archival Dissertation Grant, 2016–2017.
  - ❖ Social Science Research Council/Mellon Mays Travel and Research Grant, 2016–2017.
  - ❖ CUNY Graduate Center Lost & Found Archival Research Grant, 2016–2017.
  - ❖ Social Science Research Council/Mellon Mays Pre-Doctoral Research Development Grant, 2015–2016.
  - ❖ Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund, 2014–2015.
  - ❖ CUNY Graduate Center Doctoral Student Research Grant, 2014–2015.
  - ❖ Social Science Research Council/Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, 2014–2015.
  - ❖ CUNY Graduate Center Lost & Found Archival Research Grant, 2013–2014.
  - ❖ CUNY Graduate Center Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) Knickerbocker Award for Archival Research in American Studies, 2013–2014.
  - ❖ Social Science Research Council/Mellon Mays Pre-doctoral Research Development Grant, 2013–2014.
  - ❖ Social Science Research Council/Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, 2011–2012.
  - ❖ Social Science Research Council/Mellon Mays Graduate Fellow, 2010–Present.
  - ❖ Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, 2008–2010.
  - ❖ Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade/Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives George Watt Memorial Prize for “‘Seed Foundations Shakin’: Interwar African Diasporic Responses to Fascism and the 1936–1939 Spanish Civil War,” 2010.
  - ❖ CCNY Sidney Jacoff Fellowship, Spring 2010.
  - ❖ CCNY Louis Shapiro Leadership Award, Spring 2010.
  - ❖ University Student Senate/CUNY Student Leadership Award, Fall 2009.
  - ❖ CCNY Stark Essay Award in Literature for “‘Let’s Kill the Moonlight’: Bakhtin, Futurism, and the Dialectics of Modernity,” Fall 2009.
  - ❖ Josh and Judy Weston Public Service Fellowship, 2008.
  - ❖ H. Austin and Florence R.S. Kaye Foundation Kaye Scholar, 2008.

## PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Las primeras formaciones de los estudios de las mujeres Afro-descendientes en las vidas de Toni Cade Bambara, June Jordan y Audre Lorde,” *Anuario del Instituto de Historia Argentina*. Fall 2018 (forthcoming).
- ❖ *Toni Cade Bambara: “Realizing the Dream of a Black University” & Other Writings*. Co-edited with Makeba Lavan. *Lost and Found, Series 7*, The Center for the Humanities, Graduate Center of the City University of New York. March 2018.
- ❖ *June Jordan: “Life Studies,” 1966–1976*. Co-edited with Talia Shalev. *Lost and Found, Series 7*, The Center for the Humanities, Graduate Center of the City University of New York. March 2018.
- ❖ “Whose Community?: A Report from Graduate Center grounds.” Co-written with Angela Dunne. *CUNY Graduate Center Advocate*. December 2017.
- ❖ “Occupy CUNY” Collection, *CUNY Digital History Archive*. October 2017.

- ❖ “Free the Media!: Campaign to Rehire Marisa Holmes.” *CUNY Graduate Center Advocate*. October 2017.
- ❖ “Assata Shakur, Always Welcome.” *CUNY Graduate Center Advocate*. June 2017.
- ❖ “Cuomo’s Excelsior Plan Falls Far Short of Making CUNY Free Again.” Co-written with Tiffany Berruti, Erik Forman, Tim Hardin, Jennifer Hyman, Rosa Squillacote, Joseph van der Naald, Joseph Sellman, and Meghann Williams. *Gotham Gazette*. April 15, 2017.
- ❖ “Intersecting Picket Lines: Free Speech, Palestine, and the CUNY Contract.” *Viewpoint Magazine*. June 23, 2016.
- ❖ “Race.” *Keywords for Radicals: The Contested Vocabulary of Late Capitalist Struggle*. Edited by Kelly Fritsch, Clare O’Connor, and A. K. Thompson. AK Press. April 2016.
- ❖ “CUNY’s Largest Crisis in Forty Years.” *CUNY Graduate Center Advocate*. March 2016.
- ❖ “Diving Into SEEK: Adrienne Rich and Social Movements at the City College of New York, 1968–1974.” *Jayne Cortez, Adrienne Rich, and the Feminist Superhero: Voice, Vision, Politics, and Performance in U.S. Contemporary Women’s Poetics*. Edited by Laura Hinton. Lexington Books. March 2016.
- ❖ “You Can’t Evict a Movement: Strategies for Housing Justice in the United States.” Co-edited with Manissa McCleave Maharawal. *Viewpoint Magazine*. October 1, 2015.
- ❖ “Massive Freedom Schools.” *Black Lives Matter at Work*. Edited by Young Worker Media Project. September 21, 2015.
- ❖ “Remembering the Watts Rebellion.” *Mask Magazine*. August 11, 2015.
- ❖ “Remembering Jane Marcus.” *The Independent*. June 9, 2015.
- ❖ “Cuba Evolving.” *The Independent*. May 2015.
- ❖ “Black Arts Boomerang.” *The New Inquiry*. February 2015.
- ❖ “On the Proposal for the CUNY Graduate Center’s Doctoral Students’ Council to Boycott Israeli Academic Institutions.” Co-written with Gordon Barnes. *Jadaliyya*. October 8, 2014.
- ❖ “Organizing Against Empire: Struggles Over the Militarization of CUNY.” Co-written with Zoltan Gluck, Manissa Maharawal, and Isabelle Nastasia. *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*. October 2014.
- ❖ “‘See Everything Fresh’: On Amiri’s Legacy.” *Mosaic Literary Magazine*. February 2014.
- ❖ “‘Treasures That Prevail’: Adrienne Rich, the SEEK Program, and Social Movements at the City College of New York, 1968–1972,” “*What We Are Part Of*”: *Adrienne Rich Teaching Open Admissions at CUNY, Lost and Found, Series 4*, City University of New York. 2013.
- ❖ “Long Live Said! - Afterward.” *The New Inquiry*. 2013.
- ❖ “Hidden in Plain Sight: The Education Movement.” Co-written with Zoltan Gluck, Manissa Maharawal, and Isabelle Nastasia. *Tidal Magazine*, February 2013.
- ❖ “‘Q. And babies? A. And babies: On Pacifism, Visual Trauma, and the Body Heap,” *Selected Papers volume from 2012 Interdisciplinary / Multidisciplinary Woolf Conference*, 2013.
- ❖ “Radical Education Nation.” Co-written with Isabelle Nastasia. *Tidal Magazine*, September 2012.
- ❖ “On the City as University: Occupy and the Future of Public Education.” *Tidal*

*Magazine*, May 2012.

- ❖ “Remembering Louis Reyes Rivera.” *The Independent*. March 15, 2012.
- ❖ “Step 1. Occupy Universities. Step 2. Transform Them.” *Tidal Magazine*, November 2011.
- ❖ “Solid Ground at Occupy Wall Street.” *The Independent*. September 26, 2011.
- ❖ “In Plain View/Outta Sight: Willie Cole, Fred Moten, and Iris Morales at the James Gallery.” *CUNY Graduate Center Advocate*, 2011.
- ❖ “‘Or Does it Explode?’: Being Undocumented in the City University of New York and Beyond.” *CUNY Graduate Center Advocate*. October 2010.
- ❖ “‘Seed Foundations Shakin’: Interwar African Diasporic Responses to Fascism and the 1936–1939 Spanish Civil War,” *Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives*, 2010.

### **ACTIONS/FACILITATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- ❖ “Audre Lorde’s Emergent Pedagogical Archives, from “Blackstudies” to *Deotha* to #BlackLivesMatter,” American Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 8-11, 2018 (forthcoming).
- ❖ “Assata Shakur’s Underground University, from the City University of New York to the Black Liberation Army,” National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 8-11, 2018 (forthcoming).
- ❖ “Puentes de contra-gobernanza entre la Universidad de Puerto Rico y la Universidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York,” “Debt, Education, and Resistance in Puerto Rico” panel, Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Havana, Cuba, June 5, 2018.
- ❖ Cuba / Puerto Rico / New York City artists and educators delegation trip, Havana, Cuba, May 29-June 10, 2018.
- ❖ “Liberatory Pedagogy,” *A Tribute to June Jordan*, CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, May 18, 2018.
- ❖ “Counter-governance bridges between the University of Puerto Rico and the City University of New York,” *¡Ingobernables! War, Revolution & Revolt* Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, April 19, 2018.
- ❖ “Centros de Apoyo Mutuo: An emergent decolonial pedagogy of relation?,” *Latin American Philosophy of Education Society (LAPES) Symposium*, West Chester University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 30, 2018.
- ❖ “Confront, Heal, Prevent: Free School Against Sexualized Assault / “Confrontar, Sanar, Prevenir: Escuelita Libre contra la Violencia Sexualizada” Free University, University Settlement House, Manhattan, NY, March 24, 2018.
- ❖ *Lost & Found: The CUNY Poetics Document Initiative Series VII* Launch, CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, March 20, 2018.
- ❖ “Radical Futures Free School / Escuelita Libre de Futuros Radicales” Free University, Mayday Space, Brooklyn, NY, January 13, 2018.
- ❖ “2nd annual Anti-Columbus Day Tour” with Decolonize This Place, American Museum of Natural History, Manhattan, NY, October 9, 2017.
- ❖ “Mapping and Striking in the Edu-Factory.” BRUJAS *Each One Teach One* Free School, Solar One, Manhattan, NY, September 9, 2017.
- ❖ “Brief history of U.S. education movements,” IHP Human Rights Program panel, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center, Manhattan, NY,

August 28, 2017.

- ❖ City University of New York / University of Puerto Rico scholar-organizers delegation trip, Puerto Rico, June 10-20, 2017.
- ❖ “Organizing for a Free CUNY” panel, *Left Forum*, John Jay College, Manhattan, NY, June 3, 2017.
- ❖ “Heights Teach-In: Uptown Unites for Justice” Free University with #HealthEquityforBlackLives, Manhattan, NY, May 6, 2017.
- ❖ “Queens Se Defiende / Defend Queens” Free University with ICE-Free Queens, Park of the Americas, Queens, NY, April 30, 2017.
- ❖ “Mayday Festival of Resistance” Free University with Mayday Space, Maria Hernandez Park, Brooklyn, NY, April 29, 2017.
- ❖ “Women’s Strikes: Past, Present, and Future” Free University, Mayday Space, Brooklyn, NY, March 5, 2017.
- ❖ ““Treasures That Prevail”: Adrienne Rich's underwater survival poetics in early Open Admissions City College of New York,” *Jayne Cortez, Adrienne Rich and the Feminist Superhero: The Poetics of Women's Political Resistance* Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, February 17, 2017.
- ❖ “Anti-Trump Free School / Escuelita Libre Anti-Trump” Free University, Mayday Space, Brooklyn, NY, January 14, 2017.
- ❖ “1930s anti-fascism, Black-Jewish solidarity, and the Spanish Revolution.” Decolonize This Place, Manhattan, NY, December 11, 2016.
- ❖ “Navigating Racism and Xenophobia Inside the Classroom.” Co-facilitated with Sakina Laksimi-Morrow. CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, December 6, 2016.
- ❖ “1st annual Anti-Columbus Day Tour” with Decolonize This Place, American Museum of Natural History, Manhattan, NY, October 9, 2016.
- ❖ *Decolonize This Place* residency, Artists Space, Manhattan, NY, September–December 2016.
- ❖ *Jane Marcus Feminist University* Conference, Co-organized with J. Ashley Foster and Cori Gabbard. CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, September 9, 2016.
- ❖ “Circles Webs Ladders Stars: movement group dynamics & structures study session” Free University, Manhattan, NY, July 7, 2016.
- ❖ “Decolonize this Place,” Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY, May 7, 2016.
- ❖ “Liberation Lab” 5th Annual May Day Free University with Rename&Reclaim, Washington Square Park, Manhattan, NY, April 30, 2016.
- ❖ “Living Room: A Gathering on June Jordan’s Life and Work,” CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, April 15, 2016.
- ❖ “Care Down the Walls: Education, Health, and Housing Beyond Prisons” Free University, Sixth Street Community Center, Manhattan, NY, December 13, 2015.
- ❖ “‘who's gonna make all / that beautiful blk/rhetoric / mean something’: Sonia Sanchez's teaching legacy at San Francisco State College,” *Modern Language Association Conference*, Austin, Texas, January 10, 2016.
- ❖ “Black Studies as Life Studies: June Jordan’s Teaching Legacy at the City College of New York,” *American Studies Association Conference*, Toronto, Canada, October 11, 2015.
- ❖ “Freedom Schools and Urban Rebellions,” 4th Annual May Day Free University,

- Washington Square Park, Manhattan, NY, May 1–2, 2015.
- ❖ “Queering Freedom Schools and Urban Rebellions,” Co-participant with Motivitos and Observatorio Critico. Habana, Cuba, March 21, 2015.
  - ❖ “Digitally Mapping Kamau Brathwaite's Caribbean Cosmology,” *Caribbean Digital Conference*, Columbia University, Manhattan, NY, December 5, 2014.
  - ❖ “‘Tusks, Sunflowers, Alphabets, and a Battery with Drowned Wasps’: Federico García Lorca and the Diasporic Duende,” *American Studies Association Conference*, Los Angeles, CA, November 7, 2014.
  - ❖ “Horizontal Art and Action” Free University, Pedro Albizu Campos Community Center, Manhattan, NY, October 11, 2014.
  - ❖ “CUNY Stands for Justice: From Ferguson to Palestine,” CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, September 22, 2014.
  - ❖ “Decolonize Climate Justice” Free University, El Jardin de Paraíso, Manhattan, NY, September 20, 2014.
  - ❖ “Subtleties of Resistance” Free University, Kara Walker’s *A Subtlety* Installation at the Domino Sugar Factory and Grand Ferry Park, Brooklyn, NY, July 5, 2014.
  - ❖ “Left Strategies for the Academic Workers’ Movement,” *Left Forum 2014*, John Jay College, Manhattan, NY, May 31, 2014.
  - ❖ “Freedom Learning Practices: From Brisbane to NYC to Oaxaca,” *Left Forum 2014*, John Jay College, Manhattan, NY, May 31, 2014.
  - ❖ “Remaking Justice beyond Police, Courts, and Prisons” Free University, Battery Park, Manhattan, NY, May 25, 2014.
  - ❖ 3rd Annual “May Day Free University,” Madison Square Park, Manhattan, NY, May 1, 2014.
  - ❖ “*Invisible Man*’s boomerang time and street-fighting tactics,” *The Revolution Will Not Be Tweeted: People, Print, and Power Conference*, Brooklyn College, NY, April 25, 2014.
  - ❖ “Saving CUNY’s Past: The Story of Open Admissions,” CUNY Graduate Center, NY, April 9, 2014.
  - ❖ “Challenges and Opportunities for a Progressive Grad Union at NYU,” New York University, NY, March 31, 2014.
  - ❖ “Radical Museum Tour: ‘Twice Militant: Lorraine Hansberry's Letters to *The Ladder*’” Free University, Brooklyn Museum, NY, March 16, 2014.
  - ❖ “‘Tusks, Sunflowers, Alphabets, and a Battery with Drowned Wasps’: Federico García Lorca and the Diasporic Duende,” *Currents of the Black Atlantic Conference*, CUNY Graduate Center, NY, March 14, 2014.
  - ❖ “Struggling to Win: A Dialogue on Building Popular Power in Chile,” CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, January 24, 2014.
  - ❖ “Take Back CUNY!” Free University, CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, November 15, 2013.
  - ❖ “‘Counter-Class’: Connections between Petraeus and Pathways” Free University, Baruch College, Manhattan, NY, September 30, 2013.
  - ❖ “‘Counter-Class’: The Conflict in Syria” Free University, Central Park, Manhattan, NY, September 16, 2013.
  - ❖ “Reclaim the Commons” Free University, 16 Beaver/Alwan for the Arts, Manhattan, NY, July 20, 2013.

- ❖ “Assata Shakur’s Legacy and Lives of Resistance” Free University, Marcus Garvey Park, Harlem, NY, June 15, 2013.
- ❖ “How Can We Free Education?” 3rd Annual May Day Free University, Cooper Square, Manhattan, NY, May 1, 2013.
- ❖ “Mobile classrooms, book shields, and education as direct action,” *The University Beyond Crisis Conference*, CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, April 8, 2013.
- ❖ “‘Tusks, Sunflowers, Alphabets, and a Battery with Drowned Wasps’: Federico García Lorca and the Diasporic Duende,” *Northeast Modern Language Association Conference*, Boston, MA, March 22, 2013.
- ❖ “On the City as University: Freedom Schools, the Occupy movement, and the Future of Public Education,” *Movement(s): New York Metro American Studies Association Conference*, Long Island University, Manhattan, NY, December 1, 2012.
- ❖ “Student Leaders Speak Out: Public Conversation on Student Struggles in Chile, Quebec, and New York,” CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, October 15, 2012.
- ❖ “Free University Week,” Madison Square Park, Manhattan, NY, September 18–22, 2012.
- ❖ “Free Bed-Stuy” Free University, Herbert Von King Park, Brooklyn, NY, June 23, 2012.
- ❖ “Opacity Sojourn: On Inciting the Living and the Dead in M. NourbeSe Philip’s *Zong!*,” *SSRC/Mellon Mays Graduate Students’ Summer Conference*, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA, June 14, 2012.
- ❖ “Transforming Assembly,” CUNY Graduate Center James Gallery, Manhattan, NY, May 8–12, 2012.
- ❖ “On the City as University: Occupy and Future of Public Education,” *Actuality and the Idea Conference*, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 12, 2012.
- ❖ “May Day Free University,” Madison Square Park, Manhattan, NY, May 1, 2012.
- ❖ “‘They Can’t Stop the Push’: Lessons from the University of Puerto Rico’s 2010-2011 Student Strikes,” CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, March 15, 2012.
- ❖ “Black Student Radicalism at CUNY: Past, Present, and Future,” CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, November 11, 2011.
- ❖ “#OccupyCUNY Radical Teach-In,” Washington Square Park, Manhattan, NY, October 21, 2011.
- ❖ *Occupy Wall Street*, Zuccotti Park, Manhattan, NY, September 17–November 15, 2011.
- ❖ “‘What do you mean I can’t strike?!’: Confronting the Taylor Law,” CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, May 4, 2011.
- ❖ “Fighting Oppression in the Heart of Academia,” CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, April 13, 2011.
- ❖ “Academic Freedom and the New McCarthyism,” CUNY Graduate Center, Manhattan, NY, March 14, 2011.