

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Sociologist | Research interests in Black/Soulaan Studies, Biracial Identity Development, Interracial Relationships & Families, Gender & Sexualities, and Social/Media

EDUCATION

July 2020- May 2026: Louisiana State University A&M, Baton Rouge, LA

Doctor of Philosophy: Sociology

Ann Veronica Simon Outstanding Gender Studies Dissertation Award Recipient, WGSS Program: “How ‘White-Momma/Black-Dad Biracial’ Content Creators Approach Impression Management & Racial Self-Articulation On Tik Tok”

Present: Residing in Walnut Creek, CA, actively on the job market and editing manuscripts

December 2025/January 2026: Doctoral Dissertation completed, defended, edits incorporated, submitted to LSU repository: "How 'White-Momma/Black-Dad' Biracial Content Creators Approach Impression Management & Racial Self-Articulation on Tik Tok"

December 2023: Successful Defense of General Examination

May 2023: Completion of Doctoral Coursework

April 2023: Earned Master of Arts Degree in Sociology: Successful Defense of Empirical Paper, “‘You Look Cuter When You’re Silent’: Exploring the Shameful Disciplining of Plurisexual Femmes of Color”

July 2014- May 2018: Saint Mary’s College Of California, Moraga, CA

Bachelor of Arts: Communication, **Minor:** Ethnic Studies

Undergraduate Valedictorian, Class Of 2018

Senior Thesis Award Recipient, Department Of Communication: “U.S. Pan African Gender Politics & Media Discourse.”

August 2010- June 2014: Pittsburg High School, Pittsburg, CA

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate/Teaching Assistantships:

July 2022- December 2025: Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA)

Graduate Teaching Assistant in Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Program | WGS 2500: “Introduction to Women’s, Genders, & Sexualities Studies”

Responsibilities: Graduate Teaching Assistant for Women's, Genders & Sexualities Studies Program Instructors-- curriculum research, qualitative feedback + grading for approximately 250-300 students per week, ongoing professional development training

Reason for Leaving: Successful Completion of Doctoral Coursework + Defense; mandatory transition to Degree-Only Student Status

Jan. 2022- Dec. 2022: Operation Restoration (New Orleans, LA)

Teaching Assistant (virtual) for Instructors facilitating HISU 4910: "History of Women's Incarceration" and POLA 2100: "American Government" for students at Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women

Responsibilities: Lead Instructor support, in-class and out-of-class: grading + qualitative feedback on student assignments, curriculum research, in-class note-taking, addressing student inquiries and concerns, post-release follow-up for multiple students in a transitional parole programs

Reason for Leaving: Focus on completion of Master's Empirical Paper research

July 2020- July 2022: Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA)

Graduate Assistant for the LGBTQ+ Project, LSU's Office of Multicultural Affairs (housed in the former Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion; now called 'Office of Civil Rights & Title IX'). **Certification:** Safe Space Training Facilitator

Responsibilities: Safe Space Training Curriculum Development and Facilitation. Management and Support of Student Staff and Executive Board Members of LGBTQ+ Student Organizations on Campus. 1:1 student support, including resource referrals and relevant reporting processes. Event logistics & coordination for signature, educational, resource-focused, and recreational programming (including, but not limited to: Annual Pride Mixer, Annual LGBTQ+ Welcome Brunch, Lavender Graduation + Reception, Trans Day of Remembrance, National Coming Out Day Tie-Dye Tabling, 'BI-ngo!' National Bisexuality Day Bingo Night, Community Clothing Swap/Donation coinciding with Trans Day of Celebration).

Reason for Leaving: Gain additional instructional experience outside of student affairs

Jan 2018: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for JAN 139: "Finding Our Voices, Hearing Others."

Conferences:

District Chief Administrators Association Conference (DCAA). Logistics Assistant, led by Lasallians Without Borders Committee. Sept. 2019, San Diego, CA.

National Conference On Race And Ethnicity (NCORE). Co-Facilitator, Jan-139: "Finding Our Voices And Hearing Others: Classism/Sexism". May 2017, Fort Worth, TX.

Guest Lectures & Invited Talks:

University Laboratory School, Dual Enrollment Course: AAAS 2511. "White Fragility," (Chp. 6-7) (DiAngelo 2018). April 2023, Baton Rouge, LA.

LSU's Feminists in Action General Body Meeting. "Black Feminist Theory." March 2023, Baton Rouge, LA.

Louisiana State University. Panelist, "University of Memphis TRIO Visit." July 2023, Baton Rouge, LA.

Peoples Health, UnitedHealthcare Company. "Gender Pronouns & Resources". April 2022, New Orleans, LA.

Delgado Community College, SOC 250: Studies of Cultural Diversity. "Heterosexism." April 2022, New Orleans, LA.

Saint Mary's College of California, Developing Leaders Retreat. Facilitator, "Value Of Diversity In Leadership". Mar 2017, La Honda, CA.

Saint Mary's College of California, Emerging Leaders Retreat. Facilitator, "Conflict Resolution". Jan 2016, La Honda, CA.

SERVICE & VOLUNTEER HISTORY

June 2018- May 2020: Lasallian Volunteers (Tucson, AZ & México Norte)

El Otro Lado Border Immersion Assistant and Kino Teens Moderator At San Miguel High School

Responsibilities: El Otro Lado Border Immersion Assistant and Kino Teens Moderator At San Miguel High School--- lived in community with three Christian Brothers and another Lasallian Volunteer. Worked directly with a Sister of St. Dominic to facilitate educational immersion and aid efforts to address the overlapping humanitarian crises along the Southern Border. This includes, but is not limited to, assisting No More Deaths organization in water/supply drops in the desert, assisting various alvergues in their food + legal resource programs in Mexico Norte and Southern Arizona, and bearing civil witness in the courtroom during Operation Streamline proceedings (mass deportation hearings)

Reason for Leaving: 2 year service contract ended, began Doctoral Program at LSU

APPOINTMENTS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Fall 2020- Fall 2025: Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA)

Member, Black Faculty & Staff Caucus

Aug. 2018- Apr. 2020: San Miguel High School (Tucson, AZ)

Lasallians Without Borders Committee Member

Mar. 2018: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Performer, Expressions Of Blackness Cultural Night

Aug. 2016- May 2018: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Student Representative on The Bias Incident Response Team (BIRT)

Aug. 2016- May 2018: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Question-Persuade-Refer (QPR) Training, Suicide Awareness And Prevention Program

Aug. 2016- May 2018: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Safe-Zone Training, 2SLGBTQIA+ Education & Advocacy

Fall 2015- May 2016: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Member Of the Student Advisory Board, Office of the Dean of Students

Sept. 2014-2018: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Member, Black Student Union

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2023-Present: Rover (Baton Rouge, LA & Walnut Creek, CA)

Pet Care Provider [via Rover App]

June 2023-October 2023: Overpass Merchant (Baton Rouge, LA)

Host, Restaurant [Front of House]

Feb 2016- May 2017: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Gael Guide, Office Of Campus Housing

Aug 2016- May 2018: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Resident Advisor, Office Of Residential Experience

Jun 2017- April 2018: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Gael Guide, Office Of Meetings, Events, & Conference Services

Dec 2016- Jan 2017: Tuscan Hotel, During Rebranding to Hotel Zoe (San Francisco, CA)

Seasonal Data Entry Position, Department Of Reservations

Jun 2016- Dec 2016: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Lead Peer Mentor, High Potential (First Generation College Student) Program

Apr 2015- May 2015: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Peer Mentor, High Potential (First Generation College Student) Program

Jun 2016- Aug 2016: Wingstop (Pittsburg, California)

Seasonal Cashier/Team Member

Jun 2015- Aug 2015: Saint Mary's College Of California (Moraga, CA)

Orientation Leader & Weekend Of Welcome Leader, New Student & Family Programs