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Education

- PhD University of Virginia, Department of English (in progress)
- Dissertation: Racing the Posthuman: Examining Representations of Technological and Virtual Embodiment
- Focus: 20th century African American and African diasporic literature, new media, history of technology, and digital humanities
- M.A. in English, University of Virginia, Department of English, 2015
- B.A.(magna cum laude), Emory College of Arts and Sciences, Emory University, 2011

Selected Awards

- Praxis Program Fellowship, Scholar's Lab, 2016-2017
- Summer Research Fellowship for Library of Congress Research, University of Virginia 2016
- Bursary for Digital Humanities Summer Institute, Association for Computers and the Humanities, 2015
- Digital Humanities Summer Institute Scholarship Fellowship, 2015
- Summer Research Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2015
- NINES fellow for the Digital Humanities Summer Institute, 2014

Conferences and Presentations

- "Fangirl, Fanfiction, and the Evolution of the Contemporary Reader," "Readers and Reader-Writers: Reader-Response
- Theory and Fanfiction" panel, Reading Then and Now Graduate Conference, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2014.
- "The Conjuror of Science: Reading Nnedi Okorafor," "Race and Technology" panel, The Scientific Imagination, 36th International Conference for the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando FL, 2015
- "Media, Performance, Space" panel moderator, Human Terrains: Identity, Geography, Politics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2015

Teaching Experience

- ENWR 1510 Accelerated Academic Writing "Apocalypse: The Rhetoric of Destruction" (enrollment 18)

- ENWR 1510 Accelerated Academic Writing “Ships, Slash, and Mary Sues: Writing About Fanfiction” (enrollment 18)
- ENRN 3210-105/106 Shakespeare 1 (enrollment 15)
- ENGL 3820-103 History of Literatures in English (enrollment 20)
- ENAM 3500-002 The Civil Rights Movement (grader, enrollment 20)

Experience and Appointments

- Copyeditor, New Literary History Journal, 2014 –present
- Writing Instructor Mentor, University of Virginia Writing Program, 2015-2016

Affiliation and Service

- Association for Computers and the Humanities 2014-present
- Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations 2014-present
- International Association of the Fantastic in the Arts 2015-present
- UVa Graduate English Association 2013-present Modern and Contemporary Area Representative 2015-16; African American Area Representative 2015-16