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## **Professional Preparation**

Ph.D. American Studies, Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts, Emory University, May 2012  
M.A Women's Studies, The Ohio State University, May 2001  
B.A. Psychology (Major) and Political Science (Minor), Spelman College, May 1997

## **Dissertation & Areas of Interest**

Precious Opportunities: Black Girl's Stories and Resistance Pedagogies as Critical Race Feminist Responses to the Childhood Obesity Epidemic

Focus: Critical Race Theory, Critical Race Feminist Leadership Praxis, Black Feminism, Women's Leadership Development, Black Worker Organizing.

## **Work Experience**

Associate Director, Center for Innovation in Worker Organization (CIWO), School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University, January 2021-Present.

Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, Labor Studies and Employment Relations (LSER), School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University, January 2021-Present.

Co-Director, WILL Empower (**W**omen **I**nnovating **L**abor **L**eadership), Joint initiative of CIWO and the Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor (KI), July 2017-Present.

Senior Program Director, Center for Innovation in Worker Organization (CIWO), School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University, July 2017-Present.

Director, Westside Communities Alliance, Ivan Allen College of the Liberal Arts, Georgia Institute of Technology, July 2014-2017.

Faculty Mentor/Consultant, Social Justice Fellows, Spelman College, July 2016-May 2016.

Community Liaison, Westside Communities Alliance, Ivan Allen College of the Liberal Arts, Georgia Institute of Technology, August 2012-June 2014.

Steering Committee Member, DC Jobs with Justice, Washington, DC, 2002-2005.

Grievance and Arbitrations Coordinator & Union Representative, Service Employees International Union District 82, Washington, DC, 2002-2005.

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Program Assistant, Global Justice Campaign, Field Mobilization Division, AFL-CIO Headquarters, Washington, DC, 2001-2002.

Summer Intern, Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 1998.

Research Assistant, Masimanyane Women's Support Centre, East London, Republic of South Africa, 1997-1998.

## **Publications**

*A Racial Reckoning in Industrial Relations: Storytelling as Revolution from Within*, Labor Employment Relations Association Series (forthcoming), co-edited with Tami Lee, Naomi R. Williams, and Maite Taipe, 2022.

"Labor Tales of Critical Race Theory: Disrupting Normative in Search of Transformative," *A Racial Reckoning in Industrial Relations: Storytelling as Revolution from Within*, LERA Research Volume on Race and Labor Studies (forthcoming), co-edited with Tami Lee, Naomi R. Williams, and Maite Taipe, 2022.

"The Strategy is Love": Womxn Speak on Innovative Strategies and Leading in Labor During Unprecedented Times, *A Racial Reckoning in Industrial Relations: Storytelling as Revolution from Within*, LERA Research Volume on Race and Labor Studies (forthcoming), co-edited with Tami Lee, Naomi R. Williams, and Maite Taipe, 2022.

"Money Bags for Billionaires and Body Bags for Workers: Organizing in the Time of Pandemics," *New Labor Forum*, September 2020.

"Black Women Demand Reparations and the Right to Live Free," a blogpost published at multiple websites and blogs including: [WILL Empower](#), [Crunk Feminist Collective](#), and the [Labor and Working Class History Association](#), June 2020.

"We Want Bread and Housing Too: Bargaining for the Common Good an Intersectional Feminist Strategy," *The Forge: Organizing Strategy and Practice*, online journal, April 2020.

"Critical Race Feminism: What it can do for labor studies?" Opinion-Editorial for LERA [Perspectives on Work](#), 2019.

*Labor Education for Women Workers*, Foreword by Sheri Davis-Faulkner, Barbara Werthheimer Temple University Press, Digital Humanities Archive Project, 2018.

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“[The Wait of the Nation](#),” *The Crunk Feminist Collection*, edited by Brittney C. Cooper, Susana M. Morris, and Robin M. Boylorn, 140-141. New York: Feminist Press, 2017.

“Ladders and Cranes,” [Historic Westside News Issue #2](#), Atlanta, GA, August 2016.

“Camp Carrot Seed: Reflections on a Critical Pedagogic Project” *Hip Hop and Critical Pedagogy*

*Reader*, Ruth Nichole Brown, PhD, Peter Lang Publishing, 2012.

“[Letter to Barbara Smith](#),” *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around: Forty Years of Movement Building*, 2010.

### **Institutional Service**

- Steering Committee of Advancing Black Strategists Initiative lead by Jobs with Justice, Morehouse College’s International Comparative Labor Studies, and Institute for Policy Studies Black Worker Initiative (2019- Present).
- *Founding Scholars of Critical Race Theory Seminar*, Guest Speaker: Dr. Mari Matsuda, School of Management and Labor Relations, Feb. 2020.
- SMLR Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee (August 2019 - June 2020).
- UALE NE Women’s Summer School for Labor and Worker Centers (2018, 2019).
- [HPAE Local Officers](#) Attend Third Annual Leadership Development Programs, Nov. 2017

### **Labor Movement Building**

- Board Chair, National Black Worker Center, July 2021-Present.
- Facilitator, WILL Empower Experiences July – August 2021. Hosted by CTU Local 1, SEIU Local 503, and Washington State Labor Council.
- Labor Educator, “Women Leading for Change: Intersectionality & Leadership Praxis,” National Education Association Annual Minority Leadership Training/Women’s Leadership Training, Jan. 2018-2021; AFSCME Women’s Leadership Academy 2018-2019; SEIU 503 Women’s Conference 2021.
- Facilitator, Bargaining for the Common Good & Racial Justice, BCG Advisory Council Discussion 2020.
- Founder, Black Womxn Demands: A Dialogue Series, a monthly digital dialogue focused on Racial Justice and Labor (#1 Black Women’s “Equal” Pay Day; #2 #BlackLaborDay), co-sponsored by the Advancing Black Strategists Initiative (ABSI), National Black Worker Centers, WILL Empower, and Crunk Feminist Collective, August 2020.
- Co-Facilitator, Build the Bench Annual Retreat, Center for Innovation in Worker Organization (CIWO) 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.
- Labor Educator, United Association of Labor Educators (UALE), “Bargaining for the Common Good,” NE Women’s Summer School 2018, 2019

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- Facilitator, National Education Association Racial & Social Justice Conference, 2018
- Faculty, Mid-Atlantic Labor Leadership Institute (MALLI) 2017, 2018
- Facilitator, Team-Building for Equity and Inclusion Workshop, Americans for Financial Reform (AFR), 2018.
- Facilitator, Strategic Planning Session, Action Center on Race and the Economy (ACRE), 2018

## **Courses**

University of Massachusetts Amherst:

Invited Guest Lecturer, Critical Race Theory & Labor Studies, 10-day Intercession Course, Union Leadership and Activism Master's Program, Labor Center, January 2021.

Spelman College:

Adjunct Professor, Special Topics course "COVID-19 & Black Workers: Race, Gender & Labor," Comparative Women Studies, joint project of Advancing Black Strategist Initiative with the International Comparative Labor Studies at Morehouse College, Spring 2021.

Adjunct Professor, Sociology 230: Poverty and Social Justice (2012-2015) An interdisciplinary introductory course on contemporary issues related to poverty and social justice activism in the U.S. This course is designated a service-learning course with a special focus on communities within a 1.7mile radius of Spelman.

Georgia Institute of Technology:

Adjunct Professor, HTS 2813: Semester-in-the-City, Honors Department, Fall 2013

An interdisciplinary course that examines westside communities that neighbor Georgia Tech's campus within the context of Atlanta's contemporary political moment including the development of the new Atlanta Falcon's Stadium and the Westside BeltLine Trail.

Clark Atlanta University:

Instructor, Women's Studies 490, Introduction to Women's Studies (Fall 2010)

An upper-level interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate seminar providing an introduction to black feminist thought and womanism in contemporary women's studies.

Emory University:

Instructor, American Studies 201, Introduction to American Studies (Spr 2008; Sum2011).

This course explores topics related to the construction of American identities and American experience from the perspective of women scholars.

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Instructor, Interdisciplinary Studies 216, Introduction to Visual Culture (Spring 2009)

This course explores the rise of televisual media in American culture specifically regarding implications for socializing youth, drawing upon media studies, psychology, and anthropology.

### **News Stories**

“Blue Bloods: America’s Brotherhood of Police Officers,” [Vanity Fair](#), September 2020

“Sheri Davis of the Rutgers Center for Innovation in Worker Organization: 5 Steps That Each of Us Can Take To Proactively Help Heal Our Country,” [Authority Magazine](#), August 2020

“Why Gabrielle Union’s Experience at America’s Got Talent Resonated with Many Black Women,” [Supermajority News](#), June 2020

“Let’s Get Digital: Free Computer Lab Brings Internet Access to Atlanta’s Westside,” Georgia Public Broadcasting News, Sam Whitehead, National Public Radio, May 2016

“Connecting Communities to Progress and Prosperity,” [TEDxAtlanta: Bold Moves](#),

Storycorps: Sheri Davis-Faulkner and Charles Moore, WABE 90.1FM, 2010

### **Select Affiliations/Professional Associations**

- Labor Research and Action Network
- Labor and Employment Relations Association
- National Women’s Studies Association
- United Association for Labor Education
- Board Member, National Black Worker Center, Fall 2017- Present
- Blogging Member, Crunk Feminist Collective, Fall 2010-2014

### **Select Presentations, Workshops, Events**

WILL Empower Womxn’s Labor Leadership [Symposium and Awards](#) Ceremony, Center for Innovation in Worker Organization, September 2021. (see souvenir [booklet](#))

“Exploring Habits of White Supremacy Culture in Ourselves and Our Organizations,” CIWO Build the Bench workshop co-facilitated with Felicia Griffin of the Partnership for Working Families, July 2020.

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“Leading in Complexity,” CIWO workshop co-facilitated with Robin Katcher of Katcher Consulting, July 2020, August 2020, September 2020.

“WILL Empower USA, Towards A Women’s Global Women’s Leadership Programme,” International Federation of Workers’ Education Association, December 2019.

Featured Luncheon Plenary, “Racial Diversity and Inclusion in the Labor and Employment Relations Community,” Sponsored by Rutgers University SMLR for LERA Annual Conference, June 2019.

Crunk Feminist Collective Roundtable, [#SayHerName Conference](#), University of Houston Downtown, Houston, TX, March 2018.

“A View from the Margins: Disrupting ‘Normal’ in Movement Building,” Introduction to Intersectionality Workshop, National Labor Leadership Institute 2018 National Convening, Tommy Douglass Conference Center, Silver Spring, MD, February 2018.

### **Honors/Awards**

- Leading Women@Tech, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2017
- Regional Leadership Institute, Atlanta Regional Commission, 2016
- Service Excellence Gold Award, University System of Georgia, October, 2014
- Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Emory University, 2010-2011
- Community Building Social Change Graduate Fellowship, Emory University, 2010
- Senior Fellow, Environmental Leadership Program, 2009-Present
- Technology, Pedagogy & Curriculum Fellow, Emory University, August 2009-May 2010