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Education

Queen's University Belfast
M.A., Public History 2023
Thesis: "Truth-Telling as Resistance and Community-Centered Scholarship: Black Public History's Origins and Lineages"
Furman University,
B.A., Individualized Curriculum Program, Advocacy and Social Justice Studies, minors in Poverty Studies and African American Studies 2022

Research in Progress

"A Park as Racial Redress?: Appropriation and Performance of the Black Spatial Imaginary; Cultural Negotiation and Memory in Hybrid Third Space"

Sociology MA thesis in progress

"Studying Commemorative Landscapes Ecologically: Memory and Political Murals in Belfast"

Mentored research project with David Cunningham

Conference Presentations

"Truth-Telling as Resistance and Community-Centered Scholarship: Black Public History's Origins and Lineages" paper presentation at University of Iowa's Craft Critique Culture Conference in April 2024

Extracurriculars

Transdisciplinary Graduate Student Mentor 2025

Led a monthly peer-mentorship group for first year graduate students across disciplines throughout the 2024-2025 school year.

Virality of Racial Terror Action Lab 2024

Led an undergraduate research group on the spread of newspaper coverage across the country about a lynching in Belton-Honea Path, SC in 1911.

Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

Divided City Summer Fellow (Center for the Humanities) 2025

\$5000 stipend to fund a public-facing summer project. I spent the summer interviewing 37 community members and conducting ethnographic observation to write my MA thesis.

Diversity Scholar, National Trust for Historic Preservation 2024

\$500 stipend, funded travel to National Trust's annual conference, and bi-monthly virtual workshops on preservation topics.

Artistic Research Methods Fellowship (Center for the Humanities) 2024

\$500 stipend and group gatherings toward the development of a research project. My project, "Hypotheticals" considers what to do with confederate monuments through an auto-ethnographic methodological approach.

Social Justice Fellowship, The Memorial Foundation 2023

\$1000 stipend and monthly gatherings toward the development of a social justice project. My project developed the framework for hypothetical future class syllabi titled “Where Do We Go From Here?: Introduction to Social Justice Through Examination of the Work of Black American Public Intellectuals”, “The Essay as Resistance: The Sociology of the Personal as Political”, and “Statues Speak: Introduction to the Sociology of Symbolic Landscapes and Collective Memory”

George J. Mitchell Scholarship, US-Ireland Alliance 2023

Awarded to only 12 students across the nation, the Mitchell Scholarship sends future American leaders to Ireland for a fully-funded year-long master’s degree of their choice.

Donaldson Watkins for General Excellence Graduation Medal, Furman University 2022

Awarded each year by the faculty to an outstanding senior graduate. The award is based on scholarship, general culture, participation in college activities and high moral character.

President’s Award, Furman University 2022

Presented to the student(s) who, by general conduct and relationships with others, has exhibited high aspirations and noble humanitarian qualities of character.

Furman Fellow, Furman University 2022

Given to five "outstanding seniors who make a difference in the school or the lives of others, bring creativity and imagination to their daily lives, demonstrate problem-solving abilities and have the respect of their peers and faculty.” The award comes with \$10,000 to be put towards educational costs or continuing education.

Excellence in Poverty Studies Medal, Furman University 2022

Presented to two graduating seniors for their achievements in the Poverty Studies minor.

Gilpatrick Nonfiction Award, Furman University 2022

Presented to a graduating senior for their achievement in nonfiction writing through the major or courses in the English department.

Senior Order, Furman University

Furman University’s Senior Order was established in 1937 as a select leadership organization for women. Selection is based on scholarship and character and includes criteria such as emotional maturity, open-mindedness, cooperativeness, unselfish service, integrity, and responsibility and humility in leadership. Election to the group is considered among the highest honors a Furman woman can receive.

Newman Civic Fellowship, Campus Compact 2021

A social justice award for campus leadership with mentored support for a project of choice.

Joan Lipscomb Award, Furman University 2021

Awarded to the student who commits to fearless speech and action in the name of pluralism, justice, and equality. Comes with a grant that should be applied to the project or grant of the student's choosing, as an encouragement to continued advocacy on behalf of those whose voice has been silenced, erased, or denied power.

Ignite Fellowship, Emily’sList 2020

Leadership training for women showing interest and potential for success in running for public office.

Shucker Leadership Institute Fellowship, Furman University 2018

Profiles in Courage Award, RainbowPUSH Coalition 2018

Presented at the annual MLK Gala by Jesse Jackson, the Profiles in Courage Award is awarded to a member of the community who shows courage and dedication to their

community. I received this award for my effort to change the confederate namesake of my high school as a 17-year-old.

MLK Dreamer Scholarship, Furman University and Urban League of the Upstate 2018

Full tuition scholarship for one incoming first year student on the basis of leadership merit.

For more detailed information on Undergraduate and Masters activities and awards, [please visit my LinkedIn.](#)