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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, American Studies; August 2017 – Present; University of Kansas; advisors Dr. Elizabeth Esch and Dr. Joo Ok Kim

Bachelor of General Studies, University of Kansas; Major in American Studies; Minor in Latino/a Studies; August 2013 – May 2017

High School Diploma, Topeka High School; August 2009 – May 2013; *graduated with high honors*

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant; August 2017 – Present

- AMS 110 American Identities (Two Discussion Sections). Graduate Teaching Assistant under Dr. David Roediger, University of Kansas, Fall 2017.
- AMS 110 American Identities (Two Discussion Sections). Graduate Teaching Assistant under Dr. Elizabeth Esch, University of Kansas, Spring 2018.
- AMS 100 Introduction to American Studies (Two Discussion Sections). Graduate Teaching Assistant under Dr. Christopher Perreira, University of Kansas, Fall 2018.
- AMS 100 Introduction to American Studies (Two Discussion Sections). Graduate Teaching Assistant under Dr. Ray Pence, University of Kansas, Spring 2019.
- AMS 100 Introduction to American Studies (Two Discussion Sections). Graduate Teaching Assistant under Dr. Ray Pence, University of Kansas, Fall 2019.
- AMS 100 Introduction to American Studies (Two Class Sections). Instructor of Record, Spring 2020.
- AMS 110 American Identities (One Class Section). Instructor of Record, Fall 2020.
- AMS 100 Introduction to American Studies (Two Class Sections). Instructor of Record, Spring 2021.

Presentations

- "The Currency of Tortillas: Mexican Community-Building, Informal Women's Labor, and Retrofitted Memory in Topeka, Kansas. (April 2020) Women and Gender History Symposium at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (canceled due to COVID-19)
- Panel participant for the screening and panel discussion of *The Revolutionist: Eugene V. Debs* at the University of Kansas. (Feb. 2020)
- Speaker for the Humanities Kansas project, Latino Stories of Kansas/Historias Latinas de Kansas. (March 2019-present)
- "Building Union Power in and beyond Graduate School." (Nov. 2019) Chair and organizer of panel at the American Studies Association's annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

- “*I Didn't Think They Let Monkeys on the Street that Much: Racial Scripts, Oral History, and Family.*” (Oct. 2019) Presentation for the Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Workshop at the University of Kansas.
- “Race and Labor.” (Sept. 2019) Co-facilitator of workshop at Labor Notes’ Kansas Troublemakers School at the University of Kansas.
- “Understanding Hybridity and Resistance through Luis Alvarez’s *Zoot Style and Body Politics.*” (Sept. 2019, Feb. 2019, & Oct. 2018) Guest lecture at the University of Kansas for Professor Ray Mizumura-Pence’s and Professor Christopher Perreira’s classes, American Studies 100: Introduction to American Studies.
- “Revolutionary Reels: *Harlan County USA.*” (May 2019) Invited moderator for documentary screening and community discussion at the Lawrence Public Library.
- “Chicanos, Identity, and Self-Determination.” (April 2019) Presentation for Red Hot Graduate Research at the University of Kansas.
- “Beyond *Brown v. Board: Race, Citizenship, and the School Segregation of Mexicans in Kansas.*” (March 2019) Conference paper presented at the James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- “The ‘new middle class’ of a century ago and today’s middle class.” (Nov. 2018). Guest lecture presented at the University of Kansas for Professor David Roediger’s class, American Studies 110: American Identities.
- “Cultural Production, History, and Representation: The Importance of *Zoot Suit.*” (April 2018) Public lecture presented at the Topeka Public Library in Topeka, Kansas.
- “1877: End of Reconstruction and the promise of equality.” (Feb. 2018) Guest lecture presented at the University of Kansas for Professor Elizabeth Esch’s class, American Studies 110: American Identities.

Honors and Awards

- **Ford Foundation 2019 Predoctoral Fellowship;** Honorable Mention (March 2019)
- **Comprehensive Exam Honors;** (December 2019)

Service to Discipline

American Studies Association Students’ Committee; August 2017 – Present; collaborated on organizing panels and events related to professional development, including a mock job interview, fellowship and grant application workshops, and book raffles that are sponsored by the Student Committee at ASA’s annual meetings. I currently serve as co-chair of the Students’ Committee so I also attend the all-chairs meeting where I am an advocate for the Students’ Committee priorities and detail our plans for the next ASA meeting. I also coordinate the responsibilities of the rest of the committee with my fellow co-chair.

Departmental Service

New Cohort Student Representative for American Studies Association of Graduate Students; August 2017– May 2018; represented my departmental graduate student organization at the University of Kansas American Studies department’s monthly faculty meetings. I represented the new cohort of American Studies Graduate Students at these meetings, took notes, reported back to ASAGS, and voted when asked on behalf of the new cohort.

Co-Chair of American Studies Association of Graduate Students; January 2018 – August 2019; served as co-chair for my departmental graduate student organization. Duties included convening ASAGS meetings, introducing the organization to the incoming cohort every August, function as avenues of communication between ASAGS and the American Studies Program Chairperson, and among other individuals and groups outside of the American Studies Program.