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EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis PhD, Degree: Anthropology	August 2022-Present
Washington University in St. Louis Master of Arts, Major: Anthropology Non-Thesis	Graduated: December 2024 GPA: 3.95
Arizona State University, Tempe AZ PhD, Degree: Gender Studies Interdisciplinary Enrichment Fellowship	August 2021-May 2022 Transferred
Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta GA Master of Arts, Major: Africana Women's Studies THESIS: "LET'S CUT THE B.S.": THE IMPLICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE BINARY SYSTEM FOR TRANS* SUBJECTIVITY Committee Members: Dr. Stephanie Sears & Dr. Charmayne Patterson	Graduated: December 2019 GPA: 3.9
Georgia State University, Atlanta GA Bachelors in Arts, Majors: African-American Studies and Psychology	Graduated: May 2016

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

(Sociocultural) Anthropology, Black studies (generally), Black Feminist Theory, Black Feminist Cultural Criticism, Black Queer Theory, Queer Theory, Rural Studies, Sexuality Studies, Southern Studies

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS/AWARDS

2025: Wenner-Gren Foundation Anthropological Dissertation Fieldwork Grant	\$25,000
2024: RDE (Redefining Doctoral Education Initiative) Mini-Grant The Center for the Humanities	\$1,450
2024: Zora Neale Hurston Travel Award Association of Feminist Anthropology	\$500
2024: Center for Race, Ethnicity, and Equity Conference Travel Award	\$750
2023: Internal Conference Presenter Travel Grant (WASHU) For National Women's Studies Association Funded by Anthropology Department and Arts & Sciences	\$1,000
2022: Internal Conference Presenter Travel Grant (WASHU) For National Women's Studies Association Funded by Anthropology Department and Arts & Sciences	\$1,000
2021: Interdisciplinary Enrichment Fellowship (4-year recipient at Arizona State University)	\$19,000

HONORS

HON 0589 James E. McLeod Honors & Award-Mary McLeod Bethune Award \$100 Spring 2024

PRESENTATIONS

Philesha Colquitt. "Who Has Access to Care: Explorations of the Black Queer Rural South." 30th Annual WASHU Graduate Research Symposium. March 27, 2025.

Phil Colquitt. "Black Queer Feminist Theoretical Futures: An Analysis and Exploration of the American South in *Snapping Beans*." Panel: Theory and Practice. Women and Gender Studies in the South Conference; Legacies: 50 Years of Feminist Scholarship, Creative Activity, and Activism in the South. March 8, 2025.

Philesha Colquitt. "What Does the White Wall Say to My Black Skin?: A Black Feminist Anthropological Praxis for Futurities Sake." Panel: Global Perspectives on Praxis: Anthropology as Practice, Analysis, and Creative Engagement. American Anthropological Association Conference 2024. November 23, 2024.
Co-Organizer

Colquitt, Phil. "Building Otherworlds 'Cause this one ain't been good to us: Afrofuturism and Indiqueer Fiction as Radical Worldmaking Strategies." Panel: Examining Resistive Literature II. NWSA Annual Conference 2024. November 17, 2024.

Colquitt, Philesha. "Where I'm from, you didn't have to come out of the closet: Black Queer Rural Southern Story-Telling and Theory-Making." Panel: Disidentifying with the master's house: Grappling with Black Women's Role in the Disavowal or Reification of the Master's Tools. NWSA Annual Conference 2024. November 17, 2024.

Office of Graduate Studies University-Wide Research Roundtable. Washington University in St. Louis. **Philesha Colquitt. "Black Queer Folks, The Rural American South, and Access to Care."** November 8, 2024.

Colquitt, Phil. "We Got You Megan Pete: Black Women's Digital Space as a Counternarrative to Misogynoiristic Audio and Visual Representations of 'Justice' for Tory Lanez". Panel: Misogynoir and Representation. Console-ing Passions 2024 Conference. June 21, 2024.

Philesha Colquitt. 'Is Speculative Fiction Decolonial, or Does It Only Serve as the Map? Octavia Butler's *Bloodchild* and Trans Cartographies of Space Makings and Meanings'. Panel: Octavia Butler's Ecological Narratives. The University of Edinburgh Rethinking the Ecological Imaginary: Decolonial Ecologies and Black Feminism Conference. May 30, 2024.

Colquitt, Phil. "What Are We Sowing?: Octavia Butler's Parables and What She Lends Us For An Africana Women's Anthropology." Panel: Playin' in the Dark, Searching for the Light: Diasporic Consciousness, Cartographizations, and Commencements. Anthropology of Consciousness Spring Conference. April 6, 2024.
Organizer

Colquitt, Phil. "Queerness and Rurality: Fly in the Buttermilk." Panel: Identity and Belonging in the American South. 2024 Southern Studies Conference, March 28, 2024

Colquitt, Phil. Workshop: I'm Her, I'm She: Naming and Claiming Power Through the Art of Zine Making. NWSA Annual Conference 2023. October 27, 2023.

Colquitt, Phil. Panel: On the way to Decolonization: Building Black and Indigenous Feminist Networks. NWSA Annual Conference 2022. November 13, 2022.

Colquitt, Philesha. "He Didn't Do Her, She Did Him: Octavia Butler's *Bloodchild* and Trans Cartographies of Space Makings and Meanings." Panel: Agency and the Subversive Potential of Trans Bodies. University of Kentucky Conference, February 24, 2022.

Colquitt, Philesha. Panel: What is Next for Gender Studies? Gender Studies in Georgia Virtual Conference, October 22-23, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Phil Colquitt. "It's a Limit to Being Hard: On a Hotties Limits." Book Chapter. (forthcoming)

Colquitt, Phil. 2025. "Is There Room for Native Southern Academics in the New Southern Studies?"
Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South 32 (1): 129-131.

INVITED LECTURES

Guest Lecture Series: Gender and Sexual Nonnormativities
Arizona State University

March 29-March 31, 2022

- Developed lesson plans utilizing Octavia Butler's *Bloodchild* and Savannah Shange's "Play Aunties and Dyke Bitches: Gender, Generation, and the Ethics of Black Queer Kinship"
- Focused on gender and sexual diversity, nonnormativity, lived experience, embodied knowledges, literature as theory and pedagogy, and Black Trans inclusion

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Assistant in Instruction, Topics in Anthropology:
Sustainability in Extractive Communities
Instructor: Felix Ampadu (Washington University in St. Louis)

Spring 2025

Assistant in Instruction, AIDS EPIDEMIC: Inequalities,
Ethnography, and Ethics
Instructor: Shanti Parikh (Washington University in St. Louis)

Fall 2024

Assistant in Instruction, Africa: Peoples and Cultures,
Instructor: Scott Ross (Washington University in St. Louis)

Spring 2024

INTERNSHIPS/SERVICE WORK/MENTORSHIP/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4theVille Intern

Washington University in St. Louis

Facilitate a strategic plan for the Black Cultural Heritage Academy

Work on archiving, restoring, and building systems, structures
related to the historic Black neighborhood, The Ville.

Summer 2025

University Peer Mentor

Washington University in St. Louis

Fall 2024-Fall 2025

CTL Grad Student MTE Orientation Leader

Washington University in St. Louis

Co-Lead the Anthropological Disciplines Mentored Teaching Experience

Orientation for First Year Doctoral Students

(Instructed them on Teaching styles, mentoring styles, communication

Styles with professors, grading, balance with their own work load, and

Thinking about their pedagogical future)

Fall 2024

LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

EES Grad Assistant

Experiential Ethnography Studio Lab

Assist graduate students with their mixed media projects

Also, facilitate workshops zine workshops, fermentations festivals, &
Theory workshops

Fall 2025

Graduate Student Committee of 3

(Sociocultural Anthropology Representative)

Communicates issues of concern from Grad students to Grad Faculty

C of 3, and helps organize Spring recruitment visits within subfields

Fall 2023-Spring 2025

Graduate Student Association Anthropology Representative

Fall 2023-Spring 2025

Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Association Secretary

Fall 2024-Spring 2025

Co-Lead Sociocultural Anthropology Culture Club

Fall 2023-Spring 2024

Association of Black Women Historians

Spring 2025-Present

Member

American Anthropological Association

Spring 2024-Present

Member

Black Women's Studies Association

July 2023-Present

Member

National Women's Studies Association

October 2019-Present

Member

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Lifetime Member

Member

REFERENCES

Rebecca Lester, Department Chair of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis, rjlester@wustl.edu

Bret Gustafson, Professor of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis, gustafson@wustl.edu

Stephanie Andrea Allen, Director of Graduate Studies in Gender Studies, Indiana University in Bloomington, sa15@iu.edu