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**PhD Candidate and PhD Fellowship** **June 2017-Present**  
University Colorado Boulder, Ethnic Studies Dept.

**Comprehension Exam Defense Completion (April 8, 2020) Dr. Reiland Rabaka Committee Chair**

**Dissertation Prospectus Defense Completion (October 26, 2020) Dr. Reiland Rabaka Committee Chair**

### **EDUCATION**

**MA in History (global)** **May 2016**

University of Colorado Denver

Master Thesis title: "The Soundscape of Diaspora and Anti-Colonialism: Historical Significance and Theory"

**BA in History and Minor Ethnic Studies, Honors: With Distinction**

University of Colorado Denver

**May 2012**

### **TEACHING and ADVISING**

#### **Fall 2016**

University of Colorado Denver

Instructor/Lecturer      Global Media                      ETST 3272  
   African American History ETST 2155

#### **Spring 2017**

Global Media                      ETST 3272

**TEACHING ASSISTANT (TA) Ethnic Studies** **Fall 2013-Spring 2016**

University of Colorado Denver

Responsibilities included grading, editing and maintaining the Canvas learning platform, lecturing, and assisting and developing student's writing skills and progression.

Intro. to Ethnic Studies, Professor Dr. Donna Martinez, Chair **Fall 2013**

History of the American Indian, Professor Dr. Donna Martinez, Chair **Spring 2014**

Intro. to Ethnic Studies, Professor Dr. Donna Martinez, Chair **Fall 2014**

History of the American Indian, Professor Dr. Donna Martinez, Chair **Spring 2015**

Indigenous Studies, Professor Dr. Rachel Harding **Spring 2015**

Intro. to Ethnic Studies, Professor Dr. Donna Martinez, Chair **Fall 2015**

Global Media, Professor Dr. Donna Martinez, Chair **Spring 2016**

History of the American Indian, Professor Dr. Donna Martinez, Chair **Spring 2016**

**TEACHING ASSISTANT (TA) Graduate Part-time Instructor (GPTI) Ethnic Studies**

**Fall 2017**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate TA Intro. To Critical Hip Hop Studies

**Spring 2018**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate TA Critical Sports Studies

**Summer 2018**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Instructor/Lecturer Intro. To Hip Hop Studies

**Summer 2018**

Music Appreciation Boys and Girls Club Aurora, CO, June-August

**Fall 2018**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate TA Intro. To Hip Hop Studies

**Spring 2019**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate Part-time Instructor African American History

**Summer 2019**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Instructor/Lecturer Critical Sports Studies (Online)  
Instructor/Lecturer **Dream Big Summer Pre-College Program (June 3-14)** Intro. To  
Critical Hip Hop Studies  
Instructor/Lecturer **Crowley Foundation Boys to Men Summer Program (June 17)** One-  
Day Presentation Intro. To Critical Hip Hop Studies

**Fall 2019**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate TA Intro to Africana Studies

**Spring 2020**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate TA Intro to Hip Hop Studies

**Summer 2020**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Instructor/Lecturer Intro. To Hip Hop Studies

**Fall 2020**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate TA Intro. To Hip Hop Studies

**Spring 2021**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate TA Violence Against Women and Girls, Professor Dr. Joanne Belknap

**Summer 2021**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Instructor/Lecturer Intro. To Hip Hop Studies

**Fall 2021**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate TA Intro. To Hip Hop Studies

**Spring 2022**

University of Colorado Boulder  
Graduate Part-time Instructor African American History

**Spring 2022**

**Course Development:** 2022 Military Families Readiness Academy Introduction to Social Justice Lenses for Family Well-being, University of Virginia Tech.

**CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS**

Zoom Presentation of Audio Intersectionality: Drexel University's Board of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with the College of Nursing and Health Professions and the University of Colorado Boulder Department of Ethnic Studies: Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 3-4:30 MST.

**Audio Intersectionality & Recovecos Performance**

Imagined Borders, Epistemic Freedoms: The Challenge of Social Imaginaries in Media, Art, Religion, and Decoloniality Conference  
Creative Connections: The Imagined Borders, Epistemic Freedoms Encounters  
January 8, 2020, Williams Village Center, University of Colorado Boulder

Audio Intersectionality: Re-Sounding and Africanizing Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*: Live turntablist scoring of Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* performed at the Boulder Fiske Planetarium, illustrating the deconstruction/reconstruction of a German expressionist, pre-National Socialist film utilizing an art form and aesthetic that is a product of the African/Atlantic diaspora. April 24, 2019.

**Conference Lead Facilitator:** Racial Equity Challenge 2021, March 5, 12, 19, 2021: University of Colorado Boulder, Institute of Cognitive Science, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Committee

## **ADDITIONAL LECTURING**

Round Table Discussion, GALS (Girls Athletic Leadership School) Denver Single-Gender DPS Schools February 14<sup>th</sup> (2018)

Inclusive Sports Summit Panel Presentation CU Boulder February 15<sup>th</sup> (2018)

Guest Lecture: DSST Cole High School, Denver Colorado: *Critical Thought/Critical Action Through Hip Hop Studies*, February 14<sup>th</sup> (2020)

Black History Month Celebration: Black Excellence: GALS (Girls Athletic Leadership School) Denver Single-Gender DPS, Invited Participant in Roundtable Discussion of Denver CO Black Leaders, and DJ for GALS luncheon. February 19<sup>th</sup> (2020)

Round Table Discussion, GALS (Girls Athletic Leadership School) Denver Single-Gender DPS Schools February 26<sup>th</sup> (2020)

Round Table Discussion, GALS (Girls Athletic Leadership School) Denver Single-Gender DPS Schools September 24<sup>th</sup> (2020)

Lecture: Black Lives Matter/Social Justice: CU Anschutz, September 30, 2020

Lecture and Performance: One Book, Boulder Public Library, *So You Want To Talk About Race*, "The Liberation Soundtrack"

Guest Lecturer, Fort Lewis College, Contemporary Issues of Native Nations, March 31, 2021

Guest Lecturer, Denver Freedom Skool, Black Horror: Manufactured Terror and the African American Reality, October 27, 2021

## **TUTORING**

CU Boulder Athletic Department Fall 2018  
CU Boulder Athletic Department Spring 2019  
CU Boulder Athletic Department Fall 2019  
CU Boulder Athletic Department Fall 2020

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Executed all major research including archival and primary source work for North American Indigenous Discourses including: Acoma, Alaska Natives, Activism (Native American), Albert Wahrhaftig, Arizona Native Tribes, California Native Tribes, Bureau of Indian Affairs, California Native Tribes, Cherokee Nations, Colorado Native Tribes, Indian Gaming, Identity Formation, Indian Mascots, Kansas Native Tribes, Kickapoo, Media Representation, NAGPRA, National Indian Youth Council, Navajo Health and Culture, Navajo History, Oklahoma Native Tribes, Oraibi, Self Determination, Society of American Indians, Study of Native American Women and Wilma Mankiller.

Created updated databases for American Women Leaders and Activists

Executed all major research for publications published by **Dr. Donna Martinez (CU Denver)** that includes:

*Urban Indians: Reclaiming Native Space*, Praeger

*50 Events That Shaped American Indian History*, Greenwood

*Chief Wilma Mankiller: Rebuilding the Cherokee Nation*. Manuscript in preparation

## PUBLICATIONS

Master Thesis title: "The Soundscape of Diaspora and Anti-Colonialism: Historical Significance and Theory, ProQuest Dissertations and Theses, Spring 2016

O'Neal, Shawn. "Pan-African Aesthetic: Pan-Africanism in Afro-Beat." In *Routledge Handbook of Pan-Africanism*, ed. Reiland Rabaka. (London: Routledge, 2020), 489-502.

<https://www.routledgehandbooks.com/doi/10.4324/9780429020193-33>

O'Neal et al. "Race and Violence." *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*.

<https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199756384/obo-9780199756384-0250.xml>

Coursera: Anti-Racism I, <https://www.coursera.org/learn/antiracism-1/>, August 2020

Coursera: Anti-Racism II, <https://www.coursera.org/learn/antiracism-2/>, May 2021

Coursera: Anti-Racism III, <https://www.coursera.org/learn/antiracism-3/>, January 2022

## TRAVEL STUDY

PSC 4995 Political Science, Berlin Germany Maymester. Summer 2010

In the summer of 2010, I traveled with members of the Political Science Department to Berlin, Germany to conduct a comparative political study on the German Democratic Republic and the National Socialists to further my knowledge in comparative race relations, racism, and genocide.