

ARNETTA SMITH

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CURRENT POSITION

Fullerton College, Fullerton, CA

Associate Professor, Ethnic Studies Department, Fall 2016 - Present

EDUCATION

MA, Ethnic Studies, San Francisco State University, 2015

Thesis: "From the Margins: Representations of Africana Queer Women in Visual Media"

Committee: Serie McDougal, III (chair) and Dawn-Elissa Fischer

BA, Africana Studies, San Francisco State University, 2012

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Visual Anthropology, Media Literacy, Gender and Sexuality, Community Education and Development, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Cultural Studies, and Ethnic Studies with an emphasis in Africana Studies

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- San Francisco Queer Cultural Center's Creating Queer Community Grant, 2015
- IRA Travel Grant, San Francisco State University, 2015
- Queer Women of Color Media Project Filmmaker Fellowship, 2012

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Blackness, Masculinity, and the Female Body: Representations of Africana, Queer, Masculine of Center, Women in Television & Film," Southeastern Women's Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, 2017
- "From Triple Jeopardy to Visibility: African American Lesbianism in Media," National Association of Ethnic Studies Conference, Oakland, 2014

INVITED SPEAKER

- Panelist, “Microaggressions and Their Impact,” Fullerton College, September, 2017
- Panelist, “Healing From Toxic Media,” Mills College, Oakland, CA, February 2015
- Featured Speaker, “Smart Night Out: Classic/k Hip Hop,” Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA, November 2014
- Panelist, “Where Are We? Representation and Visibility in Media,” San Francisco State University, CA, October 2014
- Featured Speaker, “Youth Cultural Activism: Media Literacy and Girls Culture,” San Francisco State University, CA, October 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fullerton College

- Associate Professor, Ethnic Studies Department, Fall 2016 - Present

San Francisco State University

- Lecturer, Department of Women and Gender Studies, Fall 2015, Spring 2016
- Instructor, Educational Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) - Summer Bridge Program, Summer 2014
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Black On-line: Cyberspace, Culture, and Community, Department of Africana Studies, Fall 2013
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Women and Gender Studies, Fall 2013, Spring 2014
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts, Fall 2014

CREATIVE PRODUCTIONS

- “Seeds,” Multi-media Play, 2016
- “Triggered,” Oakland, 2013, Short Film, Nominee for Best Short, Spectrum Queer Media Audience Choice Awards, Oakland, CA, 2013
- “Dyke Central,” Oakland, Web Series, 2012

CAMPUS ADVISOR

- Queer People of Color Student Group, Fall 2016 - Present

CAMPUS COMMITTEES

- Social Science Scholarship Committee, Fullerton College, Fall 2017 - Present
- Faculty Allocation Committee, Fullerton College, Spring 2018 - Present

CAMPUS PRODUCTIONS

- Black History Month Film Screening “I Am Not Your Negro,” Fullerton College, February 2018
- “Kwanzaa Celebration”, Fullerton College, December 2017
- “Ladies First: International Womyn’s Day Celebration,” Fullerton College, March 2017

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor/Academic Case Manager, College Track, Oakland, CA, 2014

Developed and implemented study skills curriculum to diverse college-ambitious high school students; participated in parent-teacher conferences; created curriculum for documentary film and visual oral history workshops

Educational Specialist, California Autism Foundation, Richmond, CA 2007 - 2008

Supported autistic students with ADLs and schoolwork; monitored and recorded student behavior patterns; assisted teachers with curriculum development

Product Specialist, RTZ Associates, Inc., Oakland, CA, 2008 to 2013

Authored technical manuals and multi-media projects; conducted onsite and virtual instructional trainings; developed and maintained product specifications; translated consumer requests into technical programming jargon; collaboratively developed front end web designs; created and maintained high-level client relationships; managed and trained new employees

COMMUNITY WORK

- Event Organizer, International Womyn's Day, Oakland, CA, 2013 - 2014,
- Performance Chair, Butch Voices, Oakland, CA, 2009 - 2012
- Co-Presenter, “Reclaim the Future Workshop,” Oakland, CA, 2012
- Community Outreach Member, “Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, “Oakland, CA 2011 - 2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Critical Ethnic Studies Association, Member

San Francisco State University Alumni Association, Member