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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024 – present Assistant Professor of Queer/Trans* Studies, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

EDUCATION

2023 Ph.D., English & Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan
 2019 M.A., English Language and Literature, University of Michigan
 2016 B.A., English Literature with a minor in Africana Studies, *magna cum laude*, University of Toledo

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Forthcoming *Imagining Freedom: Critical Trans* Imagination in Black Trans Life Narratives*. Manuscript-in-progress.

Edited Volumes

Forthcoming *Paradise on the Margins: Worldmaking by Trans Women of Color*. Edited by Lexi Adsit, Nava Mau, LaVelle Ridley, Raquel Willis, and Eriqie Zhang.

Refereed Journal Articles (Collaborative)

2023 [Eriqie Zhang, Julian Kevon Glover, Ava L.J. Kim, Tamsin Kimoto, Nathan Alexander Moore, aeryka jourdaine hollis o'neill, and LaVelle Ridley. "A Tranifesto for the Dolls: Towards a Trans Femme of Color Theory." *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly* 10.3-4 \(November 2023\): 328-349. DOI: 10.1215/23289252-109000872.](#)

2022 [Brown, Eve, Trystan Cotton, Che Gossett, LaVelle Ridley, and C. Riley Snorton. "Between Inconceivable and Criminal: Black Trans Feminism and the History of the Present." Edited by Matt Richardson. *Feminist Studies* 48.3 \(2022\): 807-823. <https://doi.org/10.1353/fem.2022.0052>.](#)

Refereed Journal Articles (Single-Author)

2019 ["Imagining Otherly: Performing Possible Black Trans Feminist Futures in Tangerine." *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly* 6.4 \(November 2019\): 481-490.](#)

Book Reviews

2019 ["The Arrival of Black Trans Mattering." Review: C. Riley Snorton's *Black on*](#)

[*Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity. GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 25.4 \(October 2019\): 667-669.](#)

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2024-2025	Trans Studies at the Commons Fellowship, University of Kansas
2023	President's Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2022	Rackham Humanities Research Dissertation Fellowship
2021	Sweetland/Rackham Dissertation Writing Institute Fellowship
2019-2022	Rackham Merit Fellowship
2017	Rackham Diversity Allies Program Reading and Writing Group Grant in Transgender Studies
2016	Rackham Excellent in Recruitment Award
2015	Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute Research Fellowship
2014	Summer Research Opportunity Program, University of Michigan

INVITED TALKS

2024	<p>“Getting Our Lives: Critical Trans* Imagination and Why We Need Black Trans Life Narratives,” Women’s History Month Symposium, California State University, Stanislaus, March 28, 2024</p> <p>“Black Trans Futures Against Carceral Dystopias,” Departments of Black Studies and Feminist Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, February 18, 2024</p>
2022	<p>“Crafting Freedom: Critical Trans* Imagination in Black Trans Life Narratives,” Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, December 2, 2022</p> <p>“Regimes of Unprotection: Ideological Illumination in Black Trans Women’s Life Writing,” Black Feminist Workshop, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 28, 2022</p> <p>“Radical Care and Transformative Justice in the Undergraduate Classroom,” Kent State University at Tuscarawas, March 11, 2022</p> <p>“Who’s the Most Vulnerable and Why Should We Care?: A Black Trans Girl’s Perspective,” Kent State University at Tuscarawas, March 10, 2022</p>
2021	“Defining Intersectionality,” WECommunications, December 14, 2021
2020	“New Direction in Black Trans Studies.” Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Brandeis University, November 17, 2020.

CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

Sessions Organized

2024	<i>Roundtable chair:</i> “The Counterrevolution and Trans/Queer Direct Action,” American Studies Association, November 2024, Baltimore, MD
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Roundtable co-organizer: “Trans of Color Methodologies,” American Studies Association, November 2024, Baltimore, MD

2022 *Roundtable co-organizer:* “For the Dolls: Towards a Trans Femme of Color Theory,” National Women’s Studies Association, November 2022, Minneapolis, MN

2021 *Roundtable organizer:* “Black Trans Imaginaries: Politics of Imagination and Futurity for Black Trans Lives,” American Studies Association, November 2021 (Withdrawn due to COVID-19)

2018 *Roundtable co-organizer:* “Trans of Color Emergences and Futures,” American Studies Association, November 2018, Atlanta, GA

Papers Presented

2022 *Panel participant:* [“Imaginative Abolition, Political Life Writing and Black Trans Feminist Blueprints,” Ninth Quarry Farm Symposium, “Abolition Studies,” September 2022, Elmira College and Center for Mark Twain Studies, Elmira, NY](#)

2019 *Roundtable participant:* “Field Formations, Field Futures: Transgender Studies and the Foundational Work of Susan Stryker,” National Women’s Studies Association, November 2019, San Francisco, CA

Panel participant: “‘Reading is Fundamental, Darling’: Reading the Black Canon While Trans,” Modern Language Association, January 2019, Chicago, IL

2018 *Panel participant:* “Trans Women of Color Writing Against ‘The Movement,’” “TRANSforming Queer,” 11th Annual DC Queer Studies Conference, April 2018, College Park, MD

2017 *Panel participant:* “Trans is the New Black, But Not Really: Media Analysis of Trans Women of Color’s Relationality to State Violence,” Ohio State University Queer Places, Practices, and Lives III, May 2017, Columbus, OH.

Panel participant: “Historically Disruptive: Trans of Color Survival Organizing,” LGBTQ Scholars of Color Conference, April 2017, New York, NY

INVITED ROUNDTABLES & KEYNOTES

2024 *Keynote speaker:* Queer, Feminist, and Trans STS Cluster Symposium, University of California, Davis, May 2024

Roundtable participant: Black Trans Feminist Writers Virtual Roundtable, LGBTQ+ Studies Program, University of Colorado, Boulder, April 18, 2024

2023 *Roundtable participant:* “Black Trans Storytelling: Erotic Epistemologies, Audacious Lives, and Tender Possibilities,” *The Queer Limit of Black Memory, Ten Years Later: A Celebration of the Scholarship of Matt Richardson*, Annual DC

Queer Studies Symposium, University of Maryland, College Park, College Park, MD, October 25, 2023

“Black Queer Kinship Histories: A Conference in Honor of D Hutchinson,” Department of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 19, 20, 2023

2022 *Panel participant:* “Cruising the Capacious: Virtual Dispatches & Thought Experiments,” California State University Long Beach, March 18, 2022

2021 *Panel participant:* [Book launch for Eric A. Stanley’s *Atmospheres of Violence: Structured Antagonism and the Trans/Queer Ungovernable* \(Duke University Press, 2021\)](#)

Keynote roundtable organizer: “Paradise on the Margins: Lessons and Dreams from Trans Women of Color,” Queertopia Graduate Conference 2021, Northwestern University

2020 *Panel participant:* Dialogues on Diversity: “All Black Lives Matter: An LGBTQIA+ Dialogue”, Division of Student Affairs, University of Toledo

Pride TGIT: A Conversation with LaVelle Ridley and Dr. Susan Stryker, Google, Inc.

CAMPUS TALKS & PANELS

2024 *Panel participant:* Educational Panel on Pinkwashing in LGBTQ+ Communities, Gender Equity Resource Center, University of California, Berkeley

2022 *Panel participant:* African American Caucus Dissertation Writing Panel

2021 *Panel participant:* “New Works, New Questions Book Series: *Trans and Genderqueer Subjects in Medieval Hagiography*, edited by Blake Gutt and Alicia Spencer-Hall,” Institute for Research on Women and Gender

Panel participant: “Understanding the Mental Healthcare Needs of Transgender and Non-binary Youth,” Community Health Access Initiative (CHAI), School of Public Health, University of Michigan

Panel participant: “Critical Conversations: Dissertation Showcase,” Department of English Language & Literature, University of Michigan

2020 *Panel participant:* LGBT Rights in Healthcare and Employment: Taking Stock of *Bostock v. Clayton County*, Institute for Research on Women and Gender

Feminist Futures Roundtable Discussion, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2018 *Emcee:* [William Monroe Trotter Center’s 4th Annual Lecture: “My Life, My Story!: Centering Voices of Trans Lives”](#)

COMMUNITY EDUCATION & ORGANIZING

- 2020 *Public invited talk:* “The Intersection of Black Lives Matter and LGBTQ Issues,” Thomas Reuter, Ann Arbor, MI
- Moderator:* Transgender Day of Remembrance, Equality Toledo, Toledo, OH (November 20, 2020)
- Panel participant:* LGBTQ Healthcare and COVID-19, Equality Toledo, Toledo, OH

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2025 WGSST 3280: “Trans Studies”
WGSST 2230: “Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Popular Culture”
- Autumn 2024 WGSS 2230: “Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Popular Culture”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Research Assistant

- 2022 *Co-interviewer* (with C. McGhee): “Gender Identity Development over the Course of the COVID-19 Pandemic”, Psychology & Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Michigan
- 2020 Transgender Health Research Initiative, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan

Public Humanities Research

- 2017 Institute for Social Change, Rackham Program in Public Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- 2024 – present *Steering committee member:* TEN:TACLES (Transgender Educational Network: Theory in Action for Creativity, Liberation, Empowerment, and Service) Initiative
- 2022 – 2023 *Advisory team member:* “HCC: Medium: Designing Trans Technologies,” PI: Dr. Oliver Haimson funded by the National Science Foundation
- Member:* Transgender Media Portal Community Advisory Board, Transgender Media Lab, Carleton University
- 2020 – present Associate Editor of Book Reviews, *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*, Duke University Press
- 2021 *Committee member:* Michael Lynch Service Prize Committee for Queer/Trans Caucus of ASA and GLQ Caucus of MLA
- 2020 *Humanities expert:* National Endowment for the Humanities Grant application for *Transcripts* podcast

Referee On Journal Articles

- GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian & Gay Studies*

QED: A Journal of GLBTQ Worldmaking
TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019-2021 *Co-coordinator:* Black Research Roundtable
 2017-2019 Lesbian-Gay-Queer-Research Initiative Steering Committee
 2017 Transgender Awareness Week Planning Committee

MEDIA COVERAGE

2022 *Interviewee:* [Trans Day of Visibility 2022: Interview with LaVelle Ridley! on AADL.TV,](#)” Ann Arbor District Library, Ann Arbor, MI
 Podcast interviewee: “[Paradise on the Margins w/ LaVelle Ridley.](#)” *New Suns, Midwest Futures*, Charli Brissey and Marsae Mitchell

2021 *Expert consultant:* “[‘Pose’ is ending. What’s the future for transgender representation on TV?](#)” by David Oliver. *USA Today*. 6 June 2021.
 Expert consultant: “[7 books by trans and nonbinary authors to read this Pride Month.](#)” by Hannah Good. *The Lily*. 29 May 2021.
 Radio interview: “[LaVelle Ridley on Academia & Black Trans Women,](#)” Partnership with Black Trans Media, Inc. and OUT FM
 Podcast interviewee: “[Black Trans Narratives’ with LaVelle Ridley,](#)” *Queer Lit*, Lena Mattheis, University of Duisburg-Essen

LANGUAGES

English: native
 Spanish: conversational

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Studies Association
 Modern Languages Association
 National Postdoctoral Association
 National Women’s Studies Association

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