

Curriculum Vitae/Resume  
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## EDUCATION

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT, Candidate for PhD in Linguistics, Expected May 2016

**New York University**, New York, NY, Candidate for MFA in Creative Writing, December 2014, Cumulative GPA: 4.0

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT, M.Phil. in Linguistics, December 2014

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT, M.A. in Linguistics, May 2013

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA, B.A. with Honors in Linguistics, June 2010, Cumulative GPA: 3.94, Major GPA: 3.92

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

(2015). The Murderess. *Vinyl Magazine* (forthcoming)

(2015). When I Put My Hands In The Air It's Praise. In *The Breakbeat Poets: New American Poetry in the Age of Hip-Hop*. Eds. Kevin Coval, Quraysha Ali Lansana and Nate Marshall. Haymarket Books: Chicago, IL. (in-progress)

(2014). Crow's Sugar. *Solstice Literary Magazine*.

(2014). The Rat King. *Letters Journal*.

(2013). Politics of the Lyric: a review of Charles Henry Rowell's *Angles of Ascent*. *Cordite Poetry Review*.

(2013). Abraham, Ibrahim. *Catch & Release, Columbia's Journal of Literature & Art*.

(2013). I Came Home Smelling Like It Happened In the Dark. *Catch & Release, Columbia's Journal of Literature & Art*.

(2013). Migration. *Catch & Release, Columbia's Journal of Literature & Art*.

(2013). The Inn Keeper. *Catch & Release, Columbia's Journal of Literature & Art*.

(2013). Moths on Loan. *Indiana Review*.

(2013). Ishmael. *Adanna Literary Journal*.

(2013). True & Legitimate Wife. *Adanna Literary Journal*.

(2013). Uses of Fire. *Adanna Literary Journal*.

(2013). Ghazal #4. *Tirage Monthly*.

(2010). Still: For Cairo. *Esu Review: University of Pennsylvania's Undergraduate Research Journal for Africana Studies*, 119-120.

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## SELECTED PERFORMANCES, READINGS & WORKSHOPS

Invited by Nas With Notepads to teach a workshop on global women & resistance (upcoming June 2015). Khartoum, Sudan.

MOMMA atlas Tour ft. Jasmine Mans. 18-30 April 2015. Philadelphia, New Orleans, Charlotte, Atlanta, USA.

Invited by Stanford Black Student Union to speak on Black women & resistance. 05 March 2015. Palo Alto, California.

Invited by Association of Black Harvard Women to speak on Black women & resistance 28. March 2015. Cambridge, MA.

Invited by Yale University to speak on Christianity, fame and the role of service at Life Worth Living Seminar (upcoming February 2015). New Haven, CT.

Invited by The Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN and I Sell the Shadow to perform at the panel on human rights work and dismantling monolithic identities. 21 October 2014. New York, NY.

Headlined Girl Power South Africa Tour. 01 October 2014- 07 October 2014. Johannesburg, South Africa.

Invited by Yale University to speak on Christianity, art and sexuality at Life Worth Living Seminar. 2 March 2014. New Haven, CT.

Invited to perform at The Nuyorican Poetry Café. September 2012. New York, NY.

Invited by Notre Dame University as guest speaker at the annual BeaUtiful Workshop. February 2011. Notre Dame, IN.

Starred in HBO Documentary: Brave New Voices, an examination of the global youth spoken word movement, aired 11 April 2009-14 May 2009. Philadelphia, PA & Washington, D.C.

Invited by the Adventures of the Mind Conference to perform "Still" an original poem about her experience studying abroad in Cairo, Egypt and "Celestial" an original poem about the physics of heartbreak, alongside former U.S. Poet Laureates Billy Collins and Rita Dove at the Institute for Advanced Study, 21 August 2009. Princeton, NJ.

Invited by the NAACP to perform "Dreams of the Steel Mill" an original work about work ethic and the struggle to overcome national pessimism at the NAACP's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 2009 Inaugural Celebration, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Washington, D.C.

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## RELEVANT WORK & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Creative Writing Department of New York University**, New York NY

May 2014- July 2014

Instructor of Undergraduate Creative Writing

*Introduction to Fiction & Poetry:*

**Linguistics Department of Yale University**, New Haven CT

September 2012-May 2014

Teaching Assistant

*Introduction to Historical Linguistics, Structure & History of English Words, Introduction to Linguistics, Cognitive Science*

**Linguistics Department of University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia PA

June 2009- April 2010

Research Assistant to Professor Anthony Kroch, Ph.D. and professor Beatrice Santorini, Ph.D.

*Tagging Middle- Early Modern French texts for part of speech, developing Early Modern French Corpus, proofreading*

**Linguistics Department of University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia PA

September 2007- January 2008

Research Assistant to Professor Gene Buckley, Ph.D. *Compiling and proofreading original notes on Alsea*

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## LEADERSHIP

2014-15 Co-editor, *Hands Up Don't Shoot Special Issue*, Winter Tangerine Review

2012-15 Coach, Yale Slam Team

2011-14 Member, *The Strivers Row Poetry Collective*

2011-13 Member, *Yale Grammatical Diversity Project*

2011-12 Chair, *Black Graduate Network at Yale*

2011-12 Board of Trustees, *Elm City Vineyard Church*

2011-12 Co-chair, Yale's Syntax Colloquium Series, *Dept. of Linguistics, Yale*

2009-10 Co-editor, *Sunlight Through A Keyhole*

2009-10 Workshop Instructor of B.A.R.S. (Beautiful Art Ruptures Silence) Prison Poetry Initiative

2009-11 Performer & Activist, *Youth Speaks National College Tour*

2008-09 Co-coach and Mentor, *Philadelphia Youth Poetry Movement*

2008 Director, The Excelano Project,

*University of Pennsylvania's Performance Poetry Collective*

2007-08 Co-coach & Member, *University of Pennsylvania Poetry Slam Team (2-time National Champions)*

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2015 Cave Canem Fellow

2015 Bouchet Honor Society Graduate Fellow

2014 Pushcart Prize Nominee

2014 Winner of Stephen Dunn Poetry Prize

2014 Finalist for Markham Poetry Prize

2014 Finalist for Joy Harjo Poetry Prize

2013 Finalist for Indiana Review Poetry Prize

2010 Phi Beta Kappa

2010 Summa Cum Laude

2008 College Union's Poetry Slam

Invitational Second Place

2007 Brave New Voices Youth Poetry

Slam-team Champions

2007 College Union's Poetry Slam

Invitational Slamteam Champions

2007-10 Dean's List

2007-10 Mellon Mays Undergraduate

Fellowship

2006-10 National Achievement Scholar