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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Duke University

Postdoctoral Associate
Asian American and Diaspora Studies Program

EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Ph.D., American Studies and Ethnicity, 2022
Graduate certificate, Gender and Sexuality Studies, 2020
M.A., American Studies and Ethnicity, 2017

Dissertation: “Gut Cultures: Fat Matter(s) in Genealogies of Health, Nation, and Empire,”
directed by Dorinne Kondo (co-chair), Neetu Khanna (co-chair), Kyla Wazana-Tompkins,
Macarena Gómez-Barris

University of Central Florida

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies major (honors), Women & Gender Studies minor,
Undergraduate honors Thesis Distinction, 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Asian American Studies, Postcolonial/Decolonial Theory, Queer Theory & Affect, Fat
Studies, Disability Studies, Critical Race Studies, Third World Feminisms, and Food Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2023 “The Foods That Make Us Human: Milk, Motherhood, and the Poetics of
Diaspora.” *Disability Studies Quarterly*, Edit. Sony Corañez Bolton, Kelsey
Henry, Leon J. Hilton, and Anna LaQuawn Hinton. Revisions Submitted.
- 2022 “The Making of the American Calorie and Metabolic Personhood” *Journal of
Transnational American Studies*, Edit. David Vázquez and Hsuan Hsu. 2022.

Invited Book Chapters and Reviews

- 2022 “Thin Rage and Racialized Fat.” *Fat Studies Ein Glossar*, Edit. Anja Herrmann, Tae Jun Kim, Evangelia Kindinger, Nina Mackert, Lotte Rose, Friedrich Schorb, Eva Tolasch und Paula-Irene Villa, Translations, 2022.
- 2021 “Genealogies of Excess: Towards a Decolonial Fat Studies.” *The Fat Studies International Handbook*, Edit. Caitlin Pause and Sonya Renee, Routledge 2021.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2021 Transpacific Summer Research Grant
- 2014-2019 Wallis Annenberg Endowed Fellow
- 2019 Tedesco Scholarship
- 2016-2022 ASE Department Travel and Research Awards
- 2016-2019 Graduate Student Gov’t Travel and Research Awards
- 2018 Teresa Wilson Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities
- 2017 Del Amo Summer Research Fellowship
- 2016 Center for Feminist Research Summer Travel Grant
- 2012 Dorothy Height Outstanding Women’s Studies Student Award

CONFERENCES (selected)

- 2023 “‘Keep the Inner Peace’: Yoga Joes and Playing the ‘Action Figure.’” Global Asias Institute, Pennsylvania State University, March 2023.
- 2023 “Postcolonial Crip Methods” Roundtable, The Modern Language Association, San Francisco, CA, Jan 2023. Sponsored by MLA Postcolonial Studies committee.
- 2022 “The Kitchen is on Fire: A Roundtable on Critical Food Studies Past and Futures” American Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, Nov 2022. Session Organizer.
- 2022 “Snack Time! Critical/Creative Reflections on Asian Diasporic Nostalgia” Roundtable, The Association for the Study of Arts of the Present, Los Angeles, CA, Sept 2022. Session Organizer.
- 2018 “More Fats, More Femmes More Asians: Genealogies of Excess.” American Studies Association, Atlanta, Oct. 2018.
- 2018 “Eggs, Milk, and Honey: Law and Global Bio-commodities.” Western University of Sydney Workshop, Sydney, Australia, Sept. 2018.

- 2018 “Milky Appetites: On the Imperial Production of Fat Free Futures.” Society for the Social Study of Science, Sydney, Australia, August 2018.
- 2017 “Decolonizing Knowledge and Power.” Seminar, Barcelona, Spain, July-Aug. 2017.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2022 “Field Notes from a Fatty” (non-fiction). *Pipe Wrench Magazine*. Spring 2022. <https://pipewrenchmag.com/invested-to-death-in-thinness/>
- 2022 “Thin Rage and Racialized Fat.” *Food, Fatness, and Fitness: Critical Perspectives*. Feb 1, 2022. https://foodfatnessfitness.com/author/athia_n_choudhury/

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor on Record

- Fall 2023 Disability & (De)Coloniality, Asian American & Diaspora Program, Duke University.
- Spring 2023 The Foods that Make Us Human, Asian American & Diaspora Program, Duke University.
- Fall 2022 A Body of Found Things: Intro to Asian American Studies, Asian American & Diaspora Program, Duke University
- Fall 2021 Object Lessons: Life, Debt, & Racial Capitalism, Dept of Gender and Women’s Studies, Pomona College
- Spring 2021 Feminist and Queer Materialisms, Dept of Gender and Women’s Studies, Pomona College

INVITED TALKS (selected)

- 2023 “Body Liberation: A Conversation with Scholars.” Associated Students of the University of Washington, Seattle, May 3, 2023.
- 2023 “Eating Asians and the Metabolic Metrics of Empire.” University of California, Berkeley, February 21, 2023.
- 2023 “Milky Appetites: The Pastoral Eugenics of Eating Empire.” The Ohio State University, February 3, 2023.
- 2022 “The Making of the American Calorie.” University of Florida, December 14, 2022.

- 2022 “Devouring the Inscrutable: Eating Asians and the Politics of Enfleshment.”
Duke University, October 21, 2022.
- 2022 “Abundant Brilliance: A Fat Intellectual Dialogue” NAAFA, June 16, 2022.
- 2019 “A Body of Found Things: Biopolitics, Empire, and Fatness.” Pomona
College, February 20, 2019.
- 2019 “Circuits of Labor: Transnational Feminist Perspectives on Caregiving.”
Pomona College, February 18, 2019.
- 2017 “Unpacking Survivor’s Guilt: Shame & the Model Minority Myth.” University
of California, Santa Barbara, Social Justice Conference, March 4, 2017.
- 2016 “Decolonial Loving: Care & Racial Healing.” University of California, Santa
Barbara, Multicultural & Diversity Center, September 15, 2016.

SERVICE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2022 Convener of “Gastropoetics of Asian/America: Symposium.”
Duke University, February 16-17, 2023.
- 2022 Minor Aesthetics Working Group; Presenter; Duke University
- 2019-2020 American Studies Association Committee on Sexual Harassment
- 2019 ASE Graduate Student Panel facilitator and presenter
- 2012-2014 Program Manager of FOCUS Orlando
- 2012 Campaign Manager “No On 3”/ Preserving Public Works

LANGUAGES

Thai: speaking (intermediate), reading (basic)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Studies Association
National Women’s Studies Association
Society for the Social Study of Science
Association of Asian American Studies
Modern Language Association