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EDUCATION

Northeastern University **Boston, MA**
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs with Honors Distinction GPA: 3.83, *Magna Cum Laude*
Minors: Black Feminist Studies, Environmental Studies *Graduation: May 2024*

AWARDS AND HONORS

Dr. Ramona Edelin Award for Academic Excellence in Africana Studies 2024
PBHA Outstanding Volunteer Award 2024
Northeastern Compass Award 2024
Clara and Joseph Ford Scholarship Award 2024
Dean Roland E. Latham 2024 Oratory Competition 2024
1st Place Winner (Upperclassmen Category)
Zandra I. Flemister '73 Fellow 2023 – 2024
Point Foundation 2023 Flagship “Walter Decker” Scholar 2023
Northeastern Black Alumni Scholarship 2023
PEAK Experiences Summit Award 2023
Thomas I. Atkins Social Justice Award 2023
Point Foundation Fall 2022 and Fall 2023 BIPOC Scholar 2022, 2023
Brutus “Skip” Wright Memorial Scholarship Award 2022
Dean Roland E. Latham 2020 Oratory Competition 2020
2nd Place Winner and Freshman Category Peoples’ Choice Award
Dean’s List 2020 – 2021, 2023 – 2024
University Honors Program 2020 – 2024

RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL EXPERIENCE

PEAK Experiences Award Research Fellowship: “Interrogating Gender Expressions in Queer Africa” Boston, MA
The Summit Award Jun. 2023 – Aug. 2023

- Received PEAK (Project-Based Exploration for the Advancement of Knowledge) Experiences Award funding at the Summit Award level, one of the two highest levels of PEAK Experiences Awards
- Received John D. O’Bryant African American Institute Excel Grant funding
- Mentored by Dr. Layla Brown in the Sociology and Anthropology Department and Africana Studies Program

Independent Research: Black Lesbian Anthologies as a Resistive Praxis **Boston, MA**
AFAM 2991: Black Queer Studies Aug. 2022 – Dec. 2022

- Self-designed an independent study on the resistive nature of Black lesbian anthologies
- Received College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH) Undergraduate Research Initiative (URI) funding
- Presented at the 2023 RISE Conference and the 2023 CSSH Undergraduate Research Forum
- Mentored by Dr. Régine Jean-Charles in the Africana Studies and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Programs

Northeastern University Political Review **Boston, MA**
Fall 2021 Featured Columnist Sep. 2021 – Dec. 2021

- Created a fall 2021 column with two articles focused on small island states
- Comparatively analyzed issues affecting the Pacific Island region and the Caribbean region

Northeastern University History Department **Boston, MA**
Undergraduate Research Team Member Feb. 2021 – Sep. 2021

- Presented research at the 2021 Association for Computers and the Humanities Conference
- Interpreted information from nontraditional research documents to produce 3D virtual models using Unity Hub
- Conducted archival and historical research on 1800s Black Boston
- Collaborated virtually with a multi-generational research team
- Led by Dr. Ángel Nieves and Dr. Jessica Linker in the History Department and Africana Studies Program

LEADERSHIP, TEACHING, AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Northeastern University College of Social Sciences and Humanities **Boston, MA**
Teaching Assistant (TA) for Gender, Social Justice, and Transnational Activism Jan. 2024 – May 2024

- Manage class Canvas page
- Support Dr. Layla Brown with in-class lessons and out-of-class tasks

Mission Hill After School Program **Boston, MA**
Counselor/Tutor Sep. 2023 – Apr. 2024

- Oversee group of children ages 8-10
- Supervise after school programming and activities
- Build relationships with Mission Hill community members

Point Foundation **Boston, MA**
Point Ambassador Aug. 2023 – May 2024

- Advocate for Point on Northeastern University's campus by distributing flyers, pins, and stickers and starting conversations with the LGBTQ resource center and its students
- Write blog posts and make social media posts for the Point Foundation website and Instagram, including during Point's "Out in Higher Ed" week
- Appear in a video with Point leadership

Africana Studies Student Advisory Council **Boston, MA**
Student Advisory Council Member Apr. 2023 – May 2024

- Advise Africana Studies Program on students' needs and concerns
- Advertise Africana Studies Program courses
- Engage with the student body about the possibilities and opportunities present in Africana Studies

Northeastern Black Student Association **Boston, MA**
President (Apr. 2022 – Apr. 2023), Secretary (Apr. 2021 – Apr. 2022), Upperclassmen Representative (Apr. 2023 – May 2024), Freshman Representative (Oct. 2020 – Apr. 2021) Oct. 2020 – May 2024

- Managed and oversaw the executive board, including e-board transition training
- Created and maintained calendar for entire academic year
- Oversaw the planning of over 15 general meetings and 7 large events per year for 1,400 club members
- Planned and facilitated a 3-day trip to Washington, D.C. for 95 Northeastern students
- Raised almost \$3,000 in fundraising across a crowdfunding campaign and Northeastern University's Giving Day

Northeastern University International Affairs Program **Boston, MA**
Teaching Assistant (TA) for INTL 3400: International Conflict and Negotiation Sep. 2023 – Dec. 2023

- Conduct research for background materials for in-class negotiations
- Manage class Canvas page
- Support Professor Denise Garcia (International Affairs Program and Political Science Department) where needed

Northeastern University Writing Center **Boston, MA**
Undergraduate Writing Tutor Sep. 2023 – Dec. 2023

- Assist undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and staff with their writing needs
- Tutor writers on writing skills such as appealing to a specific audience, organization, formatting, citations, and style
- Participate in Center programming and social media efforts

Afrospectrum **Boston, MA**
Secretary (Jan. 2022 – May 2022), Social Media Posts Manager (May 2021 – Jan. 2022) May 2021 – May 2022

- Created social media marketing for events and education resources
- Spearheaded the use of and maintained team management Notion space
- Worked as a team to create programming for Black LGBTQ+ students
- Collaborated with other organizations to educate general student body on Black queer culture

College of Social Sciences and Humanities International Affairs Program **Boston, MA**
International Affairs Program Peer Mentor Sep. 2021 – Dec. 2021

- Mentored six first-year international affairs students
- Created two programming events for my peer mentee group
- Attended introduction to international affairs course weekly
- Served on panels and Q&As for the entire academic year

Summer Bridge Program **Boston, MA**
College of Social Sciences and Humanities Summer Bridge Mentor Jun. 2021

- Mentored students from underrepresented backgrounds at Northeastern University
- Planned and attended programming for all Summer Bridge mentees
- Served on panels and Q&A sessions for mentees during the Summer Bridge session
- Continued mentorship process throughout the following school year

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2023 RISE Conference **Boston, MA**
Presented AFAM 2991: “Black Queer Studies” independent research Apr. 2023

Africana Studies Program Remembering Our Roots Panel **Boston, MA**
Moderated and planned a panel with Dr. Noliwe Rooks and two Northeastern undergraduate students Apr. 2023

Undergraduate Research Forum **Boston, MA**
Presented AFAM 2991: “Black Queer Studies” independent research Mar. 2023

Annual bell hooks Symposium: Black Feminism, Black Freedom **Boston, MA**
Presented a twelve-minute speech as the Symposium’s sole undergraduate panelist Feb. 2023

LGBTQA Resource Center Black Queer Stories Panel **Boston, MA**
Moderated a panel of faculty and staff about Black queer life in Boston Oct. 2022

2021 Association for Computers and the Humanities Conference **Boston, MA**
Presented 3D Black Boston Research as a multigenerational team Jul. 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

Northeastern University Africana Studies Program **Boston, MA**
Africana Studies Program Assistant Jul. 2022 – Aug. 2023, Dec. 2023 – May 2024

- Aided in the organization and planning of 2-3 large events per semester for the wider Boston community
- Managed the Department of Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies’ and Africana Studies Program’s social media
- Assisted Africana Studies Program director and faculty where needed

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Office of Performance Management and Innovation **Boston, MA**
Strategic Research Intern Jan. 2023 – Aug. 2023

- Analyzed and assisted with the annual Rider Census and monthly Rider Opinion Panel
- Utilized coding languages R and SQL to manipulate large data sets
- Conducted independent research on food access for Black and low-income communities in Boston via public transportation

Community Preservation Corporation **New York City, NY**
Sustainability Programs Intern Jan. 2022 – Jun. 2022

- Researched affordable housing, local policy, sustainable housing technology, and green certifications
- Reached out to developers and CPC staff to advocate for sustainable building technology to bring affordable housing into compliance with local law
- Interpreted large data sets to maintain company carbon neutral status and advocate for sustainable technology
- Created PowerPoints, one-pagers, and training modules for internal and external training purposes
- Presented environmental justice research to the operating committee and entire company on separate occasions
- Assisted on a Request for Proposal for a \$250 million in financing from HPD, HDC, and Citi Bank to provide affordable housing in New York City

REFERENCES

Dr. Régine Jean-Charles

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