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EDUCATION

- 2026 **New York University (NYU)**
 Ph.D. American Studies
 Dissertation: "Affective Empire: Race, Psychology, and Trauma in the Vietnam War Era"
 Committee: Thuy Linh Tu (Chair), Julie Livingston, Ann Pellegrini, Jasbir Puar (UBC), Nic John Ramos (UT Austin)
- 2017 **Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY)**
 B.A. Sociology, Minor in Asian American Studies

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

20th century U.S. race and empire; history of medicine; Asian American studies; biopolitics; health humanities; critical refugee studies; carceral studies

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- 2025 "An Insurgent How-To Manual for Building Asian American Studies." With Kevin Park, Amber Lee, Mimi Khúc, and Lawrence Minh-Bùi Davis. *Asian America Rising: New Directions for Political Activism*, eds. Diane Wong and Mark Tseng-Putterman. NYU Press, 2025.
- 2022 "Resistance Everywhere We Went: The Fight for Asian American Studies at CUNY." *The Children of the People: Writings By and About CUNY Students*, eds. Grace M. Cho, Rose M. Kim, and Robin McGinty. DIO Press, 2022.

Review Essays

- 2026 "'Mommy Has to Go to War': The Imperial Subject of Combat Trauma in Grounded." *Women & Performance: A Journal of Feminist Theory* 33, no. 3 (2026): 331-334.
- 2024 "Envisioning Abolition in Our Local Asian American Communities." With Anna Ozbek and Mon Mohapatra. *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies* 45, no. 1 (2024): 119-123.
- 2022 "The Uses of Beauty." Review of Thuy Linh Nguyen Tu, *Experiments in Skin* (Duke University Press, 2021). *Society & Space*, 2022. Online.
- 2019 "Towards Interdisciplinary Coalitions." Review of Eunjung Kim, *Curative Violence* (Duke University Press, 2017) and Jasbir K. Puar, *The Right to Maim* (Duke University Press, 2017). *Journal of Literary & Cultural Disability Studies* 13, no. 1 (2019): 111-115.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2025-2026	Public Humanities Doctoral Fellowship New York University
2025, 2023	C.V. Starr Fund for Asian/Pacific/American Research Grant Asian/Pacific/American Institute, New York University
2024, 2022	Summer Research Award Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University
2023	Global Humanities Institute Global Racisms Early Career Scholarship Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes (CHCI)
2023	Dean's Student Travel Award Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University
2019-2025	Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University
2017-2019	Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (HASTAC) Scholarship
2017	Graduate Scholarship Scholarship and Welfare Fund of the Alumni Association, Hunter College

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presentations

2026	"How Different is Different?": Militarized Refuge, Ethnic Psychology, and the Containment of Difference," NYU Asian/Pacific/American Graduate Student Symposium, March 5-6, New York, NY.
2025	"Vietnam Veteran PTSD and the Recuperation of US Empire," American Studies Association, November 20-22, San Juan, PR.
2025	"From Cold War to Cross-Cultural Psychology in the American War in Vietnam, 1968-1983," History of Science Society, November 13-16, New Orleans, LA.
2025	"War, Refugee Trauma, and Healing in Southeast Asian Communities," CUNY Asian American/Asian Research Institute Symposium, May 2, New York, NY.
2025	"From the Countryside to the Clinic: Vietnamese Wartime and Refugee Affect, Culture, and Mental Health," Association for Asian American Studies, April 17-19, Boston, MA.
2023	"Militarized Landscapes and the Virtuality of Memory," Association for Asian American Studies, April 6-8, Long Beach, CA. (Runner-up for Best Graduate Student Paper).

- 2022 “Race, Landscape, and Affect in Virtual Vietnam,” Beyond Militarism conference, September 22-23, Cambridge, UK.
- 2019 “The Eyes of the Community Are On You: The Struggle for Asian American Studies at CUNY,” National Women’s Studies Association,” Nov 14-17, San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 “The Afterlives of the Vietnam War, Diasporic Memory, and the Seduction/ Illegitimacy of the Archive,” Association for Asian American Studies, April 25-28, Madison, WI.
- 2018 “Healing, Wellness, and Collective Liberation: Narratives of the Body and Social Change in People of Color Healing Collectives,” Eastern Sociological Society, February 22-25, Baltimore, MD.
- 2017 “The Politics of Familial Love: The Affective Threat of the Immigrant Family in an Age of National Security,” Hunter Undergraduate Research Conference, April 5-6, New York, NY. (Best Oral Presentation).

Conferences and Panels Organized

- 2026 “Grounds of Displacement,” NYU Asian/Pacific/American Graduate Student Symposium, March 5-6, New York, NY. Symposium Organizer.
- 2025 “Psychology, Race, and Empire in the Americas,” History of Science Society, November 13-16, New Orleans, LA. Panel Organizer.
- 2025 “Abolitionist Feminist and Decolonial Approaches to Asian American Mental Health,” Association for Asian American Studies, April 17-19, Boston, MA. Panel Organizer.
- 2025 “The Security of Identity Politics,” NYU Asian/Pacific/American Graduate Student Symposium, March 6-7, New York, NY. Symposium Organizer.
- 2019 “Empire, Memory, Violence, and the Sociological Imagination,” CUNY Graduate Center, August 8, New York, NY. Symposium Organizer.

Discussant

- 2025 “The Limits of DEI and Institutional Critique,” NYU Asian/Pacific/American Graduate Student Symposium, March 6-7, New York, NY. Chair and Discussant.
- 2023 “Author Meets Critics: Nadia Abu El-Haj, *Combat Trauma: Imaginaries of War and Citizenship in Post-9/11 America*,” American Studies Association, November 2-5, Montréal, Quebec.
- 2022 “Author Meets Critics: Thuy Linh Nguyen Tu, *Experiments in Skin*,” American Association of Geographers, February 24-28, Virtual.

- 2017 “Students Who Care Too Much: How Students Fight Historical and Institutional Amnesia Through College Activism,” Association for Asian American Studies, April 13-15, Portland, OR. Roundtable Discussant.
- 2016 “Asian American Roots: The Current and Historical Role of Youth and Undergraduate Organizing in Asian American Studies,” Association for Asian American Studies, April 27-30, Miami, FL. Roundtable Discussant.

Invited Talks

- 2026 “Violence, Rationality, and Refugee Mental Health,” SUNY Buffalo, November 16, Buffalo, NY. Guest lecturer for Professor Lou Tam’s “Women’s Health: Problems and Practices” course.
- 2025 “Art, Activism, and Asian American Studies,” Purchase College, March 12, Purchase, NY. Panelist.
- 2023 “The Children of the People: Writings by and about CUNY Students on Race and Social Justice,” CUNY Asian American/Asian Research Institute, March 3, New York, NY. Speaker.
- 2021 “Family, War, and Transgenerational Trauma,” NYUWomXn100, April 13, New York, NY. Panelist.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

- 2024 Visual Culture of Science and Technology
Department of Media, Culture, and Communication, New York University
- 2019 Race, Health, and the Politics of the Body
Department of Sociology, City College, CUNY
- 2018 Sociology of Mental Health: Psychic Lives, Social Worlds
Department of Sociology, City College, CUNY

Teaching Assistant

- 2023 Approaches to Gender and Sexuality Studies
Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University
- 2022 Asian/Pacific/American Cultures
Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University

PUBLIC AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES

- 2025-2026 Public Humanities Doctoral Fellow, NYU Prison Education Project
Developed gender justice recommendations through organizational mapping, staff and student interviews, and pilot programming
- 2025 Podcast Producer and Writer, Survived & Punished NY

Produced a five-episode podcast, *Survivor Chronicles: Free Them All*, in collaboration with incarcerated survivors in New York State and their families

- 2021-2022 Graduate Researcher, NYU Asian/Pacific/American Institute
Conducted archival and oral history research on the founding of Asian/Pacific/American studies at NYU for 25th anniversary
- 2021 Member, “Cross/Currents” Bennet-Polonsky Humanities Lab, NYU Center for the Humanities
Designed an experimental interdisciplinary undergraduate course on transpacific migration and environmental studies
- 2018-2019 Curator, CUNY Digital History Archive
Curated and digitized an archival collection on “The Fight for Asian American Studies at Hunter College”

UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2022-2026 Co-founder/Organizer, Graduate Student Working Group, NYU Asian/Pacific/American Institute
- 2025 Graduate Fellow, Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Transpacific Thought and the Problem of Asia
- 2024 Participant, Intersectional Feminist/Queer Studies Dissertation Workshop
- 2024 Committee Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Prize, Association for Asian American Studies
- 2021-2023 Advisor/Facilitator, A/P/A BRIDGE (undergraduate student leadership program), NYU Asian/Pacific/American Institute
- 2019-2020 Representative, Graduate Student Committee, NYU Department of Social and Cultural Analysis

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Studies Association (ASA)
Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)
History of Science Society (HSS)
American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM)