

CURRICULUM VITAE  
**ACQUANDA Y STANFORD**

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Black feminist anthropology, Radical Black Feminism, African Diaspora Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Critical race theory, Breastfeeding and human lactation, Black Breastfeeding, Mississippi, African Diaspora breastfeeding, critical social theory, Power, Black Power, Civil Rights, Malcolm X, bell hooks, race and resistance, Participatory Action Research, public health, social movements and revolution, U.S. History, Biopolitics, Critical Race Feminism, Applied Anthropology, Third Space Feminism, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

**EDUCATION**

- In Progress                      PhD, Sociocultural Anthropology. University of Washington. Seattle, Washington. Research Interest: Breastfeeding among people of African Descent in the United States. Expected 2021.
- 2016                                Master of Arts, Sociocultural Anthropology. University of Washington. Seattle, Washington. Research Competency Paper title: *Uncovering Imperialist White Supremacist Capitalist Patriarchy in Professional Breastfeeding Services: The Greater Complexities of IBCLCs*
- 2015                                Graduate Feminist Certificate. Gender Women and Sexuality Studies. University of Washington. Seattle, Washington.
- 2012                                Certified Lactation Educator. Simkin Center for Allied Birth Vocations at Bastyr University. Kenmore, WA.
- 2012                                Full Circle Doula. The International Center for Traditional Childbearing. Portland, OR.
- 2010                                Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology. Western Washington University. Bellingham, Washington. African American Studies, Minor.
- 2009                                Associate of Arts and Sciences, Cultural Anthropology. Olympic College. Bremerton, Washington. INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEE.

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- 2018    Basic Peacemaking Circle Training Level I at The Circle Works: Social Justice Consultants. Seattle, WA.
- 2018    Basic Peacemaking Circle Training Level II at The Circle Works: Social Justice Consultants. Seattle, WA.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND TEACHING**

- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Spring. Anthropology 215: Medical Anthropology and Global Health, Dr. Seth Messinger. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2017 Instructor, Spring. English 298: Interdisciplinary Writing Program, Linked with Anthropology 269: The History of Rock and Roll.
- 2017 Instructor, Winter. English 298: Interdisciplinary Writing Program, Linked with Anthropology 209: Visual Anthropology
- 2016 Instructor, Autumn. English 298H: Interdisciplinary Writing Program, Linked with Anthropology 215: Medical Anthropology and Global Health.
- 2016 Instructor, Summer. Anthropology 215: Medical Anthropology and Global Health, University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2016 Instructor, Spring. English 298H: Interdisciplinary Writing Program, Linked with Anthropology 213: Anthropology and Sport.
- 2016 Instructor, Winter. English 298E: Interdisciplinary Writing Program, Linked with Anthropology 228: Identities.
- 2015 Instructor, Autumn. English 198: Interdisciplinary Writing Program
- 2015 Instructor, Summer. Anthropology 369: African American Anthropology, University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Spring. Anthropology 269: Islam and Popular Culture, Dr. Michael Vincente Perez. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Winter. Anthropology 228: Identities, Dr. Michael Vincente Perez. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Autumn. Anthropology 215: Introduction to Medical Anthropology and Global Health, Dr. Marieke van Eijk. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Spring. Anthropology 215: Introduction to Medical Anthropology and Global Health, Dr. Krisjon Olson. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Autumn. Anthropology 215: Introduction to Medical Anthropology and Global Health, Dr. Rachel Chapman. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2010 Discussion Group Leader. Anthropology 400: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Dr. Maria Chavez. Western Washington University. Bellingham, WA.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2016 Stanford, Acquanda Y., ‘An Unlikely Anthropologist Doing Unlikely Work in an Unlikely Place: Critical Black Breastfeeding in the Mississippi Delta’. *Bronislaw Magazine*. Spring 2016.
- 2015 Media Review of “Talking Back Voices of Color: Reports from the Front Lines of Resistance by Radicals of Color.” Wong, Nellie, ed. Seattle: Red Letter Press.
- 2012 Stanford, Acquanda Y., “Helping To Reclaim an African American Tradition.” *Breastfeeding Matters: Breastfeeding Coalition of Washington – A Program of WithinReach*. Vol. 14, No. 2. Pg 6. Fall.
- 2012 Stanford, Acquanda Y., “It’s Just Hair, If You’re White. *MOOT Magazine: Race*. April.

## **IN PRESS/ONGOING**

- 2014 - Present “Seattle Black Feminists Blog” available at <http://bit.ly/189fg5i>
- 2011 - Present Stanford, Acquanda Y. “Lactation Journey Blog” available at: <http://acquandastanford.com/lactationjourneyblog>
- 2010-2011 “Seattle Anthropology Examiner”

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Black Breastfeeding in the Mississippi Delta: A Radical, Critically-Applied, Decolonial Black Feminist Anthropological Approach at Black Women Doing: Anthropology, Seattle, WA.
- 2018 Black Women Anthropologists Here and There at Black Women Doing: Anthropology, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 The Impact of African American Midwives on Breastfeeding at Extended Schedule More Sharing African American Midwives Stories, Jackson, Mississippi.
- 2016 Decolonizing Breastfeeding in Communities of Color: A Webinar.
- 2016 *Racism in Anthropology: Then and Now, and Anthropology's Responsibility in Eradicating It* Panel at World Anthropology Day, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Organized with Undergraduate Anthropology Society.
- 2015 Invited. BLACK BREASTFEEDING AND BLACK FEMINISM and the Quest for Reproductive Justice at Radical Women Feminist Forum: Our Bodies, Our Lives: Women Battle for Safety and Sovereignty Panel. Seattle, WA.
- 2015 *Black Breastfeeding: Constructing a Framework of Analysis and Action via the Lens of Black Feminist Anthropology* at Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE) Annual Breastfeeding Summit: Building Bridges Across the Chasm of Breastfeeding Inequities, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 *'Lifting as we Climb'? Connecting with Black Women: Aspirations and Challenges* at Seattle Black Feminists' Half-Day Retreat for Black Women, Seattle, WA. Chair, Organized with Seattle Black Feminists members.
- 2015 *Uncovering Imperialist White Supremacist Capitalist Patriarchy in Professional Breastfeeding Services: The Greater Complexities of IBCLCs* at Show and Tell Anthropology Research (STAR). University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2015 *Discovering African American Anthropology* at National Anthropology Day. University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Chair, Organized with Undergraduate Anthropology Society
- 2015 *Breastfeeding #BlkBfing and Black Feminist Anthropology* at National Anthropology Day. University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Chair, Organized with Undergraduate Anthropology Society
- 2014 *Assata Shakur Open Letter and connections to Black breastfeeding in America* at A Speak-Out for Justice: Feminists Demand an End to Police Violence from Ferguson to Seattle, Seattle, WA. Organized with Radical Women
- 2014 *Dying, Living and Resisting in American Society: Radical Black History, Radical Care & Why Black Breastfeeding Matters* at Show and Tell Anthropology Research (STAR), Seattle, WA
- 2014 *Are IBCLCs the 'New' Infant Formula?: A Look at Biopolitics, Global Sovereignty and the Proliferation of Breastfeeding Professionals* a Webinar.
- 2014 *What Would Malcolm Do?: Why Breastfeeding Counts as African American Political Thought* a Webinar
- 2012 Invited *Occupy The Bridge: Looking Past Protagonists, and Re-Working the Center* at ROSE (Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere) Breastfeeding Summit: Reclaiming an African American Tradition, Atlanta, GA
- 2011 Invited. *Black women, Body Image and Hair: Exploring Historic and Contemporary*

- Sentiments on Afro-textured Hair and Women of the African Diaspora* at Ladyfest I.E. Feminist Fest: Celebrating Female Arts. Riverside, CA
- 2010 *Anthropological Theory! Where Are Our Sistahs?* at Scholar's Week. Western Washington University. Bellingham, WA
- 2010 *What is Black Feminism?* at Scholar's Week. Western Washington University. Bellingham, WA
- 2009 *Women for Women International* at Scholar's Week. Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA
- 2009 *The Black Woman and Natural Hair* at Scholar's Week. Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

### **CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

- 2018 *Black Women Doing: Anthropology*. Seattle Public Library. Organized with University of Washington Department of Anthropology Graduate Students.
- 2016 *World Anthropology Day*. University of Washington. Organized with Undergraduate Anthropology Society.
- 2015 *Seattle Black Feminists' Half-Day Retreat for Black Women*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Chair, Organized with Seattle Black Feminist group members.
- 2015 *National Anthropology Day*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Chair, Organized with Undergraduate Anthropology Society.
- 2014 *A Speak-Out for Justice: Feminists Demand an End to Police Violence from Ferguson to Seattle*, Seattle, WA. Organized with Radical Women.
- 2013 *Inequity in Breastfeeding Support: The Impact of Institutional Racism, Power and White Privilege on Breastfeeding Rates and Maternal-Infant Health*. Seattle, WA. Organized with the Breastfeeding Coalition of Washington, Native American Breastfeeding Coalition of Washington & community advocates and activists.

### **GUEST LECTURES**

- 2016 *Black Anthropologists DO Exist (Despite what white-centric spaces may (not) tell you)*. Anthropology 460: The History of Anthropology. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2015 *Black Feminism: A Prerequisite to Black Feminist Archaeology*. Archaeology 205: Principles of Archaeology. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2014 *Why Black Breastfeeding Matters*. Anthropology 210: Introduction to Medical Anthropology and Global Health. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.

### **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

- 2015 *Black Breastfeeding in Mississippi* on The Bottom Line Natchez, MS 99.7 WTYJ
- 2015 *The Importance of Breastfeeding in the Black Community*. 91.9 WDSV (Delta Sounds and Voices) Greenville, MS.
- 2014 *Tune Into the View from A Rack for Cultural Anthropology with Acquanda Stanford*. Available here: <http://bit.ly/1C9fwyL>
- 2014 *Blind Spots in Breastfeeding Support Part I* Our Milky Way: Healthy Children Project Center for Breastfeeding. Available here: <http://bit.ly/1EXkePY>
- 2014 *Blind Spots in Breastfeeding Support Part II* Our Milky Way: Healthy Children Project Center for Breastfeeding. Available here: <http://bit.ly/1EpX6un>

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- 2013 *Radical Doula Profiles: Acquanda Stanford* Available here: <http://bit.ly/1A0GYrW>  
2012 *Wombanist Views Women's History Month Feature: Acquanda Stanford*. Available here: <http://bit.ly/1E2B1Am>  
2012 *The Benefits of Breastfeeding with Queen Ifama and Sister Acquanda*. Available here: <http://bit.ly/1LWKMkk>

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## **HONORS**

- 2018 *Black Woman Being*  
2017 *Outstanding Black Achievement and Excellence* Honor Recipient, University of Washington Black Student Union  
2015 *Outstanding UW Woman* Nominee, University of Washington

## **AWARDS**

- 2015 University of Washington Graduate Student Travel Award  
2015 University of Washington Department of Anthropology Pilot Research Funding in Medical Anthropology and Global Health

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS**

Indiana Black Breastfeeding Coalition (IBBC)  
International Center for Traditional Childbearing (ICTC)  
National Association of Professional and Peer Lactation Supporters of Color (NAPPLSC)  
Native American Breastfeeding Coalition of Washington (NABCW)  
Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE) Breastfeeding Coalition

## **SERVICE**

- 2015 – Present Seattle/Black Feminist Library, Founder  
2015 – Present Space(s for Black Women in Graduate School), Founder and Organizer  
2014 – Present Open Arms Perinatal Services, Volunteer Doula  
2014 – Present Seattle Black Feminists, Creator and Coordinator  
2014 – Present Seattle Non-Profit Anti-Racist Coalition (NPARC), Leadership team member  
2011– Present ABCs Visioning Team: Anti-Racism in Breastfeeding, Board Member  
2011– Present Breastfeeding Coalition of Washington, Steering Committee Member

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Anthropological Association (Section Memberships: Association of Black Anthropologists, Association for Feminist Anthropology)  
Society for Applied Anthropology

## **LANGUAGES**

American Sign Language (Proficient)  
English (Native Speaker)  
Elementary Spanish  
Ebonics

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

Professional references available upon request

