

# SHEENA MICHELE MASON

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## SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Philosophy of race; African and Africana philosophy; liberation movements and literary studies; the intersections of art and literature; planetary humanism; antiracism.

## EDUCATION

### Doctor of Philosophy

[Howard University](#), Washington, D.C., May 2021, with distinction.

**Program studied:** English Literature with specializations in African American, American, and Caribbean Literatures and Philosophy of Race.

**Dissertation:** "Decolonizing the Raci(al/st) Imagination in Literary Studies."  
Committee: Dana Williams, Christopher Shinn, Yasmin DeGout, Jacoby Carter, and Gene Jarrett.

### Master of Arts

[University of Houston](#), Houston, TX, August 2013.

**Program studied:** English Literature.

**Advisor:** W. Lawrence Hogue.

### Bachelor of Arts

[Plattsburgh State University of New York](#), Plattsburgh, NY, December 2007.

Program studied: English Literature.

**Advanced Honors Thesis:** "Institutionalized *Erasure*: Percival Everett's Assault on Society's Tradition of Abetting the Imposition of an Authentic African American Identity."

**Advisor:** Tracie Church-Guzzio.

## CERTIFICATES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Certificate

[Cornell University](#), Ithaca, NY, Present.

**Program studied:** Policy Advocacy.

School of Pan African Thought, London, UK, January 2025.

**Program studied:** African Philosophy.

**Advisors:** Kheftusa Ankh, Motsamai Molefe, Elvis Imafidon, Lindokuhle Gama.

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, January 2023.

**Program studied:** Diversity & Inclusion for Human Resources.

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND OTHER RELATED EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Professor of English, State University of New York, Oneonta, September 1, 2025 to present.

Assistant Professor of English, State University of New York, Oneonta, September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2025.

Adjunct Lecturer, California Lutheran University, January 2021 to May 2021. Lecturer, Howard University, January 2021 to May 2021.

Adjunct Lecturer, College of William and Mary, August 2020 to December 2020.

Program Manager, Freedom Summer Collegiate Institute, March 2021 to July 2021.

Manne Family Teaching Fellow, Freedom Summer Collegiate Institute, May 2020-July 2020.

Graduate Assistant, Howard University, August 2019 to May 2020.

Just-Julian Research Fellow, Howard University, August 2018-May 2019.

Teaching Fellow, Freedom Summer Collegiate Institute, May 2018-July 2018.

Graduate Assistant Writing Tutor in Writing Center, Howard University, August 2016 to May 2018.

General Manager, Operations Manager, Sales Manager, Assistant Operations Manager, Assistant Sales Manager, Service Representative Lead, 24 Hour Fitness, August 2009-April 2012 and June 2014-June 2016.

English Language Arts Teacher & English as Second Language Supervisor, Reagan High School, and Texas CAN! Academy, May 2012 to May 2014.

## ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

**Editor-in-Chief**, *Oneness Literacies* (TWI), forthcoming.

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

#### MONOGRAPHS

Sheena Mason. *The Raceless Antiracist: Why Ending Race is the Future of Antiracism*. Pitchstone, 2024.

Sheena Mason. *Theory of Racelessness: A Case for Philosophies of Antirace(ism)*. Palgrave MacMillan, 2022.

#### EDITED CRITICAL EDITIONS

**Sheena Mason**, Hoda Mahmoudi, and Kate Seaman (editors). *Abolishing Racism: Creating a Future without Race*. Routledge, 2028. Forthcoming.

**Sheena Mason** and Jacoby Adeshei Carter (editors). *Revisiting Locke: Contemporary Essays on Race Contacts and Interracial Relations*. Palgrave, 2028. Forthcoming.

Jacoby Adeshei Carter and **Sheena Mason** (editors). *The Theory and Practice of Race: A Critical Edition of Alain Locke's Lectures on Interracial Relations*. Yale UP, 2027. Forthcoming.

Sheena Mason (editor). *Black No More, a Critical Edition*. Broadview Press, 2027. Forthcoming.

#### BOOKS IN EDITED SERIES

Anika Prather. *The Koinonia Theory: Relational Humanism, Christianity, and Africana Philosophy*. Edited by **Sheena Mason**. Anthem Press, 2027. Forthcoming.

#### REFEREED SCHOLARLY CHAPTERS & ARTICLES

**Sheena Mason** and Trevor Aleo. "From Liberal Education to Liberation: the Togetherness Wayfinder and Aesthetic Literacies." *Cosmos + Taxis*, February 2025. University of British Columbia, Okanagan, 2025.

**Sheena Mason** and Dana Williams. "Black Liberation Movements." *The Cambridge Companion to the Twentieth-Century American Novel and Politics*, edited by Bryan Santin. Cambridge UP, 2023, pp. 109-124.

**Sheena Mason** and Jacoby Carter. "Harlem Renaissance: An Interpretation of Racialized Art

and Ethics.” *Oxford Handbook of Ethics and Art*, edited by James Harold. Oxford UP, 2023, pp. 136-151.

Sheena Mason. “ReVisioning Unalignment and Freedom: Insurrectionist Ethics in Marlon James’ *The Book of Night Women*.” *Insurrectionist Ethics: Radical Perspectives on Social Justice*, edited by Jacoby Carter and Darryl Scriven. Palgrave MacMillan, 2023, pp. 15-39.

Sheena Garrant. “A WHITE SLAVE:’ Albinism in Barbara Chase Riboud’s *Sally Hemings*.” *New Cosmopolitanisms, Race, and Ethnicity*. University of Warsaw, 2019, pp. 366-378.

Sheena Garrant. “No Malcolm X in My History Text.” *Africana Methodology: A Social Study of Research, Triangulation & Meta-Theory*, edited by James Conyers Junior. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018, pp. 98-120.

Sheena Garrant. “Research Methods in Africana Studies.” *Qualitative Methods in Africana Studies: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Examining Africana Phenomena*, edited by James Conyers Junior. UP of America, 2016, pp. 293-298.

## OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

**Sheena Mason**, Shayla Dube, and Christian Ortiz. “Decolonizing Antiracism: A Collective Intervention in Race, Resistance, & Identity.” *JORMA International Journal of Health and Social Sciences*, September 2025.

Sheena Mason. “The Togetherness Wayfinder: Learn to be a raceless antiracist.” *Journal of Free Black Thought*, 2024.

Sheena Mason. “Nature vs. Nurture: Everything Is Possible.” *Red, White, and Black Volume 2: Resilience, Heroism, and the Blueprint for Black America’s Future*, edited by Robert Woodson. Post Hill Press, 2024.

Sheena Mason. “(Re)Philosophizing Race/ism, Humanity, & Journeying to the Future.” American Philosophical Association, 2023. *Navigating (Living) Philosophy*, [blog.apaonline.org/2023/09/18/navigating-living-philosophy-rephilosophizing-race-humanity-journeying-to-the-future/](http://blog.apaonline.org/2023/09/18/navigating-living-philosophy-rephilosophizing-race-humanity-journeying-to-the-future/).

Sheena Mason. “The Racelessness Translator.” *Discourse Magazine*, 2023. *Discourse Magazine*, [www.discoursemagazine.com/ideas/2023/05/25/the-racelessness-translator/](http://www.discoursemagazine.com/ideas/2023/05/25/the-racelessness-translator/).

**Sheena Mason** (writer) and Donna Druchunas (comic artist). “Engage in Making a Future without Race(ism): A Comic Essay.” *Abolishing Race(ism)*, 2023. *Abolishing Race(ism)*, [abolishingraceism.substack.com/p/engage-in-making-a-future-without](http://abolishingraceism.substack.com/p/engage-in-making-a-future-without).

Sheena Mason. “Reexamining ‘Race’ and Crime.” *Discourse Magazine*, 2023. *Discourse Magazine*,

[www.discoursemagazine.com/ideas/2023/03/13/reexamining-race-and-crime/](http://www.discoursemagazine.com/ideas/2023/03/13/reexamining-race-and-crime/).

**Sheena Mason** (writer) and Donna Druchunas (comic artist). “I Am American (a comic essay).” *Journal of Free Black Thought*, 2022. *FBT*, [freeblackthought.substack.com/p/i-am-american](http://freeblackthought.substack.com/p/i-am-american).

**Sheena Mason** and Jacoby Carter. “Whether Constructionist or Skeptic: Liberation Demands Racial Eliminativism | Philosophy of Race.” *Journal of Free Black Thought*, 2022. *FBT*, [freeblackthought.substack.com/p/whether-constructionist-or-skeptic?r=rzi0z](http://freeblackthought.substack.com/p/whether-constructionist-or-skeptic?r=rzi0z).

Sheena Mason. “Theory of Racelessness: A Case for Antirace(ism) | To Eliminate Racism We Must Eliminate Race.” *Journal of Free Black Thought*, 2021. *FBT*, [freeblackthought.substack.com/p/theory-of-racelessness-a-case-for](http://freeblackthought.substack.com/p/theory-of-racelessness-a-case-for).

Sheena Mason. “The Power of Books.” *Howard Alumni Magazine*, Howard U, 2021. *Howard Magazine*, 2021. *Howard Magazine*, [magazine.howard.edu/categories/bison/power-books](http://magazine.howard.edu/categories/bison/power-books).

Sheena Garrant. “Neo-Baroque and African American Literature: Percival Everett’s *Erasure* of Boundaries.” *Black Magnolias Literary Journal*, vol. 7, no. 3, 2013, pp. 5-13.

Sheena Garrant. “Redefining What It Means to be Black in America’s Public Sphere.” *Black Magnolias Literary Journal*, vol. 6, no. 3, 2012, pp. 5-20.

Sheena Garrant. “A Piece of the Adirondacks You Can Sit On.” *All Points North Magazine*, 2004.

## **PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS**

### **BOOKS**

### **MONOGRAPHS**

Sheena Mason. *Congo!: A Critical Edition of Philippa Schuyler’s Unpublished Drama on Postcolonial Futures*.

Sheena Mason. *Unmaking Race: African Ontologies and the Future Beyond Race*.

### **KEYNOTES**

“Belonging by Design: How We Build Together.” SUNY Oneonta, August 2025.

“The Role of Imagination in Social Justice Efforts.” University of Maryland (College Park), February 2025.

## CONFERENCES

### CONFERENCE FACILITATION & ORGANIZATION

“What Is Race: Creating a Future without Racism,” a Lecture by Dorothy Roberts. Creator and organizer with the Bahá’í Chair for World Peace at the University of Maryland, part of a series on Structural Racism and the Root Cause of Prejudice. Virtual. February 3, 2026.

“Abolishing Racism: Creating a Future without Race.” Creator, organizer, and keynote with the Bahá’í Chair for World Peace at the University of Maryland, part of a series on Structural Racism and the Root Cause of Prejudice. Virtual. February 20, 2025.

“Resolving the Race(ism) Dilemma.” Facilitator and organizer with Carlos Hoyt, Ph.D. and LICSW, and Greg Thomas. Virtual, April 5-6, 2024.

“Resolving the Race(ism) Dilemma.” Facilitator and organizer with Carlos Hoyt, Ph.D. and LICSW, and Greg Thomas. Lexington, MA, September 24, 2022.

### CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS

“Navigating the Classics: A Togetherness Wayfinder Approach to Education.” Redefining the Classics, Catholic University. Virtual, April 2025.

“The Future of Antiracism.” Diversity MBA 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Leadership and Recognition Conference. Chicago, Illinois, October 2024.

“The Raceless Antiracist.” Mercatus Center, George Mason University. Virtual, September 2024.

“Raceless Antiracism.” Mercatus Center, George Mason University. Virtual, May 2024.

“The Raceless Antiracist.” Redefining the Classics, Catholic University. Virtual, May 2024.

“The Togetherness Wayfinder.” Neuroawesome Life. Virtual, April 2024.

“A Case for Philosophies of Antirace(ism).” 21st International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, & Nations. Virtual, June 2022.

“How to Undo Race(ism).” Speaker. *WE22*, Society of Women Engineers. Virtual, April 2022.

“How People Unintentionally Uphold Racism.” *From Reflection to Imagination: Making Excellence the “New Normal,”* Association of American Colleges and Universities. Virtual, February 2022.

“Dismantling Race/ist Ideology.” Paper presented at the Human Resources Professionals Association (Canada) Annual Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Conference. Virtual, February 2022.

“Identifying Race(ism).” Speaker. International Conference on “Knowledge, Culture, and Change in Organizations,” University of Auckland. Virtual, Auckland, New Zealand, January 2022.

“Dismantling Race/ist Ideology.” Speaker at “CONNECT Virtual HR Leadership Summit.” Quartz Events. Virtual, July 2021.

“Identifying Race/ist Ideology.” Presenter at the University of Pittsburgh’s *Diversity Forum 2021*. University of Pittsburgh. Virtual, July 2021.

“Undoing Race to Undo Racism.” Presenter. Diversity Symposium, American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Virtual, June 2021.

“A WHITE SLAVE:’ Albinism in Barbara Chase-Riboud’s *Sally Hemings*.” Paper presented at the 2018 Johns Hopkins University Graduate Conference, “Anti-Conference: Resisting the Production of Privilege.” JHU. Baltimore, Maryland, December 2018.

“Redefining What It Means to be Black in America’s Public Sphere.” Paper presented at the 2012 University of Texas San Antonio Graduate Symposium, “Transformations: Gender and Engendering Change.” UTSA, San Antonio, Texas, March 2012.

“Oh, I Think They Like Me: Staggerlee’s Transition to Earning Unpunished Immorality.” Paper presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Undergraduate Literature Conference. Weber State U. Ogden, Utah, April 2008.

“Institutionalized Erasure: Percival Everett’s *Erasure*.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of New York African Studies Association 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. Plattsburgh State University of New York. Plattsburgh, New York, February 2007.

## CONFERENCE PANELS

“Power in Practice: Black Women in Political Leadership.” Moderator and Organizer at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual NYSABPRHAL Conference. Albany, New York, February 2026.

“*The New Negro* at One Hundred: Critical Reflections on Alain Locke’s Vision.” Panelist at Howard University’s Virtual Symposium on Alain Locke’s *The New Negro* Centennial. Virtual, November 2025.

“State of Black Women: One Year Post Election.” Panelist and Organizer by The Xi Beta Sigma Binghamton Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.. Virtual, November 2025.

“From Dissertation to Publication: A Conversation with Faculty and Academic Publishers”  
Panelist at Howard University’s Summer Academy Brown Bag #2. Virtual, August 2025.

“How to Wayfind Together.” Advancing Together Symposium, Office of the US Bahá’í.  
Washington, DC, June 2025.

“Pluralist Lab.” Panelist at the Pluralism Summit by the Mercatus Research Center at George Mason University. Fairfax, Virginia, September 2024.

“Alain Locke’s Philosophy of Race.” Panelist at the “Equity and Solidarity in Perilous Environments” conference by the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. SAAP. Denver, Colorado, March 2023.

“Insurrectionist Ethics.” Panelist at the “Struggles Against Absence” conference by Philosophy Born of Struggle. PBOS. Virtual, November 2022.

“The Theory of Racelessness.” Panelist at the Humanities Center at Texas Tech University. Virtual, April 2022.

“Race, Ethnicity, and Culture: How We See Ourselves vs. How We Are Perceived by Others.”  
Panelist at Prospanica’s “The Only Constant Conference and Career Expo.” Prospanica. Virtual, September 2021.

“Challenging & Preserving: Culture/Multiculturalism & Language.” Panelist at the Centre for Intellectual Excellence’s World of Diversity in Leadership. CIE. Virtual, Alberta, Canada, July 2021.

“A Theory of Racelessness: Tracy K. Smith’s *Wade in the Water*.” Panelist at California Lutheran University’s “Voices of the Nation.” CLU. Virtual, February 2021.

## **SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES**

“Abolishing Race/ism: Toward a Global Ethic of Liberation.” Lecturer at The SOAS World Philosophies Lectures Series. SOAS University of London, Centre for Global and Comparative Philosophies, Virtual, October 2025.

“Navigating the Classics: A Togetherness Wayfinder Approach to Education.” Speaker at Redefining the Classics. Catholic University, April 2025.

“Overcoming Racism: A conversation on finding togetherness and embracing our shared humanity.” Panelist at The Hill Center. Washington, DC, March 2025.

*The Raceless Antiracist*. Book talk at SUNY Oneonta. Oneonta, New York, October 2024.

“Human Migration & DNA Analysis from *The Raceless Antiracist*.” Seminar at the Department of Geographical Sciences at the University of Maryland. College Park, Maryland, November 2023.

“The Anti-Race Workshop Series.” Presented at the Centre for Pan African Thought. Virtual, February 2023.

“Centering Love and Inclusion in our Equity Work and Practice.” Presenting at the District Flex Day. Foothill-De Anza Colleges. Los Altos Hills, California, September 2022.

“The Racelessness Translator.” Presented at SUNY Plattsburgh. Plattsburgh, New York, September 2022.

“TOGETHER.” Presented at the Stella Adler Acting Studio. New York City, August 2022.

“Reimagining Racial Identity.” Panelist at the New Alliances Retreat. New York City, June 2022.

“The Theory of Racelessness.” Presented at the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Summit, Odessa College. Virtual, April 2022.

“Decolonizing America’s Raci(al/st) Imagination.” Speaker at *The Forum on Workplace Inclusion*, Augsburg University. Virtual, March 2022.

“The Theory of Racelessness.” Presented on Eric Osa’s Podcast. Virtual, December 2021.

“Freeing Ourselves.” Interviewed on *Secure the Seat with Minda Harts*. Virtual, November 2021.

“The Theory of Racelessness.” Interviewed on *Cultivated Ignorance*. Virtual, November 2021.

“Combating Racism and Antisemitism Together: Shaping an Omni-American Future.” Keynote Speaker at the Jazz Leadership Project, the American Sephardi Federation, and the Combat Antisemitism Movement. Virtual, October 2021.

“Philosophies of Race(ism).” Uber. Chicago, Illinois, October 2021.

“Identifying Racecraft.” Workshop series. “Crossing Diverse Boundaries for a Common Purpose.” Northwest Public Employees Diversity Conference. Virtual, October 2021.

“Racelessness vs. Race Identity.” Panelist at “American Shade with Brittany King.” American Shade. Virtual, July 2021.

## INVITED TALKS

“From Dissertation to Publication: A Conversation with Faculty and Academic Publishers,” a brown bag summer series for tenure-track junior faculty. Howard University. Virtual, 2025.

“Pluralism Summit,” a union of scholars, students, and policy makers who are working together toward a more inclusive plural society. Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Fairfax, Virginia, 2023 and 2024.

“Race and Contemporary Political Life,” a series of discussions about contemporary conceptions of, conversations on, and political uses of race in the United States. Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. Virtual, 2023.

“Recentering Abolition,” a series of discussions about contemporary conceptions of, conversations on, and political uses of race in the United States. Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. Virtual, 2023.

## COURSES DEVELOPED, MODIFIED, and/or TAUGHT

*Starred items represent new or significantly modified courses.*

*Department of English, SUNY Oneonta (Fall 2021-Present)*

\*ALIT 4099: Independent Study: African American Women Writers in the Secondary Classroom.

\*ALIT 2050: African American Literature.

\*ALIT 3086 and ALS 3086: African American Women Writers.

\*ALIT 394 and ALS 394: Creolization in Literature.

\*ALIT 3051 and ALS 3051: Literature of the Harlem Renaissance.

COMP 100: Composition.

COMP 1111 & EO2: The College Research Essay (AOP/EOP course).

\*COMP 2045: Writing About Literature.

\*COMP 4098: Capstone in English.

COMP 1111 & EO2: Teaching Assistant.

COMP 1000: Teaching Assistant.

COMP 2045 and LITR 3095: Teaching Assistant.

\*COMP 4099: Independent Study in Composition—Writing for Publication.

\*COMP 4099: Independent Study: Poetry: Afrofuturism.

\*COMP 3060: Independent Study: Poetry Workshop.

INTD 1094: Turning Point (AOP/EOP course).

\*WLIT 2071: Postcolonial Literature and Culture: the Americas.

\*WLIT 2070 and ALS 2070: Postcolonial Literature and Culture: Africa.

\*WLIT 3057 and ALS 3057: Modern Black Literature.

*Department of English, Howard University (Spring 2021)*

ENGW 105: Reflective Writing and Portfolios

ENGW 105H: Reflective Writing and Portfolios Honors

*Department of English, California Lutheran University (Spring 2021)*

\*ENGL 350: Studies in African American Literature

*Department of English, College of William and Mary*

\*ENGL 417 and AFST 306: Civil Rights and Its Literature

\*ENGL 417B and AFST 417: The Harlem Renaissance

*Millsaps College, Freedom Summer Collegiate (Summer 2018 and 2020)*

\*Before & Beyond Gender & Feminism

\*Race & Racism: Which Came First?

## STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

- Faculty Supervisor, COMP 4097-02: Internship in English “Student Care and Well-being office Social Media Internship”
- Summer Research Internship: Student did archival research for a forthcoming book project and learned how to edit, upload, and promote educational podcasts.

## STUDENT ART EXHIBITIONS

*Art Across Campus: Bridging Divides.* SUNY Oneonta, [Spring 2026](#).

*Art Across Campus: Bridging Divides.* SUNY Oneonta, [Spring 2025](#).

*Art Across Campus: Bridging Divides.* SUNY Oneonta, [Spring 2024](#).

*Art Across Campus: Bridging Divides.* SUNY Oneonta, [Spring 2023](#).

*Black, White, and Full Color.* SUNY Oneonta, [Spring 2023](#).

*Art Across Campus: Bridging Divides.* SUNY Oneonta, [Spring 2022](#).

## SERVICE

### STUDENT-CENTERED SERVICE

- Undergraduate Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Chartering Member and Faculty Advisor, Fall 2025-Present.
- Black Engaged and Enlightened Feminist Club Faculty Advisor, Fall 2022-Present.
- \*ALIT 4099: Independent Study: African American Women Writers in the Secondary Classroom.
- ALIT 4099: Black Feminism in Literature.

- COMP 1000: Teaching Assistant.
- COMP 1111 & EO2: The College Research Essay (AOP/EOP course).
- COMP 1111 & EO2: Teaching Assistant.
- COMP 2045 and LITR 3095: Teaching Assistant.
- COMP 4097: Internship in English.
- COMP 4099: Independent Study in Composition—Writing for Publication.
- COMP 4099: Independent Study: Poetry: Afrofuturism.
- COMP 3060: Independent Study: Poetry Workshop.
- INTD 1094: Turning Point (AOP/EOP course).

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

- Search Committee Chair, Administrative Assistant 1, Summer 2024-Fall 2024 (second search).
- Search Committee Chair, Administrative Assistant 1, Spring 2024.
- Member, Red Dragon Reading Series Committee, Fall 2022-Present.
- Member, Oneonta Literary Festival Committee, Spring 2023-Spring 2025 and Spring 2026-Present.
- Alternate, Curriculum Committee, Fall 2024.
- Representative, College Senate, 2021-2 & 2023-4.

## **UNIVERSITY-WIDE SERVICE**

- Member, Gallery Advisory Committee, September 2025-Present.
- Lead, Faculty Academy for Inclusive Pedagogy, August 2024-2027.
- Faculty Associate for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI Faculty Associate), August 2024-August 2026.
- Chair, Okanagan Charter Committee, December 2024-Present.
- Member-at-large, Steering Committee, September 2024-December 2024.
- Panelist, “Leading with Pride: Showing Up Authentically in the Times of Political Turbulence.” SUNY System Webinar, November 2024.
- Chair, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, Student Engagement Search Committee, Spring 2024.
- Member, Content Writer Search Committee, Summer 2022-Fall 2022.
- Panelist, “Collaborative Learning Across the Disciplines: A Faculty Roundtable.” SUNY Oneonta TLTC, March 2023.
- Keynote, “Let’s Talk About Race.” New Critics Literary Conference, SUNY Oneonta, Spring 2023.
- Lecturer, “Theory of Racelessness.” Presented at SUNY Oneonta as part of the Alden Scholars Series Lecture, November 2022.
- Teacher, Black History Month 3-part workshop series leader at student-led racial reconciliation classes on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> 2024.

## **LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- WZOZ 103.1—Radio interview regarding the historical and continued significance of Juneteenth. June 2024.
- Introductory speech at the Juneteenth and Black Music Month celebration in Oneonta, NY. June 2024.
- Speaker at the Juneteenth celebration at the First Presbyterian Church in Cooperstown, NY. June 2024.
- “Theory of Racelessness.” Presented at the Cooperstown Library, November 2022.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

## **SISTERHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, AND SERVICE**

The Xi Beta Sigma Binghamton Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho, May 2025-Present.

- Member, Executive Board, August 2025-Present.
- Chair, Social Action Committee, August 2025-Present.
- Member, Expansion Committee, July 2025-Present.
- Member, Marketing Committee, August 2025-Present.

Member-at-large of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., August 2021-May 2025.

The Phi Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho, November 2018-August 2021.

## **DIGITAL MEDIA EDUCATIONAL WORK**

*Togetherness Wayfinder, a Journal. Substack*, Spring 2023-Present.

“Free Your Mind with Dr. Sheena Mason” Podcast:  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/queenshe>.

## **EDITORSHIPS**

Sheena Mason (series editor). *The Anthem Impact in Africana Philosophy and Racial Eliminativism*. Anthem Press, 2024-Present.

## **EDITORIAL BOARDS**

Sheena Mason (editorial board member). *Springer Studies in African Philosophy*. Springer, 2024-Present.

## **INVITED REVIEWS FOR SCHOLARLY MANUSCRIPTS**

Double-blinded Review. “Race First? The Relationship Between Racial Identity Importance and Mental Health among African Americans” for *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*, 2025.

*Midwifery-Led Solutions: Delivering Change in Rural Maternal Healthcare*, by Jacquelyn Alvarado and L. Amy Giles, in preparation for the First Edition. Cognella, 2025.

Blinded Review. *The Postracial Ambition: Eliminating Race, Challenging Racism*. Princeton UP, 2024.

Blinded Review. “The Newman of the Negro Pulpit’: Alexander Crummell and the defense of black imaginations.” *Principia: A Journal of Classical Education*, 2024.

Double-blinded Review. “Moving Past Racial Categories: An Epistemological Comparison with Mental Disorder.” *Journal of Controversial Ideas*, 2024.

Double-blinded Review. “Material Reciprocities, Feminist Intersections, and the Reinvention of Sculptural Tradition.” *American Art*.

Thomas, Starlette. *Take Me to the Water: The Raceless Gospel as Baptismal Pedagogy for a Desegregated Church*. Nurturing Faith, 2023.

## **INVITED REVIEWS FOR NONSCHOLARLY MANUSCRIPTS**

Gussow, Adam. *My Family and I: A Mississippi Memoir*. Emancipation Books, 2025.

Twyman, Winkfield and Jennifer Richmond. *Letters in Black and White: A New Correspondence on Race in America*. Pitchstone, 2024.

## **INVITED MANUSCRIPT WORKSHOP**

Mason, Sheena. “Dignity Without Domination: Racelessness, Opacity, and African Relational Thought.” Purdue University, Leonard Harris’ Dignity Workshop. September 5-6, 2025.

Bartzel, Joe. *Gateway to Reconciliation: St. Louis and the Case for American Transitional Justice*. Manuscript workshop June 2023.

## **NATIONAL & GLOBAL SERVICE**

### **EXECUTIVE & ADVISORY BOARDS**

- Diversity Atlas, Advisory Board Member, March 2024–Present.

- The Dara Ashley Foundation, Scholarship Committee Executive Board Member, February 2023-September 2025.
- Teach Thought, Teacher Professional Development Advisor, March 2022-September 2023.
- Freedom Project Network, Advisory Board, July 2019-September 2025.

## RADIO & TV PROGRAMS

“Should we stop using race as a category.” *Areva Martin in Real Time*. Interviewee, October 2023.

“Dr. Sheena Mason Discusses ‘Theory of Racelessness.’” *Black News Tonight with Marc Lamont Hill*. Interviewee, February 2022.

“Why the ‘Anti-Racist’ Movement is Wrong About Race.” Guest on “Afternoon Tea Radio.” *Afternoon Tea Radio*, July 2021.

“‘Race’ in Today’s Climate.” Guest on *The Inclusive Voice with Pam McElvane* Radio Show. *The Inclusive Voice*, May 2021.

## OTHER PRESS & SELECTED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

### NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

[“Reimagining America’s Story: How unity and justice can shape national narratives.”](#) *Bahá’í World News Service*, September 2025.

[“Higher Education Is a Public Good.”](#) *Daily Star*, September 2025.

[“Scholars and artists envision a future beyond racial categories.”](#) *Bahá’í World News Service*, June 2025.

“Wayfinding Our Ways Together.” Power Partners Podcast, April 2025.

[“Together Without Race.”](#) Free Black Thought Podcast, April 2025.

[Book Review Forum on \*The Raceless Antiracist\*](#). Oxford Public Philosophy, December 2024.

[“DEIJ Hot Takes.”](#) *D. Sinclair Writing*. Interviewee, December 2024.

[“Oneonta Literary Festival Opens with Sheena Mason Book Launch.”](#) *All Ostego*, October 2024.

[“Oneonta launches year-long literary festival.”](#) *The Daily Star*, October 2024.

[“What should we do with race?”](#) *Converging Dialogues Podcast*. Interviewee, October 2024.

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“Critical African Thinkers.” Interviewee, July 2022.

“Groove with Portia.” Interviewee, April 2022.

“The Wayne Carlen Show.” Panelist, April 2022.

“Cylinder Radio.” Interviewee, April 2022.

“Impossible Conversations.” Interviewee, March 2022.

“FAIR Perspectives Podcast.” Interviewee, March 2022.

“The Joseph Jaffee Show.” Interviewee, February 2022.

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“The Reason We Learn.” Interviewee, January 2022.

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## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

Atlantic Institute | Columbia University & Nelson Mandela Foundation  
[Atlantic Fellows for Racial Equity](#), July 2024-July 2025.

Omni-American Future Project | New York, New York  
Omni-American Ambassadors Program, September 2024-February 2025.

### **SUNY Oneonta**

Chancellor’s Horizon Award for Faculty Research and Scholarship, Spring 2025.  
Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, Spring 2025.  
Pillar Award, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, and Spring 2026.  
Esther Hubbard Whitaker Award, Fall 2023.  
Scholar of the Year Award, Fall 2022.

Alden Scholar Lecture Series Award, Fall 2022.

Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Visiting Fellow for the Program on Pluralism and Civil Exchange, September 2023-August 2024.

The Land Institute | Salina, Kansas

Research Consultant for the Perennial Atlas Civic Science Project, July 2023-June 2024.

Institute for Humane Studies

Expense Support Grant, Spring 2023.

Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Pluralism and Civil Exchange Grant, May 2022.

Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Pluralism and Civil Exchange Grant, March 2022.

Diversity MBA

Top 100 Under 50, Executive & Emerging Leaders in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 2021.

Howard University

Student Commencement Speaker, May 2021.

Just-Julian Research Fellowship, 2018-19.

Graduate Assistantship 2016-18 and 2020-21.

Freedom Summer Collegiate

Manne Family Teaching Fellowship, 2020.

Freedom Summer Collegiate Institute Teaching Fellowship, 2018.

SUNY Plattsburgh

Student Commencement Speaker, December 2007.

Advanced Honors Thesis Medal, November 2007.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

Member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.

Member of the African American Literature and Culture Society (AALCS).

Member of the Alain Locke Society.