

# Talia Monet Sharpp

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\*Based in Oakland, CA\*

## EDUCATION

### **Princeton University, Princeton, NJ**

Post-Baccalaureate in Politics and African and African American Studies

### **Hampton University, Hampton, VA**

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Magna Cum Laude with Departmental Honors

## SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Director of Community Programs, SEEDS Community Resolution Center June 2022–November 2024**

- Manage a \$550,000 budget across three departmental program areas: Community Mediation, Public Training, Affiliate Services
- Supervise 3 full time staff: Program Coordinator, Community Programs Case Supervisor, and Conflict Transformation Senior Practitioner
- Led and designed hiring processes and onboarding for the aforementioned three roles
- Oversee the recruitment and professional development of 100 volunteers and 10 part-time practitioners
- Develop curriculum and facilitation protocols for public training certification courses spanning 5 focus areas under the umbrellas of Mediation and Restorative Justice
- Design and implement assessments and evaluations to ensure curricula and programs are responsive to the ongoing needs of community members, clients, partners and volunteers
- Create and facilitate custom curriculum for affiliate services clients that meet the unique needs of each organization ranging from probation departments and law firms to housing cooperatives, and public libraries
- Identify appropriate grant opportunities, steward grant writing process and compose reports in accordance with grant management requirements
- Strategically plan and implement community outreach activities in the form of phone banking, info sessions with community partners, working groups and community events to increase engagement with our public training and community mediation program

### **Assistant Director, University of California, Davis September 2021–March 2022**

#### *LGBTQIA Resource Center*

- Supervised and stewarded leadership development for a team of seven scholar staff in planning and executing programming centered on promoting community, education, and awareness

- Created and facilitated curriculum for fall community coordinator course on understanding and addressing systemic oppression through social justice programming and advocacy
- Served students experiencing crisis and connected them with appropriate university resources as well as developed advocacy strategies to eliminate disparities in services and opportunities for students.
- Designed and led the hiring processes for scholar staff positions.
- Lead development and oversight of Fall Welcome, National Coming Out Day, Trans Day of Resilience, Queer Leadership Retreat, National African American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, Queer Lunar New Year and Black Futures Months events.

#### **Yoga and Social Justice Facilitator, Prana Yoga Shala, Princeton, NJ August 2020-July 2021**

- Created four independent study and classroom modules on the subject of social justice in the historical philosophical texts and contemporary practices of yoga in India and abroad.
- Facilitated discussions of selected readings, led transformative justice organizational accountability process and assigned reflection based assessments from each of the modules.

#### **Predoctoral Research Specialist, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ August 2018-2020**

- Worked as a research assistant to Professor Wendy Laura Belcher to compile Oxford bibliography of queer African studies.
- Worked as research assistant to Professor Anuja Bose to develop a syllabus for 17th and 18th century anti-imperialist thought.
- Co-organized Social Criticism and Political Thought speaker series, chaired conference panel on Neocolonialism and Imperialism, and served as a grad mentor for undergraduate political theory workshop for underrepresented students.

#### **Co-Director of Programming, Girls Going Global, Atlanta, GA, August 2019-May 2020**

- Developed a curriculum for the Girls Going Global Annual International Travel Camp, centered around Yaa Gyasi's 2016 novel *Homegoing*, guiding students to reflect on pressing social issues through the lens of race, gender and class.
- Created and taught lesson plans for in person and virtual classes targeted toward students ages 13 to 17 while training junior college counselors in facilitation of small group activities.
- Designed application and rubric for annual international travel camp applicants and reviewed 300+ applications.

#### **Instructor, Prison Teaching Initiative, Princeton, NJ, September 2018-May 2020**

- Lectured and led weekly discussions for the Women and Gender Studies 110 course toward students' completion of the associate degree from Raritan Valley Community College at Northern State Prison and East Jersey State Prison.
- Selected and trained students in each class to serve as peer tutors for the following semester.

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

**Women of Color Leadstrong Fellowship**, Leaderspring Center, 2024-2025

**UC Davis Staff Leadership Award**, December 2021

**Yoga and Social Justice Fellowship**, Princeton University, 2019-2020

## CERTIFICATIONS

UCSF Repair Certificate in Black Birthing Justice, June 2024

UCSF Repair Certificate in Radical Black Feminist Healing Arts, June 2023

SEEDS Community Resolution Center 40 HR Certified Mediator, June 2022

SEEDS Community Resolution Center Certified Restorative Justice Practitioner, July 2022

Prana Yoga Shala Certified 200 HR Registered Yoga Teacher, December 2019

## SELECTED EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Facilitator, Conflict Transformation for Intergenerational Movement Spaces, Youth Climate Leaders of Color, 2025

Organizer and Facilitator, Mugworts Artist Retreat, 2025

Organizer and Instructor, September Sunrise Yoga - Black Trans Mutual Aid Fundraiser, 2020

Panel Chair and Discussant, Conference on Colonialism, Decolonization and Global Justice, Princeton University, 2019

Organizer, Black Panther Film Screening and Discussion, Broadview Public Library, 2018

Organizer and Panelist, Black Panther Party 50th Anniversary Crown Forum at Morehouse College, 2016

Presenter, "BLACK f[you]tures: Time Travel and Worldmaking in Dystopian Nonfiction"

South Atlantic Modern Language Association 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 2018

College Language Association Convention, 2018

Mellon Mays Southeastern Regional Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 2017

Presenter, "Afrofuturism for Middle School Classrooms"

I/Mages of Tomorrow Conference at Goldsmiths, University of London, 2017

Presenter, "HBCUs & PWIs: Building Activist Alliances"

Black Solidarity Conference at Yale University, 2016