

# Royalti G. Richardson

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## EDUCATION

2021 Bachelor of Arts - Connecticut College, New London, CT

Majors: Sociology and Africana Studies

2017 High School Diploma - George School, Newtown, PA

IB Certificate in Modern Dance

## RESEARCH

### *Interest Areas*

Black Sexuality

Mixed Methodology

Sex Work

Social Movements

Pleasure

Capitalism

### *Writings*

2023 Black Women in Pornography Persuing Erotic Sovereignty Through Individual and Community Action

2021 The African Body in Protest: A Comparative Study of Nigerian & Kenyan Women's Resistance Throughout Colonialism

### *Involvement*

2021 Research Participant

The Big Sex Study. Candice Nicole, Ph.D. University of Kentucky

### *Training*

2020 Mellon Mays Summer Writing and Research Training Program at UCLA

Completed research used in an annotated bibliography

Attended workshops focused on the preparation of graduate school applications

Developed an academic resource network of graduate students and professors at UCLA

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

2022 Writer and Co-Director of *Waiting For Now* (In Production)

In partnership with Brittany Franklin and Lust Cinema

2022 Co-Writer of *Waiting for Now* Companion Booklet (In Production)

Graphic novel about navigating sex for the first time as an adult

2021 Mellon Mays GAP Year Training Program

Attended faculty-led workshops discussing different aspects of the graduate application

Expanded academic network and built strong relationships with peers

Gained valuable insight on making myself distinguishable in the application process

2020-2021 Ambassador, Center for the Critical Study of Race and Ethnicity

Presented, designed, and organized events for the student body focusing on current social issues  
Produced posters and other media to generate student engagement and involvement  
Facilitated discussion between college faculty and CCSRE staff

#### 2020 - 2021 Intern, Africana Studies Program

Assisted in curriculum revision  
Audited existing coursework offerings  
Documented student interests and expectations for the program

#### 2013 A Better Chance Alumna

Preeminent resource for identifying, recruiting, and developing well-educated young people of color who are capable of assuming positions of leadership in American society

### **VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE WORK**

#### 2022 Sex Worker Outreach Project - Los Angeles (SWOP-LA)

Provided cash aid and sexual health products to sex workers in the downtown Los Angeles area

#### 2017 Pokhara, Nepal (Senior Year Service Trip)

Assisted a rural community in rebuilding a schoolhouse

#### 2012 Managua, Nicaragua (Independence Charter School Service Trip)

Assisted in building housing for homeless families in the community

### **AWARDS AND FUNDING**

#### 2021 The Audre Lorde Award

Given to the graduating senior in Africana Studies who best exemplifies the activism and achievements of black lesbian feminist writer and teacher Audre Lorde (1934-1992).

A monetary award of \$150.

#### 2021 Alpha Kappa Delta (ADK)

International Sociology Honors Society

#### 2020 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's initiative to increase faculty diversity in higher education. Monthly stipend of \$800.

#### 2019/2021 Dean's High Honors

Based on a system of GPA thresholds.

For the academic year 2020-2021, the threshold for students was 3.84.

#### 2017 - 2021 Thames Scholarship Recipient

Merit-based scholarship awarded to students who have demonstrated the highest levels of achievement during high school and promise continued achievement at Connecticut College. Annual monetary amount ranges from \$15,000 to \$32,000.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### 2021 Mellon Mays Senior Presentation

Title: Breaking the Silence of Black Women's Sexuality

#### 2020 Mellon Mays Summer Writing and Research Training Program at UCLA

Title: Speak for Yourself: Black Women and Sex  
2020 Mellon Mays Northeast Regional Conference  
Title: Black Women and Sex: The Politics of WAP

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

African Studies Association (ASA)  
American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)