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EDUCATION

The University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

2019 – present PhD student in French Language and Literature
2021 MA in French Language and Literature

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

2017 BA with Highest Honors, Honors Major in French and
Francophone Studies, Honors Minor and Course Major in Gender
and Sexuality Studies

PUBLICATIONS

2022. “D’un roman plus que le nom: Édouard Louis’s Histoire de la violence as a reflexive, gay novel.” *Modern and Contemporary France*, 30:1.

FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

2022 Georges Gérard Continuing Fellowship (UC Berkeley, CA)
2021 French Department Summer Grant (UC Berkeley, CA)
2020 French Department Pajus Summer Grant (UC Berkeley, CA)
Townsend Center Summer Grant (UC Berkeley, CA)
2019 – 2024 Mellon-Berkeley Multi-Year Fellowship (UC Berkeley, CA)
2019 – 2020 Dean’s Travel Grant (UC Berkeley, CA)

SELECT CONFERENCES AND TALKS

2023 MLA International Convention (San Francisco, CA)
Paper title: “AIDS fiction turns eyes to California, in *À l’ami qui ne m’a pas sauvé la vie* and beyond.”

2022 UCLA (Los Angeles, CA)
Guest speaker, along with Mairi McLaughlin and Jennifer Kaplan.
Talk title: “Inclusive French at UC Berkeley: context, methods, pedagogy”

2021 UC Berkeley French Department Work in Progress (WiP)
Paper title: “Who’s a Trans Moroccan? On the Literary and Mediatic (Self-)Figurations of Abdellah Taïa and Sofia Taloni.”

UC Berkeley French Department Lecture
Respondent to Kadji Amin’s talk titled “‘Native Tales’: Human-Simian Sex and Ontologies of Race and Species.”

- 2020 UC Berkeley Symposia in Trans Methods
Public response to Maxe Crandall and Jeanne Vaccaro
- 2018 32ème congrès du CIEF (La Rochelle, France)
Paper title: “La violence (homo)sexuelle, entre texte et polémique : intrusions maghrébines dans l’industrie littéraire française.
- 2018 49th NEMLA Annual Convention (Pittsburgh, PA)
Paper title: “*Lola Pater* et la contribution maghrébine au discours trans mondialisé.”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2022 – 2023 UC Berkeley French Department Job Search Committee
- Graduate student representative on the 2022-23 modernist job search. Responsible for application review, first-stage interviews, and polling graduate student responses following campus visits.
- 2020 – Present UC Berkeley French Department Graduate Student Representative
- Organizer, introducer for for UC Berkeley French Department Rex Lecture series (2021: Emmanuel Bruno Jean-François; 2022: Katie Chenoweth)
 - Liaison and mediator between faculty and graduate student body, attending faculty meetings
 - Spearheading department recruitment efforts, organizing Q&A with prospective students, admit visiting weekends, etc.
- 2020 – 2022 UC Berkeley French and Francophone Film Townsend Working Group Co-Chair
- 2021 Member of UC Berkeley French Department’s task force for gender inclusive language, helped coordinate departmental policies on gender inclusive language across the website, communications, and syllabi

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – Present The University of California, Berkeley
- Graduate Student Instructor for French 1 (Fall 2021), French 2 (Spring 2022), French 3 (Spring 2023)
 - Reader for French 43A, “MAN, WOMAN, OTHER: Across and Beyond the Gender Binary in Francophone Cultures” (Prof. William Burton); designed and taught a guest lecture on Abdellah Taïa’s *Un pays pour mourir* (2015).

2018 – 2019

Coucou French (New York, NY)

Taught French Language and Culture classes at all levels.

Piloted the Coucou Book Club, an in-house literature program.

LANGUAGES

French and English (Native Fluency)

Arabic, MSA and Moroccan Darija (Professional reading fluency, advanced speaking)

Italian (Advanced reading, intermediate speaking)

Ancient Greek (Intermediate reading)