

CARLYN ENA FERRARI  
*Curriculum Vitae*

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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Assistant professor, Department of English, Seattle University, Sept. 2020 – Present

Assistant professor, Department of English, Adelphi University, Aug. 2018 – Aug. 2020

EDUCATION

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2018: Ph.D. in Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2017: Graduate certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2016: Graduate certificate in African Diaspora Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2016: M.A. in Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2009: M.A. in English, San Francisco State University

2006: B.A. in English, Pacific Union College

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Twentieth-century African American literature with concentrations on New Negro Renaissance/Harlem Renaissance women writers, African Diaspora literatures, Black Feminisms, Ecocriticism, and Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

PUBLICATIONS

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**Book projects**

*[Do Not Separate Her from Her Garden: Anne Spencer's Ecopoetics](#)*. Under contract with the University of Virginia Press. (Forthcoming December 2022)

**Articles and Essays**

*["What My Christian High School Taught Me About Being a Black Girl."](#)* *Religion Dispatches*. June 3, 2021.

*["Lessons from Anne Spencer."](#)* *CONSEQUENCE Magazine Online*. October 21, 2020.

*["You Need to Leave Now, Ma'am."](#)* *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. September 8, 2020.

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“On Black Women’s Ecologies.” *Black Perspectives*, published by the African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS), June 2020.

“Anne Spencer’s ‘Natural’ Poetics.” *College Language Association Journal*. vol. 61, no. 4, pp. 185-200, September 2018 (published Fall 2019). [www.jstor.org/stable/10.34042/claj.61.4.0185](http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.34042/claj.61.4.0185). (Refereed journal)

### **Book chapters**

“‘I said nothing’: Teaching *Corregidora* and Black Women’s Relationship to Consent” in *#MeToo and Literary Studies: Reading, Writing, and Teaching About Sexual Assault and Rape Culture*, Bloomsbury Press, October 2021.

“Maxine Waters: ‘I Stood with Coretta Scott King’” in “*It’s Our Movement Now*”: *Black Women’s Politics and the 1977 National Women’s Conference*. Under contract with University of Florida Press. (Forthcoming November 2022)

### **Encyclopedia entries**

Entry on Anne Spencer for *The Harlem Renaissance: An Encyclopedia of Arts, Culture, and History*. (Forthcoming March 2023)

Co-Author with Dania V. Francis, “African American Education Since 1975” in *African American Culture: From Dashikis to Yoruba*, July 2020.

### **Book reviews**

Review of *Sistushs in the Struggle*, by La Donna L. Forsgren; provisionally accepted for *The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics and Culture*, December 2021.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17541328.2021.1996782> (Refereed journal)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Instructor of record**

2022: UCOR 1400: “What’s Going On?”: Song, Story & Soul, Department of English, Seattle University

2022: ENGL/WGST 3910: Race, Gender, Environment, Department of English, Seattle University

2022: ENGL 2030: Encountering Intercultural Literature: “Writing Back, Writing Black,” Department of English, Seattle University

2021: ENGL 2020: Encountering American Literature: “Contesting the Color-line,” Department of English, Seattle University

2021: ENGL/WGST 3910: Black Queer Literature, Department of English, Seattle University

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- 2021: UCOR 1400: “What’s Going On?”: Song, Story & Soul, Department of English, Seattle University
- 2021: ENGL 4850/WGST 4910: Major Authors Seminar: Toni Morrison, Department of English, Seattle University
- 2020: ENGL 3630: Modern African American Literature: “Black Feminist Literature”  
Department of English, Seattle University
- 2020: ENG 495: Independent Study: “Black Women Writers,” Department of English, Adelphi University
- 2020: ENG 611: Genre Development: “The Art of Form,” Department of English, Adelphi University
- 2020: ENG 261/AAS 263: Black Writers II. Department of English, Adelphi University
- 2019: GEN 110: First Year Seminar: What does college mean?, Adelphi University
- 2019: ENG 260/AAS 262: Black Writers I. Department of English, Adelphi University
- 2019: ENG 485: Literature Capstone Seminar. Department of English, Adelphi University
- 2019: ENG 261/AAS 263: Black Writers II. Department of English, Adelphi University
- 2019: ENG 344/AAS 390: Major Authors in English: Introduction to Black Women Writers. Department of English, Adelphi University
- 2018: ENG 328: Twentieth-Century Literature. Department of English, Adelphi University
- 2018: ENG 260/AAS 262: Black Writers I. Department of English, Adelphi University
- 2018: AFROAM 151: African American Literature and Culture. W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst (online)
- 2018: WGSS 297: Black Feminist and Green. Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2017: WGSS 292: Black Feminist Literature. Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2017: AFROAM 101: Introduction to Black Studies. W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2016: AFR 155: Introduction to Black Women’s Studies. Africana Studies, Smith College
- 2016: AFROAM 101: Introduction to Black Studies. W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2016: AFROAM 252H: The Afro-American Image in American Writing. W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

CARLYN ENA FERRARI Curriculum Vitae, cont.

2016: ENGL 1010: Composition I. Chattanooga State Community College (online)

2015: AFROAM 151: African American Literature and Culture. W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst (online)

2015: ENGL 1010: Composition I. Chattanooga State Community College (online)

2014: ENGL 1010: Composition I. Chattanooga State Community College (online)

2010: ENGL 102: Introduction to Literature. Department of English. Pacific Union College

2009: ENGL 101: Introduction to College Writing. Department of English. Pacific Union College

**Teaching Assistant**

2015: AFROAM 151: African American Literature and Culture. W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2015: AFROAM 118: Survey of African American Literature II. W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2014: AFROAM 234: Literature of the Harlem Renaissance. W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

**ADVISING EXPERIENCE**

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Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Mentor, Smith College, September 2017 – Spring 2018

Academic Success Counselor, Pacific Union College, 2010 – 2013

**CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND INVITED LECTURES**

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Graduating Students of Color Celebration, June 11, 2022. Delivered faculty remarks, “Find Your Village.” Office of Multicultural Affairs, Seattle University.

“Anne Spencer’s Environmental Imagination.” Invited lecture, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Washington, May 23, 2022.

Modern Language Association Annual Conference, January 6-9, 2022. Delivered paper, “Anne Spencer’s Poetics of Love.”

*Points South*, an *Oxford American* Podcast, Season 2, Episode 2: “Half My World.” Provided commentary, December 2, 2021.

Quinsigamond Community College Sankofa Lecture Series. Delivered lecture, “Black women and the Politics of Privacy,” November 18, 2021.

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*Novel Climate* Podcast, Episode 5: “Rewriting Hurricane Katrina.” Provided commentary, April 24, 2021.

Dumbarton Oaks Graduate Workshop in Garden & Landscape Studies. Delivered guest lecture, “Black Environmental Writing: Anne Spencer and W.E.B. Du Bois.” May 14, 2021.

College Language Association Annual Conference, April 7-10, 2021. Delivered paper, “What’s Revolutionary about a Garden?: Anne Spencer’s Vision of Nature.”

The 4<sup>th</sup> Emerging Scholars in Africana Studies Conference. Delivered presentation, “Black Environmental Imaginations.” March 27, 2021.

Harvard University Environmental History Working Group. Delivered lecture, “In Search of Their Gardens: Toward a Black Feminist Ecocriticism.” March 23, 2021.

Poetics & the University in Crisis, Virtual Conference Hosted by the Online Journal *Chant de la Sirene*, March 5-7, 2021. Delivered paper, “Feelings on Poetics, Pedagogy, and a Pandemic.”

American Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, Nov 12-15, 2020. Paper accepted, “Anne Spencer’s Poetic Justice.”

Furious Flower 2019 Summer Legacy Seminar: “‘The Living Truth’: The Life and Work of Nikki Giovanni,” James Madison University, June 16-22, 2019. Attended seminar and co-facilitated pedagogy presentation, “Witness + Work To Do.”

International Conference on Chinese/American Poetry and Poetics, Wuhan, China, December 6-9, 2018. Delivered paper, “Anne Spencer’s Eccentric Poetics.”

College Language Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 4-7, 2018. Organized panel, “Geographies of Blackness: Articulating Race and Space.” Paper accepted, “‘Celie, you a tree’: Natural World Imagery in *The Color Purple*.”

“Recruiting and Managing Effective Mentors in Graduate School,” Smith College, October 4, 2017. Invited panelist on Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship roundtable on graduate school mentoring.

Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 27-October 1, 2017. Organized panel, “Race and Place: Reimagining the Cartographies of Blackness.” Delivered paper, “‘Naturally’ Unconventional Poetics in Black Women’s Writing.”

College Language Association Annual Conference, Columbia, Missouri, April 5-8, 2017. Delivered paper, “‘This Small Garden Is Half My World’: Anne Spencer’s ‘Naturally’ Liberated Black Womanhood.”

UMass Amherst Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies Annual Conference, Amherst, Massachusetts, March 31, 2016. Delivered paper, “Black Women’s Writings and Ecopoetics.”

Feminist Pedagogies in Difficult National Moments, University of Massachusetts Amherst, November 2016. Invited participant in a panel on teaching race, gender, and identity.

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Graduate Student Orientation, University of Massachusetts Amherst, September 2016. Invited panelist on “Teaching Undergraduates Effectively: Advice from Outstanding Teaching Assistants in the Humanities and Fine Arts.”

Afro-American Studies Academic Workshop Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Spring 2016. Commented on paper, “Black Male Feminism and the Evolution of Du Boisian Thought, 1903-1920.”

Graduate Student Orientation, University of Massachusetts Amherst, September 2015. Invited panelist on “Teaching Undergraduates Effectively: Advice from Outstanding Teaching Assistants in the Humanities and Fine Arts.”

“Exile and Bodily Appropriation in Edwidge Danticat’s *Breath, Eyes, Memory*.” Invited lecture, English Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst, February 26, 2015.

National Council of Black Studies Annual Conference, Los Angeles, California, March 11-14, 2015. Delivered paper, “‘And Write It Back to Me’: The Evolution of African American Female Representations in Nineteenth-Century Literature.”

Humanities Education Research Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, April 8-11, 2015. Paper accepted, “Masks in Mirrors: A Psychoanalytic Reading of Masking and Passing.”

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2022: Institute for Citizens & Scholars Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty (six-month award)

2022: Summer Faculty Fellowship, Awarded by the College of Arts & Sciences, Seattle University

2021: Summer Faculty Fellowship, Awarded by the Office of Sponsored Projects/Provost’s Office, Seattle University

2020: William A. Elwood Fellowship in Civil Rights and African-American Studies, Summer Visiting Fellow, University of Virginia

2020: W. E. B. Du Bois Center Post-Doctoral Fellowship, awarded by UMass Amherst Libraries at University of Massachusetts Amherst

2019: Adelphi University Teaching Fellow, awarded by Office of the Provost and Faculty Center for Professional Excellence

2019: Provost Summer Development Fellowship, Adelphi University

2019: Esther M. Terry Award for the Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation in Afro-American Studies (2018), W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2017: Sigma Tau Delta Alumni Epsilon Scholarship

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2017: Joyce Avrech Berkman Endowed Fund for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship, Department of Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2017: Graduate School Summer Dissertation Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2016: William A. Elwood Fellowship in Civil Rights and African-American Studies, Summer Visiting Fellow, University of Virginia

2015: Graduate School Travel Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2013: University Graduate Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst 2006: Departmental Commendation Award for Writing, Pacific Union College

2006: B.A. *summa cum laude*, Pacific Union College

DISCIPLINARY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

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Honors thesis committee member, Department of Anthropology, Seattle University, Spring 2022

Member, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies Program Executive Committee, Seattle University, Fall 2021-Present

Member, Student Outreach Committee, Seattle University, Fall 2021-Present

Honors thesis committee member, Adelphi University Honors College, Fall 2019

Member and Diversity Advocate, Search committee for English Department Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Multi-Ethnic Literature of the U.S., Adelphi University, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Member, Student Success Coordinating Committee, Adelphi University, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee, Adelphi University, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Alumni Mentor, Pioneer Connect, Pacific Union College, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Co-organizer, English Department Soapbox Series, Adelphi University, Spring 2019 – Spring 2020

Faculty Advisor, English Honor Society (Sigma Tau Delta), Adelphi University, Spring 2019 – Spring 2020

Member, LIRACHE (Long Island Regional Advisory Council on Higher Education), October 2018 – August 2019

Member, Curriculum and Assessment Committee, English Department, Adelphi University, Fall 2018 – Spring 2020

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Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, African, Black and Caribbean Studies Program, Adelphi University,  
Fall 2018 – Spring 2020

Undergraduate Mentor for Each One Reach One undergraduate mentoring program, Center for Multicultural  
Advancement and Student Success, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

Treasurer, W.E.B. Du Bois Department Graduate Student Organization, University of Massachusetts  
Amherst, Fall 2015 – Spring 2017

Co-Chair, W.E.B. Du Bois Department Graduate Student Organization, University of Massachusetts  
Amherst, Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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College Language Association (Lifetime Member)  
Langston Hughes Society (Lifetime Member)  
Modern Language Association  
Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society

#### REFERENCES

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James Smethurst, Ph.D.  
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Steven Tracy, Ph.D.  
Distinguished University Professor of Afro-American Studies  
W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies  
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