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EDUCATION

- September 2025 MSc. Social and Cultural Anthropology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2023 B.A. Anthropology & International Studies (Honors) Minor: Africana Studies, State University of New York at Potsdam

RESEARCH AREAS

Black/African Expressionism; Textiles; Diaspora return; Affective Repair; Kinship and Craft; Identity ; Making of the Self; Visual and Material Culture; Fashioning; Social Reproduction; Embodiment; Performativity; Third culturalism; Memory

PRESS & MEDIA

[KU Leuven KICK - The place to be for \(student\) entrepreneurship at KU Leuven](#)

[Supetai Project KU Leuven RISE Entry](#)

[From polluting plastic to key rings: students set up recycling center in Kenya](#)

[Supetai Project Final Report](#)

[What is anthropology? Discover the Master's in Anthropology at KU Leuven](#)

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[Pangaea Welcome Video](#)

[Meet our students - SIMI @ KU LEUVEN](#)

[SUNY Potsdam Collegiate Anthropologist '23](#)

[SUNY Potsdam Collegiate Anthropologist '22: p.26 to 28](#)

[Fertile Ground for Exploration](#)

[No Wahala: Struggle for gendered language as Nigerian-American | Simisola Macaulay | TEDxSUNY Potsdam](#)

[Welcome to SUNY Potsdam Video](#)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2025 "Okan Ji (Stolen Soul) & Şişe Àdìrẹ: Making of Adire (To be Yoruba)". Heritage, Memory and Transatlantic Black Histories Panel; Anthropology and the Black Experience, Dakar, SEN
- 2024 "Beyond Desires: Understanding and Addressing Racial Fetishization of Black Women in Intimate and Sexual Relationships". Bodies, Sexuality, Intimacy Panel; Anthropology Southern Africa Conference, Johannesburg, RSA

FOR and IN THE FIELD

- 2025 Head Organizer “REsistance, REfuge and REstoratiOn” Colloquia,
Social and Cultural Anthropology Department, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2024 -2025 Supetai Project; KiCK Leuven, Belgium & Ewaso Ngiro, Kenya, Katholieke Universiteit
Leuven
- 2024 “Beyond Desires: Understanding and Addressing Racial Fetishization of Black Women in
Intimate and Sexual Relationships”. Bodies, Sexuality, Intimacy Panel; Anthropology Southern
Africa Conference, Johannesburg, RSA
- 2024 “Şíşe ÁDiRE: Making of Adire (To be Yoruba)”. Fieldwork for Masters Thesis, Abeokuta,
Nigeria
- 2023 Archival Internship and Oral History Project; United African Alliance Community Center,
Arusha, Tanzania
- 2023 Editor-in-Chief, Collegiate Anthropologist, SUNY Potsdam Department of Anthropology
- 2022 President; Anthropology Club, SUNY Potsdam Department of Anthropology
- 2022 International Academic Program to Tanzania; Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, USA &
Tanzania
- 2022 Assistant Editor; Collegiate Anthropologist, SUNY Potsdam Department of Anthropology

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2025 “Most Potential” Award, Supetai Team, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2023 Lambda Alpha Award, SUNY Potsdam
- 2023 Thomas & Elizabeth Omohundro Anthropology Scholarship Spring, SUNY Potsdam
- 2023 Thomas Stone Award, SUNY Potsdam
- 2023 Donald Armagost Award, SUNY Potsdam
- 2023 Cheryl McMartin Memorial Award, SUNY Potsdam
- 2023 International Studies Award, SUNY Potsdam
- 2023 Departmental Scholar for International Studies, SUNY Potsdam
- 2023 SUNY Chancellor Award for Student Excellence, SUNY Potsdam
- 2022-23 Kilmer Scholar, SUNY Potsdam

- 2022-23 US State Department; Gilman Scholar, SUNY Potsdam
- 2022 Judy Weise Memorial Scholarship for Study Abroad Scholarship Fall, SUNY Potsdam
- 2022 John F & Anne C Schwaller Scholarship for Study Abroad Scholarship Fall, SUNY Potsdam
- 2022 Gail and Richard Stradling Travel Endowment: Passport to Possibilities Scholarship Fall, SUNY Potsdam

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2024 - 2025 Volunteer Coordinator; Pangaea, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2023 - 2025 Student Ambassador, Marketing and Communications Office, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2021 - 2022 Leadership and Event Coordinator, Office of Campus Life, SUNY Potsdam
- 2022 - 2023 Peer Study Abroad Counselor, Center for Applied Learning, SUNY Potsdam
- 2021 - 2022 Student Ambassador, Office of College Advancement, SUNY Potsdam
- 2021 - 2022 Student Ambassador, Office of Admissions, SUNY Potsdam

INTERNSHIPS

- 2023 - 2025 Departmental Student Representative, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2023 - 2024 Pangea Volunteer, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2024 Micro Internship; U21(Housing First Auckland), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- 2023 Clerical Intern, Westchester Department Of Social Services
- 2021 HR Intern, Westchester Department Of Social Services