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SUMMARY

Educator • Mentor • Researcher

- **Transformative and award-winning Educator** with 5+ years of experience in teaching, advising, and facilitation in the university environment. Dedicated to the dialogical and innovative teaching and learning while at the same time committed to the Liberal Arts educational foundations.
- **Dynamic Mentor** that offered guidance and support for students during courses, and while making major life decisions such as graduate school and career choices.
- **Creative Researcher and Theorician** who developed a new branch of critical space studies with a growing public presence in the space community regarding advocacy and education.
- **Recent Ph.D in Theory and Criticism** whose work focuses on the social, political, and historical aspects of space exploration, coloniality, and the futures in space.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Social Theory
- Sociology
- Political Theory
- Decolonial Theory
- Political Science
- Gender Studies
- Teaching
- Facilitation
- Mentoring
- Research
- Problem-solving
- Analysis

EDUCATION

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| PhD, Theory and Criticism
Western University, London Ontario
<i>American Space Exploration and Social Theory</i> | 2020 |
| MA, Liberal Studies
DePaul University, Chicago, IL
<i>Social and Political Theory</i> | 2014 |
| BA, Liberal Studies
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
<i>Communications and International Relations</i> | 2011 |

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

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| The Emerging 5.0 Era with Timiebe Aganaba
<i>McGill Space Institute Seminar Series</i>
Invited Panelist | March 2021 |
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- The Cosmological Common** **February 2021**
Presentation at the Commons in Space, IASC conference 2021
Presenter
- Ethical Exploration and the Role of Planetary Protection** **November 2020**
White Paper submission to the Planetary Science and Astrobiology Decadal Survey
Co-Author, Advisor on Decoloniality
- The Cosmos is Not Finished** **October 2020**
PhD Thesis
Author
- Is there a Future in Outer Space?** Toronto, Canada **March 2019**
Medusa Conference
Co-Author and Presenter
- Toxic/ity Round Table,** London, ON **March 2018**
Interdisciplinary Conference, Western University
Panelist, Decolonial Theorist

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The University of Western Ontario, London, ON **Sept 2019 – May 2020**
Sept 2014 – May 2018

Educator

Award-winning and innovative teaching assistant that facilitated weekly lessons, mentored students and co-developed courses. Used a wide range of research and instructional techniques. Disciplines: Political Science, Sociology, Gender Studies, and Philosophy.

- **Prepared and delivered lectures** on social theory, political science, and philosophy
- **Facilitated and designed weekly lessons** and seminars.
- **Mentored** domestic and international students, helping them with career and graduate school decisions.
- **Received two teaching awards** for exemplar and creative work in teaching, educational development, and student advising.

Decolonial (Space) Reading Group **Oct 2020 – Current**

Reading group designed for space professionals to engage with political and social thought about space exploration and its impact on the environment.

Founder and Facilitator

- **Designed a monthly online reading group** dedicated to decolonial theory as its relation to the Earth environment and space exploration.
- **Created an interdisciplinary reading list** based on 6 years of extensive research.
- **Facilitates monthly discussions** and collaborated with those of other disciplines to ensure interdisciplinary comprehension.
- **Consults for industry professionals and graduate students** on decoloniality, American Space policy and visions of the future for strategic planning purposes.

Space Generation Advisory Council

Oct 2020 – Current

SGAC Ethics and Human Rights Working Group

Special Advisor, Space Ethics and History

Invited to advise on the SGAC space ethics working group because of my educational expertise in space exploration and philosophy.

- **Evaluated ethical and philosophic materials for relevance, rigor, and quality.**
- **Advised on ethical categorization and** developed archive structure.
- **Educated members of the working group on** philosophic and theoretical debates, parameters and discourses.

PSAC Local 610, London, ON

Oct 2019 – Current

Graduate Student Union for GTA at The University of Western Ontario

Election Manager

Came into role to oversee and manage elections, ensuring a fair and unbiased process. Maintained diversity and inclusion standards.

- **Renovated election platform to be completely digital** and collaborated with upper management to insure election performance.
- **Managed 4 concurrent and 3 simultaneous elections** that required detailed planning and multitasking.
- **Adapted quickly to technological and procedural issues** that arose during elections.

The University of Western Ontario, London, ON

August 2018 – August 2019

Wellness Education Centre

Program Manager

Promoted to the role of coordinator to supervise the wellness space on campus during organizational restructuring with the objective of creating a swift and easy transition plan. Managed and mentored the 25+ staff members and their intensive training while at the same time overseeing the various wellness projects across campus. This role required strategic vision, and a detailed organizational skill set. From event planning, such as *Bell Let's Talk* to coordinating wellness initiatives across campus, the portfolio involved community and university stakeholders and relations, campus wide engagement, and student education programing.

- **Managed a diverse group of student volunteers** training them to facilitate wellness discussion and education.

- **Increased social media engagement by 80% from the previous year**, while producing social media content on a daily and weekly basis.
- **Coordinated 7 successful educational campaigns over course of the academic year** while increasing student engagement through workshops, events and workgroups.
- **Collaborated with 10+ campus and community groups to promote wellness through lectures, workshops, and events**, as such Anova, therapy dogs, and student groups.
- **Developed 5 distinct wellness education collections** while maintaining 7 other collections totaling over 20,000 resources available to students and the community.
- **Developed and Implemented the yearly strategic plan** making sure that it fit with both the new Western Experience strategic plan and the transition plan for the Centre itself.
- **As this position was phased out under the new strategic plan**, I took the opportunity to finish my PhD.

PSAC Local 610, London, ON

2018

Strategy Coordinator

Promoted to the Coordinator position to developed and Implemented the strategic vision for Local 610 during negotiations. Produced a full communication plan to effectively engage national and local stakeholders. Created a responsive organizational unit to manage communications, tactics, policy, and planning to support the negotiation team.

- **Successfully developed a strategic plan and organizational unit that negotiated \$700,000 more than initially offered during negotiations.**
- **Increased graduate student engagement by 60% during negotiations.**
- **Implemented a successful counter social media campaign that increased social media engagement by 50%.**
- **Developed internal policy to retain local control over strategic action.**

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

PSAC Local 610, London, ON

Oct 2018 – August 2019

Graduate Student Union for GTA at The University of Western Ontario

Art and Humanities Coordinator

Represented graduate student interests and managed conflict resolution for the various stakeholders.

- **Negotiated with various stakeholders** to solve course or departmental issues to create a better working and learning environment.
- **Planned and implemented communications** regarding policy or organizational changes.
- **Documented all issues brought to be for archiving and future strategy planning** to ensure organizational memory. Analyzed past and current situations for creative solutions and strategy opportunities.
- **Lesioned with national and international partners to strengthen organizational goals.**

The University of Western Ontario, City, ST

June 2016

American Studies Graduate Program Review

Curriculum and Program Reviewer

Recruited to review Western's American Studies program during its merge with the History department. Researched the history, function, and analytics of the program to produce a review and recommendation document for greater student recruitment and success.

- **Reviewed entire UWO American studies program and curriculum** to produce an advisory review to be implemented within 3 years.
- **Evaluated student progress and retention** to better advise on the program merger.
- **Collaborated with stakeholders** to ensure the success of the program and its students during the departmental restructuring.

The University of Western Ontario, London, ON

August 2015 – August 2018

Centre for Theory and Criticism graduate student Forum

Graduate Student Representative

Chaired student forum, planned and implemented student governance, listened and negotiated with various stakeholders to successfully implement a cultural change resulting in higher female student retention.

- **Successfully advocated for and co-developed** a diversity, equity, and inclusion faculty committee to oversee the Centre's culture and inclusion.
- **Chaired monthly meetings to engage with the student body's concerns and ideas** then advocated on their behalf at meetings, on committees and through the documentation. This resulted in a more open and inclusive culture at the Centre.
- **Successfully advocated for changes to Theory curriculum to be more diverse** in topics, race, class, and gender. Successfully advocated for structural changes that resulted in more women and people of color as faculty and students.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Mission: Interplanety Podcast

April 2021

By ASU and Slate; Dr. Andrew Maynard and Cady Coleman

Decolonial Theorist, Interviewed

The Troubling Rhetoric of Space Exploration

March 2021

By Joelle Renstrom

Decolonial Theorist, Interviewed

What is the Legacy of Colonialism in Space Exploration?

February 2021

Interviewed by Filling-space.com

Decolonial Theorist, Interviewed

AREAS OF TEACHING EXPERTISE

- Sociology
- Social Theory
- Colonialism and Decoloniality
- Political Science
- American Space History

- Gender Studies
 - Political Economy
 - Critical Thinking
 - Creative Thinking
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AWARDS

- Graduate Teaching Award, 2018. \$500
 - Graduate Teaching Award, 2016. \$500
 - Western Entrance Scholarship, 2014. \$2,000
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Association for the Study of the Commons
 - Moon Village Association
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