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EDUCATION

- PhD** University of California, Los Angeles *[expected]* June 2026
European Languages and Transcultural Studies: French and Francophone Studies
- MA** San Francisco State University, Comparative Literature May 2020
Graduate Distinguished Achievement Award
Thesis: "Re-Membering the Past: Schwarz-Bart, Trouillot, and Gyasi"
- BA** Mills College, Transcultural Francophone Studies May 2018
summa cum laude
Minor in Spanish and Spanish American Studies
Thesis: "Regard colonial, voix retrouvée: Assia Djébar et la récupération de l'histoire"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA** Mar 2022 to Jun 2022
Teaching Assistant, European Languages and Transcultural Studies
French 3
- University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA** Jan 2022 to Mar 2022
Teaching Assistant, European Languages and Transcultural Studies
French 2
- University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA** Sep 2021 to Dec 2021
Teaching Assistant, European Languages and Transcultural Studies
French 1
- University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA** April 2021 to June 2021
Reader, History
History of France: Making of Modern France, 1871 to Present
- San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA** Aug 2019 to May 2020
Graduate Teaching Associate, Modern Languages & Literatures
First Semester French

San Francisco State University , San Francisco, CA Graduate Assistant , Comparative and World Literature Myths of the World	Jan 2019 to May 2019
IAU College , Aix-en-Provence, France Teaching Assistant & Alumni Fellow , French Food Studies	May 2018 to July 2018
Mills College , Oakland, CA Teaching Assistant , French & Francophone Studies Intermediate French	Jan 2017 to May 2017

TUTORING AND ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

Mills College , Oakland, CA Peer Tutor , Office of Learning, Advising, & Balance	Jan 2015 to May 2018
Mills College , Oakland, CA Note Taker , Student Access and Support Services	Oct 2016 to May 2017
Mills College , Oakland, CA Writing Center Tutor , Office of Learning, Advising, & Balance	Aug 2016 to Dec 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

San Francisco State University , San Francisco, CA Graduate Student Assistant , Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies	Jan 2019 to Aug 2019
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CONFERENCES

“From Troubadour/Trobairitz to Troubarello: Proto-Félibresses and Temporal Translation,” *From Romance to Romance: Translating Medieval and Early Modern Romance Vernacular Texts (13th-18th c.)*, University of California, Los Angeles, January 23-24, 2023. *Invited talk.*

“‘Au milieu des guerres et des tempêtes’: Guadeloupean and Global Disaster in *Ady, soleil noir.*” Pacific Modern Language Association, University of Los Angeles, California, November 11-13, 2022. *Invited talk.*

“‘La société se vengera:’ *Ourika*’s Intersecting Limits.” Northeast Modern Language Association, Baltimore, Maryland, March 10-13, 2022.

“‘Ma poi chi è italiano?:’ Complicating Difference in *Scontro di civiltà per un ascensore a Piazza Vittorio.*” *Closeness in Distance*, Indiana University, March 26, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“Memory, Text, and Power: Ken Bugul, Edward Said, and Colonial Education.” [*Portals: A Journal of Comparative Literature*](#), vol. 16, Spring 2019.

Interviews

Interviews with [Ana Bayat](#), [Marie Ostby](#), [Amin Moghadam](#), and [Shirin Vossoughi](#) on *With a Trace: Documenting and Sharing the Experiences of the Iranian Diaspora*.

“Media Matters: discussing journalism in the age of Trump with Aboubakr Jamaï.” [The Campanil](#), 11 March 2017.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship**, Center for European and Russian Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (September 2022-June 2023).
- **Summer Backstop Fellowship**, Department of European Languages and Transcultural Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (June-September 2022)
- **Tuition Scholarship**, Institut d’Avignon, Bryn Mawr College (June-July 2022)
- **Summer Mentored Research Fellowship**, Humanities Division, University of California, Los Angeles (June-November 2021)
- **Pi Delta Phi**, UCLA Gamma Chapter (June 2021)
- **European Studies Fellowship**, Department of French and Francophone Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (2020-2024)
- **Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Achievement** in Comparative Literature at San Francisco State University (May 2020)
- **Germaine Thompson Prize** for outstanding achievement in French and Francophone studies at Mills College (April 2018)
- **Elisabeth Siekhaus / Elfenworks Scholarship** for achievement in interdisciplinary studies in languages, literatures, and arts at Mills College (June 2017)
- **Certificado de Honor** (Certificate of Honor) in Spanish-language studies through Mills College’s Spanish program (April 2017, April 2018)
- **Phi Beta Kappa, Zeta Chapter** at Mills College (March 2017)

LANGUAGES

- **English**: Native
- **French**: Near-native
- **Spanish**: Advanced
- **Catalan**: Intermediate / Advanced
- **Italian**: Intermediate / Advanced (reading)
- **Occitan / Provençal**: some reading knowledge

MEMBERSHIPS

Modern Language Association, Women in French, Western Society for French History, Northeast Modern Language Association, Pacific Modern Language Association.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Francophone African diasporic literature (20th-21st century), histories of migration & diaspora, immigration and refugee studies, memory studies, media representation and history, Catalan literature in France, translation and adaptation.