

Education

- University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA) Ph.D Urban Education Policy with a concentration in Higher Education (in progress). 2017- Present
Advisor: Dr. Julie Posselt
- University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) Master of Arts in Higher Education Program with a concentration in Diversity and Social Justice 2016
- Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA) Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Asian Studies and History 2011

Professional Experience

- Diversity and Inclusion Graduate Intern, Student Life and Housing, University of Michigan 2015-2017
- Practice Teaching Facilitator for Graduate Student Instructor Orientation, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan 2016
- Curriculum and Student Services Administrator, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan 2012-2015

Research

Interests

Whiteness in institutional policy, practices, and programs; white privilege; systems of racism and white supremacy; campus racial equity; qualitative methods.

- NSF ASPIRE project with Dr. Julie Posselt, University of Southern California 2018-Present
- NSF FIELD project with Dr. Julie Posselt, University of Southern California 2017-Present
- Higher Education Access and Equity Project with Dr. Julie Posselt, University of Michigan 2015-2016

Research Presentations

- Nunez, A. M., Posselt, J., Hallmark, T., Rivera, J., and **Southern, D.** (2019). Geological Fieldwork: A Developmental Rite of Passage with Implications for Diversity. Empirical paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Southern, D. (2018). Conceptualizing Whiteness and Power in U.S. Higher Education: Meritocracy and the Structure that Facilitates Social Reproduction. Scholarly paper presented at the Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference, Tampa, Florida.
- Southern, D. (2018). Conceptualizing White Privilege in U.S. Higher Education: Meritocracy and the Resources that Facilitate Social Reproduction. Conceptual framework presented at the Sociology of Education Association Conference, Pacific Palisades, California.
- Southern, D. (2016). Investigation of the School of Education Diversity Strategic Plan. Presented at the GSCO/BET School of Education Graduate Student Conference, University of Michigan.

Teaching Experience

- Future Faculty Teaching Institute, Center for Excellence in Teaching, 2019

University of Southern California

EDUC 657: Social Foundations of Research with Dr. Adriana Kezar, Urban Education Policy program, University of Southern California 2018

Diversity and Inclusion Training, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan 2015

Honors and Awards

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention 2019

Rossier Dean's Fellowship, University of Southern California 2017-Present

Student Academic Multicultural Initiatives Fellowship, University of Michigan 2016

Rackham Summer Award, University of Michigan 2016

Professional and Academic Service

Session Chair, Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference 2018

Leadership Board, The Student Community of Ph.D.'s in Education, University of Southern California 2018-2019

Volunteer Alumna Interviewer, Office of Admissions, Occidental College 2018-Present

Student Workshop Facilitator for The Program on Intergroup Relations, University of Michigan 2016

Graduate Student Facilitator, Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity for the School of Education, University of Michigan 2015-2016

Student Ambassador, Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, University of Michigan 2016-Present

Focus Group Facilitator, College of Engineering Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Assessment, University of Michigan 2016

Undergraduate Education Climate Committee, University of Michigan 2014-2016

College Graduate Coordinator Committee, University of Michigan 2013-2015

Professional Affiliations

Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)

Critical Race Studies in Education Association (CRSEA)

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)

Sociology of Education Association (SEA)