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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

B.A. in Communication

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Masters of Library Service

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Masters in Adult Education / Certificate in Distance Education

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Ph.D. in Communication, Information and Library Studies

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Awarded a 2008 American Library Association Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship

Inaugural Fellow in the Pre-Doctoral Leadership Development Institute

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The School of Information Sciences

The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL

Assistant Professor, 2012 – present

Director, Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MS/LIS) Program,
2017 – present

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Teaching Assistant / Part-Time Lecturer, 2009 – 2012

PUBLICATIONS AND CREATIVE WORKS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Cooke, N. A., & Jacobs, J. A. (2018). Diversity and cultural competence in the LIS classroom: A curriculum audit. *Urban Library Journal*, 24 (1). Retrieved from

<https://academicworks.cuny.edu/ulj/vol24/iss1/2>

Gibson, A. N., Chancellor, R. L., **Cooke, N. A.**, Park Dahlen, S., Lee, S. A., & Shorish, Y. L.

(2017). Libraries on the frontlines: Neutrality and social justice. *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: An International Journal*, 36(8), 751-766.

Ceja Alcalá, J., Colón-Aguirre, M., **Cooke, N. A.**, & Stewart, B. (2017). A critical dialogue:

Faculty of color in library and information science. *InterActions: UCLA Journal of Education and Information Studies*, 13(2). 13 pp.

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Cooke, N. A. (2017b). Post-truth, truthiness, and alternative facts: Information behavior and critical information consumption for a new age. *The Library Quarterly: Information, Community, Policy*, 87(3), 211-221. [Invited work].

Cooke, N. A. (2017a). The GSLS Carnegie Scholars: Guests in someone else's house. *Libraries: Culture, History, and Society*, 1(1), 46-71.

- Cooke, N. A. (2016d). Information sharing, community development, and deindividuation in the eLearning Domain. *Online Learning* (the official journal of the Online Learning Consortium), 20(2).
<https://olj.onlinelearningconsortium.org/index.php/olj/article/view/614>
- Radford, M. L., Connaway, L. S., Mikitish, S., Alpert, M., Shah, C., & **Cooke, N. A.** (2017). Shared values, new vision: Collaboration and communities of practice in virtual reference and SQA. *Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology*, 68(2), 438-449. doi: 10.1002/asi.23668
- Cooke, N. A.**, Sweeney, M. E., & Noble, S. U. (2016). Social justice as topic and tool: An attempt to transform a LIS curriculum and culture. *The Library Quarterly: Information, Community, Policy*, 86(1), 107-124.
- Jaeger, P. T., **Cooke, N. A.**, Feltis, C., Hamiel, M., Jardine, F., & Shilton, K. (2015). The virtuous circle revisited: Injecting diversity, inclusion, rights, justice, and equity into LIS from education to advocacy. *The Library Quarterly: Information, Community, Policy*, 85(2), 150-171.
- Cooke, N. A. (2014c). Connecting: Adding an affective domain to the information intents theory. *Library & Information Science Research*, 36(3), 185-191.
- Cooke, N. A. (2014b). The Spectrum doctoral fellowship program: Enhancing the LIS professoriate. *InterActions: UCLA Journal of Education and Information*, 10(1). Retrieved from <http://escholarship.org/uc/item/7vb7v4p8> 19pp.
- Cooke, N. A. (2014a). Pushing back from the table. *Polymath: An Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Journal*, 4(2), 39-49. Retrieved from <https://ojcs.isg.siue.edu/ojs/index.php/polymath/article/view/2934>
- Cooke, N.A.**, & Hensley, M.K. (2013). The critical and continuing role of library and information science curriculum in the teacher training of future librarians. *Information Research*, 18(3). Available at <http://InformationR.net/ir/18-3/colis/paperS02.html> 8pp. (Winner of a CoLIS 8 Best Paper Award)
- Radford, M.L., Connaway, L.S., Mikitish, S., Alpert, M., Shah, C., & **Cooke, N. A.** (2013). Conceptualizing collaboration and community in virtual reference and social question and answer services. *Information Research*, 18(3). Available at <http://InformationR.net/ir/18-3/colis/paperS06.html> 10pp.
- Cooke, N. A. (2012). Professional development 2.0 for librarians: Developing an online personal learning network (PLN). *Library Hi Tech News*, 29(3), 1-9.
- Cooke, N. A. (2010). Becoming an andragogical librarian: Using library instruction as a tool to combat library anxiety and empower adult learners. *New Review of Academic Librarianship*, 16(2), 208-227. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13614533.2010.507388>
- Cooke, N. A. (2004). The role of libraries in web-based distance education: An account and an analysis of the impact of web technology on distance learning - what remains unchanged, what is changing. *Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning*, 1(4), 47-57.

Books Authored, Co-Authored, Edited, Co-Edited

- Cooke, N. A. (2018). *Fake News and Alternative Facts: Information Literacy in a Post-Truth Era*. Chicago, IL: ALA Editions.
- Cooke, N. A.**, & Sweeney, M. E. (Eds.) (2017). *Teaching for Justice: Implementing Social Justice in the LIS Classroom*. Sacramento, CA: Library Juice Press. 326 pp.

- Cooke, N. A. (2016). *Information Services to Diverse Populations: Developing Culturally Competent Library Professionals*. ABC-CLIO / Libraries Unlimited. 166 pp.
- Cooke, N. A., & Teichmann, J. (2012).** *Instructional Strategies and Techniques for Information Professionals*. Oxford: Chandos Publishing. 144 pp.

Chapters in Books (in print or accepted)

- Cooke, N. A. (In press b). Creating mirrors and doors in the curriculum: Diversifying and Re-Envisioning the MLIS. In L. C. Sarin, J. Percell, P. T. Jaeger, and J. C. Bertot (Eds.), *Re-Envisioning the MLIS: Perspectives on the Future of Library and Information Science Education* (Advances in Librarianship Series). Emerald Group Publishing. [Invited work].
- Cooke, N. A. (In press a). Librarians as active bystanders: Centering social justice in LIS practice. In K. Haycock and M. J. Romaniuk. *The Portable MLIS Insights from the Experts, 2nd Edition*. ABC-CLIO / Libraries Unlimited. [Invited work].
- Cooke, N. A., Spencer, K., Jacobs, J. M., Mabbott, C., Collins, C., & Loyd, R. M. (2017). Mapping topographies from the classroom: Addressing whiteness in the LIS curriculum. In G. Schlesselman-Tarango (Ed.), *Topographies of Whiteness: Mapping Whiteness in Library and Information Science*. (pp. 235-250). Sacramento, CA: Library Juice Press.
- Cooke, N. A., Jacobs, J. M., Spencer, K., Collins, C., & Loyd, R. M. (2017). Reference and beyond: Aspiring librarians and intersectional feminist strategies. In M. Accardi (Ed.), *The Feminist Reference Desk*. (pp. 253-268). Sacramento, CA: Library Juice Press.
- Cooke, N. A. (2016c). Documenting your critical journey. In N. Pagowsky and K. McElroy (Eds.), *Critical Library Pedagogy Handbooks, Vol. 1 & 2*. (pp. 247-250). Chicago, IL: ALA Publications.
- Cooke, N. A. (2016b). Counter-storytelling in the LIS curriculum. In P. T. Jaeger, U. Gorham, and N. Greene Taylor (Eds.), *Perspectives on Libraries as Institutions of Human Rights and Social Justice* (Advances in Librarianship series, Volume 41) (pp. 331-348). Emerald Group Publishing. [Invited work].
- Cooke, N. A. (2016a). Reference services for diverse populations. In L. C. Smith and M. Wong (Eds.), *Reference and Information Services: An Introduction* (5th edition) (pp. 338-366). Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited. [Invited work].
- Cooke, N. A., & Minarik, J. P. (2016).** Linking LIS graduate study and social justice education: Preparing students for critically conscious practice. In B. Mehra and K. Rioux (Eds.), *Progressive Community Action: Critical Theory and Social Justice in Library and Information Science* (pp. 181-214). Sacramento, CA: Library Juice Press.
- Cooke, N. A. (2014d). Library education in the world of online learning. In D. Bogart and B. Turock (Eds.), *The Library and Book Trade Almanac 2013* (pp. 32-44). Medford, NJ: Information Today, Inc. [Invited work].
- Cooke, N. A. (2013b). It takes a village to teach online. In A. Sigal (Ed.), *Advancing Librarian Education: Technological Innovation and Instructional Design* (pp. 141-152). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
- Cooke, N. A. (2013a). Developing your personal learning network. In K. Harrod (Ed.), *Continuing Education for Librarians: Workshops, Conferences, College and Related Education* (pp. 111-118). Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.
- Cooke, N. A. (2007). Plagiarism and distance education. In S. Clayton (Ed.), *Going the Distance: Library Instruction for Remote Learners* (pp. 73-79). New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc.
- Cooke, N. A. (2006). Conquering library anxiety. In K. Manuel (Ed.), *Information Literacy*

Course Handbook for Distance and In-class Learners: Active Learning Handbook Series No. 1 (pp. 37-40). Pittsburgh, PA: Library Instruction Publications.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Papers in Proceedings

- Cooke, N.A.**, Martens, M. & Junker, B. (2016). Dismantling information poverty in cultural production for young people. Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology, 53: 1-4. Copenhagen, Denmark. doi: 10.1002/pr2.2016.14505301020
- Cooke, N. A.** and Beckett, E. (2016). Training library professionals to teach: A study of New Jersey Train-The-Trainer. *ICongress 2016 Proceedings*.
<https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/89328>

Other Writing

- Cooke, N. A. (2017, May 4). Tolerance is not good enough (Backtalk column). *Library Journal*. Retrieved from http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2017/05/opinion/backtalk/tolerance-is-not-good-enough-backtalk/#_1p.
- Cooke, N. A.**, & Hill, R. F. (2017). Considering cultural competence. *Knowledge Quest*, 45(3), 54-61. [Invited work].
- Cooke, N. A. (2016d). An interview with Nicole Cooke. In D. E. Anderson & R. Pun (Eds.), *Career Transitions for Librarians: Proven Strategies for Moving to Another Type of Library* (pp. 111-114). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. [Invited work].
- Cooke, N. A. (2014, June). Creating opportunities for empathy and cultural competence in the LIS curriculum. *SRRT Newsletter*, 187. Retrieved from <http://libr.org/srrt/news/srrt187.php#9> 1p.
- Cooke, N. A. (2013, September 25). Diversifying the LIS faculty (Backtalk column). *Library Journal*. Retrieved from <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2013/09/opinion/backtalk/diversifying-the-lisfaculty-backtalk/> 1p.
- Cooke, N. A. (2012). DO believe the hype. *School Library Monthly*, 28(7), 18-20. [Invited work].
- Cooke, N. A. (2008). Sadie Peterson Delaney. In H. L. Gates & E. B. Higginbotham (Eds.), *The African American National Biography: Vol. 2.* (pp. 631-632). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Cooke, N. A. (2008). Clara Stanton Jones. In H. L. Gates & E. B. Higginbotham (Eds.), *The African American National Biography: Vol. 4.* (pp. 642-643). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Hawthorne, P., & **Cooke, N. A.** (April 2008). Trendspotting and microtrends in academic libraries. *College and Research Libraries News*, 69(4), 214-215.

Webinars

- Cooke, N. A.**, & Bratt, J. "Social justice practice in youth librarianship." *American Libraries Live*, American Library Association (November 2017). [invited webinar].
- Cooke, N. A. "Tackling fake news." *American Libraries Live*, American Library Association (November 2017). [invited webinar].
- Cooke, N. A. "Let's talk about power: Why diversity and cultural competence are important in LIS." *The Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns (REMC0)*, North Carolina Library Association (April 2017). [invited webinar].
- Cooke, N. A.**, & Hill, R. F. "From Theory to Practice: Outreach to underserved patron

- populations.” *Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)*. April 2017. (webinar).
- Cooke, N. A. "Let's talk about power: Why diversity and cultural competence are important in LIS." *The American Theological Library Association (ATLA)*. (April 2017). [invited webinar].
- Cooke, N. A. "Being an Active Bystander: Centering Social Justice in LIS." *The American Theological Library Association (ATLA)*. (March 2017). [invited webinar].
- Cooke, N. A. "Post-truth: Fake news and a new era of information literacy." *Programming Librarian: A website of the American Library Association Public Programs Office*. February 2017. [invited webinar].
- Cooke, N. A. "Publishing and presenting." *The Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA)*. January 2017. [invited webinar].
- Cooke, N. A. "Strategies and advice on library career transitions." *The Chinese American Library Association (CALA)*. May 2016. [invited webinar].

Media Appearances

- Cooke, N. A. (2017, November 6). News literacy in an age of disinformation [Interview by N. K. Boodhoo]. On *The 21st*. Urbana, Illinois: Illinois Public Media.
- Cooke, N. A. (2017, February 22). Special report: Fake news and a real solution [Interview by Em Nguyen]. On *Fox Illinois Evening News*. Champaign, Illinois.
- Cooke, N. A. (2017, February 20). Librarian shares tips for being a smarter news consumer [Interview by N. K. Boodhoo]. On *The 21st*. Urbana, Illinois: Illinois Public Media.
- Cooke, N. A. (2017, February 2). Illinois library and information sciences professor writes textbook on diversity issues for librarians. [Interview by Jodi Heckel]. In *Illinois News Bureau*. Urbana, Illinois: University of Illinois.
- Cooke, N. A. (2016, November 28). Distinguishing fake vs. Real news: Librarians and student hackers offer help [Interview by N. K. Boodhoo]. On *The 21st*. Urbana, Illinois: Illinois Public Media.
- Cooke, N. A. (2016, November 16). In the war on fake news, school librarians have a huge role to play [Interview by K. Tiffany]. In *The Verge*.

Conference and Other Public Presentations (Selected)

- Cooke, N. A. "Strengthening the virtuous circle: Why diversity and cultural competence are important in LIS." *Library Administrators Conference of Northern Illinois (LACONI)*, Chicago, IL. (November 2017). [invited keynote].
- Cooke, N. A. "Strengthening the virtuous circle: Why diversity and cultural competence are important for all educators." *Chicago Public Library Annual Teen Services Conference*. Chicago, IL. (November 2017). [invited keynote].
- Punzalan, R., Caswell, M., & **Cooke, N. A.** "Survival Strategies for Dismantling White Supremacy in Libraries and Archives." *Conference on Inclusion and Diversity in Library and Information Science (CIDLIS)*, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. (November 2017).
- Pontis, D. D., Adkins, D., **Cooke, N. A.**, & Babu, R. "Addressing barriers to engaging with marginalized communities: Advancing research on information, communication, and technologies for development (ICTD)." *Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Conference*. Crystal City, Virginia. (November 2017).

- Caswell, M., **Cooke, N. A.**, Punzalan, R., & Coccio, A. "Social Justice Skilling the Information Student: Pedagogical approaches to training for community archives advocacy." *Diversifying the Digital*, New York University, New York, NY. (October 2017).
- Cooke, N. A. Various presentations. *Michigan Library Association (MLA) Conference*. Lansing, MI. (October 2017).
- Cooke, N. A. Various presentations. *Illinois Library Association (ILA) Conference*. Tinley Park, IL. (October 2017).
- Cooke, N. A. "Acknowledging history in order to disrupt it: Unearthing the Segregated History of Library and Information Science." *Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities (Digital Dialogues Series)*, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. (October 2017). [invited talk].
- Cooke, N. A. "Acknowledging history in order to disrupt it: Unearthing the Segregated History of Library and Information Science." *LIS Research Seminar Series*, Library and Information Studies (LIS) Department, Graduate School of Education, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. (September 2017). [invited talk].
- Cooke, N. A. "Considering cultural competence: Reframing our LIS practice and research." *Diversity by Design: Reframing Diversity Discourse in Canada*, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (September 2017). [workshop].
- Cooke, N. A. "Strengthening the virtuous circle: Why diversity and cultural competence are important in LIS." Association for Library Service to Children (*ALSC*) Leadership Meeting, *American Library Association Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL. (June 2017). [invited keynote].
- Cooke, N. A.**, & Hill, R. F. "Beyond awareness: building cultural competence skills to better serve today's diverse teens." *Maryland Library Association*, Cambridge, MD. (May 2017). [invited workshop].
- Cooke, N. A. "Let's talk about power: Why diversity and cultural competence are important in LIS." *Minnesota Institute for Leadership Excellence*, Deerwood, MN. (May 2017). [invited keynote].
- Cooke, N. A. "The social responsibility of the library and librarian in a post-factual world." *The C.W. Follett Lecture*, Dominican University, School of Information Studies (April 2017). [invited panelist].
- Cooke, N. A. "How do you want to be remembered?" *Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference*, Baltimore, MD. (March 2017). [invited keynote].
- Cooke, N. A.**, Magee, R., & Craft, S. "Fake news workshop at the iSchool." *School of Information Sciences*, Champaign, IL. (February 2017).
<http://ala.adobeconnect.com/p9hs7p2iif9/>
- Cooke, N. A. Various presentations. *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Conference*. Atlanta, GA. (January 2017).
- Cooke, N. A. Various presentations. *Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Conference*. Denmark, Copenhagen. (October 2016).
- Cooke, N. A. Various presentations. *National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC) Conference*. Los Angeles, CA. (August 2016).
- Cooke, N. A.**, & Hill R. F. "Considering cultural competence." *Eastern Shores Library Cooperative*. Salisbury, MD. (May 2016). [invited workshop].
- Cooke, N. A.**, & Kurz, R. F. Presentation at the *LACUNY 2016 Institute: Race Matters: Libraries, Racism, and Antiracism*. Brooklyn College, City University of New York.

- (May 2016).
- Cooke, N. A. "Combatting cultural misinformation/disinformation on the Internet." *Rutgers Digital Blackness Conference*, New Brunswick, NJ. (April 2016).
- Cooke, N. A. "Pedagogy beyond the podium: Teaching using twenty first century skills." *Society of Cinema and Media Studies*, Atlanta, GA. (April 2016).
- Cooke, N. A.**, & Beckett, E. "The New Jersey Train-the-Trainer Program." *iConference*. Philadelphia, PA, (March 2016).
- Cooke, N. A. "Reference and beyond: Aspiring librarians and intersectional feminist strategies in the LIS classroom." *The Critical Librarianship and Pedagogy Symposium*, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. (February 2016).
- Cooke, N. A. "The GSLS Carnegie Scholars: Guests in someone else's house." *University of Arizona, School of Information*, Tucson, AZ. (February 2016). [invited talk].
- Cooke, N. A. "Considering cultural competence." *REFORMA MW Chapter*, Chicago, IL. (February 2016). [invited talk].
- Cooke, N. A. "The golden girls and the others: Information sharing in Orange is The New Black." *National Communication Association*, Las Vegas, NV. (November 2015).
- Cooke, N. A. "Considering cultural competence in LIS practice and research." *Emporia State University, School of Library, Information, and Management's Fall Research Symposium*, Overland Park, KS. (November 2015). [invited workshop].
- Cooke, N. A. "Ravelry: Knitting together an online community of practice." *Annual ASIS&T Conference*, St. Louis, MO. (November 2015).
- Cooke, N. A. "Considering cultural competence." *Illinois Library Association*, featured speaker at the DiversiTEA fundraiser, Peoria, IL. (October 2015). [invited talk].
- Cooke, N. A. "Evaluating diversity and social justice in the LIS curriculum." *Conference on Inclusion and Diversity in Library and Information Science (CIDLIS)*, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. (October 2015).
- Hill, R. F., & **Cooke, N. A.** "Considering cultural competence in libraries." *Conference on Inclusion and Diversity in Library and Information Science (CIDLIS)*, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. (October 2015). [invited workshop].
- Cooke, N. A.**, & Beckett, E. "The New Jersey Train-the-Trainer Program." *World Library and Information Congress: 81st IFLA General Conference and Assembly*. Capetown, South Africa. (August 2015).
- Cooke, N. A. "Combatting cultural misinformation/disinformation on the Internet." *Digital Sociology Conference (Eastern Sociological Society)*. New York, NY. (February 2015).
- Cooke, N. A.**, Sweeney, M. E., & Rioux, K. "Social justice in the LIS classroom: Making it happen." *Association of Library Science Education (ALISE)*, Chicago, IL. (January 2015). [Pre-Conference Workshop]
- Patin, B. J., Duarte, M. E., **Cooke, N. A.**, & Carlyle, A. "Fearless questions and fierce conversations: Social justice and recruiting and retaining LIS doctoral students of color." *Association of Library Science Education (ALISE)*, Chicago, IL. (January 2015).
- Cooke, N. A. "Hip hop smoothed out on a library tip: Exploring literacies through a new pedagogical lens." *African American Print Culture Conference*, The University of Wisconsin, Madison. (September 2014).
- Cooke, N. A. "Information sharing, community development, and self-disclosure in the eLearning domain." *International Communication Association (Information Sharing Pre-Conference)*, May 22, 2014.

- Cooke, N. A. "Social justice as topic and tool." *Conference on Inclusion and Diversity in Library and Information Science (CIDLIS)*, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. (October 2014).
- Cooke, N. A., Sweeney, M. E., & Noble, S. U. "Social justice in the LIS curriculum." *The iConference*, Berlin, Germany. (March 2014).
- Cooke, N. A. "Models of change: Opportunities for leadership in academic libraries." [Poster]. *Association of College and Research Libraries Conference*, Indianapolis, Indiana. (April 2013).
- Cooke, N. A. "9th annual WISE workshop: Inquiry across time and space." *Association of Library Science Education (ALISE)*, Seattle, WA. (January 2013).
- Cooke, N. A., & Uyeki, C. "Surveying Spectrum: Successes and opportunities for the Spectrum Scholarship Program." *The Second Joint Conference of Librarians of Color*. Kansas City, MO. (September 2013).
- Cooke, N. A. "The information seeking behaviors of graduate students in an online learning environment." *Information Seeking in Context Conference (ISIC)*. Tokyo, Japan. (September 2012).
- Cooke, N. A. "Professional development 2.0 for librarians: Developing an online personal learning network (PLN)." *World Library and Information Congress: 77th IFLA General Conference and Assembly*. San Juan, Puerto Rico. (August 2011).
- Cooke, N. A. "President's program: (re)Considering diversity." *Association of Library Science Education (ALISE)*, San Diego, CA. (January 2011).
- Cooke, N. A. "Information flow and exchange in the online classroom." [Poster]. *Information Seeking in Context Conference (ISIC)*. Murcia, Spain. (September 2010).
- Cooke, N. A. "Leaders wanted: Mentoring and retaining librarians of color." *National Diversity in Libraries Conference*. Princeton, NJ. (July 2010).

RECOGNITIONS AND OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS (Appointments, Fellowships, Prizes, etc.)

- 2017 Diversity Research Grant, American Library Association
- 2017 Carnegie Whitney Grant Recipient, American Library Association
- 2017 Achievement in Library Diversity Research Award, American Library Association
- 2016 Larine Y. Cowan Make a Difference Award for Teaching and Mentoring in Diversity, University of Illinois
- 2016 Equality Award Winner, American Library Association
- 2016 Research Fellowship at Kent State University's Reinberger Children's Library Center
- 2015 Recipient of the YWCA of the University of Illinois' Leadership Award for Social Justice Education
- 2013 Best Paper Award for the Information Literacies Track (Conceptions of Library and Information Science (CoLIS) 8 Conference)
- 2013 Recipient of the Norman Horrocks Leadership Award (Association for Library and Information Science Education)
- 2008 Recipient of an American Library Association Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship
- 2007 *Library Journal's* 2007 Movers & Shakers List