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Community and Justice Studies

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EDUCATION

- 2024 Ph.D., American Studies and Culture, Washington State University
Dissertation: *The Block Album: Hip-Hop's Reimagining of Black Life*
- 2020 BA., Community and Justice Studies, Allegheny College (with honors)
Senior Thesis: *Fouling Out: A Community Reflection on the Academic Ejection of Black Male Student-Athletes*

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Hip-Hop Studies
The Black Radical Tradition
Black Geographies
Afro-Pessimism
Critical Theory
Multicultural Education
Black Film
Contemporary American Theater
American Pragmatism

Professional Appointments

2025-Present Assistant Professor of Community and Justice Studies, Allegheny College
2023-2025 Diversity Teaching Fellow of Community and Justice Studies, Allegheny College
2023-2023 Instructor, Comparative Ethnic Studies (CES), Washington State University
2022- 2023 Program Coordinator, Compass Mentoring Program (CMP), Washington State University
2021- 2022 Interim Retention Counselor, African American Student Center (AASC), Washington State University
2020-2021 Program Retention Counselor, Smart Start Program, Multicultural Student Services (MSS), Washington State University

COURSES TAUGHT AT ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Lower Division

EDUC 100 Intro to Education Studies
COMJ 160 The Foundations of Community and Justice Studies
COMJ 280 Power, Society, and Social Change

Upper Division

EDUC 330 Abolish Schools: Reimagining Schooling in America (Advanced Topics)

COURSES TAUGHT AT WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Lower Division

UNIV 101 Major Exploration and Career Choices
CES 101 Race and Racism
UNIV 295 Models of Leadership

Upper Division

UNIV 497 Peer Leadership

ADVISING

Carpenter, Elle. Senior Thesis (2024) *Harmonizing Justice: Transfiguring Music Education at Allegheny College with the Power of Anti-Racist Literature*. (Chair)

Wilder, Andre. Senior Thesis (2025): *Afrocentric learnings, pedagogies, and potential implementations into public school curriculum*. (Chair)

WRITINGS

In the Works

Ross, C.A. Book Chapter (2025) *Too Much Sauce: Young Man Turned Myself Right to a Boss*

Ross, C.A. Essay (2025) *Lucid Dreams: A Hip-Hop Pedagogy for Black Children's Dreams*

Ross, C.A. Essay (2025) *The Block: The Language of Black Spaces*

Select Public Scholarship

Ross, C.A. Blog (2023, August 18) *Dear Hip-Hop: A Letter to the Hip-Hop Generation*. Black Perspectives. Retrieved August 18, 2023, from

<https://www.aaihs.org/dear-hip-hop-a-letter-to-the-hip-hop-generation/>

Ross, C. A. Blog. (2023, January 2). *"What's my name, mothafucka"?: The Manifestations of Black freedoms and Ontologies Through DreamScripting*. Coffee with Chuck. Retrieved January

2, 2023, from

<https://coffee-with-chuck.com/2023/01/02/whats-my-name-mothafucka-the-manifestations-of-black-freedoms-and-ontologies-through-dreamscripting/>

Ross, C. A. (2022, August 24). “*Virgil Discount*”: *The Disidentification of Hip-Hop Fashion as a Path Towards a New Consciousness*. Coffee with Chuck. Retrieved from <https://wordpress.com/post/coffee-with-chuck.com/1712>

Ross, C. A. Poetry Extended Play (2022, August 6). Dog spelled backwards. Coffee with Chuck. Retrieved August 10, 2022, from <https://coffee-with-chuck.com/2022/08/06/dog-spelled-backwards/>

Ross, C. A. Blog (2022, May 16). *God is gangsta: Kendrick Lamar's disidentification into finding himself*. Coffee with Chuck. Retrieved June 3, 2022, from <https://coffee-with-chuck.com/2022/05/16/god-is-gangsta-kendrick-lamars-disidentification-into-finding-himself/>

Ross, C. A. Blog (2021, October 4). *Cause I let my nuts drag: 6ix9ine a product of American exceptionalism*. Coffee with Chuck. Retrieved from <https://coffee-with-chuck.com/2021/10/04/cause-i-let-my-nuts-drag-6ix9ine-a-product-of-american-exceptionalism/>

Ross, C. A. Blog (2021, September 20). *An extensive review of Marc Lamont Hill's and Mitchell Plitnick's Except for Palestine: The Limits of Progressive Politics*. Coffee with Chuck. Retrieved from <https://coffee-with-chuck.com/2021/09/20/an-extensive-review-of-marc-lamont-hills-and-mitchell-plitnicks-except-for-palestine-the-limits-of-progressive-politics/>

Ross, C. A. Blog (2020, October 6). *The freaky negro: An analysis of stew's passing strange and his challenging of the hegemony through his depiction of youth as an illegible black man*. Coffee with Chuck. Retrieved from <https://coffee-with-chuck.com/2020/10/05/the-freaky-negro-an-analysis-of-stews-passing-strange-and-his-challenging-of-the-hegemony-through-his-depiction-of-youth-as-an-illegible-black-man>

Ross, C. A. Blog (2020, August 4). *TCU: N-Word Please Don't*. Coffee With Chuck. Retrieved from <https://wordpress.com/post/coffee-with-chuck.com/91>

KEYNOTES AND INVITED TALKS

Ross, Charles. Keynote, “Belief, the Essence of Bravery” for AYA Ceremony, Allegheny College, May 2025

Ross, Charles. Panelist, “Research is a Privilege” for Research for Lunch, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, January 2025

Ross, Charles. Guest Lecturer, “Her Own Sense of Queendom: Meditations on Erykah Badu’s Baduizm” for Communication Arts, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, November 2023

Ross, Charles. Invited Panelist, “Raced Based Admission” for the Center for Civic Engagement Public Town Hall, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, February 2023

Ross, Charles. Invited Keynote, “ Martin Luther King Jr. Was a Black Man: Bringing Dr. King’s Humanity Forward” for Black Student Union’s Martin Luther King Jr. Brunch, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, February 2023

Ross, Charles. Invited Keynote, “ You’re Off and Away” for Conexion Multicultural Resource Fair, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, August 2022

Ross, Charles. Invited Moderator, “ Uncomfortable Conversations with Emmanuel Acho: Mental Health Doesn’t Discriminate with Lil Wayne” for MLK Film Series, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, February 2022

Ross, Charles. Invited Panelist, “ Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man” for Black History Month Film Series, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, March 2021

Ross, Charles. Invited Panelist, “Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes” for Black History Month Film Series, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, February 2021

Ross, Charles. Invited Panelist, “ Dr. Ibram X Kendi’s Ted Talk “The difference between being “not-racist” and anti-racist” for Black History Month Film Series, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, February 2021

Ross, Charles. Invited Keynote, “Live Today so That You Can Live for Tomorrow: A Conversation on Creating Your Own Path Towards Graduate or Professional School” for the Celebration of National First-Generation Students, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, November 2020

CONFERENCES and COLLOQUIA

Ross, Charles, Panelist, “*Black Boy: The Formulation of Richard Wright's idea of “Black Power”*” panel for American Literature Association Conference, Boston, MA, May 2025

Ross, Charles, Panelist, “ Life After (Social) Death: A Hip-Hop Pedagogy for Black Boy Self-Love” panel for American Studies Association's Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 2023

Ross, Charles. Panelist, “God is Gangsta: Kendrick Lamar’s Disidentification into Finding Himself” panel for the LSU Curriculum Camp 2022, Via Zoom, March 2022

Ross, Charles, Panel Chairman, Room 2, Panel for LSU Curriculum Camp 2022, Via Zoom, March 2022

Ross, Charles. Panelist, “Supreme Lessons as Taught by Dave East- A Guide for Mentors to follow: A tool to Empower Black Male Students” roundtable for the Interdisciplinary Conference on Men and Masculinities, Via Zoom, June 2021

Ross, Charles. Panelist, “I Am Black Ambition”: An Exploration of Jay Z and Pharrell’s *Entrepreneur* as a Praxis for Social Healing Driven by ‘Black Capitalist Activism’ roundtable for the Southwest Popular American Culture Association Annual Conference, Via Zoom, February 2021

Ross, Charles. Co-Presenter, “After Laughter, Comes the Tears: Making Meaning of Music” wellness session for the Manhood 101 Mentoring Sessions, Via Hopin, November 2020

Ross, Charles. Panelist, “Blaxploitation in the 21st Century Collegiate Athletics: An Analysis of the Effects of Controlling Images on Black Male Division I Student-Athletes” roundtable for the National Council for Black Studies annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2019

Ross, Charles. Poster Presenter, “Blaxploitation in the 21st Century Collegiate Athletics: An Analysis of the Effects of Controlling Images on Black Male Division I Student-Athletes,” main poster session for the Black Student-Athlete Summit, Austin, TX, January 2019.

Ross, Charles. Panelist, “Blaxploitation in the 21st Century Collegiate Athletics: An Analysis of the Effects of Controlling Images on Black Male Division I Student-Athletes” roundtable for Leadership Alliance National Symposium, Hartford, CT, June 2018

Ross, Charles. Panelist, “Straight Outta Ann Arbor: A Critical Analysis of the Multifaceted Identities of Black Male Student-Athletes” roundtable for American Educational Studies Association National Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, November 2017

Professional Affiliations

American Studies Association

National Council for Black Studies

Southwest Popular Culture Association

Campus Service

Faculty Advisor to Retention Intervention Team, Allegheny College 2025-Present

Member of the Community and Justice Assessment Committee, Allegheny College
2024-Present

Member of the Social Behavior and Institutions Rubric Committee, Allegheny College
2024-Present

Member of Education Studies Steering Committee, Allegheny College
2023-Present

Advisor for Black Men Making A Difference, Washington State University
2022-2023

Brother of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Omicron Lambda Chapter
2022- Present

Advisor for Lambda Phi Epsilon International Fraternity, Inc. Beta Delta Chapter
2022-2024

President of the Black Graduate Student Association, Washington State University
2021-2024

Senator for the Graduate and Professional Student Association, Washington State University
2021-2023

Martin Luther King Jr. Programming Planning Committee, Washington State University
2021-2023

Supervisor for the Community Equity Social Justice Mentoring Program, Washington State University 2021-2022

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Honors

Ross, Charles. National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society, Allegheny College, May 2019

Ross, Charles. NCAC Academic Honor Roll, Allegheny College, December 2018-May 2020

Ross, Charles. Chi Alpha Sigma National Honor Society, Allegheny College, April 2019

Awards

Ross, Charles. Dr. James H. Mullen, Jr. Prize Student Prize for Civility in Public Life, Allegheny College, May 2020

Ross, Charles. Allegheny College Faculty Civic Engagement Prize, Allegheny College, May 2020

Ross, Charles. Bridge Award, Allegheny College, May 2020

