

# Shanita (NitaJade) Jackson

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## Education

2022 University of Kentucky | Master of Fine Arts: Creative Writing Poetry — May 2022

*Thesis* — *FleshCrawl*: a collection of revised poems that center on the physical, mental, and spiritual phenomena that occur whenever one's "flesh crawls." Themes of the collection include ancestral epigenetics, mental health, queer identity, family, supernatural spirituality, and superstition. This thesis was successfully defended April 1, 2022.

2019 Berea College | Bachelor of Arts: African & African-American Studies — May 2019

*Senior Capstone* — *Black Pedagogy Matters*: (re)examining the learning and teaching philosophies and practices involving BIPOC students.

*Junior Capstone* — *Masculinity in the Moonlight*: an analysis of Black masculine complexes through the lens of the film *Moonlight*.

## Research Interests

Poetry, BIPOC Pedagogy, African-American Studies, Black Appalachia, Africana Studies, Epigenetics

## Teaching and Facilitation Experience

Centre College — Department of English

Visiting Assistant Professor of English — August 2022 to May 2023

Kentucky State Poetry Society — 2022 Poetry Conference

Poetry Workshop Facilitator — October 2022

University of Kentucky — Governor's School for the Arts

Poetry Workshop Facilitator — July 2022

University of Kentucky — Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies

WRD 110 / WRD 111 Instructor — August 2021 to May 2022

University of Kentucky — Department of English

Creative Writing Instructor — Summer Session 2021

Creative Writing TA — August 2020 to May 2021

Asheville City Schools Foundation

Freelance Creative Writing Teaching Artist — January to March 2020

Berea College — Center for Teaching and Learning

Teaching & Learning Assistant Program Aide — January to May 2019

Writing Consultant — May 2018 to January 2019

Berea College — Summer Internship with Wild Fig Coffee and Books

Creative Community Intern — May 2018 to August 2018

Berea College — Department of Appalachian Studies  
Black Appalachia Teacher's Assistant — January 2018 to May 2018

Berea College — Department of First Year Initiatives  
Teacher's Assistant & Peer Leader — August 2016 to December 2017

Berea College — Department of College Relations  
Research Assistant — August 2015 to May 2016

## **Publications**

2022 Auburn Avenue

2022 Inverted Syntax

2022 Zora's Den, The Fire Inside Volume II

2021 Poetry Northwest, Winter Spring 2022

2021 Carolina Muse

2021 Lucky Jefferson, Awake

2019 Rabbit Catastrophe Review #015

2018 The Griot: the Journal of African American Studies (Fall/Winter Issue)

2018 KRCC Voices (Issue 2)

2017 The Anthology of Appalachian Writers, Charles Frazier Volume IX

## **Inductions | Fellowships | Awards | Certifications**

2023 Kentucky State Poetry Society VP

2022 Affrilachian Poets Inductee

2021 Harvard LabXchange Fellowship

2021 Nikky Finney Fellowship

2021 Outstanding TAAward

2020 Nikky Finney Fellowship

2019 College Reading and Learning Association Lifetime Tutor Certification 2019

National Council of Black Studies Ankh Maat Wedjau Honor Society Inductee

## **Keynote Performances**

2019 Bringing It Home: NC Housing Coalition Annual Conference

2015 TEDxGreenville: Head*VROOM*

## **Creative Projects**

2022 - 2022 KY USCT Project - Soldier Story Essayist

2020 - 2022 UK's Visiting Writers Series Program - Assistant Director

2020 - 2022 *pluck! The Journal of Affrilachian Arts & Culture* - Managing Editor 2

2018 - 2018 Berea College Appalachian Center - Affrilachian Events & Program Coordinator

**Residencies**

2021 KFW Summer Residency with Ellen Hagan

2021 Mill House Writing Residency

