

Raven Schwam-Curtis

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EDUCATION

Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences - *Cumulative GPA: 3.92*

Ithaca, NY

Majors: Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies and Feminist, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Graduated: May 2020

Minors: Africana Studies and Inequality Studies

Northwestern University, The Graduate School

Evanston, IL

Doctor of Philosophy in African American Studies

Expected Graduation: June 2026

Honors/Awards: Cornell Tradition Fellowship, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Hunter R. Rawlings III Cornell Presidential Research Scholarship, Cornell Alumni Association of Greater Houston Ned Arps Scholarship, 2nd place 13th Greater Houston Area Chinese Speaking Competition, Awty International School Chairman's Award, Cornell Asian Studies Travel Grant, Cornell Einhorn Discovery Grant, Cornell Undergraduate Research Program Grant

Relevant Coursework: Writing & Sexual Politics, Global Approach Modern Chinese, Gender/Sexuality in South East Asian Cinema, Controversies About Inequality, Race Class Gender Violence, Body as Text: Pleasure and Danger, Intermediate Mandarin II, Feminist Theory, China's Literary Heritage, The Future of Whiteness, Afro-Asia: Futurism & Feminisms

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University Summer Research Opportunity Program (NU-SROP)

Evanston, IL

Summer Researcher

June 2019 – Aug 2019

- 7.5-week program wherein participants spend 30-40 hours a week researching and attending graduate school preparatory programs
- Produced a 15-page research paper and presented work on Afro-Asian coalition building at the SROP symposium

Prefreshman Summer Program

Ithaca, NY

Program Assistant

June 2018 – Aug 2018

- Mentor ten incoming freshmen from historically disenfranchised backgrounds
- Help organize and execute events aimed to equip incoming students with resources to increase retention rates

International Teaching Assistant Program (ITAP)

Ithaca, NY

Teaching Assistant and Tutor

Feb 2017 – Feb 2018

- Aid professor by facilitating English speaking workshops in class
- Develop curriculum and individualized lesson plans for 1-2 students per semester
- Serve as a teaching assistant and personal tutor

Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLC

New York, NY

Legal Assistant in Litigation Department, Corporate

June 2017 – Aug 2017

- Compile deposition preparations, audit materials for partners and associates, off-site materials, participate in several mock trials

Cornell Asian American Studies Program Resource Center

Ithaca, NY

Student Administrator

Sep 2016 – May 2020

- Manage 1200+ inventory of books, journals, and newspapers
- Update Asian American Studies Program internship databases, manage social media presence, and design posters for AASP events

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Black Women's Support Network

Ithaca, NY

Freshman Representative ('16-'17), Facilitator and Event Manager ('17-'18)

Sep 2016 – Feb 2018

- Organize Autumn Evening and the Homecoming Luau, 2 cornerstone events for 250+ people
- Engage with event attendees through public speaking, facilitation, and mediation for Sister Circles

Building Ourselves Through Sisterhood and Service Peer Mentorship Program

Ithaca, NY

Co-event Coordinator ('16-'17), Treasurer ('17-'18), Co-President, ('18-'20)

February 2016 – May 2020

- Help organize and execute Annual Bowling Mixer, Closing Ceremony, and Mental Health Summit
- Oversee the productivity of the executive board
- Author funding grant applications and manage multiple financial accounts

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Black Women and the Anagrammar of Criminality

Leadership Alliance National Symposium (LANS), Poster Presentation, 2018

Afro-Asia and the Possibility of Coalition Building: Envisioning a New Kind of World

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) Mid-Atlantic Conference, Oral Presentation, 2018

Afro-Asia: Coalition Building and Post-Subjectivity

Northwestern University Summer Research Opportunity Program Symposium, Oral Presentation, 2019

Rethinking the World Through Afro-Asia: Coalition Building and Post-Subjectivity

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) Mid-Atlantic Conference, Oral Presentation, 2019

SKILLS

Language: French (Intermediate), Chinese (Intermediate/Advanced), English (Native)

Computer Skills: Advanced in Microsoft Applications (Excel, Word, PowerPoint), Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom