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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Shemariah J. Arki identifies as an educator, an activist and an organizer. Currently serving as an assistant professor in the department of Africana Studies and as the director of the Center for Pan African Culture, both at Kent State University, she is an intersectional feminist scholar with expert knowledge and skills to develop, implement, facilitate and evaluate curricula that promote institutional equity, communication, and access for traditionally marginalized students and families. In addition to earning a master and doctorate degree in education, Dr. Arki has also received a graduate certificate from the Penn Equity Institute for Doctoral Students from the Center for The Study of Race & Equity in Education at the University of Pennsylvania. She has also been a certified Federal EEO investigator since 2017. In 2019, Dr. Arki was enstooled as Bonyi Bofor (Queen Mother) Akosua Kalesea of the Igbaba lineage, in the village of Akapafu Todzi, Volta region, Ghana – the future home of Ellipsis International, a secondary school for girls.

Serving as the founder and program director of the Ellipsis Institute for Womxn of Color in the Academy and as an auto/ethnographic researcher and creative non-fiction writer, her work centers cultural epistemologies and the construction of a #BlackCommaFeminist pedagogy. Dr Arki is one of the editors for *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*, curated to position classrooms as places of radical transformation and to amplify the voices of the Black girls who inhabit them. Her work has also been featured on Democracy Now! and Yahoo!

Dr. Arki also serves outside the academy as an ordained minister through the Universal Life Church and the Founder and Lead Experience Curator for Sankofa Circle International, a boutique non-profit providing capacity building to creative and social entrepreneurs.

Dr. Arki also serves as the board co-chair of Shooting Without Bullets. Most recently, her work has been recognized by Preterm Cleveland (Mickey Stern Award), National Coalition of Black Women Greater Cleveland Chapter (She Leads 100 Award-2020), Case Western Reserve University's LGBT Center (QGrad's Outstanding Faculty Award-2020) and the Office for Inclusion, Diversity and Equal Opportunity (Diversity Collaboration Excellence Award - 2019), Who's Who in Black Cleveland (2016-2019), Kaleidoscope's 40 under 40 Club (2015) and by the Kiwanis Club at High Tech Academy (2010).

A proud Clevelander and mom of Solomon Tafari and Malcom Saadiq, Shemariah enjoys traveling, yoga and making memories with family and friends.

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EDUCATION

Northeastern University, College of Professional Studies

Doctor of Education: Curriculum, Teaching, Learning and Leadership (2019)

Doctoral Thesis: *A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Stop the Hate! Youth Speak Out Essay Contest*

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Certified Federal EEO Investigator, EEOC Training Institute (2017)

Annual renewal, Washington, DC

University of Pennsylvania, Center for The Study of Race & Equity in Education

Graduate Certificate, Penn Equity Institute for Doctoral Students (2015)

American InterContinental University

Master of Education: Leadership of Educational Organizations (2013)

Thesis: *Taught to Oppress or Educated to Liberate: Implementing Culturally Relevant Teaching into Teacher Training Programs*

American InterContinental University

Bachelor of Business Administration (2003)

Core Competencies:

Intersectional Feminism

Community Activism and Outreach

Critical Pedagogies

Hip Hop Sensibilities

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Intersectionality

Teacher Preparation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021-present

Assistant Professor, Africana Studies, Kent State University

2018-2021

Instructor, Pan African Studies, Kent State University

Classes Taught:

Black Lives Matter

Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Diasporic Movements for Black Liberation

Intro to Africana Studies

Race, Class and Feminist Thought

The Black Experience I & II

2019-2020

Inaugural Post-Doctoral Scholar in Intersectional Feminisms, Flora Stone Mather Center for Women, Case Western Reserve University

Classes Taught:

(Pan)African Feminisms

2009; 2014-2017

Substitute Instructor, Cleveland State University College of Urban Affairs

Classes Taught:
Managing Urban Diversity

2010-2012 Instructor, Ashland University/Society For The Prevention of Violence
Classes Taught:
Foundations for Social Justice Education

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes

Arki, S.J.; Burton, H.E.; Ngana, C. (Eds). (forthcoming 2022). *Womxn of Color on the Front Lines: Stories of How We Win*. Toronto, Ontario: Canadian Scholars Press.

Delano-Oriaran, O.; Penick-Parks, M. W; **Arki, S.J.**; Michael, A.; Swindell, O. & Moore, E. J (Eds.). (2021) *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

Referred Book Chapters

Arki, S.J. (forthcoming 2021). Mothers, Daughters and Queens: Motherwork as Pedagogy. in Donkor, M. and Gooden, A. (Eds.) (forthcoming 2022). *Gender and Sexuality in Ghanaian Societies*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books.

Arki, S.J. (2021). Who are Black Girls: An Intersectional Herstory of Feminism. In Delano-Oriaran, O.; Penick-Parks, M. W; Arki, S.J.; Michael, A.; Swindell, O. & Moore, E. J (Eds.) in *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

Arki, S.J. & Phelps, E.K. (2021). Covered Girls. In Delano-Oriaran, O.; Penick-Parks, M. W; Arki, S.J.; Michael, A.; Swindell, O. & Moore, E. J (Eds.) in *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

Arki, S.J. (2021). #StudentAsSignMaker: Curating Classrooms For Identity Development. In Delano-Oriaran, O.; Penick-Parks, M. W; Arki, S.J.; Michael, A.; Swindell, O. & Moore, E. J (Eds.) in *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

Arki, S.J. (2021) Motherwork as Pedagogy. In Delano-Oriaran, O.; Penick-Parks, M. W; Arki, S.J.; Michael, A.; Swindell, O. & Moore, E. J (Eds.). in *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

Arki, S.J. (2021). #ProfessionalBlackGirl: An Interview With Dr. Yaba Blay. In Delano-Oriaran, O.; Penick-Parks, M. W; Arki, S.J.; Michael, A.; Swindell, O. & Moore, E. J (Eds.). in *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

Arki, S. J. (2017) Ruminations from a #BlackMommyActivist. In Moore, E.; Pennick Parks, M. and Michael, A., (Eds.) *The Guide for White Women Who Teach Black Boys*. Corwin Press.

Arki, S. J. (2016) Teachers as Activists: Using a Black, Feminist Pedagogy to Prevent Classroom Bullying. In Osanloo A., Reed, C. and Schwartz, J., (Eds.) *Creating and Negotiating Collaborative Spaces for Socially-Just Anti-Bullying Interventions for K-12 Schools*. Information Age Publishing

Electronic Publications

Arki, S. J. (2015, April 22). *Lucky. Sista Sinema.*

<http://www.sistahsinema.com/#!/Lucky/c1s20/553851780cf226d45e97b946>

Creative Works

“If They Come In The Morning...” QUARANZine Pandemic Stories edited by Ohio Women’s Progressive Asian League (OWPAL) (2020)

“Sweet Cinnamon Sisters”, *GODBODY* by Dakari Akil (2016)

“White Women....” *White Women, Black Women* by Jane Critlaw (2016)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE/FELLOWSHIPS

Participant, Ms. Workshop: Writing for the Popular Press (2021)

Annual Conference, National Women’s Studies Association

Receive general and individualized tips on how to best translate research and scholarly interests for publication in mainstream and popular media; workshop participants pitches and sample submissions, up to 1,000 words.

Principal Investigator: Aviva Dove-Viebahn, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Film and Media Studies, Arizona State University and Director, Scholar Writing Program, *Ms. Magazine*

Co-Principal Investigator, Race and Democracy In Northeast Ohio (2020-2021)

Growing Democracy Project, School of Peace and Conflict Studies, Kent State University

Serve as guest host for 10-episode podcast, and co-principal investigator on the community engaged research project and co-author a white paper, centering race and place in northeast Ohio communities.

Healer in Residence, Crisis Response Team (September 2020)

TRACC4Movements (Trauma Response and Critical Care) – Louisville, KY

Providing supplemental ground support through healing mediums to front line educators, activist and organizers, members of the local BLM Collective.

Principal Investigator: Vahisa Hassan, M.A., ED.S., M.DIV., Core Organizer, TRACC4Movements

Fellow, (2020)

iFundWomen of Color Entrepreneur Incubator, New York, NY

Participate in a cohort designed to support women entrepreneurs by providing coaching and access to seed funding.

Inaugural Post-Doctoral Scholar in Intersectional Feminisms, 2019-2020

Flora Stone Mather Center for Women, Case Western Reserve University – Cleveland, OH

Develop programs and community-based projects that center women of color; teach an undergraduate course; seek and secure opportunities to continue publishing and research agenda

Principal Investigator: Dr. Angela Clark-Taylor, Director, Flora Stone Mather Center for Women

Thematic Seminar Fellow: Reading Social Justice -The Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards, 2017/2019

Cleveland Humanities Council and Baker Nord Center for Humanities at Case Western Reserve University

Principal Investigator: Dr. Lisa Nielson, PhD, Anisfield-Wolf SAGES Fellow, College of Arts and Sciences

School Quality Engagement Ambassador, 2015 – 2018

Cleveland Transformation Alliance – Cleveland, OH

Dissertation research with students and families in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District promoting school choice.

Research Supervisor: Dr. Steven Lake, School Quality Project Manager, Cleveland Transformation Alliance

All Access Community Organizer Consultant, September 2016

New Voices For Reproductive Justice – Cleveland, OH

Provide support for New Voices' National All Access team by producing two local accompanying events - the #TrustBlackWomen Pep Rally and Boat Ride.

Research Supervisor, LaTasha Mays, Founder/Executive Director, New Voices for Reproductive Justice

Community Researcher, 2015 – 2016

Social Justice Institute's Voicing and Action Project

Dissertation research with high school students and families in the East Cleveland City School District on social justice and activism.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Rhonda Y. Williams, Founder and Director, Social Justice Institute, Case Western Reserve University

Fellow, PRISM: A Racial Equity Leadership Program and Summer Learning Laboratory, 2016
Neighborhood Connections & the Community Innovation Network at Case Western Reserve University

Fellow, Ohio Political Leaders Fellowship, 2012

The Center for Progressive Leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Center for Pan African Culture, 2021-present

Interim Director, Center for Pan African Culture, 2020-2021

Kent State University – Kent, OH

Interim Chief of Staff + Manager of Special Projects, Office for Inclusion, Diversity and Equal Opportunity, Fall 2018

Case Western Reserve University - Cleveland, OH

Founding Program Director, 2018 – Present

Ellipsis Institute for Women of Color in the Academy – Cleveland, OH

Founding Curator, 2017-Present

The Sankofa Circle – Cleveland, OH

Co-Founder, Black Womxn Think Tank, 2016 – Present
The White Privilege Conference/The Privilege Institute – Green Bay, WI

Education & Equity Consultant, 2012 – Present
Compass Consulting Services - Cleveland, OH

Interim Director, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center, 2014 - 2015
Case Western Reserve University – Cleveland, OH

Founding Director, 2012 - 2015
Excellence Management Group – Cleveland, OH

Faculty, Richmond Institute for Educational Equity, 2012
Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, National Federation of Just Communities

Managing Director, Leadership Development and Strategic Initiatives - 2012
Senior Program Director, 2010 – 2012
Program Director, School & Youth, 2009 - 2010
Program Specialist, 2006 - 2009
The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio – Cleveland, OH

Events Manager, 2006
Recruitment Outreach Manager, 2005-2006
City Year - New York, NY

Residence Hall Director, 2004 – 2005
Myers University – Cleveland, OH

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Arki, S. J. (Guest), Nickels, A. & Boyd-Swan, C. (2021, January 29). **Growing Democracy** [Audio Podcast]. Retrieved from <https://soundcloud.com/growingdemocracyoh/series-2-episode-13-dr-shemariah-arki-center-of-pan-african-studies>.

Arki, S.J. (Guest) & Butts, B. M. (Host/Producer). (2020, June 11). **Conditioned for Revolution** [Audio Podcast]. Retrieved from <https://open.spotify.com/episode/5keH0pbxIXSheN4yC44J4I?si=aX19PssDQ9GF6xj4GBwDyw>.

Arki, S.J. (Guest) & Moore, E. (Host). (2020, May 19.) **Coffee With The Founder of The WPC#72** [Video Podcast]. Retrieved from https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uck_oa0g6UDNfVmmoJvJN9w/featured.

Arki, S.J. (Guest) & Collins, J. (Host/Producer). (2020, May 6.) **COVID-19 Silver Lining for Creatives** [Video Podcast]. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/user/mindovermegahertz/videos>.

Lebovis, H. (2019, June 26). A Group of Black Women Share Their Stories of Living, Working and Surviving in Cleveland [Cover Story]. **Cleveland Scene**. Retrieved from <https://m.clevescene.com/cleveland/a-group-of-black-women-share-their-stories-of-living-working-and-surviving-in-cleveland/Content?oid=30779562>.

Arki, S. J. (Guest) & Dixon, K.M., Edwards, A.M., Lewis, J.C., and Thompson, V.J. (Hosts/Producers). (2019, April 19). **Blk Womyn Voices**: Intersectionality [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from <https://soundcloud.com/blkwomynvoices/intersectionality>

Arki, S. J. (Guest) & Conner, T. (Host). (2018, September 26). **Black & Highly Dangerous: Sippin Tea w/BhD Volume 2: A Conversation with Shemariah J. Arki**. [Audio Podcast]. Retrieved from https://open.spotify.com/episode/71lcZsqDCngYRm1xZ0ck8o?si=EAJ9GcFxRNmwEVs_y_3dT9A.

“Shooting Without Bullets.” *The Sound of Ideas*. **National Public Radio**. Aired January 11, 2017. Retrieved from <http://www.ideastream.org/programs/sound-of-ideas/president-obama's-farewell-ballistics-lab-shooting-without-bullets> (begins at the 36:00 mark)

“Parents Roundtable: Talking To Your Kids About #BlackLivesMatter.” **The Mark Steiner Show**. Aired August 8, 2016. Retrieved from <http://www.steinershow.org/podcasts/parents-roundtable-talking-to-your-kids-about-blm/>

“#CLEoverRNC: Protesters Expose Tale of Two Clevelands.” **Democracy Now**. Aired July 22, 2016. Retrieved from http://www.democracynow.org/2016/7/22/cleoverrnc_protesters_expose_tale_of_two

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Mickey Stern Award – Preterm (2021) Inaugural Award Recipient

QGrad Outstanding Faculty – LGBT Center at Case Western Reserve University (2020) Award Recipient

She Leads 100 – The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Greater Cleveland Chapter (2020) Honoree

Excellence in Diversity Collaboration – Office for Inclusion, Diversity and Equal Opportunity at Case Western Reserve University (2019) Award Recipient

The New Agency – Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland (2019-2021) Inaugural Cohort

Who’s Who in Black Cleveland (2016 – 2019) Award Recipient

“Could Be Bitter...” (2015) Winner, Women’s History Month Advertising Campaign

Kaleidoscope Magazine (2014)
Recipient, 40 Black Professionals Under 40

High Tech Academy Kiwanis Club (2009)
Recipient, Outstanding Community Partner Award

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

Arki, S.J. & Burton, H.E. (2022). *Womxn of Color on the Front Lines of Liberation*. Invited presenter at SXSW EDU 2022 Annual Conference. Austin, TX.

Arki, S.J., Mack, S.M. & Thomas, N. (2021). *Update From the Statewide Action Plan*. Invited presenter at Restoring Our Roots, Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV)'s annual conference. Columbus, OH.

Arki, S.J. (2021). *Centering the Most Marginalized*. Invited conference highlight speaker at Restoring Our Roots, Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV)'s annual conference. Columbus, OH.

Arki, S.J. (2021). *From Social Justice to Liberation: Create Anti-Oppressive Frameworks in Organizations*. Invited presenter at Self Care for Advocates Virtual Conference, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S.J. (2021) *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Invited keynote presentation at The Summit on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The Summit School, Edgewater, MD.

Arki, S.J. (2021). *Memoria y Resistencia: Reflections on Self-Identity and Communal Legacy*. Invited keynote speaker for annual Social Justice Teach-In, IRTF, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J. (2020). *#HoldTheLine: A session about what it means to #HoldTheLine, particularly as Black womxn, girls and femmes in the wake of #BlackLivesMatter*. Invited presentation for the Columbus Women and Girls Fest, Columbus, OH.

Arki, S.J. (2020) *Black Feminism, Place and Agency*. Invited presenter for Sister to Sister: A session for Black Women to Convene, Strategize and Explore Place and Agency at Kelly Koren Unlimited, LLC. Hartford, CT.

Arki, S.J. (2020) *JWOC Power To The Polls!: A New Beginning*. Invited presenter for JWOC Resilience Circle hosted by Dimensions Educational Consulting Group, Boston, MA.

Arki, S.J., Grimes, H., Jenkins, C.C., & Murry, M. (2020). *Black Mental Health Matters*. Invited panelist for The City Club, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S.J. (2020). *Put Some Respek on our Names: Managing Conflict within and amongst Feminist Movements*. Invited keynote for the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence Annual Statewide Conference, Columbus, OH.

Arki, S.J., Norwood, C. & Simmons, A. S. (2020). *NO! The Rape Documentary Discussion*. Invited panelist for the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence Annual Statewide Conference, Columbus, OH.

Arki, S. J. (2020). *Defining the Black Experience*. Invited lecturer for The Ungroup Society Afro/Latino(a) Studies Series and Kelly Koren Unlimited, New Haven, CT.

Arki, S. J. (2016-2019). Women of Color Series. Invited lecturer for the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S.J. & Phelps, E. (2019) *Help Me Wrap My Weave Up: Theological Underpinnings of Head Wrapping for Women of Color*. Invited salon speaker at Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S.J. & Diwan, N. (2019). *Showing Up and Showing Out: Identity Development for the Youth Serving Professional*. Invited presenters for MyCom Out of School Time Professional Development Symposium, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S.J. (2019). *Dear #BlackCommaFeminist: A Conversation on Identity Construction*. Invited presenter for the Provost Scholars Program, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S.J., Farmer, C., Jeans, M., McShepard, R., and Taylor, T. (2019) *Teaching Cleveland Institute: The History of Race and Ethnicity in Cleveland*. Invited panelist for Teaching Cleveland Institute, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S.J. (2019). *Curating Your Circle of Mentors*. Invited presenter for NOA-AGEP, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S.J. (2018). *Intergenerational Mentoring in STEM Fields*. Invited presenter for NOA-AGEP, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J. (2018) *Mask on...Mask Off*. Commencement speaker for Richmond Heights High School, Richmond Heights, OH.

Arki, S.J. (2017). *Dear #BlackCommaFeminist: A Conversation on Identity Construction*. Invited presenter school of graduate studies, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S.J. (2017) Parenting In The Wake of #BlackLivesMatter. Keynote speaker for Transracial Journey's annual conference, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J. (2016) Proclaiming Our Royalty. Keynote speaker for the African American Student Association at Case Western Reserve University's Annual Unity Banquet, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J., Addison, B., Brown, G., Cockrell, K., Multhrop, D., Worthy, J. and Zymler, R. (2016) Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness. Invited panelist for Teach for America community roundtable Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J., Luminais, M. & Williams, R. Y. (2016) *What is Social Justice?* Invited lecturers for Shaw High School professional development, East Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J. & Taylor, T. L. (2015). *How To Be A Better Ally*. Concurrent session for Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network of Northeast Ohio Annual Game Change Conference, Akron, OH.

Arki, S. J. (2015). *Dear #BlackCommaFeminist: A Conversation on Identity Development*. Invited concurrent session at inaugural Movement for Black Lives Convening, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J. (2015). *People's Tribunal on Police Brutality*. Panelist for Puncture the Silence Stop Mass Incarceration, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J. (2014; 2013). *Down with Adulthood! Empowering Your Youth Through Voice And Choice!* Invited presentation for Educational Council After School Counts Off To a Great Start Conference, Akron, OH.

Arki, S. J. (2014). *Sustaining the Soul That Serves*. Invited presentation for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Ohio Leadership Exchange, Sandusky, OH.

Arki, S. J. & Washington, C. (2013). *Engaging Students, Parents and Neighborhoods: Strategies for Engaging Older Youth*. Invited presentation at MyComm Out of School Time Professional Development Symposium, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J., Hatten, A. Y., & O'Brien, M. Marsha Mockabee, Moderator. (2012) *Exploring Non-Academic Issues That Support College Readiness*. Panelist at the Higher Education Compact Symposium, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J., (2012; 2013). *Creating Inclusive Classrooms*. Invited presentation for the International Summit on Conflict Resolution, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, OH.

Chair/Moderator

Burton, H.E., Phelps, E.K., Ngana, C., **Shemariah J. Arki, Moderator**. (2021). *From Anti-Racist to Anti-Oppressive: Creating DEI Frameworks in Women's Centers*. WCC Preconference, National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Virtual.

Charfarous McDaniel, A, Jordan, S., Rashid, M., **Shemariah J. Arki, Moderator** (2021). *How Do I See Myself? Memoria y Resistencia: Reflections on Self-Identity and Communal Legacy*. Invited keynote speaker for annual Social Justice Teach-In, IRTF, Cleveland, OH.

Khan, J., Martens, A., Zurub, C., **Shemariah J. Arki, Moderator** (2021). *How Do I See the World? Memoria y Resistencia: Reflections on Self-Identity and Communal Legacy*. Invited keynote speaker for annual Social Justice Teach-In, IRTF, Cleveland, OH.

Cui, X., Rice, R. Tuner,R., **Shemariah J. Arki, Moderator** (2021). *How Does the World See Me? Memoria y Resistencia: Reflections on Self-Identity and Communal Legacy*. Invited keynote speaker for annual Social Justice Teach-In, IRTF, Cleveland, OH.

Crosby, A., Farmer, C., Gibbs, D., King, A., Miller, C., **Shemariah J. Arki, Moderator**. (2018) *Recreating the Village – How We Rebuild*. Panel presentation at MLK50/Glenville 50: Commemorating the Glenville Uprising and its Legacy 50 Years Later Through the Lens of Four Generations, Social Justice Institute, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Curcio, R., Ridgewell, N. M. C., Price, J. N., Ford, B., Crain de la Galarce, P.J., & Bhukhanawala, F., **Shemariah J. Arki, Chair.** (2016). *Exploring Pedagogies for Developing a Critical Inquiry Stance to Teaching*. Paper session of the American Educational Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C.

Van Wyk, B., Franklin, J. D., Tachine, A., Powell, J. S., Amazan, G., & Reynolds, N.B. **Shemariah J. Arki, Chair.** (2016). *Racial Identities, Campus Climate, and Institutional Culture*. Paper session of the American Educational Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C.

Paper & Panel Presentations

Delano-Oriaran, O.; Penick-Parks, M. W; **Arki, S.J.**; Michael, A.; Swindell, O. & Moore, E. J (2022). *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Presentation at the Hawaii International Conference on Education. Honolulu, HI.

Delano-Oriaran, O.; Penick-Parks, M. W; **Arki, S.J.**; Michael, A.; Swindell, O. & Moore, E. J (2021). *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Presentation at People of Color Conference, National Conference of Independent Schools, Virtual.

Delano-Oriaran, O.; Penick-Parks, M. W; **Arki, S.J.**; Michael, A.; Swindell, O. & Moore, E. J (2021). *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Presentation at The Summit on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The Summit School, Edgewater, MD.

Delano-Oriaran, O.; Penick-Parks, M. W; **Arki, S.J.**; Michael, A.; Swindell, O. & Moore, E. J (2021). *Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls*. Presentation at the White Privilege Conference, Green Bay, WI.

Arki, S.J.; Ervin, M.; McCloud, C.; Leek, M. & Flowers, Angela C. Flowers, Moderator (2021). *A Flash in Time Cultural Celebration* for South Euclid-Lyndhurst School District's Black History Month Celebration, South Euclid, OH.

Arki, S.J.; Xuan, T.; Shaskaran, S. Paulin, J. (2021). *APIDA and Black Communities: History and Solidarity*. Panel presentation for APIDA Heritage and United Black World months, Student Life Multicultural Center at Ohio State University. Columbus, OH

Arki, S.J., & Phelps, E.K. (2021) *Praxis As Practice: We Lit, We Lit*. Paper Presented at the University of Cincinnati and Women's Center annual Black Feminist Symposium. Cincinnati, OH.

Arki, S.J.; Flucker, B. ; *LeBlanc, G.; Jessie Kravet, Moderator and Jahna Orzano, MC.* (2021) Panel Presentation at Martin Luther King Jr. Virtual Community Summit Education and Equity Panel, City Year New York's Annual MLK Day Celebration. New York, NY.

Arki, S.J., Burton, H.E., Ngana, C., & Phelps, E. (2019) *Help Me Wrap My Weave Up: Theological Underpinnings of Head Wrapping for Women of Color*. Paper Presented at the National Women's Studies Association National Conference. San Francisco, CA.

Arki. S. J., Branch, D., Brooks, L., Foreman, K., Horton, S., & Johnson, E. (2018). *Where Are We Now and Where Do We Go From Here?* Panel presentation at MLK50/Glenville 50:

Commemorating the Glenville Uprising and its Legacy 50 Years Later Through the Lens of Four Generations, Social Justice Institute, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Arki, S. J. & Phelps, E. (2018) *Queer as Liberation*. Paper Presented at the National Women's Studies Association National Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Arki, S. J. & Ragland, A. (2016). *Teachers as Activists & Activists as Teachers: Dismantling White Supremacy, Privilege and Oppression in the Classroom*. Paper presented at the White Privilege Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Arki, S. J. & Roccoforte, E. (2016) "...*Master's Tools...Master's House...*": *Using a Leadership Legacy Framework to Dismantle Oppressive Organizational Structures*. Paper presented at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Annual Conference, Creating Change, Chicago, IL.

Arki, S. J. (2015). *Dear #BlackCommaFeminist: A Conversation On Identity Construction*. Paper presented at the National Association for Independent Schools' People of Color Conference, Tampa, FL.

Arki, S. J., Sankofa Waters, B., Moore Clemons, K., Duncan, J. A. C., & Butler, M. (2015). *Radical love: Intergenerational Black feminist dialogues to mentor and lead*. Roundtable presented at the annual meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, Milwaukee, WI.

Arki, S. J. (2015). *Intergenerational Mentoring Circles: Healing for Women of Color*. Paper presented at 3rd Annual Black Doctoral Network Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Arki, S. J. & Ragland, A. (2015). *Teachers and Activist & Activist as Teachers: Critical Education in the Wake of Black Lives Matter*. Paper presentation at Critical Race Studies in Education Association Annual Critical Race Theory Conference, Nashville, TN.

Arki, S. J. & Price, R. (2015). *Be...Yonce: From Southern Belle to Strong Black Woman*. Paper presented at the White Privilege Conference, Louisville, KY.

Arki, S. J. (2015). *Taught to Oppress or Educated to Liberate: Building the case for Culturally Relevant Pedagogy*. Paper presented at National Association of African American Studies Association, Baton Rouge, LA.

Arki, S. J. (2014). *Taught to Oppress or Educated to Liberate: Building the Case for Culturally Relevant Pedagogy*. Paper presented at Black Doctoral Network Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Arki, S. J. (2014). *Culturally Relevant Pedagogy: Education That Changes Students and Society*. Paper presented at the University of Akron's Black Male Summit, Akron, OH.

Arki, S. J. & Washington, C. (2014). *Intergenerational Mentoring Circles: Healing for Women of Color*. Paper presented at the White Privilege Conference, Madison, WI.

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SERVICE

Discipline/Profession

National Women's Studies Association (2015-2016; 2018-present)
General Body Member

The United Way of Greater Cleveland (2017–Present)
Member, Financial Stability Impact Committee
Member, RFQ Development Subcommittee

American Education Research Association (2015-2016)
Reviewer of Proposals^[1]_{SEP}
Session Chair/Moderator

The Privilege Institute (2012 – 2016)
Member, Advisor Board

The White Privilege Conference (2008 – 2015)
National Volunteer Coordinator

Handbook of Learning Analytics & Educational Data Mining (2016)
Program Committee

Understanding and Dismantling Privilege (2015)
Journal Reviewer

Student Mentorship

Amya Ruiz, A.A., BA, Community and Justice Studies, Allegheny College
Sharhonda Greer, MA, Cleveland State University, College of Urban Affairs
Amanda King, JD, Noah Webster Scholar, Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Sakenya MacDonald, PhD Candidate, Dissertation Committee, Prescott College
Alice Ragland, PhD, College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University
Erin Phelps, PhD Candidate, College of Arts and Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
Camilya Williams, BS, Women and Gender Studies, Cleveland State University

Community

Shooting Without Bullets (2017-Present)
Founding Board member

Young Latino Network (2019-Present)
General Body Member

NAACP -Cleveland Chapter (2019-Present)
General Body Member

University School (2019-Present)
Member, REACH Program Advisory Board
Member, African American Affinity Network

The Tamir Rice Foundation (2018)
Community Researcher
Education Consultant

Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Organizers and Allies Working Group (2017)
Advocacy Subcommittee Member

South Euclid – Lyndhurst Parent Teacher Association (2015)
2nd Vice President, Rowland Elementary

Junior Achievement (2010 – 2015)
Classroom Volunteer Facilitator for the Titan Program

Cleveland Heights High School (2012 – 2013)
Member, Career Prep Advisory Committee

Sankofa Fine Art Plus (2012 – 2013)
Member, Advisory Board

Urban League of Greater Cleveland Young Professional Organization (2012 – 2013)
Member, Executive Board Member
Chair, Service Committee

Out of Many, One: An Interfaith Celebration (2012)
Member, Planning Committee

Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland (2012)
Member, Best Practices Task Force

Power Up! Case Western Reserve University's Social Justice Institute's Student Leadership Conference (2011-2012)
Member, Planning Committee

City Year Cleveland (2003 – 2005)
AmeriCorps Member