

Stanford



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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Bio

BIO

Committed teacher. Midnight Believer. A Slow Jam in a Hip Hop world. Cerebral and silly, outgoing and a homebody. Vernacular and grounded but academic and idealistic too. Convinced that Donny Hathaway is the most compelling artist of the entire soul and funk era, and that we still don't give Patrice Rushen enough love. I'm a crate digger, and DJ with words and ideas, and I believe that the people, voices and communities we bring with us to Stanford are every bit as important as those with which we engage here at Stanford.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, I come to Stanford from the University of Kentucky, where I served on the faculty of the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Studies and prior to that, from Syracuse University, as a member of the faculty of the Writing Program. In addition to these appointments I served as the Langston Hughes Visiting Professor of English at the University of Kansas and, jointly with Andrea Lunsford, as the Rocky Gooch Visiting Professor for the Bread Loaf School of English.

My scholarship lies at the intersections of writing, rhetoric and technology issues; my specialized interests include African American rhetoric, community literacy, digital rhetorics and digital humanities. My most recent book is titled *Digital Griots: African American Rhetoric in a Multimedia Age*, and my current digital/book project is titled *Technologizing Funk/Funkin Technology: Critical Digital Literacies and the Trope of the Talking Book*.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Graduate School of Education
- Professor (By courtesy), African and African American Studies

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Faculty Director, Program in Writing and Rhetoric, (2015- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Rhetorician of the Year, Young Rhetoricians Conference (2014)

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Science, Technology and Society

Research & Scholarship

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Diversity and Identity
- Literacy and Language

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Funkentelechy: Technologies, Social Justice and Black Vernacular Cultures: AFRICAAM 200N, CSRE 314, EDUC 314, STS 200N (Spr)
- Race, Ethnicity, and Language: Anansi in the Machine: Black Oral Traditions and Digital Cultures: AFRICAAM 389C, CSRE 385, EDUC 389C (Win)
- Remix | Reading and Writing DJ Culture: EDUC 15SC (Sum)

2024-25

- Funkentelechy: Technologies, Social Justice and Black Vernacular Cultures: AFRICAAM 200N, CSRE 314, EDUC 314, STS 200N (Spr)
- Race, Ethnicity, and Language: Anansi in the Machine: Black Oral Traditions and Digital Cultures: AFRICAAM 389C, CSRE 385, EDUC 389C, PWR 194AJB (Win)
- Remix | Reading and Writing DJ Culture: EDUC 15SC (Sum)

2023-24

- Funkentelechy: Technologies, Social Justice and Black Vernacular Cultures: AFRICAAM 200N, CSRE 314, EDUC 314, STS 200N (Spr)
- Race, Ethnicity, and Language: Black Digital Cultures from BlackPlanet to AI: AFRICAAM 389C, CSRE 385, EDUC 389C, PWR 194AJB (Win)
- Remix | Reading and Writing DJ Culture: EDUC 15SC (Sum)
- Star Trek Deep Space Nine, Alternative Futurisms and Radical Worldbuilding: AFRICAAM 197, CSRE 194DS9, PWR 194DS9 (Spr)

2022-23

- Funkentelechy: Technologies, Social Justice and Black Vernacular Cultures: AFRICAAM 200N, EDUC 314, STS 200N (Spr)
- Race, Ethnicity, and Language: Pedagogical Possibilities: AFRICAAM 389C, CSRE 385, EDUC 389C (Win)
- Remix | Reading and Writing DJ Culture: EDUC 15SC (Sum)
- Topics in Writing & Rhetoric: Introduction to Cultural Rhetorics: CSRE 194NCR, PWR 194NCR (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Derric Heck

Master's Program Advisor

Stephanie Cajina

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Introduction: Thinking of a Black Digital Ethos** *SOCIAL MEDIA + SOCIETY*
Clark, M. D., Banks, A. J.
2022; 8 (3)
- **Dominant Genre Emeritus: Why It's Time to Retire the Essay** *CLA JOURNAL-COLLEGE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION*
Banks, A. J.

