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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

PhD, Education – Higher Education & Organizational Change (HEOC) June 2023
Dissertation: “Women of Color Students’ Response to Experiences of Dating Violence in College: An Intersectional Analysis” | Chair: Dr. Jessica Harris

Michigan State University (MSU)

MA, Student Affairs Administration May 2015

University of California, Berkeley

BS, Chemistry with Honors | Minor in Education May 2013

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Karunaratne, N. (forthcoming). Toward a methodology of healing: Promoting radical healing among student survivors through research. *Journal of Women and Gender in Higher Education*.

Karunaratne, N., & Harris, J. C. (2022). Women of Color student survivors’ perceptions of campus sexual assault prevention programming. *Violence Against Women, 28*(15-16), 3801-3824.

Karunaratne, N. (2021). Fostering (re)connections: South Asian students healing from dating violence. *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education*. Advance online publication.

Harris, J. C., **Karunaratne, N.**, & Gutzwa, J. A. (2021). Effective modalities for healing from campus sexual assault: Centering the experiences of women of color undergraduate student survivors. *Harvard Educational Review, 91*(2), 248-272.

Boss, G. J., **Karunaratne, N.**, Huang, C., Beavers, A., Pegram-Floyd, V., & Tullos, K. C. (2019). “It’s a double-edged sword”: A collaborative autoethnography of Women of Color higher education and student affairs administrators who teach in the college classroom. *NASPA Journal of Women and Gender in Higher Education, 12*(2), 166-185.

Porter, C. J., Mlambo, Y. A., Hannibal, J., & **Karunaratne, N.** (2018). (Re)Defining student success: A qualitative study of Black undergraduate women pursuing veterinary medicine. *Journal of Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering, 24*(1), 61-80.

Karunaratne N., Koppel L., & yang, c. i. (2016). Navigating a social justice motivation and praxis as student affairs professionals. *Journal of Critical Scholarship on Higher Education & Student Affairs, 3*(1), 1-19.

Scanlan, L. D., Reed, R. B., Loguinov, A. V..., **Karunaratne, N.**, et al. (2013). Silver nanowire exposure results in internalization and toxicity to *Daphnia magna*. *ACS Nano, 7*(12), 10681-10694.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Karunaratne, N. (2022). Creating environments of healing on campus: Lessons from Women of Color yoga instructors healing trauma. In L. Douglass, A. Threlkeld, & L. R. Merriweather (Eds.), *Trauma in adult and higher education: Conversations and critical reflections* (pp. 335-350). Information Age.

Harris, J. C., Cobian, K., & **Karunaratne, N.** (2020). Re-imagining the study of campus sexual assault. In L.W. Perna (Ed.), *Higher education: Handbook of theory and research* (Vol. 35). Springer.

Karunaratne, N., Huang, C., Boss, G. J., & Beavers, A. (2019). Uplifting counter-narratives: The experiences of women of color student affairs professionals teaching in white classrooms. In U. M. Robinson-Nichols, M. G. Burke & L. Hall (Eds.), *No ways tired: The journey for professionals of color in student affairs* (Vol. 1, pp. 75-86). Information Age.

REPORTS

Fonseca, D., Gonzalez, M., Hart, A. N., **Karunaratne, N.,** Lee, A., Legaspi, G., Ogbuli, K., Osorio, H., Puckett, A., Roychoudhury, D., Sánchez Castillo, M., Sass, A., Son, K., & Weatherford, S. (2022, March). *The history of racism and the quest for racial justice at UCLA*. UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy. <https://luskincenter.history.ucla.edu/lchp-reports/>

BLOG POSTS

Karunaratne, N. (2019, August 27). Connections between the “prison nation” and campus sexual violence [Blog post]. www.csw.ucla.edu/2019/08/27/connections-between-the-prison-nation-and-campus-sexual-violence

Karunaratne, N. (2017, September 1). An intersectional framework for sexual violence prevention education [Blog post]. www.insidehighered.com/advice/2017/09/01/sexual-violence-prevention-requires-focusing-how-multiple-forms-oppression

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, Department of Counselor Education, California Lutheran University
Field Studies in College Student Personnel* (online) Spring 2022, Fall 2022
Organization and Administration of College Student Personnel* (online) Summer 2021
College Student Development Theory* (online) Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant, Department of Education, UCLA
Introduction to Educational Issues and Scholarship (online) Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Student Affairs Practice and Theory Summer 2019

Course Instructor, University of California, Irvine (UCI)
Politicizing Wellness and Healing Spring 2017, Spring 2018
Thrive at UCI Fall 2017, Fall 2018
Racial Justice Allyship Winter 2017
Challenging All Men to Prevent Sexism Fall 2015, Winter 2016, Spring 2017

Course Instructor, Department of Educational Administration, Michigan State University
Student Leadership Training Spring 2014

*indicates graduate-level course

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Karunaratne, N. (2022, November 9). *Employing trauma-informed and healing-centered pedagogy* [Guest lecture]. UCLA CEILS Ed Talk, Los Angeles, CA.

Karunaratne, N. (2022, November 1). *Applying the framework of intersectionality to anti-violence prevention and response work* [Guest lecture]. PH 168: Theoretical Foundations in Community Health Education, San Jose State University, online.

- Adams, J., Johnson, D., Linnehan, A., **Karunaratne, N.**, Saltikoff, N., Shibuya, S., Silva, S., & Weiss, M. J. (2022, January 21). *Trauma informed approaches in higher education* [Panel presentation]. Endicott College Faculty Development Retreat, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2021, October 28). *Theories of gender and sexuality development* [Guest lecture]. EDUC 261F: Cognitive and Personal Development of College Students Course, UCLA, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2021, April 15). *A conversation on sexual violence in APIDA communities* [Guest lecture]. University of Arizona Asian Pacific American Student Affairs, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2021, February 2). *Let's talk about intersectionality* [Panel presentation]. California Higher Education Prevention Program "What It Means to Be an Activist" Seminar Series, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2020, August 18). *Power, privilege, and oppression: Exploring the individual* [Guest lecture]. EDUC 414A: Student Affairs Practice & Theory, UCLA, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2020, August 16). *Inclusion and equity as a student leader* [Guest lecture]. Scripps College Leadership Institute, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2020, April 15). *Campus sexual violence: Intersectionality, #metoo, and trauma-informed care* [Guest lecture]. EDHP 552: The Politics of Difference, University of Southern California, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2018, April 18). *A communal care approach to violence prevention* [Keynote speech]. 2018 UCI Take Back the Night, Irvine, CA.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2018, January 13). *Yoga as resistance: Self-care for student activists* [Workshop]. Cal Poly Pomona Cross Cultural Retreat, Pomona, CA.
- Coleman, L. S., Green, N., **Karunaratne, N.**, Knuth-Bouracee, M. (2016, April 11). *Importance of inclusion and diversity in our prevention education work* [Keynote panel]. Prevention Collective, Los Angeles, CA.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Karunaratne, N.** (2022, November 16-19). *Toward a methodology of healing: Promoting radical healing among student participants in higher education research* [Paper presentation]. 47th Annual Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Devost, A., & **Karunaratne, N.** (2022, April 21-26). *Employing intersectionality in educational research: A duoethnography unpacking the (mis)applications of the framework* [Paper presentation]. 2022 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Anderson, B., Hurtado, S. S., **Karunaratne, N.**, Marine, S. B., Sisaket, L. (2021, November 3-6). *Continuing the conversation: Reflections on the evolution of Title IX in higher education* [Symposium]. 46th Annual Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2021, November 3-6). *The influence of family and culture on South Asian student dating violence survivors' college experiences* [Paper presentation]. 46th Annual Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2021, January 12-15). *Supporting Women of Color student survivors' healing journeys* [Conference session]. 2021 NASPA Strategies Conference, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2020, November 9-21). *Fostering (re)connections: South Asian students healing from dating violence* [Paper presentation]. 45th Annual Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference.
- Harris, J. C., **Karunaratne, N.**, & Gutzwa, J. (2020, April). *Women of Color students healing from campus sexual assault* [Poster presentation]. 2021 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA <http://tinyurl.com/yxg4bvk3> (Conference Canceled).

- Karunaratne, N.,** Chan, E., & Power, A. (2020, March 6). *Student, staff, and faculty perspectives of compelled disclosure policies in higher education* [Paper presentation]. 30th Annual Thinking Gender Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2020, March 6). *Creating healing spaces: A study of Women of Color trauma-healing yoga instructors* [Paper presentation]. 30th Annual Thinking Gender Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Harris, J. C., Cobian, K., & **Karunaratne, N.** (2019, November 13-16). *Re-imagining the study of campus sexual assault* [Paper presentation]. Association for the Study of Higher Education Annual Conference, Portland, OR.
- Grimes, N., Harris, J. C., Hurtado, S., **Karunaratne, N.**, Linder, C., Marine, S., & Wagner, R. (2019, November 13-16). *Centering critical interdisciplinary campus sexual violence research: A summit symposium* [Symposium]. 44th Annual Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference, Portland, OR.
- Karunaratne N.,** Dong, K., Bravo, F., & Farooqui, A. (2019, March 9-13). *Addressing social justice burnout: Politicizing wellness and healing in programming for students and staff* [Conference session]. 2019 NASPA Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Karunaratne, N. &** Dong, K. (2018, June 20-22). *Cultivating a culture of wellness through strategic collaborations* [Conference session]. 2018 California Council of Cultural Centers in Higher Education Summer Conference, Redlands, CA.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2017, October 27). *Toward an intersectional framework for sexual violence prevention and response: Critical questions to consider* [Conference session]. 18th Annual Violence Prevention Conference, Fullerton, CA.
- Karunaratne, N., &** Turner, J. (2017, June 21-24). *Social justice burnout: How to politicize self-care and wellbeing in programming for students, staff, and faculty* [Conference session]. 2017 California Council of Cultural Centers in Higher Education Summer Conference, San Jose, CA.
- Karunaratne, N., &** Poon, G. (2016, November 9-12). *Beyond the surface: Creating intersectional sexual violence prevention, intervention, and healing* [Conference session]. 2016 NASPA Western Regional Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Karunaratne, N., &** Koppel, L. (2016, March 12-16). *The motivations, learning outcomes, and self-care techniques of student sexual assault advocates on a college campus* [Paper presentation]. 2016 NASPA Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Karunaratne N.,** Beavers, A., Huang, C., & Boss, G. J. (2016, March 12-16). *Women of Color teaching in predominantly white spaces* [Conference session]. 2016 NASPA Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Porter, C. J., Mlambo, Y. A, Hannibal, J., & **Karunaratne, N.** (2015, November 4-7). *(Re)Defining student success: Black undergraduate females pursuing veterinary medicine* [Paper presentation]. 40th Annual Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference, Denver, CO.
- Karunaratne, N.,** Koppel, L., & yang, c. i. (2015, March 5-8). *Navigating student affairs as a social justice advocate* [Conference session]. 2015 ACPA Annual Convention, Tampa, FL.
- Porter, C. J., **Karunaratne, N., &** Koppel, L. (2014, June 5-7). *Authentically you: Intersection of identity and its influence on leadership* [Conference session]. National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, College Park, MD.

FACILITATED TRAININGS

- Karunaratne, N.** (2022, September 6; 2021, October 19; 2020, October 5; 2018, September 11). *Systems of oppression: Privilege, microaggressions, and intersectionality* [Training]. University of California, Riverside CARE Peer Educators Training, Riverside, CA and online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2021, April-May; October-November). *Anti-racism discussion series* [16 Training sessions]. University of California External Affairs Staff, online.
- Karunaratne, N.** (2019, June 24). *Supporting students' resiliency: Trauma-informed care and wellness for students of color* [Training]. Metropolitan State University of Denver Scholarship Staff Training, Denver, CO.
- Karunaratne, N., & Yamasaki, Z.** (2019, May 28). *Survivor-centered and anti-oppression programming* [Training]. UCLA CARE Peer Educators Training, Los Angeles, CA.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

UCLA

Center for Education Innovation & Learning in Life Sciences	January 2022 – August 2022
Momentum: Accelerating Equity in Computing (Dr. Linda Sax)	July 2020 – September 2021
Luskin Center for History & Policy (Dr. David Myers)	June 2020 – October 2020
Campus Sexual Violence Project (Dr. Jessica Harris)	September 2018 – June 2020

University of California, San Diego

UC Speaks Up, Center on Gender Equity and Health	December 2018 – August 2019
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SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Equity Liaison	August 2021 – January 2022
Program Coordinator for Learning & Organizational Development Race and Equity Center University of Southern California	August 2019 – January 2020
Student Development Coordinator Cross-Cultural Center University of California, Irvine	October 2016 – September 2018
Violence Prevention Coordinator Campus Assault Resources & Education University of California, Irvine	June 2015 – September 2016
Undergraduate Research Office Graduate Assistant Office of the Provost Michigan State University	August 2013 – May 2015

SELECT GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Dissertation Fellowship , American Association of University Women (AAUW)	2022 – 2023
Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship , UCLA	2021 – 2022
Philip Neil Clark Memorial Fellowship , UCLA HEOC Division	2021
Gordon and Olga Smith Scholarship , UCLA Department of Education	2020 – 2021
Martha Ogata Research Grant to Study Domestic Violence & Abuse in Asian Pacific American Communities (\$2,887.50), UCLA Asian American Studies Center	2020
Honorable Mention for Predoctoral Fellowship , Ford Foundation	2019, 2020
Women in Student Affairs Knowledge Community Conference Scholarship , NASPA	2019
Merit Scholarship , UCLA HEOC Division	2018
Louis C. Stamatakos Award for Outstanding Second-Year Master's Student , MSU	2015
First Place Winner, Graduate Student Case Study Competition , ACPA	2014

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Academic Journals

Co-Editor, Journal of Critical Scholarship on Higher Education and Student Affairs 2021 – 2022
Reviewer, Violence Against Women 2022 – present
Reviewer, Journal of Diversity in Higher Education 2022 – present

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Member, Professional Association 2020 – present

Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)

Member, Professional Association 2019 – present
Member, Site Selection Committee 2021 – present
Conference Proposal Reviewer 2020, 2021, 2022

Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA)

Member, Professional Association 2015 – 2021
Member, SRVPER Knowledge Community Mentorship Program Committee June 2019 – July 2020
Mentor, NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program (NUFP) August 2017 – July 2019
Panelist, “APIKC NPGS x NUFP Present: Let’s Talk Graduate School” Webinar November 2017

College Student Educators International (ACPA)

Member, Professional Association 2011 – 2015
Panelist, “Asian Pacific American Network APIDA Scholars: Doctoral Journey” Panel February 2021

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UCLA

Student Representative, HEOC July 2019 – June 2020

Michigan State University

Member, Sexual Assault & Relationship Violence Task Force November 2014 – May 2015
Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Advocate, Sexual Assault Program October 2013 – May 2015

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Trauma-Informed Yoga Instruction

Hermanas Unidas – UCLA Chapter February 2022
University of California Survivors + Allies February 2022
MannMukti South Asian Mental Health Organization – UCLA Chapter February 2022
Campus Assault Resources & Education, UCLA October 2021 – May 2022
University of Arizona Consortium on Gender-Based Violence April 2021
Metropolitan State University of Denver Center for Equity and Student Achievement March 2021
Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project August 2020, March 2021
Campus Assault Resources & Education, University of California, Irvine September 2016 – June 2017

SELECT CERTIFICATIONS

Mediation (Dispute Resolution Program Act) September 2017
Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT – 200 hour) August 2016
California Domestic Violence and Stalking Advocate August 2016
Michigan Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention and Advocacy October 2013