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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History - University of Washington | Seattle, WA

Expected Graduation: June 2029

Expected PhD Exams Completion: Winter 2027

Advisers: Joshua L. Reid, Ileana M. Rodriguez-Silva, & Moon Ho Jung

MA, History - University of Washington | Seattle, WA

Expected Graduation: June 2026, University of Washington History MA to PhD track Program

MA Fields:

Indigenous Pacific History - Joshua L. Reid

Colonialism and Race in 19th and 20th-century Latin America - Ileana M. Rodriguez-Silva

BA, Major in History: Empire and Colonialism and Minors in Diversity; Minors in Oceania Pacific Islander Studies; Diversity; Anthropology - University of Washington | Seattle, WA

Graduated with Honors, June 2024

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships & Scholarships

John Calhoun Smith Memorial Endowment and CSPN | Summers 2025, 2026, and 2027

GSEE Graduate Excellence Award Research Assistantship | Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

UW Study Abroad Scholarship | June 2023

Costco Diversity Scholarship | September 2019 - June 2024

Foundry10 Scholarship | September 2019

Awards & Honors

2026 Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies (NCAIS) Graduate Conference Travel Award | Winter 2026

Office of Graduate Student Equity & Excellence (GSEE) Graduate Excellence Award Research Assistantship (GEA RA) | Autumn 2024 and Spring 2025

UW Provost Office Award | Autumn 2024 and Autumn 2025

Ronald E. McNair Scholar | March 2022 - June 2024

Dean's List | September 2020 - June 2024

Qacag^{wac} Award for NCORE Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana | March 2023

McNair Scholars Research Stipend | March 2023 and February 2024

History Honors Program | February 2023 - June 2024

University of Washington McNair Scholars Program | March 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies Summer Institute, Chicago, Illinois | July 14, 2025 - August 1, 2025

- “(Re)membering Sāmoans in the Archives,” storymap. Worked three weeks in the Chicago Newberry Library archives and presented a storymap for the course final. Advisers: Dr. Jennifer Denetdale and Dr. Myla Vicenti Carpio, University of New Mexico.

University of Washington MA Research Paper | Completed June 2025

- “Revitalizing Samoan Voices: The Colonial History of Samoa in the Mid-Nineteenth Century”
Adviser: Josh L. Reid

University of Washington Honors History Thesis | Completed April 2023

- “Samoa mo Samoa: The Cultural Resistance to U.S. imperialism in American Samoa (Amerika Sāmoa).”
Advisers: Biance E. Dang and Holly M. Barker

University of Washington Undergraduate Research Projects at the Burke Museum

- “Research Family: Bridging access divides in academic research through Indigenous Oceanic paradigms.” | Completed June 2023
Advisors: Holly M. Barker, Rachael Tamngin, and Ronalei Gasetoto
- “Representing and Serving Oceania Communities Through Data Disaggregation of Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans.” | Completed April 2022
Advisors: Holly M. Barker and Rachael Tamngin
Research Group: Research Family

University of Washington, Ronald E. McNair Research | Completed May 2023

- “Pacific Islander Student Success Through Community-Building in Higher Education”
Advisor: David Ga’oupu Matthew Palaita

University of Washington American Samoa Study Abroad | Completed July 2023

- “Ancient and contemporary connections between Island Societies and local ecosystems in Oceania.”
Instructors: Holly M. Barker and Luke Tornabene

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

Aliyah Siva. (February 7, 2026). “Revitalizing Samoan Voices in the Archive: Navigating Missionary Arrivals the Samoan Way.” *2026 NCAIS Graduate Student Conference*. Newberry Library. Chicago, Illinois.

Aliyah Siva. (December 3, 2025). “Revitalizing Samoan Voices in the Archive: Navigating Missionary Arrivals the Samoan Way.” *Pacific History Association Conference (PHA)*. National University of Samoa, Apia.

Keynote Speakers, **Aliyah Siva** and Anastacia Mikaele. (April 23, 2025). *Gear Up Affinity Series*. Auburn High School.

Attendee, Pacific Islander Student Alliance Conference (PISACON). (March 21-23, 2025).

Aliyah Siva. (May 23, 2024). “Cultural Resistance to U.S. Imperialism in American Samoa (Amerika Sāmoa).” *Undergraduate Research Symposium*. University of Washington, Seattle.

Attendee and student speaker, “Oceania STEAM Night” hosted by Research Family at the Burke Museum. (May 1, 2025).

Aliyah Siva. (April 23, 2024). “Cultural Resistance to U.S. Imperialism in American Samoa (Amerika Sāmoa).” *Gabriel E. Gallardo Symposium*. University of Washington, Seattle.

Aliyah Siva. (March 8, 2024). “Cultural Resistance to U.S. Imperialism in American Samoa (Amerika Sāmoa).” *2024 History Honors Symposium*. University of Washington, Seattle. History Department.

Teaghan Carruth, Ronalei Gasetoto, Olivia Kaiava, Anastacia Mikaele, **Aliyah Siva**, Shane Tamngin, Rachael Tamngin. (May 30 - June 3, 2023). “Research Family: Bridging access divides in academic research through Indigenous Oceanic paradigms.” *National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE)*. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Aliyah Siva. (April 18, 2023). “Pacific Islander Student Success Through Community-Building in Higher Education.” *Gabriel E. Gallardo Symposium*. University of Washington, Seattle.

Ulumoo Ale, Jillian Fuss, Anastacia Mikaele, **Aliyah Siva**, Shane Tamngin, and Rachael Tamngin. (2022, April). “Staking Claims: Representing and Serving Oceania Communities Through Data Disaggregation of Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans.” *CPIS Student Conference in Pacific Studies*. University of Hawai’i, Mānoa. Presented via Zoom.

TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistantship, UW | September 25, 2025 - Present
 - “HSTCMP 166: Modern Olympic Games” with Dr. Kyle Haddad-Fonda | Winter 2026
 - “HSTAA/AIS 209: The Unsettling of the Red Continent: American Indian History to 1815” with Dr. Joshua L. Reid | Autumn 2025
- Research Family Undergraduate Mentor, UW Burke Museum | October 2022 – Present
- Pasifika Achievers Conference College Mentor, Foster High School, Tukwila, WA | April 29, 2023
- Creative Beginnings: Infant – Pre-K Childcare Teacher | June 2021 – August 2021

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Diversity Committee Member, UW Seattle | October 31, 2025 - Present
- Poly Day Committee Member (Registration & Workshops), UW Seattle | May 19, 2023
- Polynesian Student Alliance (PSA) Public Relations Chair, UW Seattle | September 2021 - June 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Image Archivist for the Documentary Film series “Seattle: A History in Short Stories” | July 17, 2024 – Present
- 2025 Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies (NCAIS) Summer Institute “What’s in the Archives?: Settler Archives and Indigenous Knowledge.” | July 14 - August 1, 2025
- Discussant on panel for Dr. Meagan Harden, University of Hawai’i, for her research on “Accessing Empire: Archipelagic Approaches to Reclaiming U.S. Imperial Records.” | April 14, 2025
- Consultant to undergraduate researcher Levi Hughes, Riverside Community College, for archival research on American Samoa's relationship with Western Samoa and its comparative case study with South Korea and North Korea | July 16, 2024 – September 4, 2024
- UW Multicultural Outreach and Recruitment Student Ambassador | February 2023 – June 2024
- Interviewee of *The Daily of the University of Washington*, “Is there such thing as a good tourist?” by Emma Schwichtenberg | January 30, 2023
- Consultant to Computer Science Ph.D. Candidate Tifanny Đỗ, University of Central Florida, for Virtual Reality “Teaching Simulation” | July 25, 2022