

Javay Frye–Nekrasova

Interdisciplinary Scholar Activist | PhD Candidate

An interdisciplinary scholar with home disciplines of human sexuality and communication and media studies working to prioritize pleasure and joy in teaching and research.



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Bend, OR

SKILLS

- * Classroom Management
- * Critical Thinking
- * Curriculum Development
- * Data Analysis
- * Digital Engagement
- * Leadership

CERTIFICATIONS

CITI Training

2024–PRESENT

IRB Training

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Black studies, Cultural Studies, Education Studies, Media Studies, Porn Studies, Kink & BDSM, pedagogy, pleasure, political economy, sex work, social media

EDUCATION

Ph.D. | Communication & Media Studies

2027

"You Made It From Us, Why Shouldn't We

Get Off From It?: Black Women's

Experiences of Pleasure with Pornography"

University of Oregon

Anticipated: June 2027

Ph.D. | Human Sexuality

2027

"What Got Baby In Will Get Baby Out': The

Alarming State of Sex and Pleasure Education

for Pregnancy & Birth Professionals in Training

Programs"

California Institute of Integral Studies

Anticipated: August 2027

M.Ed. | Human Sexuality

2021

Widener University

Graduated: May 2021

B.A. | Media Arts & Design

2016

Digital Video & Cinema Concentration

James Madison University

Graduated: Aug. 2016

B.S. | Hospitality Management

2016

Event Planning Concentration

James Madison University

Graduated: Aug. 2016

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Employee, UO

September 2023 – Present

2023

- * Instructor of Record for Gender, Film, & Media for Summer 2025 term
- * Instructor of Record for Intro to Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies for Spring 2025, Winter 2026, & Spring 2026 terms
- * Instructor of Record for Intro to Queer Studies for Winter 2024 term
- * Assist faculty in teaching undergraduate communication and women's, gender, & sexuality courses
- * Independently lead discussion sections of Intro to Women & Gender Studies
- * Independently teach lab sections of undergraduate courses
- * Act as a resource and aid for undergraduate students

Teaching Assistant, CIIS

August 2022 – May 2023

2022

- * Was the teaching assistant for:
 - Sexual Functions & Practices PhD-level course
 - Human Sexuality Counseling MA-level course
 - Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity PhD-level course
- * Assisted in grading student assignments
- * Was a resource and aid for doctoral students
- * Taught lectures in the course

Student Union Fellow, CIIS

June 2022 – June 2024

2022

- * Act as liaison between student group leaders and the student union
- * Send out weekly communications to the student body
- * Organize events and activities for students to participate in

Research Fellow, CIIS

June 2021 – August 2021

2021

- * Reviewed and analyzed data from pleasure study conducted by Dr. Penny Harvey
- * Synthesized data to write research papers
- * Collaborated with other researchers to co-author journal articles for submission

Teaching Practicum, JMU

January 2021 – April 2021

2021

- * Taught guest lectures in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies minor courses
- * Created lectures based on topics from the course syllabus for WGS class
- * Taught sex education workshops for the Health Center to meet Health Education GenEd requirements

Sex Educator, Millennial Sexpert

June 2020 – Present

2020

- * Develop, shoot, edit, and post sex education videos to YouTube channel
- * Teach workshops on technical sex skills, emotional education, and other sexuality topics
- * Write sex education blogs and articles for various sex shops and platforms

Graduate Assistant, Widener Uni.

October 2019 – May 2021

2019

- * Revamped monthly speaker series to offer supplemental workshops for further education
- * Handled all communications with prospective and current students
- * Managed in-office administrative tasks for faculty and staff

CONFERENCES

From the Ivory Tower to the Internet: Translating Research for Social Media and

General Population Education

What is Research? Conference

Portland, OR

2026

"We Watch Porn Too!": Black Women's Porn Viewing Habits

Society for Cinema & Media Studies

Chicago, IL

2026

"They're Always on Their Phones, Might as Well Make the Best of It": Using TikTok as a Pedagogical Tool for Surviving, Thriving and Learning

Gender Studies Symposium

Portland, OR

2026

Reclaiming History Through Art for Black Futures: An Exploration of Beyonce's Acts (Renaissance & Cowboy Carter) and their Relationship to Afrofuturism

Critical Approaches to Black Media Conference

New Orleans, LA

2026

"Y'a Know, Black People": Black Culture and the Rise of HillmanTok

Mid-Atlantic Popular & American

Culture Association

Philadelphia, PA

2025

Accepted for
presentation

Communicating Culture: The Tradition of Gestural Communication Among Black People

National Conference on Race & Ethnicity

New York, NY

2025

Accepted for
presentation

Categorizing Blackness: Racism and the Persistence of the Ebony Porn Label

Popular Culture Association

New Orleans, LA

2025

Accepted for
presentation

The Complexity of Being a Sex Pro: Exploring Assumptions of Sexuality Professionals

American Association of Sexuality Educators,

Counselors & Therapists

Las Vegas, NV

2025

Accepted for
presentation

Works, Networks, & Structures of Mass Media (Panel Chair)

Society for Cinema and Media Studies

Chicago, IL

2025

Exploring the Intersection of Entertainment/Mass Media and Sex Education Panel

Sex Ed on the Western Front Conference

Denver, CO

2024

Normalizing & Entertaining: Rape Culture in Teen Drama TV Shows

Popular Culture Association

Austin, TX

2023

The Complex Relationship Between Sex Work & Academic Literature: A Literature Review & Historical Orientation

Sex Work Research Hub & Irish Sex Work

Research Network PGR Conference

Virtual

2022

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Project Title: "Defending Academic Freedom is Not a Metaphor: Workers and Students Rise Up for Higher Education"

Principal Investigator: Dr. Leslie Selcer

Qualitative paper examining the gap between praxis and theory regarding academic freedom amidst the political climate

Project Title: Reclaiming History Through Art for Black Futures: An Exploration of Beyoncé's Acts (Renaissance & Cowboy Carter) and their Relationship to Afrofuturism

Principal Investigator: Javay Frye-Nekrasova

Examination of Beyoncé's *Renaissance* & *Cowboy Carter* albums and how they exemplify the reclamation of Black history and connect to Afrofuturism

Project Title: "We watch porn too!: Black women's porn viewing habits"

Principal Investigator: Javay Frye-Nekrasova

Quantitative research to understand Black women as porn consumers

Project Title: "They're Always on Their Phones, Might as Well Make the Best of It": Using TikTok as a Pedagogical Tool for Surviving, Thriving and Learning

Principal Investigator: Javay Frye-Nekrasova

Mixed methods research exploring how to effectively use TikTok as a pedagogical tool for education and survival

Project Title: "Everyone and their mom has an OnlyFans: How the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Boom of OnlyFans Changed the Political Economy of Porn"

Principal Investigator: Javay Frye-Nekrasova

An examination of the shifts within the porn industry after the COVID-19 pandemic and the boom of OnlyFans through a political economy analytical frame

Project Title: "Ya Know, Black People: The Rise of HillmanTok"

Principal Investigator: Javay Frye-Nekrasova

An exploration of the rise of HillmanTok on TikTok and what the cultural phenomenon offers the political climate

Project Title: "Categorizing Blackness: Racism and the Persistence of the Ebony Porn Label"

Principal Investigator: Javay Frye-Nekrasova

Genealogical review of the Ebony porn category and how it reinforces racist views and attitudes

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, & Therapists (AASECT)

Student Member

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Student Member

Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

Member

American Studies Association (ASA)

Student Member

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)

Student Member

Black Women's Studies Association (BWSA)

Student Member

Delta Gamma Fraternity

Alumna, VP Communications (Bend Alumnae Chapter),
Programming Advisor (Alpha Delta Chapter)

Free Speech Coalition (FSC)

Member

Gamma Eta Rho, Human Sexuality Honors Society

Member

National Communication Association (NCA)

Student Member

National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)

Student Member

Popular Culture Association (PCA/ACA)

Student Member

Society for Cinema & Media Studies (SCMS)

Student Member

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Miller Family Scholarship

University of Oregon, Women, Gender &
Sexuality Studies Dept.

2025

Promising Scholar Award

University of Oregon, Graduate Studies

2023

**Konstance McCaffree Community Service
Leadership Award in Sexuality Education**

Widener University

2021