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### SIMMONS ALUMNI: **Where Are They Now?**



#### ▲ **BRIA GAMBRELL M.A./M.P.P '19**

Bria works as the Senior Feminist Organizer at Mass NOW. Her Master's thesis was titled "Racial Politics, Data Collection, and the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry"



#### ◀ **GIAVANNA WORTHY M.A. '20**

Gia is an HIV Prevention Instructor at the YWCA in Western Massachusetts and facilitates intimate partner violence workshops. She is also a contributor for Inside Survivor, where she writes about how Blackness is portrayed in the TV show *Survivor*.



#### ▲ **SHAYNE ZASLOW M.A. '11**

After graduation, Shayne worked in LGBTQ+ public health research and data management. Since the fall of '16, Shayne has been a PhD candidate in Sociology at the University of Virginia where he specializes in gender, sexuality, art, and popular culture.

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#### **SAILAJA N. JOSHI ('13)**

is the CEO and founder of Mango & MarigoldPress, an independent publishing house that shares sweet & savory stories of the South Asian experience.

#### **ERICA FELDMANN ('12)**

is the Founder and owner of Hauswitch in Salem, MA, and author of *HausMagick: Transform your House with Witchcraft* (2019).

#### **GRETCHEN GAVETT ('08)**

is the Senior Editor at *Harvard Business Review*.

#### **CORRIE LOCKE-HARDY ('20)**

is the founder of The Tiny Activist, LLC., which promotes anti-bias and anti-racist curriculums in schools.

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#### LARA NAISBITT M.A. '20 ▶

Lara just accepted a job offer to work remotely with a youth literacy program in school settings. She is in the process of looking at Ph.D. programs in Women's and Gender Studies.



#### TAYLOR BURNS M.A. '20 ▶

Taylor is currently working as a temp in higher ed and volunteers as a Zine librarian at Papercut Zine Library, where they are planning to host a virtual queer zine fest.



#### ◀ AMANDA PICKETT M.A. '16

Amanda currently works in the career advising office at MIT in Cambridge, MA. Additionally, she holds a volunteer leadership position as co-chair of the Council for Diversity Equity and Inclusion in the MIT Office of the Vice Chancellor.

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#### RAMA SRINIVASAN ('10)

is a Marie Curie Post doctoral Fellow at Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

#### RACHAEL MARKS ('10)

is a Senior Editor at Beacon Press.

#### MATI DUPONT ('19)

is a producer and strategist at Hourglass Boston. They are an expert gender consultant!

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### **ABOUT BOSTON**

While Boston has historical landmarks and many beautiful sights to see, we believe that the best parts of Boston are the unique communities.

Boston is home to a number of thriving Black-owned and women-owned businesses, LGBTQ+ safe spaces, and over one hundred non-profits dedicated to social justice issues.

A small university in one of the nation's best college towns, Simmons provides a safe space for diversity in all forms.



### **ABOUT GCS**

Located in the heart of Boston, Simmons University's Master of Arts in Gender and Cultural Studies (GCS) program examines intersecting systems of power and privilege and the ways in which race, ethnicity, nationality, class, ability, gender, sexuality, and sexual orientation are constructed within the United States and in international contexts.

Simmons fosters a supportive, stimulating environment with small class sizes, diverse student cohorts, faculty mentors, and a flexible curriculum.

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