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PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

I am a cultural geographer and political theorist whose research examines how race, space, and power are produced through stories, institutions, technologies, and everyday cultural life. Bringing together geography, political theory, science and technology studies, and Black studies, I study the spatial production of anti-Blackness and the ways ordinary artifacts and narratives shape belonging, legitimacy, and political possibility across the United States and the Americas.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. **Human and Social Dimensions of Science and Technology, 2022**
Arizona State University

M.A. **Political Science, 2018**
Arizona State University
School of Politics and Global Studies

B.S. **Political Science, 2018**
Arizona State University

Other **Certificate in Civic Education, 2016**
Arizona State University

LANGUAGES

English (Native Proficiency), German (B2), Spanish (A1), French (A1)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Clinical Assistant Professor (July 2026 - Present)
School of Public Affairs
Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions
Arizona State University, USA

Assistant Research Professor (June 2022 - June 2026)
School of Public Affairs
Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions
Arizona State University, USA

With additional faculty affiliations (2022 - Present)
Barrett, the Honors College
School of Sustainability
School for the Future of Innovation in Society
Human and Social Dimensions of Science and Technology Studies

With additional faculty affiliations (2025 - Present)

School of Social Transformation
University Design Institute

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Fellow (2022 – Present)
Consortium for Science, Policy & Outcomes (CSPO)
Washington, D.C., USA

Senior Global Futures Scientist (2022 – Present)
Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability
Tempe, Arizona, USA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human and Cultural Geography
Political Philosophy & Critical Theory
Geographies of Ethnicity and Race
Whiteness, Mobility & Politics of Place
Science & Technology Studies
Cultural Studies & Racial Formations

PUBLICATIONS[1]

Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=PaQwFVgAAAAJ&hl=en

Peer-Reviewed Books

1. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. *I, ~~Robot~~ Slave: Robot Stories and Shrouded Cartographies of Anti-Blackness*. Athens: Georgia. University of Georgia Press, (forthcoming 2027).

2. Crow, Michael M., Nicole K. **Mayberry**, and Derrick Anderson. *Artifacts of Abundance: How Design Links Science, Technology, and Organizations to Social Progress.* Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2027.

Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

1. **Fast, Jina, Nicole K. **Mayberry**, and Sid Simpson, eds. *Creolizing Marcuse*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2025.

2. **Altheman C. Santos, Eduardo, Jina Fast, Nicole K. **Mayberry**, and Sid Simpson, eds. *The Marcusean Mind*. New York: Routledge, 2024.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **Mayberry,** Nicole K. "Rationality Without Universality: Marcuse and Spatialized Subordination." *Azimuth: Philosophical Coordinates in the Modern and Contemporary Age*, no. 1 (2027), special issue "Herbert Marcuse's Critical Philosophies of Technology," Forthcoming 2027.

[1] **Denotes projects listed alphabetically, not indicating the significance of individual scholarly contributions. ++Denotes projects co-authored with students and mentees.

2. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "More Pleasant Forms: Marcuse, AI, and the Spatial Production of Control." *Journal of Classical Sociology*. Special issue: "Re-reading Marcuse's Critical Theory in an Age of Artificial Intelligence." Forthcoming 2027.

3. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "*'I, Robot' and the Breadcrumbs of Anti-Blackness*." *Somatechnics* 14, no. 3 (December 2024): 248–265. Edinburgh University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

1. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "Reorienting Humanism: Erich Fromm and the Geographies of Anti-Black Constraint." In *The Frommian Mind*, edited by Maor Levitin, Jeremiah Morelock, and Rory Varrato, 1st ed. New York: Routledge, Forthcoming 2026.

2. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "Ghost Lines and Liberation: Haiti, Marcuse, and the Architecture of Freedom." In *Creolizing Marcuse*, edited by Jina Fast, Nicole K. Mayberry, and Sid Simpson, 25–46. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2025.

3. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "One-Dimensionality and Roe v. Wade." In *The Marcusean Mind*, edited by Eduardo Altheman C. Santos, Jina Fast, Nicole K. Mayberry, and Sid Simpson, 1st ed., 291–303. New York: Routledge, 2024.

4. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "Color-Blind Racism and One-Dimensionality: Imagining Marcusean Conditions of Freedom Through the Black Radical Tradition." In *The Dialectics of Liberation in Dark Times: Marcuse's Thought in the Neoliberal Era*, edited by Taylor Hines, Peter-Erwin Jansen, Robert E. Kirsch, and Terry Maley, 239–252. Cham: Springer, 2023.

Peer-Reviewed Critical Introductions

1. **Fast, Jina, Nicole K. **Mayberry**, and Sid Simpson. "A Brief Introduction to Herbert Marcuse." In *Creolizing Marcuse*, edited by Jina Fast, Nicole K. Mayberry, and Sid Simpson, 1–23. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2025.

2. **Altheman C. Santos, Eduardo, Jina Fast, Nicole K. **Mayberry**, and Sid Simpson. "Introduction." In *The Marcusean Mind*, edited by Eduardo Altheman C. Santos, Jina Fast, Nicole K. Mayberry, and Sid Simpson, 1st ed., xxxv–xlv. New York: Routledge, 2024.

3. **Mayberry**, Nicole K., and Sid Simpson. "Introduction to Part 2: A Revolution of Reason." In *The Marcusean Mind*, edited by Eduardo Altheman C. Santos, Jina Fast, Nicole K. Mayberry, and Sid Simpson, 1st ed., 107–109. New York: Routledge, 2024.

4. **Mayberry**, Nicole K., and Jina Fast. "Introduction to Part 4: Contemporary Movements: Ruptures in the Establishment." In *The Marcusean Mind*, edited by Eduardo Altheman C. Santos, Jina Fast, Nicole K. Mayberry, and Sid Simpson, 1st ed., 278–289. New York: Routledge, 2024.

Op-Eds, Comments, and Other Writings

1. Crow, Michael M., Nicole K. **Mayberry**, Ted Mitchell, and Derrick Anderson. "AI Can Transform the Classroom Just Like the Calculator." *Scientific American*, April 17, 2024. https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/ai-can-transform-the-classroom-just-like-the-calculator/.

2. Crow, Michael M., Nicole K. **Mayberry**, and Derrick M. Anderson. "What a Coin From 1792 Reveals About America's Scientific Enterprise." *Issues in Science and Technology* 40, no. 1 (Fall 2023): 22–24.

3. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. *Shrouded Cartographies of Subordination: How Science Fiction Stories Build Anti-Black Futures*. PhD diss., Arizona State University, 2022. ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global (29162322).

PENDING PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Papers Under Peer Review

1. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "Cartographies of Subordination: Naming, Placing, and Containing Difference in US Robot Imaginaries." (Under Review, *Gender, Place, and Culture).*

2. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "When the Map Is Denied: White Nationalist Backlash and the Re-Cartography of Subordination." (Under review, *Antipode*).

3. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "The Revolution 'bout to be Televised": Kendrick Lamar, Media Spectacle, and the Spatial Politics of Protest in the 2025 Super Bowl Halftime Show." (Under Review, *Cultural Geographies).*

Working Papers

1. **Mayberry, Nicole K.** "The Return of White Sovereignty: Authoritarianism, Belonging, and Political Space." Manuscript in progress.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Edited Essays & Commentary

1. Ipe, Minu, and Nicole K. **Mayberry**. 2026. "From Prediction to Capacity: Preparing Learners to Embrace Uncertainty." *The Co-Lab@UDI*, University Design Institute, Arizona State University. February 16, 2026. https://udi.asu.edu/co-lab/article/from-prediction-to-capacity-preparing-learners-to-embrace-uncertainty

Podcasts

The Doc to Dock Podcast (2025 – Present)
A weekly podcast co-hosted with Dr. Brett S. Goldberg, exploring identity, politics, place, culture, and power from transnational and interdisciplinary perspectives. It's voice notes turned podcast, place as perspective. Launched November 2025. Recent Episodes

EDITORIAL & PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP ROLES

Editorial Roles

Thematic & Research Editor, *The Co-Lab Brief* (2025 – present)

University Design Institute, Arizona State University

The Co-Lab Brief is a monthly publication of ASU's University Design Institute advancing global, transdisciplinary dialogue on the future of higher education through question-driven editorial strategy and thought leadership. Launched July 2025. Recent Issues

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2026 Leibniz ScienceCampus Regensburg
- Invited Participant Travel Award

2024 Central European University
- Visiting Scholar Fellowship

2022 Arizona State University
- Outstanding Graduate Research Award
- Jumpstart Research Grant

2021 Arizona State University
- Jumpstart Research Grant
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Excellence Scholarship

2019 Arizona State University
- University Graduate Fellowship

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Domestic (USA)

Crow, Michael M., **Nicole K. Mayberry**, and Derrick M. Anderson. "The New Geography of University Design." Paper presented at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, 2024.

Mayberry, Nicole K., and Rashad Shabazz. "The Planning and Architectural Thought of Walter Benjamin." Paper presented at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, 2024.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "Shrouded Cartographies of Subordination: How Science Fiction Stories Build Anti-Black Futures." Paper presented at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 2023.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "The Stories We Tell: How Spatial Grammars of Conquest and Domination Build Future Space." Paper presented at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2022.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "The Future is Not for Everyone: Marcuse, Black Marxism, and Memory." Paper accepted for presentation at the Radical Philosophy Association, San Jose, CA, 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Mayberry, Nicole K. "Memory, Intersectionality, and Slavery: Imagining the Future of Artificial General Intelligence Through Black Studies." Paper accepted for presentation at the Graduate Research in STS Conference, Boston, MA, 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Mayberry, Nicole K. "Wake Up. Time to Die! Expanding Theories of Death to Include Future Technological Others." Paper accepted for presentation at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Mayberry, Nicole K. "Wake Up. Time to Die! Expanding Theories of Death to Include Future Technological Others." Paper presented at the Southwest Humanities Symposium, Tempe, AZ, 2020.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "Between Meat and Metal: Imagining Liberation of Non-Human Future Species Through the Dialectic." Paper presented at the Biennial Conference of the International Herbert Marcuse Society, Santa Barbara, CA, 2019.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "Imagined Space & Species as a Starting Point: How the Emergence of Artificial General Intelligence Challenges Anthropocentric Claims to Space, Place, and Person." Paper presented at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2019.

International

Mayberry, Nicole K. "*Cartographies of Subordination: Naming, Placing, and Containing Difference in US Robot Imaginaries."* Paper pending acceptance for presentation at the Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference, London, United Kingdom, 2026.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "When the Map is Denied: White Nationalist Backlash and the Re-Cartography of Subordination." Paper accepted for presentation at the Leibniz ScienceCampus Europe and America Annual Conference, Regensburg, Germany, 2026.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "One-Dimensionality and Roe v. Wade." Paper accepted for presentation at the Biennial Conference of the International Herbert Marcuse Society, Toronto, Canada, 2025.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "Ghost Lines and Liberation: Haiti, Marcuse, and the Architecture of Freedom." Paper accepted for presentation at the Caribbean Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Martinique, 2025.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "Antarctica's Future: How Empire Lurks Below the Ice of the World's Most Protected Place." Paper presented at the Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference, London, United Kingdom, 2024.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "One-Dimensionality and Roe v. Wade." Paper presented at the Biennial Conference of the International Herbert Marcuse Society, Frankfurt, Germany, 2023.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "Shrouded Cartographies of Subordination: How Science Fiction Stories Build Anti-Black Futures." Paper presented at the Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference, Newcastle, United Kingdom, 2022.

Mayberry, Nicole K. "The Stories We Tell: How Spatial Grammars of Conquest and Domination Build Future Space." Paper presented at the Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference, London, United Kingdom, 2021.

INVITED SPEAKING EVENTS

2022 Keynote Student Speaker, Graduate Commencement
Arizona State University

2021 Moderator, Fall Welcome with *Queer Eye's* Antoni Porowski
Arizona State University

2021 Moderator, Women's Leadership Conference with Shellye Achambeau
Arizona State University

2021 Keynote Student Speaker, Graduate Commencement
Arizona State University

2020 Moderator, "The Racial Politics of Science."
STGlobal Knowledge in Action Webinar Series

INTERVIEWS AND OTHER MEDIA

Interviews

1. Wilson, Suzanne. "Sun Devils on the Frozen Continent." Interview with Nicole K. Mayberry. *ASU News*, January 17, 2023. https://news.asu.edu/20230117-global-engagement-sun-devils-frozen-continent.

2. Arizona State University. "Spring 2022 Outstanding Graduate: Nicole Mayberry." *YouTube Video Feature*, 2:06. May 11, 2022. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OO85xrErI0.

3. Robinson, Eliza. "Science and Technology Doctoral Student Sees Service, Research Go Hand-in-Hand." Interview with Nicole K. Mayberry. *ASU News*, May 2, 2022. https://news.asu.edu/20220502-science-and-technology-doctoral-student-sees-service-research-go-handinhand.

Podcasts

1. Mayberry, Nicole K. 2025. "Panel Discussion on *The Marcusean Mind*." *The Radical Philosophy Hour* (podcast), Radical Philosophy Association, November 20. YouTube video, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BVO3gdLQJI

TEACHING INTERESTS

Contemporary Geographic Thought
Political Thought and Critical Theory
Racialization of Space
Science, Technology, and Society
Social Science Methods
Power, Colonialism & Politics of Place

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University

Graduate
- Theory as Method: Power, Prowess, and Praxis (Instructor; 2024)
- Introduction to Western Theory and Response (Instructor; 2020, 2021, 2023)
- Science, Technology, and Public Affairs (Co-Instructor; 2022, 2023)

Combined Graduate and Undergraduate
- Antarctica: The Frozen Environment (Co-Instructor; 2022)
- Antarctica: Humans and the Environment (Co-Instructor; 2022)
- Herbert Marcuse and Critical Theory (Co-Instructor; 2021)

Undergraduate
- Identity, Service, and American Democracy (Instructor; 2024)
- Ways of Knowing [Research Methods] (Instructor; 2023)

Study Abroad and Global Intensive Experiences
- Antarctica: The Frozen Continent [Ushuaia, Argentina, Falkland/Malvinas Islands, South Georgia, Antarctica, South Shetland Islands] (Co-Instructor; 2020-2023)

Course Design and Development
- Inclusive Communities for Graduate Students (Graduate, 2021)
- Power, Politics of Colonialism, and Critical Race Theory (Graduate; 2021)
- Critical Theory in the Marxist Tradition (Graduate; 2019)
- Human and Social Dimensions of Science and Technology (Graduate; 2019); Environmental Justice (Undergraduate; 2019)

MENTORSHIP AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Doctoral Students
Khampha Stempel (2024 - 2026)
Ph.D. Candidate in Sustainability, School of Sustainability, Arizona State University
Role: Committee Member, Comprehensive Examinations

Undergraduate Students
Joseph Black (2023)
Barrett the Honors College, Arizona State University
Role: Committee Chair

Research Assistantships
Zachary Van Tol, Ph.D. School of Sustainability, Spring 2023

Independent Studies
Fall 2023
Spring 2024

Research Mentorship

University Design Institute, Arizona State University
Co-Lead, Interdisciplinary Research Group on University Design and Higher Education Innovation (2024–present)

- Pranshi Vatts, Data & Research Aide (2025–2026)
- Moksha Smruthi Morapakul, Data & Research Aide (2025–2026)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

School of Public Affairs

2026 - Committee for Inclusive Strategies and Design (Faculty Member)

School for the Future of Innovation in Society

2020 - 2021 Innovation's Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (JEDI) Taskforce (Member)

2020 - 2021 Graduate Student Organization (Elected Ph.D. Co-chair)

2019 School Deputy Director/Faculty Search Committee (Graduate Student Representative)

2018 Futures Faculty Search Committee Graduate Student Representative)

College of Global Futures

2023 - 2024 Executive Board, Alumni Association (Board Member)

Arizona State University

2022 University Student Body President (elected)

2020 - 2022 University Taskforce on Multicultural Communities of Excellence (member)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Academic

American Association of Geographers (AAG)
Royal Geographical Society (RGS)
International Herbert Marcuse Society (IHMS)
Association for Political Theory (APT)
Caribbean Philosophical Society (CPS)
Society for Social Studies of Science (SSSS)
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

External

International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (Antarctic Ambassador)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Service

2025 APT Association for Political Theory Program Committee (Member)

2019-2021 IHMS "Alternative Futures: Marcuse's Dialectic of Technology" Tempe, Arizona (Conference Co-chair)

2019-2020 STGlobal Annual Conference, Washington, D.C./Virtual (Conference Co-chair)

Manuscript Reviewer (Peer-Reviewed Publications)

Somatechnics: Journal of Bodies – Technologies – Power
Gender, Place, and Culture
Geohumanities: Space, Place, and the Humanities
Annals of the American Association of Geographers
Political Theory

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

2025 **Caribbean Philosophical Association Summer School**
Certificate

2024 **Central European University**
Certificate: *Democracy and Inequality: The Challenge of a Society of Equals*

REFERENCES

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University President and Professor, Arizona State University

Jane Anna Gordon, Ph.D. | jane.gordon@uconn.edu
Professor of Political Science, University of Connecticut

Massimiliano Tomba, Ph.D. | mtomba@ucsc.edu
Chair and Professor, History of Consciousness, University of California, Santa Cruz

Supervisor, Doctoral Dissertation
Andrew Maynard, Ph.D. | amaynar2@asu.edu
Professor, Arizona State University