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I am a cultural geographer who uses transdisciplinary approaches, drawing from Black geographies, science and technology studies, and political theory. I explore how anti-Blackness, race, and power shape the spaces we move through and the knowledge we inherit, tracing the cultural narratives and spatial formations that sustain white supremacy in everyday life.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **Human and Social Dimensions of Science and Technology, May 2022**
Arizona State University
School for the Future of Innovation in Society
Concentration(s): Human Geography, Black Studies, Critical Theory
Dissertation: *Shrouded Cartographies of Subordination: How Science Fiction Stories Build Anti-Black Futures*
- M.A. **Political Science, May 2018**
Arizona State University
School of Politics and Global Studies
Concentration: Political Theory
Thesis: *Between Meat and Metal: An Examination of Control, Violence, and the Human Relationship with Artificial General Intelligence*
- B.S. **Political Science, May 2018**
Arizona State University
- Other **Certificate in Civic Education, May 2016**
Arizona State University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

With additional faculty affiliations in:

Barrett, the Honors College
School of Sustainability
School for the Future of Innovation in Society
Human and Social Dimensions of Science and Technology Studies
Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability

Faculty Fellow (July 2022 - Present)
Consortium for Science Policy Outcomes (CSPO)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

PUBLICATIONS¹

Books (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.

Articles

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

Book Chapters

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.

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.

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

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–xlvi. 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. **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 PUBLICATIONS

Under Contract

1. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "Pet Sounds: How a Debunked Debate Claim Went Viral on TikTok and Reinforced Racial Harm." In *The Politics of Media Coverage on Conflicts Around the Globe*, edited by Stacey-Ann Wilson, Adrian Harewood, and Cush Sewell Lewis. New York: Routledge, 2026 (forthcoming).
2. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. "Humanism, Space, and Social Death: Power and Domination in Erich Fromm and Orlando Patterson." In *The Frommian Mind*, edited by Maor Levitin, Jeremiah Morelock, and Rory Varrato, 1st ed. New York: Routledge, 2026 (forthcoming).

Under Revise and Resubmit

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

Under Review

2. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. *I, ~~Robot~~ Slave: Robot Stories and Shrouded Cartographies of Anti-Blackness*. Under peer review, Duke University Press.

Working Book Projects

1. Crow, Michael M., Nicole K. **Mayberry**, and Derrick Anderson. *Realms of Teaching and Learning: Institutional Design and the Universal Learning Imperative*. Manuscript in progress, Johns Hopkins University Press.

Working Papers

1. **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.” Manuscript under review.
2. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. “Trapped in Your Dream: Exploring Fungibility and Race in HBO’s *Westworld*.” Manuscript in progress.
3. **Mayberry**, Nicole K. “Whiteness as Mobility: Reflections on the January 6th Capitol Riots.” Manuscript in progress.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Central European University
- Visiting Scholar, Budapest, Hungary (\$1,000)
- 2022 Arizona State University
- Outstanding Graduate Research Award (\$500)
 - Jumpstart Research Grant (\$750)
 - GPSA Leadership Scholarship (\$6,000)
 - GPSA Leadership Scholarship (\$5,000)
 - ASASU Leadership Scholarship (\$5,000)
- 2021 Arizona State University
- Jumpstart Research Grant (\$750)
 - Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Excellence Scholarship (\$500)
- 2020 Arizona State University
- GPSA Leadership Scholarship (\$5,300)
 - GPSA Leadership Scholarship (\$3,300)
 - GPSA Leadership Scholarship (\$3,000)
- 2019 Arizona State University
- University Graduate Fellowship (\$8,000)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Domestic (USA)

Mayberry, Nicole K. “One-Dimensionality and Roe v. Wade.” Paper accepted for presentation at the Biennial Conference of the International Herbert Marcuse Society, New York, NY, 2025.

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. “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, England, 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, England, 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

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| 2022 | Keynote Student Speaker, Graduate Commencement
Arizona State University |
| 2021 | Moderator, Fall Welcome with <i>Queer Eye</i> ’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

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>.

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

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-handin-hand>.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Geographies of Race
Contemporary Geographic Thought
Science, Technology, and Society
Social Science Methods
Critical Theory and Political Thought
Race, 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. Ph.D. School of Sustainability (Anticipated graduation spring 2027)
Role: Doctoral Committee Member

Undergraduate Students

Joseph Black, Barrett the Honors College, Spring 2023
Role: Committee Chair
Thesis: *Can Nature Break Down Our Mental Barriers?*

Research Assistantships

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

Independent Studies

Fall 2023
Spring 2024

UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

College of Global Futures

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

School for the Future of Innovation in Society

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

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

International Herbert Marcuse Society

Black Geographies Specialty Group (AGG)

Association for Political Theory

Caribbean Philosophical Society

Society for Social Studies of Science

Professional

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

Somatechnics: Journal of Bodies – Technologies – Power

Gender, Place, and Culture

Annals of the American Association of Geographers

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

2025 **Caribbean Philosophical Association Summer School**
Certificate

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

LANGUAGES

English (Native), German (A2)