

James Chiyoki Ikeda

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Summary

PhD candidate in World History and veteran history educator at the secondary and post-secondary levels.

Research Interests

The ‘afterlives’ of the US Third World Left, Radical Intellectual History, Black Internationalism, the Global Left, the US in the World, Imperialism and Colonialism

Education

Ph.D. in World History

Northeastern University

May 2027 (expected)

MA in World History

Northeastern University

May 2022

MA in History

Tufts University

May 2017

- Master’s Thesis

“Black is a Country”: The Impact of the Cuban Revolution on American Black Radical Solidarities

Committee: Reed Ueda (chair), Jeanne Penvenne, & Frances Peace Sullivan

M.Ed. in Learning and Instruction

Northeastern University

September 2014

BS in Secondary Social Studies Education

Boston University

May 2012

Publications

- “Feeling Right, in Solidarity: Place-Based Performance Loops and Anti-Gentrification in Black CambridgePort,” co-written with Dr. Kris Manjapra, in Harvard University’s *Transitions: The Magazine of Africa and the Diaspora*. (Issue 137, June 2025)
- “Democratizing Agentic and Epistemological Authority: The Generative Possibility Space and Lecturing in Flux” in *The Journal of Civic Media*, issue 4-5. (Summer 2024)
- “Black is a Country”: The Impact of the Cuban Revolution on American Black Radical Solidarities (Master’s Thesis, 2017)

Conference Papers and Other Presentations

- “Counter-Hegemonic Worldmaking: June Jordan’s ‘Black Realist’ Challenge to Reaganism.” 03/27/2026. The 48th Annual Susman Conference, “Bearing Witness, Challenging Myth: Imperial Pasts and Fascist Presents,” at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ
- “Black Studies as Universal Liberation: Lessons from June Jordan.” 03/12/2026. The National Council of Black Studies 50th anniversary conference in Baltimore, MD
- “The Origins of Asian America: A Global History of Empire and Migration.” 05/08/2025. Part of the HistoryTalks! series hosted by The Lacey Museum at Lacey City Council Chambers in Lacey, Washington

- “June Jordan’s Manichean Black nationalism and the concept of ‘Apocalypse.’” 03/23/2025. The GCWS Graduate Student Conference, “Liberatory Practices for Worlds in Crisis.” (MIT)
- “In Pursuit of Universal Liberation: Black Nationalism and the Afterlives of Slavery in June Jordan’s Early Writings on Education.” 03/14/2025. The African American Intellectual History Society’s 10th annual conference, “Slavery and its Afterlives.” (Providence, RI)
- AANAPISI-funded lecture series at Bunker Hill Community College
 - “United States Interventions in Southeast Asia” (September 2018)
 - “The Partition of British India: A History and its Legacies” (February 2020)

Academic Positions

Officer, NERWHA Executive Council (2023-2025)

The New England Regional World History Association

Research Assistant, Black History in Action Cambridge (Spring 2024, Spring 2026)

Northeastern University’s Arts and Humanities Social Action Lab

- Curated archival artifacts for an exhibition at an historic African Orthodox church
- Co-planned and co-ran two research-based performance events in the church
- Helped plan and execute a workshop series funded by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New England Foundation for the Arts, and the Wagner Foundation

Teaching and Curriculum Design

Instructor of Record (part-time)

July 2024 to Present

Northeastern University

- Subjects Taught: The Origins of Today

Adjunct Professor of History & Philosophy (part-time) September 2017 to Present

Bunker Hill Community College

- Subjects Taught: Asian American History, US History 1 & 2, Modern World History, Introduction to Philosophy, Political Street Performance (honors seminar; co-taught)
- Designed & piloted college’s first Asian American History course (Fall 2021)
- Designed a fully online version of Introduction to Philosophy

Social Studies Teacher (full-time)

October 2012 to Present

Quincy High School

- Subjects Taught: AP African American Studies, African American History, AP US History, US History 2, Modern World History, Civics for English Learners, US History 1 for English Learners
- Designed & piloted district’s first African American History class (Fall 2021)
- Founding faculty adviser to the People of Color Student Union and the Poetry Club
- Coach of the award-winning History Bowl team (2012-present)

Grants & Funding Awards

- Northeastern PhD Network funding (Summer 2023)
- The Gillis Family World History Research Award (Spring 2024)
- The Jennifer Tinney Memorial Fund (Spring 2024)