

# NATALIA L. WALTON

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Intersectional educator, published author, and incoming Health and Behavioral Sciences PhD student at CU Denver with an advanced academic background in the Humanities and Gender Studies. Offers a proven track record of undergraduate instruction at MSU Denver, backed by extensive community leadership directing training pipelines and managing high-compliance human services programs. Specializes in translating complex structural, legal, and behavioral health theories into inclusive, high-engagement classroom learning.



## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Student, Health and Behavioral Sciences | Anticipated 2030  
University of Colorado Denver – Denver, CO  
Master of Arts in Humanities | 2023  
University of Colorado Denver – Denver, CO  
Honors: Recipient of the Distinguished Master's Thesis Award (2023)  
Specialization: Concentration bridging Gender, Women's, and Sexualities Studies  
Bachelor of Arts in Gender, Women's, and Sexualities Studies | 2019  
Metropolitan State University of Denver – Denver, CO  
Honors: Cum Laude | Recipient of the MSU Research Grant and Award (2017)  
Undergraduate Research: Institutional Review Board (IRB) Approved Honors Thesis  
Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies | 2017  
Community College of Denver – Denver, CO  
Paralegal Certificate | 2016  
Community College of Denver – Denver, CO  
Cosmetology Certificate | 1998  
Emily Griffith Opportunity School – Denver, CO

## PUBLICATIONS

### Creative Writing & Literary Series

Walton, N. L. Pouring Souls (Books 1-4). Tetralogy Series. [Insert Publisher/Independent Press, e.g., Amazon KDP].

### Academic & Peer-Reviewed Publications

Walton, N. L. (2023). The Good Nigga, The Bad Mother, The Prostitute, and the Ghetto Bitch (Master's Thesis). University of Colorado Denver, ProQuest Dissertations Publishing. (Winner of the 2023 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award).

Walton, N. L. (2021). Learning In Solidarity. Films for the Feminist Classroom, Issue 10.2, Spring 2021.

Walton, N.L. (2019). Motherly Fat, Whorishly Thin, and the Bitch in the Middle: Physical Body of an archetype (Honors Thesis, Undergraduate). Metropolitan State University Denver

### Institutional & Community Writing

Walton, N. L. (2015). My Deepest Dark Secret. Ourglass, Community College of Denver.

### **Academic Awards & Honors**

- Distinguished Master's Thesis Award | University of Colorado Denver, 2023
- Denver's Women to Watch Award | City of Denver, 2019
- MSU Research Grant and Award | Metropolitan State University of Denver, 2017
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society | Inducted Member

### **Academic Leadership**

President, Iota Iota Iota (Triota) Women's Studies Honor Society | [2016-2017]

- Led chapter initiatives, coordinated academic forums, and advanced intersectional programming and student community engagement on campus.

Gender Institute for Teaching and Advocacy (GITA)

Scholarship and Recruitment Specialist | 2016 - 2017

- Spearheaded targeted recruitment initiatives and outreach strategies to expand program reach, boosting student engagement and enrollment.
- Managed scholarship administration, matching qualified students with vital funding resources while providing academic and professional advocacy.

Center for Identity & Inclusion | Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Graduate Assistant Coordinator & Event Facilitator | 2020 - 2021

- Coordinated daily operations and student support programs within the center, fostering an inclusive, high-retention environment for underrepresented populations.
- Designed and facilitated campus-wide events and diversity workshops, driving intersectional dialogue and strengthening community partnerships.

### **Research & Teaching Interests**

- Intersectional Feminist Theories & Pedagogies
- Social Determinants of Health & Community Health Systems
- Trauma-Informed Care & Human Services Advocacy
- Legal Foundations of Housing Equity & Vulnerable Populations

### **Invited Speaking Engagements & Presentations**

Guest Speaker, Master of Humanities and Social Sciences (MHMSS) Department,  
University of Colorado Denver | 2025, 2026

Bridge Speaker, Metropolitan State University of Denver | 2024

Conference Presenter, National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Annual Conference | 2017

## Higher Education Teaching & Professional Experience

Adjunct Professor | 2024 – 2026

Department of Gender, Women's, and Sexualities Studies

Metropolitan State University of Denver – Denver, CO

- Design and deliver comprehensive undergraduate curricula utilizing intersectional, trauma-informed, and student-centered pedagogical frameworks.
- Facilitate high-engagement classroom dialogues on structural equity, gender theory, and social justice, instructing cohorts of up to 90 students per semester.
- Incorporate diverse multimedia, primary texts, and active learning strategies into daily lectures to accommodate various learning modalities.
- Provide intensive academic mentorship, advising undergraduate students on research methodologies, critical writing, and professional pathways in human services.
- Utilize Learning Management Systems (Canvas) to manage course administrative tasks, design modules, and execute equitable grading standards.

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## Applied Professional Experience & Community Leadership

Training Director | [2019–2023]

Covered Colorado – Denver, CO

- Spearheaded the instructional design, curriculum development, and execution of state-level educational and professional training modules.
- Translated complex organizational compliance protocols into accessible workshops, leading professional development for statewide advocates.

Lead Case Manager & Housing Navigator | [2023–2025]

The Salvation Army – Denver, CO

- Managed an intensive, high-compliance caseload, administering critical crisis de-escalation, strength-based goal setting, and trauma-informed support.
- Navigated legal and federal benefit pipelines to secure housing, food security, and income support for vulnerable, unhoused, and transitional populations.

## Certifications & Professional Licenses

- Cosmetologist License, State of Colorado | 1998 – Present
- State of Colorado Substitute Teacher License | Issued: 2026
- Paralegal Certification | Community College of Denver, 2016

## Professional Memberships & Affiliations

- Member, National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
- Member, Colorado Paralegal Association (CPA)