

Black Feminist Apprenticeship:

Cultivating Listening and Learning Beyond the Human

Summer Quarter 2020 course



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Course Details

EDCI 505A (Seattle); B EDUC 520A (Bothell)
M-F 1:10-4:30pm, Room TBA
July 27th-August 7th
3 credits, CR/NC
Email edcodes@uw.edu for add code/registration

Course Description

For a few years now Sista Docta Alexis Pauline Gumbs has been considered a "queer Black Feminist Expert" but in her heart she identifies as an apprentice marine mammal: someone trying to learn how to breathe amidst rising oceans, transformed by the saltwater of her own tears, sweat, spit and blood. Informed by her book-length immersion in Jamaican theorist Sylvia Wynter's practices of emphasis, Alexis is interested a depth praxis through which we can unlearn the traps of a western idea of the human. And that's where you come in. This is an intensive space that will use writing, listening, embodiment and ceremony to cultivate the humility and connection it takes to study without the possibility of expertise. This is a space for learners who want to be students (not experts on) of whales, trees, clouds, sidewalks, soil, and other teachers I haven't thought of yet. We will be together in circle indoors and outdoors, on campus and off campus in a supportive configuration of growth. Or, to put it in tweetable terms:
#queerestblackestbestestsummer

Praise for Dr. Gumbs:

"Black Feminist hero."
-- *Teen Vogue* (2019)

"Alexis Pauline Gumbs is a
literary treasure."
-- *Bitch Magazine* (2018)

"Groundbreaking."
-- *Publishers Weekly* (2018)



DR. ALEXIS PAULINE GUMBS

2020 Distinguished Summer Scholar

Queer Black Feminist Poet & Scholar