

# **K. Melchor Hall, PhD**

**Doctoral Faculty - School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University**

Auburn, MA, US

Black feminist scholar-activist crossing disciplinary and national borders

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## **Description**

With academic credentials in both computational and social sciences, K. Melchor Quick Hall, PhD is a transdisciplinary scholar-activist. Her dissertation research explored the importance of cassava bread, or "ereba" in the Garifuna language, which is central to development in Honduras's rural, Black indigenous Garifuna community. Highlighting the importance of Black women's work in community development is an important aspect of Dr. Hall's socio-political commitments. In addition to working with rural farmers in Honduras, she also works in solidarity with food activists in the US, such as those at Soul Fire Farm, and understands how important science is to Black and indigenous livelihoods. Having taught and trained in various STEM disciplines, including mathematics, computer science, and environmental science, Dr. Hall is committed to increased access and opportunities for historically under-represented populations, including Black and Latino populations.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Training and Development, Political Organization, Information Technology and Services, Education/Learning, Research, International Trade and Development, Program Development

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## **Topics**

Black Feminist Theory, International Development, Constructivist Grounded Theory, STEM Education and Training, Transnational Organizing, Food Studies, Latin America, Indigenous Studies

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## **Affiliations**

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### **Education**

**School of International Service, American University**

PhD (with distinction) International Relations

**School of International Service (SIS), American University**

MA International Communication

**College of Science and Technology, Temple University**

MS Computer and Information Sciences

**Sarah Lawrence College**  
BA Mathematics concentration

**(2013-2015) Academic Professional Development**  
Certifications as noted Various

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## **Accomplishments**

**(2016) Finalist, First Book Prize**

Awarded by the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)

**(2015) Runner-Up, Northedge Essay Prize**

Awarded for "A Transnational Black Feminist Framework: Analyzing Race and Gender in the Context of a Global IR," Millennium: Journal of International Studies

**(2014) Outstanding Scholarship at the Graduate Level Award**

Awarded by American University

**(2013) Runner-Up, Kuklys Prize for best graduate student paper**

Awarded for "Ereba Production: Expanding Capabilities through Collective Action," by the Human Development and Capability Association

**(2013) Sylvia Forman Award for best graduate student paper**

Awarded for "The Masculinization of Ereba: Converting Women's Work Into Men's Capabilities," by the Association for Feminist Anthropology

**(2011-2012) U.S. Student Fulbright Grant**

Honduras

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