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### Education

Ph.D. in American Studies, Emory University (2009)

B.A. in English and Political Science, Howard University

### Research Interests

Black Women's Intellectual History, Black Feminist Thought, Hip Hop Feminisms, Hip Hop Studies, Race and Gender Representation in Popular Culture, Digital Feminisms, and New Media.

### Biographical Notes

Brittney Cooper is Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Africana Studies. Prof. Cooper is also the Principal Investigator and Founding Director of the Race and Gender Equity (RAGE) Lab

at Rutgers. Her books include *Beyond Respectability: The Intellectual Thought of Race Women*, winner of the 2018 Merle Curti Prize for Best Book in U.S. Intellectual History from the Organization of American Historians; the New York Times bestseller *Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower*; *Feminist AF: A Guide to Crushing Girlhood* (co-authored with Susana Morris and Chanel Craft Tanner) a Kirkus top Young Adult Book of 2021 and a nominee for the Garden State Teen Book Award from the New Jersey Library Association; *Stand Up!: 10 Mighty Women Who Made a Change*; and *The Crunk Feminist Collection* (co-edited with Susana Morris and Robin Boylorn). Cooper co-founded the Crunk Feminist Collective, a Hip Hop Generation Feminist Collective of Women of Color Activists and Scholars. They ran the highly successful Crunk Feminist Collective Blog which was named a top blog by New York Magazine in 2011. Today, they co-edit *The Remix*, a weekly substack newsletter.

Dr. Cooper has also been awarded prizes or been a named finalist for several awards related to her digital commentary. She is currently a contributor at *The Cut*/*New York Magazine* and she is a former columnist at *Salon.com*, *Cosmopolitan.com*, and a former contributor at *Time.com*. Dr. Cooper frequently appears as a commentator on MSNBC and NPR, has appeared in several documentaries on Netflix and PBS, and her commentary has been published at the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Ebony Magazine*, *Essence Magazine*, *Time Magazine*, *Marie Claire*, PBS and many other outlets. In 2016, she gave a TED Talk for TED Women on "the Racial Politics of Time." To date, her talk has been viewed over 1 million times. She has been named to *The Root.com*'s Root 100, an annual list of top Black influencers four times.

An award-winning teacher, Professor Cooper teaches courses on race, gender, and sexuality, Hip Hop, Black Intellectual History, and Black Feminist Thought. She was the 2016 recipient of the Masters Level Teaching Award from the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools.

[Click here to view Dr. Cooper's CV](#)

## **Courses Offered**

### **Undergraduate**

Introduction to Gender, Race, and Sexuality

Hip Hop Feminism

Hip Hop: The Birth and Evolution

Black Thought

Gender, Digital Media, and Social Curation

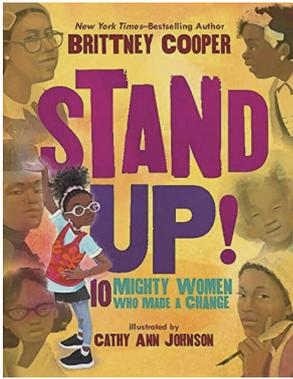
Gender and Media Capstone

### **Graduate**

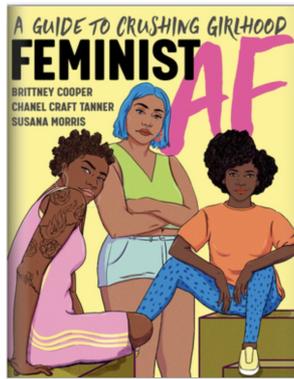
Feminism: Theory and Practice

Black Feminist Theory

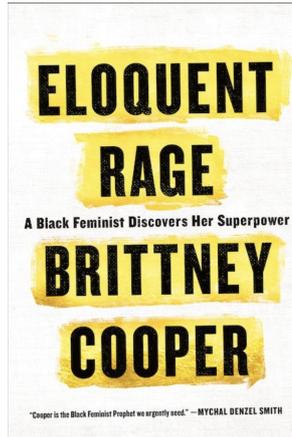
Agency, Subjectivity and Social Change



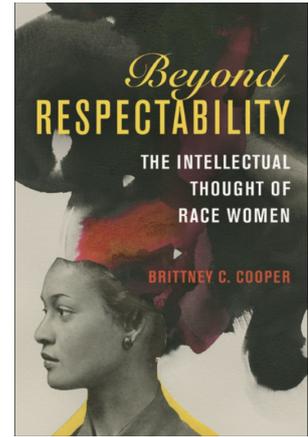
**Stand Up!: 10 Mighty Women Who Made A Change**  
Scholastic, 2022.



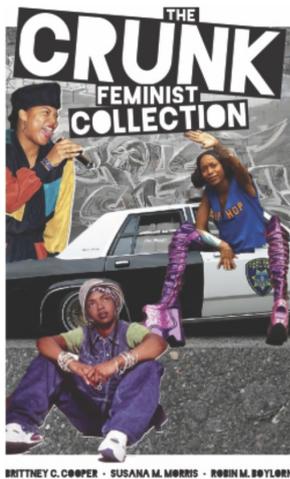
**Feminist AF**  
Norton Young Readers, 2021.



**Eloquent Rage**  
Macmillan Publishers, 2018.



**Beyond Respectability**  
University of Illinois Press, 2017.



**The Crunk Feminist Collection**  
The Feminist Press, 2017.

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