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## EDUCATION

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**San Francisco State University**, College of Ethnic Studies, San Francisco, CA  
2026 M.A., Asian American Studies

**Chapman University**, Donna Ford Attallah School of Educational Studies, Orange, CA  
2024 B.A., Integrated Educational Studies, Honors and Sociology Minors  
Magna Cum Laude, Presidential Merit Scholarship, Provost's List

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Filipino/a/x Studies, Critical Race Theory (specifically AsianCrit and FilCrit), First-Generation College Student Populations, Family Engagement Practices, Post-secondary Access and Success

## SELECTED CURRENT PROJECTS

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**Exploring the (UN)Well-Being of Pin[a/x]ys in Higher Education Critical and Analytical Autoethnography of a Filipina American College Student:** This qualitative interview study exploring how and why Pin[a/x]ys have high rates of suicidal ideations and attempts in higher education spaces.

**Exploring Asian American Neurodiversity:** The present study aims to explore the impacts of the model minority myth in Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis and what Asian American neurodiversity can look like.

## PUBLICATIONS

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2025 **Dayrit, M.** & Cuevas, S. *"Because I built that trust:" College access professionals utilizing funds of knowledge to support the families of prospective first-generation college students.* Manuscript accepted for publication in *The Harvard Educational Review*.

Dayrit, M. (In Progress). A critical and analytical autoethnography of a Filipina American college student. Preparing for submission to *TBD*.

Dayrit, M. (In Progress). Filipino/a/x Americans navigating predominantly white campus climates. Preparing for submission to the *TBD*.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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2024 Attallah College Overall Outstanding Graduate

2023 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kevin and Tam Ross Undergraduate Research Prize

2022 – 2024 Provost List

2021 – 2024 Chapman University Presidential Merit Scholarship

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2024 Undergraduate Student Education Research Training Fellowship, American

Educational Research Association (AERA)

- 2024 Undergraduate Conference Travel Grant for APAHE/NCUR/AERA, Chapman University
- 2023 Undergraduate Conference Travel Grant for ASHE, Chapman University
- 2023 Undergraduate Conference Travel Grant for AERA, Chapman University
- 2023 Spring Undergraduate Student Scholarly/Creative Grant, Chapman University

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**NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (*Forthcoming in italics*)

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- Apr 2025 **Dayrit, M.** & Meindl, N. Exploring Asian American Neurodiversity: The impacts of the model minority myth in ASD diagnosis. Paper session. AAAS Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Apr 2024 Dayrit, M. Filipino/a/x Americans navigating predominantly white campus climates. Poster presentation. NCUR, Long Beach, CA.
- Apr 2024 Dayrit, M. Filipino/a/x American Ethnic Identity and Sense of Belonging in College. Poster presentation. APAHE Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA.
- Nov 2023 Dayrit, M. Filipino/a/x Americans navigating predominantly white campus climates. Work in progress session. ASHE Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
- Apr 2023 Dayrit, M. Understanding how college access professionals work with the families of prospective first-generation college students. Paper presentation. AERA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

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**INVITED TALKS** (*Forthcoming in italics*)

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- Apr 2025 **Dayrit, M.** & Meindl, N. Exploring Asian American Neurodiversity: The impacts of the model minority myth in ASD diagnosis. Talk presentation. RAND, Santa Monica, CA.

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**OTHER PRESENTATIONS** (*Forthcoming in italics*)

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- May 2024 Dayrit, M. A critical and analytical autoethnography of a Filipina American college student. Oral presentation. Attallah College Senior Capstone: Dean's Session, Orange, CA.
- Nov 2023 Dayrit, M. Filipino/a/x Americans navigating predominantly white campus climates. Oral presentation. CUE Fall Student Scholar Symposium, Orange, CA.
- Apr 2023 Dayrit, M. Understanding how college access professionals work with the families of prospective first-generation college students. Oral presentation. CUE Spring Student Scholar Symposium, Orange, CA.

- Apr 2023 Dayrit, M. Understanding the Filipino/a/x American experience in higher education. Oral presentation. CUE Spring Student Scholar Symposium, Orange, CA.
- Apr 2023 Dayrit, M. Understanding how racism impacts pornography: A comparison of two case studies. Poster presentation. CUE Spring Student Scholar Symposium, Orange, CA.
- Nov 2022 Dayrit, M. Avoiding shame: Filipino American's motivations for higher education. Oral presentation. CUE Fall Student Scholar Symposium, Orange, CA.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 – 2024 Lead Community Engagement Assistant, Rinker Campus Center, Chapman University
- 2021 – 2022 Student Assistant, Promising Futures Program, Chapman University

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## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Lead Undergraduate Student Researcher, Attallah College of Educational Studies
- 2023 Undergraduate Intern, Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies, UC Davis
- 2022 Conference Development Experience/Educational Collaborative Intern, Ethnic Studies Summit and Educational Collaborative at Centennial Park, Chapman University

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## SERVICE AND MENTORSHIP

- 2023 – 2024 SteppingUP Advisor, Santa Ana, SteppingUP by Orange County Community Housing Corporation
- 2022 – 2024 Member, Dean's Dozen, Attallah College of Educational Studies
- 2023 Wraparound Tutor, Santa Ana, OC Children's Therapeutic Arts Center
- 2021 – 2022 Member, Provost Student Advisory Board, Chapman University
- 2022 Volunteer, Anaheim, Higher Ground Youth & Family Services
- 2021 Tutor, Remote, Alumni Tutoring of San Diego
- 2021 Tutor/Mentor, Remote, Student Sphere