

## New Faculty Bio

**Name:** iyelli ichile, PhD

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**Position:** Assistant Professor

**Department of:** Music & Pan-Africana Studies



**Bio:**

Dr. Iyelli Ichile has taught at universities around the country, including Temple University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Florida A&M University—in addition to curatorial work at a number of museums, an apprenticeship with Baile's African Drumworks, and many years as a performing artist in both traditional west African percussion and early 20th century blues music. She supports political and cultural work in our community in as many ways as she can, and she is the mother of a more amazing daughter than she prayed for.

**Educational Background:**

PhD in African Diaspora History--Howard University

Master's in African American Studies--Columbia University

B.S. in Communications Sciences & Disorders

Her most important education, however, took place in her mother's home.

**Classes Taught:**

Introduction to African American Music

African American Experience

**Research Interest:**

Her work examines the ways in which music-making, culture, gender, aesthetics and spirituality inform Black liberation. She has completed research on the role of women in go-go music, enslaved African women's spiritual leadership in resistance, and the history of African drumming in America.

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