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Simpson's forthcoming book *Single Black Mother: Queer Reflections on Marriage and Racial Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2025) deploys a queer Black feminist lens to illuminate the multiple vectors of harm, inclusive of material, moral, and political harms, that serve to undermine the freedom of unmarried Black mothers. This organizing focus encapsulates Simpson's research interests in Black feminist philosophy, queer theory, and the philosophy of gender, race, and sexuality.

A graduate of Spelman College, Simpson is deeply committed to supporting and advancing racial justice, gender justice, and LGBTQ+ equity through advocacy and education. Simpson's work is an expression of her firm commitment to making a difference in the lives of her students and institutions that are devoted to communities of color.