

Brianna Zhane Ross

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Michigan Personality and Social Contexts (GPA: 4.0)	2026
M.A.	North Carolina Central University General Psychology (GPA: 3.85) <i>Examining the Relationship Between Racial Discrimination, Racial Identity, and Activism Among Black College Students</i>	2020
B.A.	University of North Carolina Wilmington- <i>Magna cum laude</i> Psychology (GPA: 3.80) Member of Psi Chi Honor Society	2018
B.A.	University of North Carolina Wilmington Communication Studies (GPA: 3.73) Member of Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society	2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Identities Discrimination Intersectionality Cultural Psychology Collective Action Well-being

FELLOWSHIP

Rackham Merit Fellowship (RMF) <i>UM-Rackham Graduate School</i>	August 2021 – present
Psychology Diversity Student Ally	October 2022 – December 2023

AWARDS & HONORS

Pat Gurin Distinguished Lecture – \$250 Black Identity in Action: Examining Predictors of Collective Action Among Black Individuals	2024
SAGE Student Research Award – \$750 Behind Black women’s passion: An examination of activism among Black women in America, <i>Journal of Black Psychology</i>	2023
University of Michigan Psychology Departmental Associate	2023
Rackham Conference Travel Award – \$900	2023
Rackham Conference Travel Award – \$1200	2022
North Carolina Central University Academic Honors	2020
Alliance for Graduate Education and Professoriate Conference 1 st Place Poster Presentation Award – \$400 Rewriting the Black woman’s story: An examination of activism among Black women in America	2019
NCCU Graduate and Undergraduate Research Symposium (GURS) 3 rd Best College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Oral Presenter Award	2019
University of North Carolina Wilmington Academic Honors	2018

PUBLICATIONS

Ross, B., DeShields, W., Edwards, C., & Livingston, J. (2022). Behind Black women's passion: An examination of activism among Black women in America. *Journal of Black Psychology*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00957984221084779>

Ross, B. (2020). Examining the relationship between racial discrimination, racial identity, and activism among Black college students. *ProQuest Dissertations and Theses*. <http://nclive.org.ezproxy.nccu.edu/cgi-bin/nclsm?url=http://search.proquest.com.ezproxy.nccu.edu/dissertations-theses/examining-relationship-between-racial/docview/2406952493/se-2?accountid=12713>

Ross, B. (2018). COM Senior Profile: Jocabed Aragon- Envisioning Change, *Communication Connection*.

[In Progress]

Ross, B., Lee, F., & Cokley, K. (in prep). Black identity in action: Examining ethnic and racial identity, racial discrimination, and collective action among Black individuals

Ross, B., Lee, F., & Cokley, K. (in prep). Collective action in color: Examining ethnic-racial identity, racial discrimination, collective action, and well-being among Black individuals.

Ross, B., Wee, S., Lee, F. & Cheng, C. (in prep). Asian and Black American hate: Understanding the impact of hate crime news on psychological outcomes for Asian and Black Americans.

Brown-Lowery, C., **Ross, B.,** Johnson, T., Mosley, D., Martin, P., Cliette, G., Livingston, J. (in prep). Misrepresented and overlooked: Understanding psychosocial factors related to depression among Black men.

Livingston, J.N., Long, A., Jones, M., **Ross, B.,** Lundan, McCain, D., Cliette, G. (in prep.) Are we the change we have been waiting for?: Understanding factors that influence activism among Black women.

Edwards, C., Miller J., Jones, B., **Ross, B.,** Sollers, J.J., Barker, C., Green, M., & Bryson, W.J. (in prep). Dreams: A sociocultural reflection of African-American life.

INVITED TALKS

Ross, B. (2022). Behind Black Women's Passion: An Examination of Activism Among Black Women in America. *Journal of Black Psychology Podcast*.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Ross, B. (2022). Collective Action in Color: Examining the Relationships Between Racial Identity, Racial Discrimination, Active Coping, & Activism among Black/Latine Individuals. Summer Conference for Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. San Juan, PR. Symposium.

Ross, B. (2022). Examining the Relationship Between Racial Discrimination, Racial Identity, and Activism Among Black College Students. Special Topics Conference for Society for Research in Child Development. Rio Grande, PR. Flash Talk.

Ross, B., & Livingston, J. N. (accepted). Impacts of Racialization: Exploring the Relationships between Racial Discrimination, Racial Identity, and Activism. International Conference on Clinical and Social Psychology, Miami, FL. Oral Presentation.

Ross, B., & Livingston, J. (2019). Black Girl Magic, Then and Now: Examining the Relationship Between Activist Tendencies and Age Among Black Women. Southeast Ecological Conference, Columbia, South Carolina. Oral Presentation.

Ross, B., & Livingston, J. (2019). Rewriting the Black Woman's Story: An Examination of Activism Among Black Women in America. Graduate and Undergraduate Research Symposium, Durham, NC. Oral Presentation.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Ross, B.** & Lee, F. (2024). Asian and Black American Hate: Understanding the Impact of Hate Crime News on Psychological Outcomes for Asian and Black Americans. San Diego, CA.
- Ross, B.** & Lee, F. (2023). BLAAC Collective Action: Examining Black/Latine-Afro Activism and Coping. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- Ross, B.**, Sollers, J. J., & Edwards, C. (accepted). Half-Human: Examining Right-Wing Authoritarianism and Social Dominance Orientation Effects on Dehumanization Tendencies. International Conference on Social, Cognitive, and Affective Neuroscience, Los Angeles, CA. *Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Ross, B.**, & Livingston, J. (2020). Black Men and Depression: Understanding Psychosocial Factors That Influence Depression Among Black Men. American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Las Vegas, NV.
- Ross, B.**, Joseph, M., & Livingston, J. (2019). Rewriting the Black Woman's Story: An Examination of Activism Among Black Women in America. Alliance for Graduate Education and Professoriate Conference, East Lansing, MI.
- Joseph, M., **Ross, B.**, & Livingston, J. (2019). Workplace Stress an Black Americans: The Role of Religiosity and Coping Strategies on Psychological Well-Being. Alliance for Graduate Education and Professoriate Conference, East Lansing, MI.
- Fulcher, S., Joseph, M., Whitlow, C., Ford, N., **Ross, B.**, Glaspie, N., & Livingston, J. (2019). Do Lesbians Have Safe Sex?: Exploring the Relationship Between Sexual Literacy, Sexual Scripts, Self-Esteem and Sexual Self-Efficacy Among Black LBGTQ Women. Alliance for Graduate Education and Professoriate Conference, East Lansing, MI.
- Ross, B.**, Joseph, M., & Livingston, J. (2019). It's More Than Just Hate: Examining the Relationship Between Racial Discrimination and Racial Identity Among Black College Students. 51st Annual ABPsi International Convention, Orlando, FL.
- Joseph, M., **Ross, B.**, & Livingston, J. (2019). Working to Work: Assessing the Relationship Between Occupational Stress and Well-Being For Black Americans. 51st Annual ABPsi International Convention, Orlando, FL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Researcher** August 2021 – present
Dr. Fiona Lee & Dr. Kevin Cokley | *University of Michigan*
Lee Lab: Research coordination/project management, mixed method and quantitative survey development, qualitative data coding and meaning making for projects on ethnic racial identity, workplace identity, discrimination, collective action, personal and work-related well-being
RACE Lab: Literature review, multilevel path analysis meaning making, and scale evaluation for projects on imposter phenomenon, ethnic and racial identity, culturally relevant measurement, and academic achievement
- Research Assistant** May 2020 – August 2021
Dr. Christopher Edwards & Dr. Jonathan N. Livingston | *North Carolina Central University*
Literature review development, exploratory and secondary quantitative data analysis in SPSS and R, manuscript editing/review
- Graduate Researcher** August 2018 – May 2020
Dr. Jonathan N. Livingston | *North Carolina Central University*
Survey development, study piloting via Qualtrics, quantitative data analysis in SPSS, manuscript and research presentation reviews
- Public Relations Research Team Lead** January 2018 – May 2018
Jennifer Chin | *University of North Carolina Wilmington*

Research coordination/team management, item development and survey construction via SurveyMonkey, research interpretation and marketing implementation for local nonprofit.

Directed Independent Study

January 2017 – August 2020

Dr. Richard Pond & Dr. Erica Noles | *University of North Carolina Wilmington*

Research project development, IRB and OSF formation, survey development, data analysis in SPSS, team management, manuscript development.

Research Assistant

January 2017 – May 2018

Dr. Richard Pond in Pond Social Psychology Lab | *University of North Carolina Wilmington*

Participant recruitment, in-person laboratory experiment coordination for self-report questionnaires and reaction time task, data analysis in SPSS

TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

STAR Scholars Mentor

December 2023 – present

STAR Scholars Program | *University of Michigan*

Head Graduate Student Instructor

January 2023 – May 2023

Introduction to Personality Psychology | *University of Michigan*

Graduate Student Instructor

January 2022 – May 2023

Introduction to Personality Psychology | *University of Michigan*

Graduate Writing Consultant | *North Carolina Central University*

August 2018 – August 2020

Summer Writing Consultant

June – July 2019

English Composition I | *North Carolina Central University*

Undergraduate Student Mentor/Teaching Assistant

August 2016 – December 2017

First Year Seminar | *University of North Carolina Wilmington*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

R Programming

June 2020

Coursera online course authorized by John Hopkins. Learned how to use and create various functions. Analyzed data and developed charts and graphs suitable for publication.

NYU Virtual Research Internship

August 2020

Explored research questions and conducted data analysis in R to study whether perceived social presence and familiarity predicted individual levels of pleasure when listening to music. Participated in preparatory workshops to improve Ph.D. application documents.

SERVICE

Educate Youth, Community Mentor

2024

Black Student Psychological Association, President

2023-2024

Black Student Psychological Association, Vice President

2022-2023

Black Student Psychological Association, Social Chair

2021-2022

SKILLS

R SPSS StatView G*Power Qualtrics Prolific English-Spanish Fluency