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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor | Expected: December 2024

Ph.D. Dissertation: *Beyond Cultural Explanations: Racism, Resources and Maternal Healthcare*

M.A. in Sociology

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor | December 2018

M.A. Thesis: *Laborious Negotiations: How race shapes patient agency in maternal healthcare*

B.A. in Political Science, and Women's & Gender Studies

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ | May 2016

B.A. Thesis: *Let's Talk About Sex: How women and men learned to contracept*

Magna cum laude, Dean's List

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health equity, racial health disparities, maternal health care, sociology of health & medicine

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2023 Sociology Dissertation Research Grant (\$2500), U-M Department of Sociology
2022 Gusty Broad Fellowship (\$2400), U-M Center for the Education of Women+
2019 Conference Travel Grant, U-M Rackham School & Department of Sociology
2019 Michigan Sociology Recognition Award, U-M Department of Sociology
2018 Practicum Research Grant, U-M Department of Sociology
2016 – 2023 Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

2018 – 2022 Graduate Student Instructor, U-M Department of Sociology

Courses Taught: Soc 347: Drugs & Society [W-2022], Soc 354: Law & Society [F-2021],
Soc 335: Urban Inequality [W-2021], Soc 310: Sociological Research Methods [F-2017,
2018, 2020; W-2019], Soc 221: Social Inequality [W-2018]

2014 Teaching Assistant & Peer Mentor, RU Dept. of Women's & Gender Studies

Courses Taught: Women's & Gender Studies 130: Issues in Women's Leadership (F-
2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2019 – 2021 **Founder & Organizer**, Ethnographic Methods Workshop, University of Michigan
- 2018 – 2021 **Organizer**, Medicine, Aging, Science, & Health Workshop, University of Michigan
- 2019 – 2020 **Faculty Meeting Representative**, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2019 – 2020 **Personnel Committee Representative**, University of Michigan
- 2017 – 2018 **Co-Chair**, Sociology Graduate Students Organization, University of Michigan
- 2017 – 2018 **Co-Chair**, Sociologists of Color, University of Michigan

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Laborious Negotiations: how race shapes patient agency in maternal healthcare.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2020.
- “Laborious negotiations: racial disparities in maternity care experiences.” British Sociological Associations Human Reproduction Study Group Annual Conference, June 2019.
- “Let’s talk about sex: how women and men learned to contracept.” Honors Thesis Symposium, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies at Rutgers University, May 2016.
- “Lost girls: linking self-efficacy development with access to reproductive healthcare.” Black Doctoral Network Conference, October 2015.
- “Lost girls: linking self-efficacy development with access to reproductive healthcare.” Rutgers University Ronald E. McNair Summer Research Symposium, July 2015.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2019 – 2023 American Sociological Association

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS & HONORS

- 2016 Henry Rutgers Scholar Award, Rutgers University
- 2016 Dee Garrison Award for Peacemaking in Women’s & Gender Studies, Rutgers University
- 2016 Director Excellence Award, McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- 2016 School of Arts & Sciences Excellence Award, Rutgers University
- 2012 – 2016 James Dickinson Carr Scholarship, Rutgers University