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EDUCATION

- Present **PhD in Sociology**, The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- 2022 **MA in Sociology**, The University of British Columbia
- *American Sociological Association 2021 Louise Johnson Scholar Award Winner*
 - *Pacific Sociological Association 2021 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award Winner*
- 2019 **BA (Honours) in Health Studies (*summa cum laude*)**, McMaster University
- 2017 **BSc (Honours) in Life Sciences**, McMaster University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

- 2022- Graduate Student Instructor
The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- 2022- Research Assistant
The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- 2020- Sessional Instructor
Masters of Health Sciences Education, McMaster University
- 2019-21 Teaching Assistant
Department of Sociology, The University of British Columbia
- 2019-20 Research Assistant
Department of Sociology, The University of British Columbia
- 2018-19 Research Assistant
Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University
- 2018 Research Assistant
Centre for Urban Health Solutions, St. Michael's Hospital
- 2017-19 Research Assistant
Department of Geography & Planning, The University of Toronto

HONOURS, DISTINCTIONS & AWARDS

- 2021 Louise Johnson Scholar Award, American Sociological Association
- 2021 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, Pacific Sociological Association
- 2020 Young Woman of Distinction, YWCA Hamilton Women of Distinction Awards
- 2018 Lincoln Alexander “Breaking Down Barriers” Award, John C. Holland Awards (\$1,500)
- 2017-19 Deans Honours List, McMaster University

2015 Evelyn Myrie “Political Action” Award, John C. Holland Awards (\$1,000)

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & GRANTS

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Internal

2023 Rackham Professional Development Grant, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor (\$400)
2023 Global Individual Grant, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor (\$3,500)
2022 Gupta Values Scholarship, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor (\$7,500)
2021-22 Sociology Graduate Fellowship, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor (\$23,000)
2021 Diversity Scholarship, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) (\$2,000)
2020 Kurt and Anne Paulus Memorial Scholarship for Sociology, The University of British Columbia (\$322)
2020 Strengthening Mothers Through Perinatal Research Award, The University of British Columbia (\$3,000)
2020 Sociology Graduate Scholarship, The University of British Columbia (\$500)
2019-21 Faculty of Arts Graduate Award, The University of British Columbia (\$16,090)
2019 Student Experience Grant, McMaster University (\$1,500)

External

2022-2026 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada (\$80,000)
2022-2025 Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada (\$105,000)*
2020-21 Bank of Montreal Graduate Fellowship, Bank of Montreal (\$16,000)
2020 Canadian Sociological Association Student Travel Grant (\$425) (conference cancelled)
2019-20 Joseph A. Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada (\$17,500)
2019 British Columbia Graduate Scholarship, The University of British Columbia (\$15,000)*
2019 Ontario Graduate Scholarship, McMaster University (\$15,000)*
2018-20 McQuesten Urban Farm Social Impact Assessment Research Grant, City of Hamilton via Maple Leaf Foods (\$33,950)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*= GRADUATE OR MEDICAL STUDENT CO-AUTHOR

Journal Articles

Dayo, E*, **Christy, K***, & Habte, R. (2022). Health in Colour: Black Women, Racism, and Maternal Health. *The Lancet Regional Health - Americas*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lana.2022.100408>

Pothier, M., **Christy, K***, Wakefield, S., & Borstad Klassen, C. (2021). “This is wrong and we will support you”: The (restricted) role of resident-led, neighbourhood-level planning teams in residential displacement. *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*. 30(2), 80-93

Christy, K*, Kandasamy, S., Majid, U*, Farrah, K., & Farrah, K. (2021). Understanding Black Women’s Perspectives and Experiences of Cervical Cancer Screening: A Systematic Review and Qualitative Meta-synthesis. *Journal of Healthcare for The Poor And Underserved*. 32(4), 1675–1697. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/837313>

Christy, K* & Etienne, G.E.* (2021). The Lotus Flower: Black students learning and loving through the anti-Black labyrinth of Higher Ed. *Canadian Review of Sociology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cars.12354>

Patel, T., **Christy, K***, Grierson, L., Shadd, J., Farag, A., O’Toole, D., Lawson, J., Vanstone, M. (2021). Clinician responses to legal requests for hastened death: a systematic review and meta-synthesis of qualitative research. *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjspcare-2019-002018>

In Preparation

Christy, K*. Minimizing race through colorblind healthcare: Examining Black women's experiences of medical racism during prenatal care.

Christy, K*. Using WhatsApp as a culturally relevant mode of interviewing: Reflections from a diasporic Caribbean researcher.

Christy, K*. Exploring poverty attribution in Jamaica: Do perceptions about the fundamental causes of poverty vary by race, gender, education, and income?

Textbooks

Lyon, K., **Christy, K*** & Miniaci, A*. (Eds). (2021). COVID-19 & Society E-Book. Oxford University Press.

Textbook Chapters

Christy, K*., Adams-Santos, D., & Watkins-Hayes, C. (2023). "Narratives in Context: Locating racism in Black women's health experiences." Chapter in Routledge Companion to Intersectionality. Jennifer Nash & Samantha Pinto (Eds) Routledge Press.

Elliott, S., **Christy, K*.,** Xiao, S*. In press. "Qualitative research in the social sciences" Chapter 23 in Cambridge Handbook of Research Methods and Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences. Austin Lee Nichols & John E. Edlund (Eds) Cambridge University Press.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Public Sociology (Writing)

Christy, K. (2021). Colourblindness across the diaspora: Examining pregnant Black women's experiences of medical racism in Jamaica and Canada. *TRAD Magazine*. Retrieved from: <https://tradmag.ca/health-and-healing/colourblind-healthcare/>

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

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| 2021 | "Health in Colour: Black women, Racism, and Maternal Health"
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Grand Rounds)
University of Calgary |
| 2020 | "Minimizing race through colorblind healthcare: Examining Black women's experiences of medical racism during prenatal care"
Department of Family Medicine (Qualitative Health Research Lab)
McMaster University |
| 2019 | "A Black feminist approach to understanding Black women's experiences of discrimination in the health care system: A review of the literature." |

Department of Medicine (McMaster Medicine OBGYN & LGBTQ+ Health Interest Group)
McMaster University

- 2019 “A Black feminist approach to understanding racial disparities in maternal and infant health: A review of the literature and proposal for future research.”
Department of Family Medicine (Qualitative Health Research Lab)
McMaster University

Academic Conferences

- 2021 “Minimizing race through colorblind healthcare: Examining Black women’s experiences of medical racism during prenatal care.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Aug 7.
- 2021 “”But I don’t think it was because of my race”: How national colourblind discourses shape Black women’s experiences of medical racism in Canada and Jamaica.” Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Jun 3rd.
- 2021 “Using WhatsApp as a culturally relevant mode of interviewing: Reflections from a diasporic Caribbean researcher.” Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. May 31st.
- 2021 “Minimizing race through colorblind healthcare: Examining Black women’s experiences of medical racism during prenatal care.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Mar 19th.
- 2021 “Erasing race through ‘strategic silencing’: How Black women in Jamaica and Canada make sense of race in prenatal healthcare settings.” Writing About Caribbean Gender and Social Justice Conference. Jan 15th.
- 2020 ““Why don't Black students look at me?" - An examination of "the Black nod" at a Canadian University.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. (Roundtable cancelled, COVID-19)
- 2020 “Understanding Black women's perspectives and experiences of cervical cancer screening: A systematic review and qualitative meta-synthesis.” Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. London, Ontario. (Cancelled, COVID-19)
- 2020 ““Why don't Black students look at me?" - An examination of "the Black nod" at The University of British Columbia.” Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting London, Ontario. (Cancelled, COVID-19)
- 2020 ““Why don’t Black students look at me?”: Understanding Black student identity at the University of British Columbia. Pacific Sociological Association Conference. Eugene, Oregon. (Cancelled, COVID-19)
- 2019 “Responding to Requests for Hastened Death.” Family Medicine Forum. Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 2019 “Gentrification and urban health inequities: An intersectional examination of Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Strategy.” Geoffrey Norman Education Research Day. Hamilton, Ontario.
- 2019 “Black women's perspectives and experiences with cervical cancer screening: A systematic review and qualitative meta-synthesis.” Geoffrey Norman Education Research Day. Hamilton, Ontario.
- 2019 “Responding to requests for hastened death: Promoting quality care and education in the era of medical assistance in dying.” Geoffrey Norman Education Research Day. Hamilton, Ontario.
- 2019 “Responding to requests for hastened death: Promoting quality care and education in the era of medical assistance in dying.” Canadian Conference on Medical Education. Niagara Falls, Ontario.

- 2019 ““Let’s talk about stress, baby” – Understanding Black women’s experiences of discrimination in the health care system during pregnancy: A review of the literature and proposal for future research.” Creating Space IX Conference. Hamilton, Ontario.
- 2019 “Developing Exit Surveys for the Life Science Program.” MacPherson Institute Student Partners Research Symposium. Hamilton, Ontario.
- 2019 “Responding to requests for hastened death: Promoting quality care and education in the era of medical assistance in dying.” Ontario Students Medical Education Research Conference. Toronto, Ontario.
- 2018 “Understanding Gentrification in a Resident-Led Urban Health Intervention. Canadian Public Health Association.” Montreal, Quebec.

Community Conferences

- 2020 “Investigating racial disparities in maternal health: An intersectional, cross-national examination of Black women’s experiences of prenatal care.” Women’s Health Research Cluster Trainee Presentation Series.
- 2019 ““Let’s talk about stress, baby” – Understanding Black women’s experiences of discrimination in the health care system during pregnancy.” Racialized Maternal Health Conference.

Public Sociology (Presentations)

- 2021 “Birthing while Black: The Canadian Experience” Co-Organizer & Presenter. Attendees: 108

Public Panels

- 2021 “Learn More – Ontario Midwifery: Black Birth Ontario.” Moderator. Midwifery Education Program, Ryerson University.
- 2021 “Being the only one.” Panelist. The Good & Bad of Black Grad, Canadian Association of Graduate Studies
- 2021 “Black Experiences in Graduate Education.” Panelist. Graduate Student Society, The University of British Columbia
- 2020 “Black Student Advocacy in The Health Sciences.” Panelist. McMaster Health Advocacy Symposium
- 2020 “Let’s Talk Systemic Racism.” Panelist. Student Concerns Committee, Canadian Sociological Association
- 2017 “Millennial’s, civil rights and leadership.” Panelist. McMaster University Student Leadership Conference
- 2016 “The criminalization of poverty: Race, poverty and policing in Hamilton.” Panelist. McMaster Community Poverty Initiative.

Policy Presentations

- 2017 “Hamilton Neighbourhood Action Evaluation 2017 Annual Report.” Hamilton City Council

2018 “Race, Racialization & Racism at McMaster University.” President’s Advisory Committee on Building an Inclusive Community, McMaster University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Positions Held

2023 Graduate Student Instructor
SOC 303: Sociology of Race & Ethnicity
The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2022 Graduate Student Instructor
SOC 345: Sociology of Sexuality
The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2021- Instructor
HSEDUC 712: Critical Pedagogy and Inclusive Teaching Practices
McMaster University

2021 Teaching Assistant
SOC 382: Sociological Methods: Qualitative Research
The University of British Columbia

2021 Teaching Assistant
SOC 102: Inequality & Social Change
The University of British Columbia

2020 Teaching Assistant
SOC 410: COVID-19 & Society
The University of British Columbia

2020 Teaching Assistant
SOC 382: Sociological Methods: Qualitative Research
The University of British Columbia

2020 Teaching Assistant
SOC 361: Social Inequalities
The University of British Columbia

2020 Teaching Assistant
SOC 101: Social Interaction & Culture
The University of British Columbia

2019 Teaching Assistant
SOC 240: Social Interaction
The University of British Columbia

Course Development

2021 Course Developer
SOC 598: Intersectional Feminist & Anti-Racist Research Methods (Directed Study)
The University of British Columbia

2020 Course Developer
HSEDUC 712: Critical Pedagogy and Inclusive Teaching Practices
McMaster University

- 2020 Graduate Research Assistant/Co-Course Developer
SOCI 410: COVID-19 & Society
The University of British Columbia
- 2019 Course Developer
HLTHAGE 3I03: Black Feminist Approaches to Health Inequities (Directed Study)
McMaster University

Guest Lectures

- 2021 “Introduction to secondary analysis of data.”
SOCI 382: Sociological Methods: Qualitative Research
The University of British Columbia
- 2021 “Evidence syntheses.”
SOCI 382: Sociological Methods: Qualitative Research
The University of British Columbia
- 2020 “Using WhatsApp as a culturally relevant mode of online interviewing”
SOCI 503: Qualitative Research Design & Techniques
The University of British Columbia
- 2020 “Introduction to secondary analysis of data.”
SOCI 382: Sociological Methods: Qualitative Research
The University of British Columbia
- 2020 “Evidence syntheses.”
SOCI 382: Sociological Methods: Qualitative Research
The University of British Columbia
- 2019 “Old issues, new forms: sexting, cheating, snooping and breaking up.”
SOCI 240: Social Interaction
The University of British Columbia
- 2019 “Working in Hamilton Neighbourhoods.”
SOCSCI 3EL3: Leadership Through Experiential Learning
McMaster University
- 2018 “Gentrification, race and socioeconomic exclusion in Hamilton.”
GEOG 1HB3: Population, Cities, & Development
McMaster University

Workshop Facilitation

- 2021 Workshop Organizer & Facilitator
Research Group Workshop Series on Qualitative Research (2 sessions x 2hr/session)
Women’s Health in Women’s Hands Community Health Centre
- 2021 Workshop Co-Organizer & Co-Facilitator
Faculty Development Workshop Series on Critical Pedagogy (4 sessions x 2hr/session)
Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University
- 2021 Workshop Co-Organizer & Co-Facilitator

“Equity, Diversity & Inclusion: Curriculum Review”
Department of Midwifery, McMaster University

2020 Workshop Co-Organizer & Facilitator
Faculty Development Workshop Series on Critical Pedagogy (3 sessions x 1.5hr/session)
Masters of Health Sciences of Education, McMaster University

SERVICE

Departmental

2023 Panelist, Department of Sociology Recruitment Day, The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2023- Student Coordinator, Race & Racial Ideology Workshop, The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2022- Co-Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Society, The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2022- Chair, Sociologists of Color, The University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

2021- Mentor, Sociology Opportunities for Undergraduate Leaders (SOUL), The University of Michigan

2021 Presenter, Department of Sociology Admitted Student Visit Day, The University of British Columbia

2020 Presenter, Department of Sociology Graduate Student Orientation Day, The University of British Columbia

2020 Presenter, Department of Sociology Admitted Student Visit Day, The University of British Columbia

2019- Vice-President (External)
Graduate Student Council of Sociology, The University of British Columbia

2019- Graduate Mentor
Sociology Mentorship Program, The University of British Columbia

Institutional

2020-21 Member
Black Caucus, The University of British Columbia

2019-21 Trainee
Women’s Health Research Cluster, The University of British Columbia

2016-17 Convener
President’s Advisory Committee on Building an Inclusive Community (Race, Racialization & Racism Working Group), McMaster University

2016 Committee Member
President’s Advisory Committee on Building an Inclusive Community, McMaster University

2016-17 Co-Founder/Co-President
Black Aspiring Physicians of McMaster, McMaster University

2014-16 Co-Founder/Co-President
McMaster Womanists, McMaster University

2014-15 Vice President
McMaster African-Caribbean Association, McMaster University

To the discipline

2023 Member
Conference Planning Committee
Association of Black Sociologists

2021 Session Co-Organizer
“Race and Ethnicity: Gender Dynamics, Care-work, and Resilience”, Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Jun 4th

2021 Session Co-Organizer
“Race and Ethnicity: Multiculturalism, Immigrant Integration, and Racialized Experiences”, Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Jun 4th

2021 Session Co-Organizer
“Race and Ethnicity: Racial formation and Identity Making in Canada”, Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Jun 3rd.

2021 Session Co-Organizer & Chair
“Race and Ethnicity: Alternative Pedagogies and the Importance of Culture in Educational Intuitions”, Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Jun 3rd.

2021 Session Co-Organizer
“Race and Ethnicity: The Problem with “Doing Diversity” in Organizations and the Consequent Racializing Effects”, Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Jun 3rd.

2021 Session Co-Organizer
“Race and Ethnicity: BIPOC Students and Teachers – Shifting from Margins to Center”, Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. May 31st

2021 Session Co-Organizer
“Anti-Racist Methodologies in the Social Sciences I: Personal Reflections and Participatory Interactions in Qualitative Methods”, Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. May 31st

2021 Session Co-Organizer & Chair
“Anti-Racist Research Methodologies in the Social Sciences II: Interrogating Mainstream Epistemologies”, Methods and Knowledges, Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. May 31st.

2021 Session Co-Organizer
“Transnational Perspectives on Black Women’s Health and Activism”, Writing About Caribbean Gender and Social Justice Conference. Jan 15th.

2020-21 Mentorship Coordinator
Race & Ethnicity Research Cluster, Canadian Sociological Association

2020- Member
Graduate Student Committee, Association of Black Sociologists

2020- Member
Black Caucus, Canadian Sociological Association

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Organizations

2020-	Co-Founder Grad Schooling While Black
2020-21	Membership Chair (Canada) Global Jamaica Diaspora Youth Council
2019-21	Member Canadian Jamaican Medical Assistance Society
2019-21	Mentor Research Application Support Initiative, The University of Toronto
2018-19	Board Member Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre
2017	Co-Founder Black Outreach Leadership Directive

Community Events

2020	Presenter Securing the CGSM Bag: Applying to the Canada Graduate Scholarship Masters Grad Schooling While Black
2020	Presenter Grad School 101: Applying to a Masters Program Grad Schooling While Black

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

2019-	Association of Black Sociologists
2019-	Canadian Sociological Association
2019-	American Sociological Association