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EDUCATION

Present	PhD in Sociology , The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor - Preliminary Exam: Race, Ethnicity, Immigration (Grade: Honors) - Committee: Paige Sweet (Chair), Jaeun Kim, Juan Delgado, Germaine Halegoua
2022	MA in Sociology , The University of British Columbia
2019	BA (Honours) in Health Studies (<i>summa cum laude</i>) , McMaster University
2017	BSc (Honours) in Life Sciences , McMaster University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Current	International Visiting Graduate Student The University of Toronto Host Supervisor: Dr. Anna Korteweg
2023-24	Rackham Doctoral Intern Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CAPRI)
2022-23	Graduate Student Instructor The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
2022-23	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

2023	Michigan Sociology Graduate Student Recognition Award, UofM Department of Sociology
2021	Louise Johnson Scholar Award, American Sociological Association (Section on Medical Sociology)
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

2025	Rackham International Student Fellowship, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor (\$14, 596)
2025	Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor (\$6,000)
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*. Interpreting Inequality: Colorblind Racial Ideology in Black Women's Prenatal Care Narratives.

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*. (2023). "Qualitative research in the social sciences" Chapter 20 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/>

Policy Writing

Christy, K. (2024). Reimagining return: Leveraging circular migration for Jamaica's development. *CAPRI Commentary*. Retrieved from: <https://www.capricaribbean.org/blog/reimagining-return-leveraging-circular-migration-jamaicas-development>

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- 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

- 2025 “Discursive Investments, Symbolic Returns: The Reproduction of Jamaica’s Spatial Imaginaries on Instagram”. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Aug 10.
- 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 Colombia.
- 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

- 2025 “Urban Futures”. Co-Organizer & Moderator. Island City Lab & The University of Amsterdam. Kingston, Jamaica
- 2024 “Strengthening Diaspora Youth Connection to Jamaica and Increasing a Sense of Jamaican Identity” Jamaica Diaspora Conference. Jamaica Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade. Montego Bay, Jamaica.

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
 SOCI 382: Sociological Methods: Qualitative Research
 The University of British Columbia

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

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

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

Course Development

2021 Course Developer
 SOCI 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 3103: 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

2022-23 Student Coordinator, Race & Racial Ideology Workshop, The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2022-23 Co-Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Society, The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2022-23 Chair, Sociologists of Color, The University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

2021-22 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

2019-20 Vice-President (External)

Graduate Student Council of Sociology, The University of British Columbia

2019-20 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 Volunteer
Annual Conference
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 31 st
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 31 st
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 31 st .
2021	Session Co-Organizer “Transnational Perspectives on Black Women’s Health and Activism”, Writing About Caribbean Gender and Social Justice Conference. Jan 15 th .
2020-21	Mentorship Coordinator Race & Ethnicity Research Cluster, Canadian Sociological Association
2020-23	Member Graduate Student Committee, Association of Black Sociologists
2020-21	Member Black Caucus, Canadian Sociological Association

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Organizations	
2025-	Youth Lead Jamaican Canadian Association
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

- 2019-23 Association of Black Sociologists
- 2019-21 Canadian Sociological Association
- 2019- American Sociological Association