

Maya C. Glenn

Curriculum Vitae

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Department of Sociology

University of Michigan

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Michigan. *(In Progress.)*

Dissertation: *The Black Women & Pleasure Project: The Meanings of Pleasure in Contemporary Black American Women's Everyday Lives*

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Karin Martin (chair), Dr. Alford Young, Dr. Paige Sweet, Dr. Elizabeth Cole

M.A., Sociology, University of Michigan. December 2022.

Preliminary Exam 1: *Sociology of Gender and Sexuality*

Preliminary Exam 2: *Sociology of the Body & Race and Ethnicity*

B.A (Honors), Gender & Sexuality Studies, Northwestern University. June 2020.

Thesis: *Black Queer Women's Articulations of Masculinity and Femininity on YouTube*

*2020 Betty Jo Dobbs Outstanding Senior Thesis in Gender & Sexuality Studies Prize

Advisor: Dr. Jennifer C. Nash

AREAS OF SCHOLARLY INTEREST

Gender and sexuality; Social theory; Black feminist thought; Qualitative research methods; Pleasure; Sexual identity

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Maya C. Glenn. "Subversive Interpellations and Sexual Subjectivity among Heterosexual Black Women." Revise and resubmit at *Sex & Sexualities*.

Sweet, Paige L., **Maya C. Glenn**, and Jacob Caponi. 2023. "The Domestic Violence Victim as COVID Crisis Figure." *Theory & Society*.

Sweet, Paige L. and **Maya C. Glenn**. 2022. "Sex Education and the Right to Complex Personhood in Relationships." *Sex Education*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Maya C. Glenn. “The Black Women & Pleasure Project: The Meanings of Pleasure in Contemporary Black American Women’s Lives.” (*Dissertation Study.*)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

External

2022 National Science Foundation: Graduate Research Fellowship. \$138,000

2022 National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine: Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship. \$81,000

2021 National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine: Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship. Honorable Mention

Internal

2025 Anti-Racism Research Grant, National Center for Institutional Diversity, University of Michigan. \$5,000

2023 Graduate Student Mentorship Award, Sociology Department, University of Michigan. \$500

2022 Graduate Student Research Grant, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan. \$1,500

2021 Riecker Graduate Student Research Grant, Center for the Education of Women+, University of Michigan. \$2000

2020 Rackham Merit Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan. \$84,686

2020 Betty Jo Dobbs Outstanding Senior Thesis Prize, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program, Northwestern University.

2020 William Henry Exum Award, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University. \$1000

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024 “Sex Gets Better with Age?: Straight Black Women’s Journey to Sexual Subjectivity in Midlife.” Sexual Fluidities, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montréal, Québec, Canada.

2022 “Marriage as a Potential Destabilizer: Race, Gender, Sexuality, and the Institution of Marriage.” Black Feminist Theory Summer Institute. Duke University.

2022 “The Domestic Violence Victim as COVID Crisis Figure.” With Paige L. Sweet and Jacob Caponi. Action in Unsettled Times, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Research Mentor, The Black Women & Pleasure Project, Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity, University of Michigan, January–July 2023 and August 2024–December 2024

Sociology Graduate Student Mentor, Michigan Humanities Emerging Research Scholars Program, University of Michigan, 2022 and 2024

Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, University of Michigan, August 2023–December 2023

Fellowship Writing Mentor, National Science Foundation Peer Mentor Network, University of Michigan, 2022–present

Mentor, Arch Scholars Mentorship Program, Northwestern University, 2019–2020

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Research Assistant, Paige Sweet, 2021–2022

- ❖ Crisis Inside and Out: Domestic Violence During COVID-19
- ❖ The Gaslighting Project

Research Assistant, Celeste Watkins-Hayes, 2019–2020

- ❖ Health, Hardship, and Renewal: A Study of the Social and Economic Strategies of Women Living with HIV/AIDS

Research Assistant, Dominique Adams-Santos, 2019–2020

- ❖ Chicago Queer Women of Color Project

Research Assistant, Jennifer C. Nash, 2018–2019

- ❖ Black Maternal Politics

SERVICE

Graduate Student Representative, Publications Committee, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, September 2025–present

Committee Member, Sociology of Sexualities Early Career Award, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, Spring 2025

Co-Coordinator, Ethnographic Methods Workshop, Sociology Department, University of Michigan, 2023

Co-Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Organization, University of Michigan, 2021–2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

National Women’s Studies Association, 2022–present

American Sociological Association, 2021–present

PUBLIC SPEAKING & MEDIA APPEARANCES

2025 “Unlearning Otherness, Embracing Us: Exploring Gender Identity.” EmpoWOMENT Summit.

2024 “Maturing is Sexy: Our Sex Lives Can Get Better with Age.” EmpoWOMENT Summit. Nelson Early Learning Services.

2023 “Sex Drives Aren’t Real: Crash Course on How Our Cultural Fixation on the Sex Drive Hinders Women’s Pleasure & What to Do About It.” EmpoWOMENT Summit. Nelson Early Learning Services.

2022 “The Debatable Legacy of Kevin Samuels.” Lovers and Friends Podcast by Shan Boody.

2022 “Exploration Session: Sexual Desires ft. Maya Glenn (Check in).” Episode 13. That Sexciting Podcast.

2022 “Sex Drives Aren’t Real: How Our Cultural Fixation on the Sex Drive Hinders Female Pleasure.” EmpowerHERment Summit. Pennsylvania State University.

2022 “Sex vs. Gender ft. Maya Glenn” Episode 4. That Sexciting Podcast.

2021 “Queer Intimacy (w/ Intimacy with Maya).” Episode 77. Bad Queers Podcast.

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Intern, Talent Management, Alumni Relations & Development, Northwestern University, 2020