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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2013- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University (Camden)
- 2011-2013 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Africana Studies

## EDUCATION

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- 2011 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles  
Dissertation: Marriage and *Mistura*: Black-White Interracial Couples in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro  
Dissertation Committee: Edward Telles (Co-Chair), Stefan Timmermans (Co-Chair), Mignon Moore, M. Belinda Tucker  
  
Field Exams: Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration and Stratification
- 2005 AM in Sociology, Harvard University
- 2001 BA in Sociology and Spanish (Double Major) with Distinction, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign,  
Study Abroad at Universidad de Granada, Granada, Spain

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of the Family, Immigration, Qualitative Methods, Social Research Methods, Race in Latin America, Race in Comparative Perspective, Mixed Race Studies

## SELECT PEER REVIEW ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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- 2016 (Expected) "Studying Black-White Couples in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro" in *Race and the Politics of Knowledge Production: Diaspora and Black Transnational Scholarship in the USA and Brazil*. Edited by Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman and Gladys Mitchell-Walthour. Palgrave: New York, 123-138.
- 2014 (With Sylvia Zamora) "Mobilizing African Americans for Immigrant Rights: Framing Strategies in Two Multi-Ethnic

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- Coalitions." *Latino Studies*, 12: 424-448.
- 2014 "Divergence or Convergence: Black-White Interracial Couples and White Family Reactions in the U.S. and Brazil." *Qualitative Sociology*, 37: 93-115.
- 2013 "Racial 'Boundary-policing': Perceptions of Black-White Interracial Couples in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro." *The DuBois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 10: 179-203.  
*Winner of the 2011 ASA Section on Race and Ethnic Minorities Blackwell Award for Best Graduate Student Paper.*
- 2013 "Confronting Whitening in an Era of Black-Consciousness: Racial Ideology and Black-White Interracial Marriages in Rio de Janeiro." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 10: 1490-1506.  
  
*Featured in Race and Racisms: A Critical Approach (2014) edited by Tanya Golash-Boza as "Research Focus: Racial Ideology and Black-White Interracial Marriages in Rio de Janeiro"*
- 2010 "Building Power for 'Non-Citizen Citizenship:' A Case Study of The Multi-Ethnic Immigrant Workers Organizing Network (MIWON)." In Ruth Milkman, Joshua Bloom, and Victor Narro (ed.) *Working for Justice: The L.A. Model of Organizing and Advocacy*, Cornell University Press.

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#### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION AND UNDER REVIEW**

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*Interracial Couples in Brazil and the United States: Negotiating Racial Boundaries in Two Americas*. Book manuscript under review at Stanford University Press, Rutgers University Press, and New York University Press (simultaneous submissions).

(With Erika Arenas). "Skin Color Homogamy in Mexico". In preparation.

"Migration and Marriage: A New Perspective on Interracial Marital Unions in Contemporary Brazil". In preparation.

#### **OTHER PUBLISHED WORK**

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- 2007 "The Integration of Africans in Spain." *UFAHAMU Journal of African Studies*, v. 32:31-54.

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#### **BOOK AND FILM REVIEWS**

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- 2013 Review of *Comparative Perspectives on Afro-Latin America*, edited by Kwame and John Burdick. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

2013                      Review of the film *Black in Latin America 'Brazil: A Racial Paradise'*  
by Henry Louis Gates. *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies  
Journal*.

#### **SELECT HONORS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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2014                      Rutgers University Research Council Grant Program \$1000

2014                      University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity  
(NCID) Emerging Scholar Citation

2011                      UCLA Diversity Program Award for Innovative Courses in  
Undergraduate Education

2010                      ASA Section on Race and Ethnic Minorities James E. Blackwell  
Best Graduate Student Paper Award \$200

2010                      Institute of American Cultures Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, UCLA  
Bunche Center for African American Studies  
\$25,000 plus tuition

2010                      Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention

2007                      National Science Foundation IGERT Fellowship  
\$60,000 plus tuition

2006                      Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention

2006                      Mellon Foundation Research Grant, UCLA Latin American  
Sociology  
\$1760

2006                      Bilateral Consortium in Social Science and Public Policy (BCSP)  
US-Brazil Student Exchange Internship Grant, \$3,250

2005                      UCLA Chancellor's Prize for Summer Research  
\$6400

2005                      Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS),  
UCLA Latin American Center  
Tuition

2005                      UCLA Sociology Departmental Fellowship  
\$36,000

2002	Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention
2001	U.S. Fulbright IIE Graduate Student Research Fellowship, Spain 2001
1998	McNair Scholar, UIUC

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2010-2011	Graduate Research Assistant, "Leveraging Mobility: The Impact of Assets on Family Well-Being Over Time" PI: Thomas Shapiro, Brandeis University
2006	Graduate Research Assistant, "Project on Mexican Americans," PI: Edward Telles and Vilma Ortiz

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2015-	Professor, "Individual and Society"
2013-	Professor, "Introduction to Sociology"
2013-	Professor, "Race in Latin America"
2013-	Professor, "Race in Brazil: Blackness and Multiracialism in the Americas and Beyond"
2013	Instructor, "Race in Brazil: Blackness and Multiracialism in the Americas and Beyond", University of Pennsylvania, Spring
2011	Instructor, "Social Organization of Black Communities", UCLA Sociology and African American Studies, Summer Session II
2009	Graduate Instructor, Research Group for the "Mixed Race Families in Los Angeles Project," UCLA, Winter and Spring
2007	Graduate Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Sociology", Spring
2007	Teaching Assistant, Social Organization of Black Communities", Winter
2006	Teaching Assistant, "Sociological Research Methods", Fall
2004-2005	ESL Teacher and Senior Caseworker, Heartland Alliance,

International Children's Center, Chicago, IL

### **INVITED LECTURES**

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- 2015 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference. Invited panel, "Crossing Interracial Boundaries," New York, NY.
- 2013 "Atlas.ti and I", Presented at Invited Policy and Research Workshop on Using Software in Qualitative Analysis at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), New York.
- 2013 CUNY-Queens College, Invited lecture, "On the Cusp of Blackness: Black Partners and Groupness in Black-White Couples".
- 2012 University of Pennsylvania, Guest speaker, Race in the Americas, Professors Eduardo Bonilla-Silva and Tukufu Zuberi.
- 2011 UCLA, Invited lecture, Interracial Dynamics in American Culture and Society: Race and Ethnicity in Latin America, Instructor Sylvia Zamora.
- 2011 UCLA, Invited lecture, Race and Racism Prof. Kyeyoung Park.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, LAST 5 YRS**

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- 2015 "'Ethno-racial Reflection': Comparing Black-White Couples and Multiracial Families in Brazil and the U.S." Presented at New Research Challenges on Intermarriage and Mixedness in Europe and Beyond at Université Paris, Sorbonne, Paris, France.
- 2014 "Comparing Race Relations in Brazil and the U.S. through White Family Reactions to Interracial Couples." Presented at Latin American Studies Association of America (LASA), Chicago, IL.
- 2014 "White-skinned Blacks or a Taste for Race?: White Men and Women in Black-White Marriages in Brazil and the U.S." Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 "Seeing Like a Spouse: Groupness, Racial Identity, and Identification in Brazilian Black-White Couples", Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), New York.

- 2013 "Interracial Marriage and Migration in Contemporary Brazil." Presented at Latin American Studies Association of America (LASA), Washington, D.C.
- 2013 "Migration and Interracial Marriage in Contemporary Brazil: A New Perspective on the 'Mulatto Escape Hatch.'" Presented at Population Association of America (PAA), New Orleans, LA.
- 2012 "A Fly in the Milk: Intersectionality and White Family Opposition to Black-White Couples in Rio de Janeiro." Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- 2011 Osuji, Chinyere K. "Gates' Brazil: Questioning the Racial Paradise." Presented at the Conference on Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean, San Diego, CA.
- 2011 Osuji, Chinyere K. "Contesting Whitening in an Era of Black-Consciousness: Racial Ideology and Black-White Marriages in Brazil." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 Osuji, Chinyere K. "'A Fly in the Milk:' White Family Reactions to Black-White Couples in Rio de Janeiro and Los Angeles." Poster presented at Council on Contemporary Families Annual Conference, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL.
- 2010 Osuji, Chinyere K. "Racial Ideologies of Black-White Couples in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists (ABS), Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 Osuji, Chinyere K. "Boundary Blurring?: The Lives of Black White Couples in Rio de Janeiro and Los Angeles." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 Osuji, Chinyere K. "Blurring Social Boundaries?: Experiences of Black-White Unions in Rio De Janeiro and Los Angeles." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, TX.  
*Winner Best Poster in Session, Population Association of America*

## **SKILLS**

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In-depth Interviewing and Ethnographic Methods, ATLAS.ti , STATA, SPSS

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## SERVICE

2015-2016	ASA Family Section's Distinguished Career Award Committee
2015	Senator on the Rutgers University at Camden Faculty Senate
2014-	Admissions and Retention Committee, Rutgers Camden
2011	UCLA Sociology Department, Graduate Admissions Committee
2010-	Reviewer for <i>American Sociological Review</i> , <i>Current Sociology</i> , <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> , <i>Journal of Comparative Family Studies</i> , <i>Sociological Quarterly</i> , <i>Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism</i> , and <i>Sociological Perspectives</i>
2009	Atlas.ti workshop for the UCLA Institute for Democracy, Education & Access (IDEA)
2007-2008	Organizer, UCLA Sociology Department, Race and Ethnicity Working Group (with Laura Orrico)
2007	Student Diversity Committee, UCLA Sociology Department

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## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent: Spanish, Portuguese  
Intermediate: French, Catalan

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## MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)  
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)  
Council on Contemporary Families (CCF)  
Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

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## MEDIA APPEARANCES

*Religion News Service*, "Why Some Men Prefer The Down Low and What it Says about The Black Church", September 4, 2015

<http://www.religionnews.com/2015/09/04/black-men-prefer-low-says-black-church-america/>

*The Seattle Times*, "Spokane NAACP leader: 'I do consider myself to be black'" on Rachel Dolezal, June 12, 2015 <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/naacp-reacts-to->

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[rachel-dolezals-curious-case/](#)

National Public Radio, A Nigerian-American Reflects on Thanksgiving, November 20, 2007 <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=16452593>