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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2022-	Associate Professor of African American Studies, University of Maryland-College Park
2021-2022	Visiting Associate Professor of African American Studies, University of Maryland-College Park
2021-2022	Associate Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University-Camden
2013-2021	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University-Camden
2011-2013	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Africana Studies

EDUCATION

2011	PhD. Sociology. University of California, Los Angeles
2005	MA. Sociology. Harvard University.
2000	BA. Spanish and Sociology. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) Studied abroad in Granada, Spain

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2019	<i>Boundaries of Love: Interracial Marriage and the Meaning of Race</i> . New York: NYU Press.
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Refereed Journal Articles

2019	"Comment on Rogers Brubaker and Matías Fernández 'Cross-Domain Comparison and the Politics of Difference.'" <i>British Journal of Sociology</i> 70(5): 2166-2168.
2019	"Freedom and Frustration: Rachel Dolezal and the Meaning of Race." <i>Contexts</i> 18(3): 36-41.
2014	"Divergence or Convergence: Black-White Interracial Couples and White Family Reactions in the U.S. and Brazil." <i>Qualitative Sociology</i> 37: 93-115.
2014	Zamora, Sylvia and Chinyere Osuji. "Mobilizing African Americans for Immigrant Rights: Framing Strategies in Two Multi-Ethnic Coalitions." <i>Latino Studies</i> 12: 424-448.
2013	"Confronting Whitening in an Era of Black-Consciousness: Racial Ideology and Black-White Interracial Marriages in Rio de Janeiro." <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> 10: 1490-1506. <i>Featured in Golash-Boza, Tanya. 2014. "Research Focus: Racial Ideology and Black-White Interracial Marriages in Rio de Janeiro." Race</i>

and Racisms: A Critical Approach. *Oxford University Press, New York: 469-470.*

- 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.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- Forthcoming "Interracial Marriage" in *Oxford Bibliographies in African American Studies*. Oxford University Press: New York.
- 2016 "An African/Nigerian American 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.
- 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.

Reviews

- 2020 Book review. "Joining the Choir: Religious Membership and Social Trust among Transnational Ghanaians by Nicolette D. Manglos-Weber," *American Journal of Sociology* 125 (5): 1434-1436.
- 2019 Book review. "Marriage Vows and Racial Choices by Jessica Vasquez-Tokos," *Contemporary Sociology* 48(1), 105–107.
- 2013 Book review. "Comparative Perspectives on Afro-Latin America edited by Kwame Dixon and John Burdick," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 36: 1113-1114.
- 2013 Film review. "A Racial Paradise? Race and Race Mixture in Henry Louis Gates' Brazil," *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*, 8:1, 88-91.

Papers/Projects in Progress

- "Moving to Love: Domestic Migration and Explaining Interracial Marriage in Brazil." In preparation.
- "The Romantic Career: Becoming Interracially Married." In preparation.
- Transracial or Racial Frauds: Social Science Perspectives on Racial Boundaries*. Edited volume with Jenn Sims and Piper Sledge. In preparation.
- "African Immigrant Nurses: White Supremacy in the Nursing Profession." In preparation.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2014 University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) Emerging Scholar Citation
- 2010 ASA Section on Race and Ethnic Minorities James E. Blackwell Best Graduate

	Student Paper Award, Boundary-blurring: Black-White Couples in Rio de Janeiro and Los Angeles
2010	Population Association of America, Best Poster in Session, "Blurring Social Boundaries?: Experiences of Black-White Unions in Rio De Janeiro and Los Angeles."
2007	National Science Foundation IGERT Fellowship
2007	UCLA Latin America Institute, Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)
2007	Bilateral Consortium in Social Science and Public Policy (BCSP) US–Brazil Student Exchange Internship
2005	UCLA Sociology Chancellor's Prize Departmental Fellowship (5 years)

GRANTS

2018	Rutgers-Camden Catalyst Grant from the Provost's Fund for Research \$5000, "Foreign-born Nurses and the Social Construction of Race"
2018	Rutgers-Camden Research Council Grant Program \$1000, "Boundaries of Love: Interracial Marriage and the Meaning of Race"
2014	Rutgers-Camden Research Council Grant Program \$1000, "Marriage Formation among Second-Generation African Immigrants"

CONFERENCES

Panels Organized

2021	Panel Organizer. Ideas for Future Research. "African Immigrants in the United States." American Sociological Association, Online.
2019	Panel Organizer and Discussant. "Global and Transnational Approaches to Culture and Power." (Culture Section co-sponsored with the Section on Global and Transnational Sociology). American Sociological Association, New York City.
2018	Panel Organizer. Regular Session, Interracial Unions: Preferences, Prejudices, and Privileges. American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
2017	"Learning Race and Ethnicity: Socialization in the Family," Special Session Organizer, American Sociological Association (ASA), Montréal, CA.

Discussant

2020	Author Meets Critics, <i>Boundaries of Love: Interracial Marriage and the Meaning of Race</i> , Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.
2019	Discussant. "Multiracial Classification." American Sociological Association, New York City.
2018	Author Meets Critics, <i>Trans: Gender and Race in an Age of Unsettled Identities</i> by Rogers Brubaker. American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
2018	Critic. Author Meets Critics, <i>Multiracials and Civil Rights: Mixed-Race Stories of Discrimination</i> (NYU Press, 2018) by Tanya Katerí Hernández. Association of

Black Sociologists, Philadelphia, PA.

2017 Panel Moderator, Fordham Law Review Symposium: "Fifty Years of Loving v. Virginia and the Continued Pursuit of Racial Equality," Fordham Law School, New York, NY.

Papers Presented

2021 "Learning Your Place: White Supremacy and Xenophobia in the Nursing Profession," Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Zoom.

2017 "Critical Constructivism and Ethnoracial Boundaries: Understanding Blackness in Black-White Couples," Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Montreal, Canada.

2017 "Ethno-racial Reflexivity and the Social Construction of Blackness in Marriage: Black-White Interracial Couples in Rio de Janeiro and Los Angeles," Eastern Sociological Society, New York City.

2016 "The Romantic Career: Partner Choice among Black-White Interracial Couples in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro", Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Seattle, WA

2016 "Skin Color Homogamy in Mexico", (with Erika Arenas) Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Seattle, WA

2016 "An African/Nigerian American Studying Black-White Couples in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro", Presented at Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Providence, RI.

2016 "Colorblind Racism in the Family: Social Capital in Interracial Families", Presented at Summit on New Frontiers in the Study of Colorblind Racism, Bloomington, IL

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 (LASA), Chicago, IL.

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 "Atlas.ti and 'I,'" Invited Policy and Research Workshop on Using Software in Qualitative Analysis at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), New York.

- 2013 “Atlas.ti and ‘I,’” Invited Policy and Research Workshop on Using Software in Qualitative Analysis 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.
- 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 “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.
- 2010 “Blurring Social Boundaries?: Experiences of Black-White Unions in Rio De Janeiro and Los Angeles.” Population Association of America, Dallas, TX.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 Presenter, “Boundaries of Love: Black-White Couples and the Meaning of Race,” University of Maryland-College Park, Department of African American Studies, via Zoom.
- 2021 Presenter, “Boundaries of Love: Black-White Couples and the Meaning of Race,” Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Department of African American Studies, via Zoom.
- 2021 Presenter, “Boundaries of Love: Black-White Couples and the Meaning of Race,” Felicity House, New York, via Zoom.
- 2020 Guest Speaker, Qualitative Research Methods in ‘Boundaries of Love,’ Professor Crystal Fleming, SUNY-Stonybrook, Department of Sociology, via Zoom.
- 2020 Presenter, “Boundaries of Love: Black-White Couples and the Meaning of Race,” Bryn Mawr, Department of Sociology, via Zoom.
- 2020 Presenter, “Boundaries of Love: Black-White Couples and the Meaning of Race,” Marquette University, Department of Sociology, via Zoom.
- 2020 Presenter, “Boundaries of Love: Black-White Couples in Brazil and the United States,” University College London, Institute of Education, via Zoom.
- 2020 Presenter, “*Boundaries of Love*,” Davidson College, Sociology class, Professor Gayle Kaufman, via Zoom.
- 2020 Presenter, University of Chicago Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, “Exploring Solidarity, Tension, and Blending Between Black and Latinx Communities,” Chicago, IL.
- 2019 Keynote Speaker, “Three Steps to Make it in Academia,” Black Doctoral Network Conference, Newark, NJ.
- 2019 Presenter, “Boundaries of Love: Interracial Marriage and the Meaning of Race in Brazil and the United States,” Fordham Leitner Center for International Law and Justice, New York, NY.
- 2018 Address, Northwestern Black Graduate Student Association 21st Annual Conference, “Strike a Pose: Tools for Success in Le Tour d’Ivoire,” Chicago, IL.

- 2018 Panelist, Nigerian American Professional Association, "Bridging the Gap Between Africans and the Diaspora," Chicago, IL, March 10, 2018.
- 2013 Presenter. CUNY-Queens College, Department of Sociology, "On the Cusp of Blackness: Black Partners and Groupness in Interracial Marriage"

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2020 Guest Speaker, "*Negra Frustrada*: Rachel Dolezal and the Meaning of Race," Latino Studies class, Professor Carla Giadrone.
- 2019 Interviewee, "Beyond the Mill: Interracial Relationships," Rutgers Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Professor Oscar Holmes (host)
- 2011 University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, "Black-White Couples and Perceptions of Racial Boundary-Policing in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro."

TEACHING

Undergraduate

Introduction to Sociology (Spring Semesters)
 Individual and Society (Spring Semesters)
 Race in Latin America (Fall Semesters)
 American Communities: Social Organization of African Americans (Fall 2019, Summer 2011)
 Interracial and Interethnic Relations (Fall 2018, Fall 2017)
 Race in Brazil (Fall 2013)

Guest Lecturer

"Squid Game," Introduction to Sociology class, Professor Helen Marrow, Department of Sociology, Tufts University

"Interracial Marriage," Family Sociology class, Professor Jenjira Yahirun, Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University

SERVICE

National

- 2021- American Sociological Review Editorial Board
- 2018-2021 American Sociological Association Committee on Sections
- 2018 Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 2016 American Sociological Association Section on the Family's Distinguished Career Award Committee
- 2012 American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Graduate Paper Award Committee

Regional

- 2019-2021 Advocate's Alliance, Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central, and Southern New Jersey

University

- 2021 Committee on Institutional Equity and Diversity

2017-2021	College of Arts and Sciences Planning and Budget Committee
2017-2021	Admissions and Retention Committee, Rutgers University at Camden
<i>Department</i>	
2020-2021	Chair, Founder, #BlackLivesMatter Committee
2019-2021	Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society, Iota Chapter Founder, and Administrator
2017-2021	Department Undergraduate Committee
2014-2017	Representative to Academic Senate

MEDIA APPEARANCES

2021	<i>NPR</i> . "Ask Code Switch: Parents Just Don't Understand." 27 October 27, 2021. https://www.npr.org/2021/10/21/1048177086/ask-code-switch-parents-just-dont-understand
2020	<i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i> . Opinion. "High Rates of Coronavirus among African Americans Don't Tell the Whole Story." 29, April, 2020. Retrieved 5 May, 2020 at https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/coronavirus-black-americans-racial-disparities-testing-data-20200429.html?
2020	<i>Race Talk</i> podcast. "Interracial Marriage and the Meaning of Race." Host David Morse, 8 January, 2020. Retrieved 5 May, 2020 at http://dmauthor.libsyn.com/interracial-marriage-and-the-meaning-of-race .
2019	<i>New Books Network Podcast: New Books in Anthropology</i> . "Chinyere Osuji, <i>Boundaries of Love: Interracial Marriage and the Meaning of Race</i> ." Host Reighan Gillam, 11 July 2019. Retrieved 5 May, 2020 at https://newbooksnetwork.com/chinyere-k-osuji-boundaries-of-love-interracial-marriage-and-the-meaning-of-race-nyu-press-2019/ .
2019	<i>CNN</i> . "Analysis: Don't Use the Royal Birth to Trot Out a Dangerous Myth," 7 May, 2019 https://edition.cnn.com/2019/05/06/us/prince-harry-meghan-royal-baby-mixed-race-hope/index.html .
2019	<i>BBC America</i> . "Can Love Really Conquer All?" Aired 14 February, 2019. https://www.facebook.com/BBCCutThroughTheNoise/videos/373704766797574/ .
2015	<i>Washington Post</i> . "Why Some Black Men Prefer the Down Low and What It Says about the Black Church In America," 4 September, 2015. Retrieved 5 May, 2020. https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/religion/why-some-black-men-prefer-the-down-low-and-what-it-says-about-the-black-church-in-america/2015/09/04/59788754-533b-11e5-b225-90edbd49f362_story.html .
2015	<i>Religious News Service</i> , "Why Some Black Men Prefer the Down Low and What It Says about the Black Church, September 4, 2015 http://religionnews.com/2015/09/04/black-men-prefer-low-says-black-church-america/
2015	<i>The Seattle Times</i> , "Spokane NAACP Leader: 'I Do Consider Myself to Be Black'" on Rachel Dolezal, 12 June, 2015 http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/naACP-reacts-to-rachel-dolezals-curious-case/ .
2007	<i>National Public Radio</i> , A Nigerian-American Reflects on Thanksgiving, 20 November,

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Spring 2020-	Jason Snyder, "African Nurses" Naimah Wise, "African Nurses"
Spring 2019	Laura Kinglocke, "Race and Nursing"
Spring 2016	Tamika Boles, "Altering the Perception of Self to Combat Recidivism" Zachary Rios, "Camden Metro Police and a Sense of Self"
Spring 2015	Angel Sarrante, "Interracial Marriage in the United States and Brazil"

JOURNAL REVIEWER

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Current Sociology, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, Sociological Quarterly, Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism, Sociological Perspectives

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Atlas.ti, STATA, SPSS

TEACHING AREAS

Introduction to Statistics	Introduction to Sociology
Race in Latin America	Social Research Methods
Black Immigration	International Migration
Race, Health, and Immigration	Social Stratification
	Africa in World Perspective
	Sociology of the Family

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent at speaking, reading, writing)
Portuguese (fluent at speaking, reading)
Catalan (basic speaking, good at reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
Council on Contemporary Families (CCF)
Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)

REFERENCES

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