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EDUCATION

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

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2019 *Boundaries of Love: Interracial Marriage and the Meaning of Race.* New York: NYU Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2019 "Comment on Rogers Brubaker and Matías Fernández 'Cross-Domain Comparison and the Politics of Difference.'" *British Journal of Sociology* 70(5): 2166-2168.
- 2019 "Freedom and Frustration: Rachel Dolezal and the Meaning of Race." *Contexts* 18(3): 36-41.
- 2014 "Divergence or Convergence: Black-White Interracial Couples and White Family Reactions in the U.S. and Brazil." *Qualitative Sociology* 37: 93-115.
- 2014 Zamora, Sylvia and Chinyere Osuji. "Mobilizing African Americans for Immigrant Rights: Framing Strategies in Two Multi-Ethnic Coalitions." *Latino Studies* 12: 424-448.
- 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 Golash-Boza, Tanya. 2014. "Research Focus: Racial Ideology and Black-White Interracial Marriages in Rio de Janeiro." Race and Racisms: A Critical Approach. New York: Oxford University Press:

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

- 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

- 2019 “Comment on Rogers Brubaker and Matías Fernández ‘Cross-Domain Comparison and the Politics of Difference.’” *British Journal of Sociology*, 70(5): 2166-2168.
- 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 in Progress

- “Migration in a Racial Democracy: A New Perspective on Interracial Marriage in Brazil,” Under Review at *Social Problems*.
- “Boundaries of Blackness: Interracial Marriage and the Social Construction of Race.” In preparation.
- With Erika Arenas. “Color Assortative Mating in Mexico.” 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

- 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.

Panels Presented

- 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 “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.

Discussant

- 2020 Author Meets Critics, *Boundaries of Love: Interracial Marriage and the Meaning of Race*, Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 Discussant. “Multiracial Classification.” American Sociological Association, New York City.
- 2018 Author Meets Critics, *Trans: Gender and Race in an Age of Unsettled Identities* by Rogers Brubaker. American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2018 Critic. Author Meets Critics, *Multiracials and Civil Rights: Mixed-Race Stories of Discrimination* (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

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 Guest Speaker, “Boundaries of Love: Black-White Couples in Brazil and the United States,” University College London Institute of Education, via Zoom.
- 2020 Guest Speaker, “*Boundaries of Love*,” Davidson College, Sociology class, Professor Gayle Kaufman, via Zoom.
- 2020 Guest Speaker, 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)

SERVICE

National

- 2018- American Sociological Association Committee on Sections
- 2018-2020 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- Advocate's Alliance, Planned Parenthood of New Jersey, Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central, and Southern New Jersey

University

- 2017- Admissions and Retention Committee, Rutgers University at Camden
- 2017- College of Arts and Sciences Planning and Budget Committee
- 2014-2017 Academic Senator on the Rutgers University at Camden Faculty
- 2019- Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society, Iota Chapter Founder and Administrator
- 2017- Department Undergraduate Committee

MEDIA APEARANCES

- 2020 *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. 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 *Race Talk* 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 *New Books Network Podcast: New Books in Anthropology*. "Chinyere Osuji, *Boundaries of Love: Interracial Marriage and the Meaning of Race*." 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 *CNN*. "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 *BBC America*. "Can Love Really Conquer All?" Aired 14 February, 2019. <https://www.facebook.com/BBCCutThroughTheNoise/videos/373704766797574/>.

2015 *Washington Post*. "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 *Religious News Service*, "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 *The Seattle Times*, "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 *National Public Radio*, A Nigerian-American Reflects on Thanksgiving, 20 November, 2007 <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=16452593>.

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

Race and Ethnicity

Race in Latin America

Sociology of the Family

Introduction to Sociology

Sociology of the Family

International Migration

Africa in World Perspective

Social Stratification

Race, Health, and Immigration

Social Stratification

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent at speaking, reading, writing)

Catalan (good at reading)

Portuguese (fluent at speaking, reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)
Lifetime Member

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)

Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society
Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society
Council on Contemporary Families (CCF)

REFERENCES

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