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## EMPLOYMENT AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor – School of International Service, American University – 2023–Present

Visiting Fellow – Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, France – 2023–2024

Assistant Professor – School of International Service, American University – 2015–2023

Postdoctoral Fellow – Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, France – 2012–2015

Visiting Scholar – African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town, South Africa – 2014

## EDUCATION

PhD University of California, Berkeley – Sociology – 2012

MA University of California, Berkeley – Sociology – 2007

BA Columbia University – Urban Studies – 2002

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

[In alphabetical order] Africa and the African diaspora, Anthropocene, Blackness, capitalism, classical and postcolonial theory, climate, colonialism, decoloniality, development and globalization, ethnography, gender, inequality, informal economy, intersectionality, masculinity, media, modernity, neoliberalism, organizations, popular culture, public sociology, qualitative methods, race and racism, racial capitalism, un- and underemployment, urbanization, visual sociology, work, youth cultures

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Under contract. *Blackness as being: Black survival in the age of climate catastrophe*. Polity Press.

2022. *A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

*Association-wide awards*

- Winner, American Sociological Association 2024 Distinguished Scholarly Book Award
- Co-winner, International Studies Association 2024 John Ruggie ISA Annual Best Book Award
- Honorable mention, African Studies Association 2023 Best Book Prize

- Winner, International Studies Association 2024 Lee Ann Fujii Book Award (co-sponsors ISA-Northeast, LGBTQA Caucus, Women's Caucus, Committee on Diversity and Representation, Global South Caucus, Committee on the Status of the Global South)

*Division and Section awards*

- Winner, American Sociological Association Economic Sociology Section 2024 Viviana Zelizer Best Book Award
- Winner, American Sociological Association Marxist Sociology Section 2023 Paul Sweezy Outstanding Book Award
- Co-winner, Society for the Study of Social Problems Global Division 2023 Book Award
- Winner, International Studies Association 2023 Global Development Studies Best Book
- Honorable mention, American Sociological Association Sociology of Development Section 2023 Book Award
- Honorable mention, American Sociological Association Race, Gender, and Class Section 2023 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award
- Honorable mention, American Sociological Association Sociology of Sex and Gender Section 2023 Distinguished Book Award
- Honorable mention, American Anthropological Association Society for the Anthropology of Work 2023 Book Prize

*Reviews*

- Book review symposium, *British Journal of Sociology* (in progress)
- Book review symposium, *Antipode*, 2024
- Book review symposium, *Socio-Economic Review*, 2023
- Book review symposium, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 2023
- Book review symposium, *Perspectives*, Magazine of the American Sociological Association Theory Section, 2022
- Additional reviews in: *Africa*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, *Men and Masculinities*, *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie/Journal of Social and Cultural Anthropology* (German)
- *Author-meets-critics* at: Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 2022 Annual Meeting, American Association of Geographers 2023 Annual Meeting, British Journal of Sociology conference

*Media*

- Interview, *Accounts*, Magazine of the American Sociological Association Economic Sociology Section
- Book Conversation with Annie Hikido, *The Ethnographic Café*, sponsored by Boston University
- Interview with Mark Anthony Neal, *Left of Black*, sponsored by the John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University

## **Journal articles and book chapters**

2024. "Tapping imaginaries: Guinness, masculinity, and the promise of Africa Rising." *International Review of Sociology*, 1-18. Online First.
2023. "Blackness in the (post)colonial African city." In, *The Black Geographic: Praxis, resistance, futurity* (eds. Camilla Hawthorne and Jovan Scott Lewis). Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

2016. "Racial capitalism and the crisis of Black masculinity." *American Sociological Review* 81(5):1014-1038.
- Winner, 2018 Best Scholarly Article Award for the American Sociological Association's Section on Global and Transnational Sociology
  - Winner, 2018 Distinguished Article Award for the American Sociological Association's Section on Race, Gender, and Class
  - Honorable mention, 2017 Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award for the American Sociological Association's Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
2015. "This is how we roll: Peripheral Black masculinity and the status economies of bus portraiture." *Laboratorium* 7(2):62-82.
- Extended abstract available in Russian
  - Translated in Italian and reprinted in: 2017. *A fior di pelle: Razza e visualità*. Edited by Elisa Bordin and Stefano Bosco. Verona (Italy): Ombre corte.
2015. "'Elsewhere': An essay on borderland ethnography in the informal African city." *Ethnography* 16(2):145-165.
- Lead article
2014. "Narratives of modernity, masculinity and citizenship amid crisis in Abidjan's Sorbonne." *Antipode* 46(3):717-735.
2011. "Il est garçon: Marginal Abidjanais masculinity and the politics of representation." *Poetics* 39(5):380-406.
- Winner, 2012 International Visual Sociology Association John Rieger Graduate Paper Award
2010. "Creating public fictions: The Black man as producer and consumer." *The Black Scholar* 40(3):36-42.

## Other academic publications

- Forthcoming*. Book review. Fader, Jamie J. On shifting ground: Constructing manhood on the margins. *American Journal of Sociology*.
2024. Commentary. "Ten theses on racial capitalism." *Critical Sociology* 50(7-8):1151-1166.
2024. Response. "Being somebody in the post/colonial city: Black masculinity in the hegemonic order." Book review forum on *A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism*. *Antipode online*. 24 January.
2023. Response. "An ethnography of racial capitalism's long crisis." Book Symposium on *A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism*. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 9(2):256-259.
2023. Response. "The breadwinner and his others: Black masculinity in racialized modernity." Book Symposium on *A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism*. *Socio-Economic Review OnlineFirst*.
2023. Book review. Grundy, Saida. 2022. Respectable: Politics and paradox in the making of the Morehouse man. *Contemporary Sociology* 52(5):439-441.
2022. "Politics, crisis, and the canon: A commentary of Michael Burawoy's 'Decolonizing Sociology: The significance of W.E.B. Du Bois.'" *Critical Sociology* 48(4-5):553-557.

2020. "Black masculinity." Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Edited by George Ritzer and Chris Rojek.
2020. Book review. Kleinman, Julie. 2019. Adventure capital migration and the making of an African hub in Paris. *Antipode Online*. 7 April.
2019. "Branded." *Boston Review*, *Racist Logic Forum* 10(44.2):75-85.  
 - Follow up podcast interview with Dr. Vibe, 30 September 2019  
 - Follow up blog interview with Asia Art Tours, 27 September 2020
2018. Book review. Fleming, Crystal Marie. 2017. Resurrecting slavery: Racial legacies and white supremacy in France. *Contemporary Sociology* 47(3):320-322.
2017. "Africa rising, Afro-pessimism – or racial capitalism?" *CODESRIA Bulletin* 1&2:9-11. *From renaissance to emergence: How to renew the debate on development in Africa*.
2014. "Unpacking the crisis narrative of Black theater." Pages 228-230 in *Figuring the plural: Needs and supports of Canadian and US ethnocultural arts organizations*. Project leads/edited by: M.P. Matlon, I. Van Haastrecht and K. Wittig Mengüç. Commissioned and funded by School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Joyce Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts.
2014. Book review. Newell, Sasha. 2012. The modernity bluff: Crime, consumption, and citizenship in Côte d'Ivoire. *African Studies Review* 57(1):209-210.
2014. "Côte d'Ivoire: The symbolic capital of the mobile phone." *Global Dialogue* 4(1):33-34.  
 - Translated in fourteen languages
2013. "Cinematic sociology." *Global Dialogue* 3(4):36-38.  
 - Translated in fourteen languages
2011. "Informality and visibility on the periphery." Photo essay, *Contexts* 10(2):58-63.

## Journal articles and book chapters in progress

- Response. Review symposium of A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism. British Journal of Sociology.*
- Book chapter. "Gender and the city." In, Oxford Handbook of Urban Sociology (eds. Ryan Centner and Leonard Nevarez). Revised and resubmitted. Under contract with Oxford University Press.*
- Book chapter. "A visual ethnography of Black Atlantic masculinity." In, Du Boisian Sociological Methodologies (eds. José Itzigsohn, Ricarda Hammer, and Michael Rodriguez-Muñiz). Under review and under contract with Duke University Press.*
- Photo essay. "Racial capitalism and the media trope." Invited, Contexts, Magazine of the American Sociological Association.*
- Article. "Wages, White and male: Afropessimism and the African colonial subject." Invited, African Studies Review special issue on African Studies and Black Studies: Intersections, Genealogies, and New Directions.*

Article. “Black survival amidst climate catastrophe.” *Invited, Racism by Context, Oxford Intersections* (ed. Patricia Daley). Under contract with Oxford University Press.

## Public sociology

September 2024. “Africa is the world’s largest market for Guinness beer – how its ad campaigns exploit men.” Q&A article with *The Conversation Africa*.

- Translated in French as “Comment les publicités de la bière Guinness en Afrique exploitent les hommes.”

June 2023. “The salaried man and his others: Rethinking pressure in the *longue durée*.” Blog Series: Pressure in the City. *Developing Economics: A Critical Perspective on Development Economics*.

Fall 2022. “Development in the long shadow of colonialism.” *Sectors*, Magazine of the Sociology of Development Section (Fall 2022 Issue), American Sociological Association.

May 16, 2017. “The art of domination: On decolonizing the curriculum. *Black Perspectives*. Blog of the African American Intellectual Historical Society. (Original version published with *The Eagle*.)

May 05, 2017. “The art of domination.” *The Eagle*. Opinion.

April 03, 2013. “Culture, attack: Art, identity and MP2013.” Personal blog.

March 06, 2013. “The basketball diplomacy affair did not take place.” Personal blog.

June 25, 2012. “Life in Dúbravica.” PERIFÉRNE CENTRÁ website. Contribution as invited guest, Dúbravica, Slovakia. Also translated into Slovak.

December 13, 2010. “High stakes for Gbagbo loyalists in Côte d’Ivoire.” *The Africa Report*. Opinion.

June 01, 2010. “UC Berkeley is losing its essence.” *The Daily Californian*. Special to the Daily Cal - Op-Ed.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND RECOGNITIONS

School of International Service, Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Research, Creative Activity, American University, 2024

Faculty Exceptional Research Award (FERA) – School of International Service, American University, 2024

Visiting Fellow – Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, France, 2023-2024

Van Kirk Endowment Book Fund – School of International Service, American University, 2023-2024

William Cromwell Award for Outstanding Teaching – School of International Service, American University, 2021-2022

Woodrow Wilson (*currently Citizens and Scholars*) Career Enhancement Fellowship – The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 2018

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship – Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, 2012-2015

UC Dissertation-Year Fellowship – UC Berkeley, 2011

Leo Lowenthal Dissertation Fellowship – UC Berkeley (Sociology), 2011 (*Declined*)

Simpson Award – UC Berkeley (Institute of International Studies), 2011

Fall Research Grant – UC Berkeley (Sociology), 2010

Undergraduate Mentorship Recognition – UC Berkeley (Sociology), 2010

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, *Alternate* – Ford Foundation, 2010

Dean's Normative Time Fellowship – UC Berkeley, 2008

National Science Foundation Fellowship – National Science Foundation, 2005

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship – United States Department of Education, 2005

Graduate Opportunity Program Fellowship – UC Berkeley, 2004

Fulbright to India, *Finalist* – Institute of International Education, 2002-2003

Honors in Urban Studies – Columbia University, 2002

## **Publication awards**

Distinguished Scholarly Book Award – American Sociological Association, 2024

John Ruggie ISA Annual Best Book Award – International Studies Association, 2024

Lee Ann Fujii Book Award – International Studies Association, 2024

Best Book Prize, *Honorable Mention* – African Studies Association, 2023

Viviana Zelizer Best Book Award – American Sociological Association Economic Sociology Section, 2024

Paul Sweezy Outstanding Book Award – American Sociological Association Marxist Sociology Section, 2023

Book Award – Society for the Study of Social Problems Global Division, 2023

Best Book – International Studies Association, Global Development Studies, 2023

Book Award, *Honorable Mention* – American Sociological Association Sociology of Development Section, 2023

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award, *Honorable Mention* – American Sociological Association Race, Gender, and Class Section, 2023

Distinguished Book Award, *Honorable Mention* – American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section, 2023

Book Prize, *Honorable Mention* – American Anthropological Association Society for the Anthropology of Work, 2023

Best Scholarly Article Award – American Sociological Association Section on Global and Transnational Sociology, 2018

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award – American Sociological Association Section on Race, Gender, and Class, 2018

Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award, *Honorable Mention* – American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, 2017

John Rieger Graduate Paper Award – International Visual Sociology Association, 2012

## TEACHING

*Anthropocene and Crises of Capitalism*: Originally conceived and developed course, undergraduate level, Fall 2024

*Social theory in comparative and international perspective*: PhD first-year course, Spring 2025, Spring 2023

*Commodification and representation*: Originally conceived and developed research course for AU Honors students, undergraduate level, Spring 2022

*The modern African metropolis*: Originally conceived and developed course, undergraduate level, Spring 2022, Spring 2021

*Race in the world political economy*: Originally conceived and developed course, undergraduate level, Spring 2025, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

*Racial capitalism*: Originally conceived and developed course, undergraduate level, Spring 2017

*Seeing Africa* (previously *Visuality in Africa*): Originally conceived and developed course, undergraduate level, Spring 2020, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016

*Urban development*: Original syllabus, MA level, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

*The postcolonial city*: Originally conceived and developed course, undergraduate level, Spring 2020, Spring 2017, Spring 2016 and Fall 2015

## **Thesis committees**

PhD Thesis committee member, “La théorie de l’attachement et l’Afrique : Forclusion en colonie,” (Salimata Bah, Université Toulouse), 2024--

PhD Thesis committee member, “TBA” (Anushka Bose, American University), 2025–

PhD Thesis committee member, “TBA” (Esther Brito, American University), 2025–

Master’s Thesis advisor, “TBA” (Agathe Diabou, Sciences Po Toulouse), 2024-2025

SIS Honors Senior Project faculty advisor (Amelia Keeton, American University), 2024-2025

Master’s Thesis committee member, “Development for the people by the people: A comparative study of community based banking in India” (Kanika Varma, American University), 2020-2021

Substantial Research Paper Master’s mentor, “Economic development and the Caribbean reparations movement: Lessons from Israel and New Zealand” (Gabrielle Hansford, American University), 2021

Olson Scholar faculty advisor (Elizabeth Wade, American University), 2019-2020

Substantial Research Paper Master’s supervisor, “Marginalized populations and civic engagement: Recommendations for empowerment” (Allison Beaufort, American University), 2017

Master’s Thesis committee member, “French foreign policy and democratization in Francophone Africa” (Jean-Baptiste Guiatin, American University), 2015-2016

Olson Scholar faculty advisor, “Narratives of resilience in post-Katrina New Orleans” (Lina Alam, American University), 2015-2016

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

### **American Sociological Association Section activities**

Chair-elect, Marxist Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (Chair-elect 2024-2025, Chair 2025-2026, Past-chair 2026-2027)

- Chair, Paul Sweezy Outstanding Book Award committee

Nominations Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 2024.

Award Selection Committee, Lewis A. Coser Award for Theoretical Agenda-Setting (by appointment of the President of the American Sociological Association), American Sociological Association Section on Sociological Theory, 2024.

Council Member, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association. 2023-2026.

- Session Organizer for “Towards an Intersectional Comparative-Historical Sociology” Invited Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2024

- Standing Committee on Anti-Blackness and Racism in Comparative Historical Sociology, 2022-2023

Council Member, Race, Gender, and Class Section, American Sociological Association. 2023-2024.

- Chair, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award Committee, 2024



- Committee member, Race, Gender, and Class Distinguished Career Award

Mentor, Political Economy of the World System Section, American Sociological Association, 2023.

Award Selection Committee for the Best Scholarly Article Award written in 2022. American Sociological Association, Global and Transnational Sociology Section.

Race, Class, and Gender Regular Session Organizer, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Summer 2023.

Nominations Committee, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2022.

Council Member, Sociology of Development Section, American Sociological Association. 2019-2022.

- Chair, Award Selection Committee for 2022 Best Article Award
- Nominations Committee member, 2021
- Chair, Award Selection Committee for 2020 Best Graduate Student Paper

Council Member, Political Economy and the World System Section, American Sociological Association. 2018-2021.

- Committee on Publications member 2020-2021
- Mentoring Program coordinator 2019

Session Organizer for “Gender and the Crises of Global Capitalism,” Global and Transnational Sociology. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2019.

Organizer for Theory Section Roundtables. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2019.

Award Selection Committee for the Best Scholarly Article Award written in 2018. American Sociological Association, Global and Transnational Sociology Section.

Award Selection Committee for the 2018 Junior Theorist Award. American Sociological Association, Theory Section.

Award Selection Committee for Best Article written in 2015. American Sociological Association, Race, Gender and Class Section.

Award Selection Committee for the Geertz Prize for Best Article written in 2014. American Sociological Association, Sociology of Culture Section.

Award Selection Committee for the Edward Shils – James Coleman Memorial Award for best theory paper written by a graduate student in 2014. American Sociological Association, Theory Section.

Co-organizer of the 2014 Junior Theorists Symposium (organized in part by the American Sociological Association Theory Section).

## **Editorial appointments**

Editorial Review Board Member, *African Studies Review* (African Studies Association), 2025-2027.

Associate Editorial Board Member, *Theory and Social Inquiry* Journal, 2024--

Associate Editorial Board Member, *Critical Sociology* Journal, 2024--

Editorial Board Member, *Gender & Society* Journal, Sociologists for Women in Society, 2021-2024.

Editorial Board, HUMA (Institute for Humanities in Africa), University of Cape Town, South Africa. 2021-2022.

Editorial Advisory Board, Corona Times Blog – A HUMA (Institute for Humanities in Africa at the University of Cape Town, South Africa) Public Engagement Project. 2020-2021.

### **Additional Professional Service activities**

*Identities* Sub-theme Chair, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2024.

American Fellowships – Social Sciences Award Review Panel, American Association of University Women, 2024-2025.

Session Organizer for Social Science History Association, Power and Normativity in Society and History: Performativity and the State. Fall 2023.

Session Organizer for “Postcolonial ethnographies of racial capitalism: A view in/from Africa,” Economy and Society Research Committee. International Sociological Association World Congress, Summer 2023.

Mini-Conference Organizer for “Economic Racism, Ethnic Chauvinism, and Racial Capitalism.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. Summer 2022.

### **Reviewer commitments**

Past and occasional reviewer for *Agence Nationale de la Recherche* (France), *Annual Review of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *City and Community*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Critical Sociology*, *Duke University Press*, *Ethnography*, *Gender and Society*, *Marronnages: les questions raciales au crible des sciences sociales*, *Men and Masculinities*, *Oxford University Press*, *Poetics*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Sociological Review*, *Sociological Theory*, *Stanford University Press*, *Theory and Society*, and *Third World Quarterly*.

### **Professional affiliations**

Regular memberships: American Sociological Association, African Studies Association, American Anthropological Association, American Association of Geographers, Association of Black Sociologists, Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, Eastern Sociological Society, International Studies Association, International Visual Sociology Association, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, and Sociologists for Women in Society.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND ADVISING**

Member, Complex Problems Subcommittee, AU Senate, 2024-2025

Member, Faculty Actions Committee, School of International Service, 2024-2025

Search committee member for Changemaker Postdoctoral Fellow, School of International Service, 2024-2025

American University Working Group on Race, Racialization, and Related Structures in Undergraduate Education, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, 2023-2024

Faculty Advisory Committee, Public Engagement and Events, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, 2022-Present

Search committee member for Changemaker Postdoctoral Fellow, School of International Service, 2022-2023

Search committee member for Dean, School of International Service, 2021-2022

Gender and Development Track coordinator, International Development Program, School of International Service, 2022

Faculty facilitator, “Capitalism and Identity,” Intergroup Dialogue, Center for Diversity and Inclusion, American University, 2021

Member, Dean’s Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion, School of International Service, American University, 2019-2021

Faculty affiliate (previously Team leader for Economy), Antiracist Research and Policy Center, American University, 2017-Present

Co-founder and co-leader of Ethnographies of Empire Research Cluster, School of International Service, American University, 2016-2017, 2020-2022

Faculty fellow, Metropolitan Policy Center, American University, 2017-Present

Faculty representative, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, School of International Service, American University, 2020

Member, Faculty Actions Committee, School of International Service, American University, 2019-2020

Coordinator of Undergraduate Thematic Area in Identity, Race, Gender and Culture, School of International Service, American University, 2017-2018

Faculty facilitator, “Black issues and experiences on and off campus,” Intergroup Dialogue, Center for Diversity and Inclusion, American University, 2017

Member, Races, Empires and Diasporas Humanities Lab, American University, 2015-2017

Member, Urban Studies Humanities Lab, American University, 2015-2017

Search committee member for Assistant Professor in Race and Global Studies, School of International Service, American University, 2016

Participant, “Staying in the conversation: Race and its intersections.” Faculty Learning Community, supported by the Dean of Academic Life, American University, 2016

## TALKS

Gender, Power, and Theory Workshop. “Wages, White and male: Afropessimism and the African colonial subject.” University of California, Berkeley, Sociology Department. Spring 2025 (Forthcoming).

“The long crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” District of Columbia Sociological Society. Winter 2025.

“Reading hegemony from the African colonial project: Blackness, masculinity, and the *évolué*.” African Studies and Black Studies: Intersections, Genealogies, and New Directions. *African Studies Review* and Department of African and African American Studies, Duke University. Fall 2024.

“The long crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, Princeton University. Fall 2024.

“The long crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Department of Sociology Colloquium, Georgetown University. Fall 2024.

“The long crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Invited General Lecture, 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial African School of Fundamental Physics and Applications (ASP 2024), Cadi Ayyad University and Mohammed V University, Faculty of Sciences Semlalia, Marrakech, Morocco. Summer 2024.

“The long crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Racial capitalism seminar series, Université Paris-Dauphine. Spring 2024.

“The long crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse. Spring 2024.

“Circulations of Blackness in Racial Capitalism.” Global imaginaries of economic and aesthetic values seminar, University of Gothenburg. Spring 2024.

Invited panel: Global and transnational approaches to race and racism. *British Journal of Sociology* conference, London School of Economics. Spring 2024.

Author-meets-critic session on *A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism*. *British Journal of Sociology* conference, London School of Economics. Spring 2024.

“The long crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” CERTOP and ARPEGE, University of Toulouse. Spring 2024.

“Blackness as being.” Laboratoire des Sciences Sociales du Politique, University of Toulouse. Spring 2024.

Closing plenary panel: The future of new masculinity. Governing masculinity conference, UKRI GCRF Gender, Justice, and Security Hub and the School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary, University of London. Winter 2024.

“The long crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Révolte Décoloniale, Sciences Po Toulouse. Winter 2024.

“The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Gender and Globalization, Princeton University. Fall 2023.

“The long crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Centre de Recherche sur les Inégalités Sociales, Sciences Po Paris. Fall 2023.

“The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Introduction to Sociology, Harvard University. Fall 2023.

Discussant. “Revaluing care in the global economy” Working papers seminar, Duke University. Fall 2023.

Panelist. “Black Atlantic iconicity.” Invited Session (Reading the Black Atlantic after 30 years: On a Classic of Sociological Theory), American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Summer 2023.

Panelist. “What does a global sociology look like today?” Invited Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Summer 2023.

“Postcolonial ethnographies of racial capitalism: A view in/from Africa.” International Sociological Association XX World Congress of Sociology (Economy and Society Research Committee). Summer 2023.

“Postcolonial approaches to gender, racial capitalism, and criminology.” Book talk and conversation with Arushi Garg. Cambridge Decolonising Criminology Network, University of Cambridge Institute of Criminology. Spring 2023.

“A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Author Meets Critic Session, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Spring 2023.

“Reading *évolué* masculinity in racial capitalism through the *colon* statue.” Genealogies of racial capitalism: Institute for Comparative Modernities, Cornell University. Spring 2023.

Discussant, “Decolonizing Sociology.” Presidential Panel, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Winter 2023.

“The becoming Black of the world.” Social Science History Association (Power and Normativity in Society and History: Racial Articulations of Spatial Regimes). Fall 2022.

“A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Knowing Africa Series, Institute of African Studies, Carleton University (Canada). Fall 2022.

“The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Introduction to Sociology, Harvard University. Fall 2022.

“A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Book conversation with Annie Hikido. Boston University, Ethnographic Café. Fall 2022.

“A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” University of California, Santa Barbara Sociology Book Club. Fall 2022.

Panelist. "The future of urban sociology." Special Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Summer 2022.

Panelist. "The past, present, and future of racial capitalism." Special Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Summer 2022.

Discussant, "Categories in Motion." Comparative Historical Sociology Mini-Conference, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Summer 2022.

"A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism." Author Meets Critic Session, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting. Summer 2022.

"A man among other men: The crisis of Black masculinity in racial capitalism." WISER WISH Seminar. The Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of the Witwatersrand. Spring 2022.

"The becoming Black of the world." Keynote. African Studies Association of Africa, hosted by the Institute for Humanities in Africa and the Faculty of Humanities, University of Cape Town. Spring 2022.

"Black masculinity in the long crisis of racial capitalism." Sociology Colloquium Series. UNC-Chapel Hill. Spring 2022.

"Black masculinity in the long crisis of racial capitalism." Sociology Colloquium Series. University of Chicago. Spring 2022.

Author Meet Critic Panelist, Michael Hanchard's *The Spectre of Race*. Social Science History Association. Fall 2021.

"Circulations of Blackness in racial capitalism." Social Science History Association (Power and Normativity in Society and History: Capitalism and Socialism). Fall 2021.

Discussant. Loïc Wacquant's *Body and Soul: Notebooks of an Apprentice Boxer* (Expanded Anniversary Edition). The Urban Ethnography Lab. University of Texas, Austin. Fall 2021.

Discussant. Michael Burawoy's "Decolonizing Sociology: The Significance of W.E.B. Du Bois." Decolonizing Sociological Theory. Brown University. Fall 2021.

"Black masculinity in the long crisis of racial capitalism." Sociology Department Colloquium Series. Colby College. Fall 2021.

"Black masculinity in the long crisis of racial capitalism." School of International Service PhD Lecture Series. American University. Fall 2021.

Book Salon Panelist. José Itzigsohn and Karida L. Brown's *The Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois: Racialized Modernity and the Global Color Line*. American Sociological Association. Summer 2021.

Guest Panelist. “*David Makes Man*: Conversation with Dr. Wizdom Powell.” On Episodes 1 (David’s Sky) and 2 (Dai Out). With Big Picture Learning, Carlos Moreno, and Dr. Jacqueline Mattis. Summer 2021.

“Black masculinity in the long crisis of racial capitalism.” University of Geneva Department of Sociology and Anthropology Seminar. Spring 2021.

“Tapping Imaginaries: Guinness and the African Man.” University of Virginia Women, Gender & Sexuality, Sociology and the Carter Woodson Institute. Spring 2021.

“Imaginaries of Black masculinity in the long crisis of racial capitalism.” Penn Sociology Colloquium Series. University of Pennsylvania. Spring 2021.

“Black masculinity in the long crisis of racial capitalism.” Historical International Studies Research Cluster Seminar Series, American University, School of International Service. Spring 2021.

Moderator, “The Culture of Poverty Myth and Anti-Blackness.” Sociology of Culture Section, American Sociological Association. Spring 2021.

“Antiracism and decoloniality in Humanities: Virtual faculty panel.” Antiracist Research and Policy Center, American University. Summer 2020.

“Tapping imaginaries: Guinness and the African man.” Dwelling in Liminalities: Uncanny Conversations – A seminar series by Michele Lancione and AbdouMaliq Simone. University of Sheffield, The Urban Institute. Spring 2020.

Gender, Power, and Theory Workshop. “Tapping imaginaries: Guinness and the African man.” University of Southern California, Sociology Department. Spring 2020.

“Tapping imaginaries: Guinness and the African man.” Conference on Youth Politics and Projects of Self-Making in the Global South. M.S. Merian – R. Tagore International Centre of Advanced Studies ‘Metamorphoses of the Political’ (ICAS-MP). Delhi, India. Fall 2019.

“Imaginaries of Black masculinity in the long crisis of racial capitalism.” Northwestern Department of Sociology Colloquium. Northwestern University. Fall 2019.

“Black masculinity in racial capitalism: Politics of representation and political economy.” American Sociological Association (Session on Race and Organizations). Summer 2019.

“Story of a minor term: Introduction.” DC Area Africanists Workshop. American Political Science Association (Headquarters). Summer 2019.

“Imaginaries of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Princeton African Humanities Colloquium on Africa and Racial Capitalism. Princeton University, Summer 2019.

“Story of a minor term: Introduction.” Gender, Power, and Theory Workshop. University of Chicago, Sociology Department. Spring 2019.

“Remarks on Geography and Global Studies: Whence Africa in Black Geographies?” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Spring 2019.

“Critiquing Empire from within: Undisciplined pedagogies and research for our time.” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Spring 2019.

“Fragile intersections: Theorizing tropes of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Sociological Working Group on Aesthetics, Meaning, and Power. University of Virginia, Department of Sociology. Spring 2019.

“Imaginariness of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Historical International Studies Research Cluster Seminar Series, American University, School of International Service. Spring 2019.

“Introduction: Story of a minor term.” Africa Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Spring 2019.

“Racial capitalism and the crisis of Black masculinity.” Racism and Racial Experiences Working Group. Rice University. Fall 2018.

“Black masculinity in racial capitalism: Politics of representation and political economy.” Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat. Summer 2018.

“A story of racial capitalism: Dialectics of place and imaginaries.” International Sociological Association XIX World Congress (Theorizing and Historicizing Economic Culture). Summer 2018.

“A story of racial capitalism: Dialectics of place and imaginaries.” Mariners, Renegades, and Capitalism: Researching the Urban Atlantic for the Coming Century.” New York University, Spring 2018.

“Imaginariness of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting (Representations of the Black Spatial Imaginary). Spring 2018 .

“Fragile intersections: Theorizing tropes of Black masculinity in racial capitalism.” Africa Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Spring 2018.

“Black men as surplus labor in racial capitalism.” Gender and Power Workshop. University of California, Berkeley, Sociology Department, Spring 2018.

“Racial capitalism and imagining Blackness.” African Studies Association Annual Meeting (Creativity and Disruption: The Polyvalence of Africa’s New Political Economies), Fall 2017.

Panel chair: Youth, Precarity, and Performance in Africa and the Diaspora: Creative Practices and Adaptations to the Youth Unemployment Crisis. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2017.

Guest professor, three-lecture series: “Masculinity in the modern economy: The breadwinner ideal,” “Masculinity in crisis: Men in the post-wage economy,” and “Thinking beyond postcolonial exceptionalism to racial capitalism.” University of South Africa, Summer School (Men in the Ex-colonies stream). Fall 2017.



“Black matters are spatial matters.” Black Geographies: Insurgent Knowledge, Spatial Poetics, and the Politics of Blackness. University of California, Berkeley, Geography Department Symposium, Fall 2017.

“Theorizing Black men as surplus labor in racial capitalism.” School of International Service, American University (Ethnographies of Empire Symposium), Fall 2017.

“A story of racial capitalism: Dialectics of place and imaginaries.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Session on Culture and Inequality), Summer 2017.

“Abidjan: A story of racial capitalism,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting (Labor Narratives and Urban Informality in the Global South), Spring 2017.

“Education and the arts of domination: A reflection on Robert Vitalis’s *White world order, Black Power politics*.” American University, School of International Service (Program in Intercultural and International Communication). Fall 2016.

“Insights in Abidjan *Business*,” re:work, Humboldt University (DE), Summer 2016.

“Racial capitalism and the crisis of Black masculinity,” (Lecture), Work in the contemporary city, Berlin “Think and Drink” Colloquium, co-sponsored by re:work, Humboldt University and the Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technical University of Berlin (DE), Summer 2016.

“Complicit masculinity and the Black urban imaginary: Locating belonging in the mediascape,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting (Male Identities in Social Contexts), Fall 2015.

“Narratives of masculinity, modernity and citizenship at Abidjan’s Sorbonne.” School of International Service and School of Public Affairs, American University (Urban Politics in the Developing World), Fall 2015.

“Researching race and gender on Africa’s urban periphery,” District of Columbia Sociological Society (New Sociology Professors Panel), Fall 2015.

“African masculinity and work,” American University, School of International Service (Dean’s Council), Fall 2015.

“Informality and visibility on the periphery.” School of International Service, American University (International Development Program Friday Forum), Fall 2015.

“Complicit masculinity and the Black urban imaginary: Locating belonging in the mediascape,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Race, Class and Gender in Global Crossroads), Summer 2015.

“Complicit masculinity and the Black urban imaginary: Locating belonging in the mediascape,” International Visual Sociology Association Annual Meeting (Gender and Race), Summer 2015.

“Being modern/being seen: Gendered subjectivities in the African informal city,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting (“Modern” Embodiments: Meditations of Migrancy, Myth, and Mobility in Four African Contexts), Fall 2014.

“Being modern/being seen: Asserting gendered subjectivities through technologies of visibility in the African informal city,” American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting with the Society for Visual Anthropology, Spring 2014.

“This is how we roll: Bus portraiture, peripheral masculinity and the Black urban imaginary,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting (Creative Efforts toward Economic Development in Urban Africa), Fall 2013.

“This is how we roll: Bus portraiture, peripheral masculinity and the Black urban imaginary,” University of Ghana (Legon) Institute for African Studies “the First International Congress of Africanists in a Globalised World” (Gender Panel), Fall 2013.

“Entrepreneurs and consumers: Complicit masculinity on the African periphery,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Global and Transnational Sociology Session), Summer 2013.

“Complicit masculinity on the African periphery.” Junior Theorists Symposium (Organized by the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association), Summer 2013.

“This is how we roll: Black masculinity, visibility, and the status economies of bus portraiture on the African urban periphery,” International Visual Sociology Association Annual Conference (Street Art, the City and the Public: Changing the Urban Vision), Summer 2013.

“This is how we roll: Representations of masculinity in the Black urban imaginary,” European Conference on African Studies (The theory and methodology of representation(s): The analytical potential of a concept for contexts of transformation and innovation in contemporary Africa), Summer 2013.

“Gendered promises, gendered betrayals: The African urban crisis, masculinity, and the public in Abidjan,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Masculinities), Summer 2011.

“Complicit masculinity, complicit nationalism: Comparing strategies of self-affirmation among informal sector men in an African crisis state” (Lecture), University of California, Berkeley Center for African Studies, Spring 2011.

“Theorizing ‘Complicit Nationalism’: Ivoirian exceptionalism, neoliberalism and informal politicians’ masculinities in an African crisis state,” University of California, Berkeley Department of Sociology “States of Emergency” Conference, Spring 2011.

“Il est garçon: marginal Abidjanais masculinity and the politics of representation,” University of Veracruz Center for Intercultural Education (MX), Spring 2011.

“Masculinity, work, and consuming global identities: The socio-cultural politics of marginal Abidjanais men,” African Studies Association Annual Conference (Diaspora, Community, Gender and Sexuality Session), Fall 2010.

“Il est garçon: A visual exploration of marginal men’s identities at the global-local nexus,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Social Theory Conference (Visuality Panel), Spring 2010.

“Gendering Urban Sociology: The Black man as producer and consumer,” University of California, Berkeley Sociological Research Symposium, Spring 2010.

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING (PRIOR TO PROFESSORSHIP)**

Graduate Student Instructor, Sociology of Gender (Raka Ray), Spring 2010

Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Sociology (Tom Gold), Spring 2007

Reader, Sociology of Development (Tom Gold), Fall 2004

Research Assistant to Sudhir Venkatesh, Columbia University’s Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (NYC), 2002

Researcher, Andrew Cuomo Gubernatorial Primary Campaign, (NYC), 2002

Researcher, National Student Partnerships, Columbia University (NYC), 2000-2002

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

French