

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

2016 Ph.D Sociology, Columbia University (expected May 2016)
“Incorporating Diaspora: Blurring Distinctions of Race and Nationality
Through Heritage Tourism in Ghana.”
Committee Members: Alondra Nelson (chair), Peter Bearman, Debra
Minkoff

2012 M.Phil. Sociology, Columbia University

2009 M.A. Sociology and African American Studies, Yale University

2006 B.A. Sociology and Africana Studies, Vassar College

Areas of Research and Teaching Interest

Race & Ethnicity, Nationalism and Transnationalism, Political Sociology, Cultural Sociology,
Historical Comparative Sociology, Collective Memory, Rural Sociology—United States/Africa

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

Center For the Study of Race and Ethnicity (CSER) Teaching Fellow, 2014-2015
Stanley Spivack Memorial Travel Fund Award, 2014
Paul F. Lazarfeld Fellow, Columbia University, 2010-2013
Research Fellow, Yale Center for Comparative Research, 2007-2010
Graduate Fellowship, Yale University, 2007-2009

Conference and Invited Presentations

The Legendary Topography of Race: Slave Route Tours and the Racialization of Space in Ghana,
Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Roundtable on Tourism, February 26, 2015

“Roots” Tourism: Civic Pilgrimage and the Mobilization of African-American Racial Heritage in Ghana, Annual Meeting of the Social Science Historical Association, Session on Race and Ethnicity, November 6, 2014

Unifying Diaspora: Festival Life in Ghana and the Flattening of the Ethno-National Difference of the Community of African Descent, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Session on Race & Ethnicity: Categories & Identities, February 20, 2014

PANAFEST: Diversity and the African Family, Columbia University Comparative Sociology (XS) Workshop, December 3, 2013

Doors of Return: Racial Identity and Tourism Markets in Ghana, 108th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, August, 13, 2013

Doors of Return: Racial Identity, Collective Memory & Tourism Markets in Ghana, 17th Annual Irmgard-Conix Stiftung Berlin Roundtables, Workshop on Tourism, June, 27, 2013

Doors of Return: Racial Identity and Tourism Markets in Ghana, 17th Annual Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference, April 13, 2013

Touring Slavery: Remapping Blackness Through Stories of Race, Duke University Triangle Race Conference, Section on Race and Identity, March 31, 2012

Doors of Return: Racial Identity & Tourism Markets in Ghana, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Session on the Racialization of Ethnicity: Institutional Processes and Ideologies, March 23, 2013

Touring Slavery: Remapping Blackness Through Stories of Race, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Session on Remembering Race, Constructing Blackness, February 26, 2012

Feeling Race: Identification, Social Ties, and Affect in Black Political Mobilization, University of Chicago Minority Graduate Student Association 18th Annual Conference, May 20, 2011

Panelist, “On to the Next One: Education and Activism after Vassar”, Vassar College, April 16, 2011

Development Diasporas: Transnationalism in West African Growth, Polytechnic University Kwame Nkrumah International Conference, August 19, 2010

Becker's Tricks of the Trade, Yale University Urban Ethnography Workshop, March 1, 2010 (with Patricia Maloney)

Commentator for Peter Stamatov, Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University Center for Comparative Research, October 27, 2009

Neoliberal Development and the Case of the Ghanaian Cocoa Industry, Yale University Center for Comparative Research, April 27, 2009

Discussant, Neo-Imperialism in Post-Independence Africa: Definitions, Case Studies and Human Impacts. Yale University Council on African Studies, March 27-29, 2009

Commentator for Abebe Zegeye, Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University Center for Comparative Research, September 22, 2008.

Alternative Incarceration: Poughkeepsie Community Transition Center, New York State Probation Officers Annual Meeting, August, 2005.

Teaching and Research Experience

Teaching Assistant, Social Theory (Teresa Sharpe), Department of Sociology, Columbia University, Fall 2014

Organizer, Department of Sociology Pro-Seminar, Columbia University, 2012

Teaching Assistant, Global Urbanism (Saskia Sassen), Department of Sociology, Columbia University, Fall 2013

Teaching Assistant, The Social World (Gil Eyal), Department of Sociology, Columbia University, Spring 2012

Teaching Assistant, Race and Place in Urban America (Carla Shedd), Department of Sociology, Columbia University, Fall 2011

Teaching Assistant, The Social World (Shamus Khan), Department of Sociology, Columbia University, Spring 2011

Research Assistant for Saskia Sassen, Department of Sociology, Columbia University Fall 2010

Teaching Assistant, Freedom and Identity in Black Cultures, (Elizabeth Alexander), Department of African-American Studies, Yale University, Spring 2009

Research Assistant for Eileen Leonard, Department of Sociology, Vassar College, Fall 2004--Spring 2005

Professional Service

Editor for *African Identities*, 2009-2010

Editor for *Maroon: The Yale Journal of African American Studies*, 2008—2009

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association

Eastern Sociological Society

Social Science Historical Association

Southern Sociological Society

Field Work Experience

Ghana—Summer 2011, Summer 2012:

I conducted field observations of tourist groups participating in organized tours of slave castles, museums, and national monuments dedicated to the Atlantic slave trade. These observations contribute my analysis the role of the state in shifting collective memory and social boundaries.

New York City—Fall 2011:

I completed field observations of an open-air market located in Harlem as part of an investigation into the marketing of ethnic-goods and authenticity. While on-site I focused on the ways vendors demonstrate the authenticity and African origins of their products to tourists visiting the site to increase sales.

Technical Profile

Statistics: R, SPSS, SAS

Languages: Asante Twi (Good proficiency)
Akuapem Twi (Fair proficiency)
Swahili (Fair proficiency)

References

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