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AREAS OF INTEREST

Inequality in Neighborhood and Institutional Settings, Urban Displacement and Migration, Ethnography and Ethnomethodology, Race and Ethnicity, Culture, Health Disparities, Criminology, Theories of the Interaction Order and Social Theory

EDUCATION

2007-2010 Post-Doctoral Associate, Department of Sociology, Yale University.
2005 Ph.D., Sociology, Wayne State University.
2002 M.Sc., Community Health Services, Wayne State University School of Medicine.
1998 B.A., Sociology, Wayne State University.

CURRENT POSITIONS

2022-Present North Hall Chair Endowed Professor of Sociology, University of California-Santa Barbara
2023-Present Associate Director of the Center on Black Studies Research, University of California-Santa Barbara

OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024-2025 Russell Sage Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation
2010-2022 Associate Professor of Sociology University of Pittsburgh
2020-2021 University of Buffalo Inaugural CDI Distinguished Visiting Scholar
2019-2020 The Royden B. Davis, S.J. College Chair Distinguished Visiting Professor of Sociology, Georgetown University
2018-2020 Director of Urban Studies and Supervisor of Administration of Justice, University of Pittsburgh
2018-2019 Visiting Distinguished Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Trento, Italy.
2017-2018 Visiting Associate Professor/Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for African American Urban Studies & the Economy, Carnegie Mellon University.
2010-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
2013-2014 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Waisman Center for Childhood Psychopathology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

- 2009-2010 Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, Wesleyan University Center for Prison Education, Cheshire Correctional Institution.
- 2007-2010 Associate Director, Urban Ethnography Project, Yale University. 2005-2007 Visiting Scholar, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.

BOOKS

2024 Rawls, Anne and Waverly Duck. *Racisme tacite et fantasme de la blancheur*. Le Bord de l'eau Press. French Translation of *Tacit Racism* with two additional chapters about racial formation in France, Italy Germany and the UK. (Forthcoming).

2020 Rawls, Anne and Waverly Duck. *Tacit Racism*. University of Chicago Press.

A *Tacit Racism* is about how Race in the United States has become deeply embedded in the taken-for-granted structures of day-to-day interaction, producing tacit forms of racism that go on every day – yet remain hidden. The book is also about the high cost of racism and inequality more generally. We identify a set of interrelated phenomena we call “Interaction Orders of Race”, “Fractured Reflections” and “Submissive Civility” that provide novel ways of understanding race in everyday interactions.

****2022 Winner of the **Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award** American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (SREM)

***2022 Winner of the **North Central Sociological Association Scholarly Book Award** from the North Central Sociological Association

***2021 Winner of the **Charles Horton Cooley Book Award** from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

*** 2021 Honorable Mention, **Mary Douglas Book Prize**, American Sociological Association Culture Section

2020 Rawls, Anne, Kevin Whitehead, and Waverly Duck. *Black Lives Matter: Ethnomethodological and Conversation Analytic Studies of Race and Systemic Racism in Everyday Interaction*. Taylor and Francis.

This book offers an introduction and collection of articles on topics related to Race, exclusion and category stigma. We open with an overview of the significance of Race and racism in the development of ethnomethodology. In doing so, we consider a much overlooked synergy between Garfinkel and Du Bois – first mentioned twenty-years ago (Rawls 2000) – that treats Garfinkel’s focus on “troubles” as taken-for-granted processes of exclusion, and what they reveal about “normality” as a way of producing something very much like what Du Bois called “double consciousness”. The overview is followed by

two sections; we first summarized Garfinkel's research on Race and racism, and his argument about how categories are used to structure inequality and exclusion; while the second section discusses Sacks' research on how categorization works in actual interactions, and its relationship to Race and inequality. The book contains eleven articles and chapters. At the end of this introduction, the authors provide a summary of each, and describe their relationship to the main issues we outline in the introduction.

2015 Duck, Waverly. *No Way Out: Precarious Living in the Shadow of Poverty and Drug Dealing*. University of Chicago Press.

No Way Out is an interaction order ethnographic study of the role drug dealing plays in a poor urban neighborhood where it is a principal occupation. Rather than viewing drug dealing, along with graffiti, vacant lots, violence, and decaying housing, as signs of disorder, I argue that the local code of conduct that develops around drug dealing is ordered in ways that shape the character of the community for all residents. In this small urban space, drug dealers are not outsiders; they are long-term residents, well integrated into community life. Their work practices place requirements on behavior in public spaces that impact the whole neighborhood.

- * Selected for Author Meets Critics Session at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Seattle, Washington, 2017.
- * Selected for Author Meets Critics Session at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington, 2016.
- * Finalist, C. Wright Mills Book Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems 2016.

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

Duck, Waverly. *The Most Livable City in America*

The Most Livable City in America is an in-depth study of Pittsburgh's revitalization under the guidance of Thomas (Tom) J. Murphy. Drawing from his vast experience and profound understanding of urban development, coalition-building, and the dangers of climate change. Murphy famously transformed Pittsburgh from a postindustrial city in decline into one of the most livable cities in the U.S. This book explores Murphy's achievement. It highlights the expert governance skills he used to meet the challenges that beset his administration and the city, which he developed through extensive involvement with civic, business, and nonprofit organizations. At the same time, it situates the mayor's story and Pittsburgh's economic, social, political, and racial history in the larger context of neoliberal governance, the growth machine, and the new urbanism. **Draft Completed—Completing Edits and Re-writes.**

Duck, Waverly. *Fractured Reflections: The High Cost of Troubled Interactions in Everyday Life*

This book provides empirical evidence to substantiate the assertion that exclusion and inequality significantly hinder cooperation in today's society, affecting relationships, organizations, institutions, and societal structures. By examining the experiences of historically marginalized individuals, we can shed light on the hidden social order that remains unseen to those who are not marginalized. The primary aim of this manuscript is to expose the subtle forms of inequality that persist in contemporary American life while simultaneously exploring the high societal costs of that exclusion and marginality using an Interaction Order approach. Interaction orders are the shared expectations that facilitate daily sense-making through tacit, often overlooked practices (Garfinkel, 1967). This argument builds on Durkheim's concept of constitutive practices as the origin of social facts and social solidarity, Garfinkel's argument for trust (1963), and the interaction order theories proposed by Goffman (1983) and Rawls (1987). In addition to the aforementioned scholars, this work draws on the theoretical insights from Black, Jewish, queer, and feminist scholars, among other visible minorities, providing a deep understanding of how inequality manifests in everyday life.

Anticipated Completion Date: April 2022.

Duck, Waverly and Charles Lemert. *Ethnographies: A Multicultural History of Urban Ethnography*.

This book considers the history, epistemology, and practice of ethnography. Throughout the history of ethnography, women and scholars of color have contributed classic works on marginal and minority communities, the women's movement, racial injustice, and other important social justice issues. However, the domination of statistics in social science since WWII has marginalized ethnography, with the effect of silencing these voices. Important ethnographies by minority, female and marginalized scholars like W.E.B. Du Bois, Jane Adams, Zora Neale Hurston, Horace Cayton, St. Clair Drake, Erving Goffman, Joyce Ladner, and Laud Humphries are largely untaught. The book addresses such topics as research ethics and the notable contributions of women, queer scholars, and people of color. It also deconstructs the methods, theories, and cultures of scholarship that have alternately popularized and denied the contributions of ethnographic research.

Anticipated Completion Date: December of 2024.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023 Duck, Waverly and Anne Rawls. Black and Jewish: “Double Consciousness” Inspired a Qualitative Interactional Approach that Centers Race, Marginality, and Justice. Forthcoming, *Qualitative Sociology*.
- 2022 Rawls, Anne and Waverly Duck. “Tacit Racism is Institutionalized in Interaction in the US: What about Elsewhere? Special Issue of Zeitschrift für Kulturwissenschaften (Martin Zillinger ed.) Special Issue of Zeitschrift für Kulturwissenschaften (Martin Zillinger ed.)
- 2022 Rawls, Anne and Waverly Duck. “Racisme tacite et fantasme de la blancheur.” *Marcel Mauss Review*, no 59: 39-57.
- 2021 Jones-Brown, Delores, Kenethia McIntosh Fuller, Paul Reck, and Waverly Duck. "Why we should stop using the term “Black-on-Black crime”: an analysis across disciplines." *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice* no. 3-4: 311-338.
- 2020 Duck, Waverly and Anne Rawls. “How Social Expectations are Being Reconfigured in the Age of Covid-19.”: Implications for Uncertainty and Social Solidarity.” *Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa*.
- 2018 Rawls, Anne, Waverly Duck, and Jason Turowetz. “Problems Establishing Identity/Residency in a City Neighborhood during a Black/White Police-citizen Encounter: Reprising Du Bois’ Conception of Submission as Submissive Civility.” *City and Community* 17(4): 1015-1015.
- 2017 Duck, Waverly. “The Complex Dynamics of Trust and Legitimacy: Understanding Interactions between the Police and Poor Black Neighborhood Residents.” *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 673(1): 132-149.
- 2017 Rawls, Anne and Waverly Duck. “Fractured Reflections of High Status Black Male Presentations of Self: Non-Recognition of Identity as a Barrier to Exercising Legitimate Authority.” *Sociological Focus* 50(1): 36-51.
- *2018 Best Article of the Year Award from the North Central Sociological Association.
- 2016 Zuberi, Anita, Waverly Duck, Robert Graddeck, and Richard Hopkinson. “Neighborhoods, Race, and Health: Assessing the Relationship between Health Disparities and Neighborhood Distress in the City of Pittsburgh.” *Journal of Urban Affairs* 3(4): 546-563.
- 2016 Duck, Waverly. “Becoming a Neighborhood Drug Dealer: Local Interaction Orders and Criminal Careers.” *Critical Sociology* 42(7-8): 1069-1085.

- 2012 Duck, Waverly. "Precarious Living: Getting by on Even Less." *The American Academy of Political and Social Science* 642(1): 124-138.
- 2012 Duck, Waverly and Anne Rawls. "Interaction Orders of Drug Dealing Spaces: Local Orders of Sensemaking in a Poor Black American Place." *Crime, Law and Social Change* 57(1): 33-75.
- 2010 Ly, Carolyn* and Waverly Duck. "The West Branch, More Than a Library: Understanding a Neighborhood Library's Local Relevance." *Perspectives on Urban Education* 7(10): 22-30.
- 2009 Duck, Waverly. "'Senseless' Violence: The Sense to be Made of Murder." *Ethnography* 10(4): 417-434.
- 2009 Duck, Waverly. "Black Male Sexual Politics: Avoidance of HIV/AIDS Testing as a Masculine Health Practice." *Journal of African American Studies* 13(3): 283-306.

* Findings reported in USA Today and United Press International.

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

- Richardson, A., Dubowitz, T., Beyer, K., Zhou, Y., Kershaw, K., Duck, W., Ye, F., Beckman, R., Gordin-Larsen, P., Shikany, J., & Kiefe, C. Associations of Historical Redlining with Body Mass and Waist Circumference in CARDIA. (Revise/Resubmit)
- Duck, Waverly et. al. "A Food Oasis as Gentrification: A Case Study of East Liberty, Pittsburgh." (Revise/ Resubmit)
- Richardson, A., Smith, R., Duck, W., Dubowitz, T., Beyer, K., Zhou, Y., Kershaw, K., Ye, F., Beckman, R., Gordin-Larsen, P., Shikany, J., & Kiefe, C. (Year of Publication). Calculating Risk: How Local Perceptions Shaped Value Formation in HOLC Redlining Maps. (Under Review).

Duck, Waverly and Jason Turowetz. The "Trouble" with Emotions, Trust Conditions, Expectations and a Theory of Autistic Consciousness in Children Being Tested for Autism (Complete)

Duck, Waverly and Charles Lemert. "Intersectional Confusion: The Sociology of Anna Julia Cooper." (Draft)

BOOK CHAPTERS

2021 . Duck, Waverly. Preface for the re-release of *Land of Opportunity* by William Adler. University of Michigan Press.

2020 Duck, Waverly and Mitchell Kiefer*. "Interaction Order as Cultural Sociology." In Richard Ocejo (ed.), *Urban Ethnography: Legacies and Challenges (Research in Urban Sociology Volume 16)*. London: Emerald Publishing.

2018 Stickle, Trini, Waverly Duck, and Douglas Maynard. "Children's Use of 'I Don't Know' During Clinical Evaluations for Autism Spectrum Disorder: Responses to Emotion Questions." In Michelle O'Reilly (ed.), *A Practical Guide to Doing Social Interaction Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD): Communication, Discourse, and Conversation Analysis*. Palgrave Macmillan.

2018 Rawls, Anne and Waverly Duck. "'Fractured Reflections' in Cooley's Looking Glass: Non-Recognition of Self Presentation as Racialized Experience." In Ramiro Martinez, Jr., Meghan E. Hollis, and Jacob Stowell (eds.), *The Handbook on Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Justice*. London: Wiley-Blackwell.

2015 Duck, Waverly and Karl Gibson*. "Health and Wellness for Young Men of Color." In Valire Carr Copeland (ed.), *Contemporary Issues for People of Color: Surviving and Thriving in the U.S. Today (Volume 4): Health and Wellness*. Greenwood Publishers.

2008 Duck, Waverly. "Young, Black, and Male: The Life History of an American Drug Dealer Facing the Death Penalty." In Elijah Anderson (ed.), *Against the Wall: Young, Black, Poor, and Male* (pp. 33-54). University of Pennsylvania Press.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

2015 Zuberi, Anita, Waverly Duck, Rick Hopkinson*, and Bob Gradeck. "The Pittsburgh Neighborhood Distress and Health Study: Neighborhood Profiles." A Technical Report of the Center on Race and Social Problems, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh.

BOOK REVIEWS

2017 (Patricia Fernandez-Kelly) "The Hero's Fight: African Americans in West Baltimore and the Shadow of the State." *American Journal of Sociology* Vol., Issue, pages.

2015 (Zandria Robinson) "This Ain't Chicago: Race Class, and Regional Identity in the Post Soul South." *American Journal of Sociology* 121(1): 301-303.

2014 (Randol Contreras) "The Stickup Kids: Race, Violence, and the American Dream." *Sociological Forum* 29(4): 1024-1026.

2013 (Patrick Sharkey) "Stuck in Place: Urban Neighborhoods and the End of Progress toward Racial Equality." *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* 14(5): 475-476.

2013 (David Harding) "Living the Drama: Community, Conflict, and Culture among InnerCity Boys." *City and Community* 12(2): 180-181.

2012 (Gail Garfield) "Through Our Eyes: African American Men's Experience of Race, Gender, and Violence." *Contemporary Sociology* 41(2): 210-212.

2010 (John Rich) "Wrong Place, Wrong Time: Trauma and Violence in the Lives of Young Black Men." *The Griot* Vol., Issue no. 12-13.

GRANTS

2022 Co-Investigator. Impacts of Discriminatory Mortgage Lending Practices on Obesity. (20222026) National Institute of Health, with Andrea Richardson, Kirsten Beyer, James Shikany, Penny Gordon-Larsen Kiarri Kershaw, Tamara Dubowitz and Feifei Ye (\$3,729,135).

- 2021 Co-Investigator. Charting the “Reasonable Officer”: A Partnership with Ontario’s Special Investigations Unit to Understand Oversight in Police Use of Force Cases. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Award (\$196,116 CDN).
- 2018 University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work, Pilot Award. \$10,000.
- 2017 “From Barely Making It to? Effects of Raising Wages Among Low-Wage Workers.” University Pittsburgh College of Arts and Sciences Social Science Initiative Grant. \$50,000.
- 2014 Supplemental attachment to National Science Foundation project #1257065, “A Sociology of Testing, Diagnosis, and Autism Spectrum Disorder.” Prof. Doug Maynard, P.I., to support my research on the project for one year.
- 2012 University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work. Awarded stipend and Research Assistant. \$500.
- 2012 University of Pittsburgh. Third Term Type II Research Stipend. \$3,400.
- 2012 “Neighborhoods, Race, and Health: Assessing the Relationship between Health Disparities and Neighborhood Distress in the City of Pittsburgh.” University of Pittsburgh, Center on Race and Social Problems. Pilot Award. Co-Investigator with Anita Zuberi. \$8,000.
- 2011 University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work. Award and Research Assistant. \$500.
- 2011 University of Pittsburgh, School of Arts and Sciences. Third Term Research Stipend. \$4,000.
- 2011 “Interaction Orders of Drug Dealing Spaces: Local Orders of Sensemaking in a Poor Black American Place.” University of Pittsburgh, Center on Race and Social Problems. Pilot Grant Award. \$10,000.
- 2000 “Masculinity and Health over the Life Span.” National Institute of Aging and National Institute of Nursing. Co-Principal Investigator with Peter Lichtenberg. \$48,000.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

2024 Elected to the European Research Council

- 2024 Russell Sage Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation
- 2022 Elected Member of the Sociological Research Association
- 2022 Winner of the Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (SREM) for *Tacit Racism*
- 2022 Winner of the North Central Sociological Association Scholarly Book Award from the North Central Sociological Association for *Tacit Racism*
- 2021 Winner of the Charles Horton Cooley Book Award from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction for *Tacit Racism*.
- 2021 Honorable Mention, Mary Douglas Prize, American Sociological Association Culture Section, for *Tacit Racism*.
- 2021 Rosa Parks Foundation Alumnus of the Year for Social Justice Research, Rosa Parks Foundation, Detroit, Michigan.
- 2021 Provost Teaching Award for my contribution to the University of Pittsburgh Inaugural Course on Anti-Black Racism: History, Ideology, and Resistance.
- 2018 Winner of the North Central Sociological Association Best Article Award for “Fractured Reflections.”
- 2016 Finalist, C. Wright Mills Book Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems for *No Way Out*.
- 2016 Student Choice Teaching Award, University of Pittsburgh, College of General Studies. (Awarded Twice)
- 2012 Man of Excellence Award for Community Service from the Pittsburgh Courier.
- 2012 Student Choice Teaching Award, University of Pittsburgh, College of General Studies.

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023 Junior Theorist Symposium, Philadelphia PA.
- 2023 Invited Lectures: University of Chicago, University of British Columbia, RAND Corporation Pittsburgh, American Urban History Association, Racial Democracy Criminal Justice Network Rutgers-Newark.
- 2022 BLM Japan and Tacit Racism. *University of Chicago Paris Center*.
- 2022 How I Learned What I Learned: Using Interaction Order(s) to Study Troubled Interactions. *EHESS, Paris*.
- 2022 Weber Lecture, Tacit Racism: What About Europe. *EUI, Florence*.

- 2022 Food Apartheid and Gentrification: How to study race and displacement. *University of Konstanz, GE.*
- 2022 How I Learned What I Learned: Using Interaction Order(s) to Study Troubled Interactions. *UCLA.*
- 2022 Plenary Speaker, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. How I Learned What I Learned: Using Ethnography to Study Ethnomethods.
- 2021 There Were Black people in the Past. Gentrification, Displacement, and Making of a Food Oasis.” *University of Buffalo, Boston University, The Pennsylvania State.*
- 2021 “Tacit Racism.” *University of Buffalo, Wayne State University, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Cease Fire PA.*
- 2021 Gentrification and Housing in Pittsburgh. *University of Pittsburgh Law School.*
- 2020 Community Adaptions and Social Order in Urban, Low-Income Communities. *National Academy of Science, Medicine and Engineering, New York, NY.*
- 2020 “There Were Black people in the Past. Gentrification, Displacement, and Making of a Food Oasis.” Invited Lecture, *Carnegie Mellon University, University of Maryland, Kings College London, Michigan State University and Lincoln University UK.*
- 2020 History Anti-Asian Sentiment and Racism. *University of Pittsburgh Office of Diversity and Inclusion.*
- 2020 “Tacit Racism.” Georgetown Davis Chair University Wide Lecture. *Georgetown University.*
- 2020 “No Way Out.” Invited Lecture. *University of Texas-Austin.*
- 2019 “When a Local Interaction Order Clashes with Gentrification: A Community Study of a Food Oasis in the East End of Pittsburgh.” *Northwestern University.*
- 2018 “A Nation Divided: Interaction Orders of Race and the High Cost of “Tacit” Racism in Everyday Life.” *European University Institute. Florence, Italy.*
- 2018 “A Nation Divided: Interaction Orders of Race and the High Cost of “Tacit” Racism in Everyday Life.” *Carnegie Mellon University. Pittsburgh PA.*

- 2018 Presentations of “NO WAY OUT”: *Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Carnegie-Mellon, University of Florida, University of Miami-Ohio, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Indiana-Purdue, University Pittsburgh Johnston, and West Virginia University.*
- 2015 “An Ethnographic Portrait of Drug Dealing and Policing in a Small Black Town.” *University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, Social Psychology and Microsociology Workshop.* Madison, WI.
- 2014 “Policing the Police: A Panel on the Ground Level.” *University of Missouri. Department of Sociology, Black Studies Fall Conference.* Columbia, MO.
- 2014 “Autism Spectrum Disorder: Responses to Standardized Emotions Questions.” *Centre of Excellence in Intersubjectivity and Interaction.* Helsinki, Finland.
- 2013 “Poor Women’s Coping Strategies in the Age of Welfare Reform.” *University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Women’s Studies, Colloquium Speaker.* Madison, WI.
- 2012 “Why do Middle Class Residents Remain in Poor Communities?” *University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, Urban Ethnography Colloquium.* Philadelphia, PA.
- 2012 “Why do Middle Class Residents Remain in Improvised Spaces?” *Campus-wide lecture, National Conference on Inequality, Yale University.* New Haven, CT.
- 2011 “Why do Middle Class People Stay in Violent Urban Spaces?” *Campus-wide lecture, Southern Connecticut University.* New Haven, CT.
- 2010 “An Ethnographic Portrait of a Precarious Life.” *National Conference on Ethnography in Urban Spaces, Yale University.* New Haven, CT.
- 2010 “Ethnography and the Iconic Ghetto.” *Stockholm University-Stockholm, Department of Sociology.* Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2010 “Drug Dealing Careers and the Interactional Order of a Neighborhood.” *University of California-Santa Barbara, Department of Sociology.* Santa Barbara, CA.

- 2010 “Drug Dealing and the Interactional Order of a Space.” *University of California Riverside, Department of Sociology, Colloquium Speaker. University of California Riverside. Riverside, California.*
- 2009 “Social Situation of Dealers and Addicts.” *Invited Lecture. Psychiatric Fellows, Yale University School of Medicine. New Haven, CT.*
- 2009 “Becoming a Drug Dealer and Code of the Street Revisited.” *Invited Lecture. Northeastern University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. Boston, MA.*
- 2006 “Context of Choices, Rational Choice and the Death Penalty.” *Young, Black, Male and Poor Conference, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.*

TEACHING and ADVISING

Courses Taught

Undergraduate:

Social Theory
to Sociology
Social Problems
Marriage and Family
Urban Sociology
Social Change
Qualitative Methods
Capstone in Research Methods
Slavery and Capitalism
Foundations of Social Theory

Graduate:

Urban Ethnography Introduction
Race and the City
Politics and Culture
Ethnography of the African American Experience
Ethnography of Race, Space and Inequality
Qualitative Methods

Undergraduate Mentoring/Faculty Advisor, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

Meera Sakthival (2019)
Shane Seeloff (2018)
Devin Rutan (2016)
Krystal Smith (2015)
Jayani Muniappan (2015)
Morgan Brenner (2015)
Luci Maracco (2015)
Alex Yawny (2015)

Connor Craston (2013)
Thomas McAuliffe (2013)
Jessica Phares (2013)
Margaret Simmons (2013)
Jeffrey Zikmund (2013)
Jennifer Burchart (2013)
Karl Whelen (2013)
Russell Ottalini (2013)
Maria Girardi (2012)
Pietra Bruni (2012)
Andrew Callahan (2012)
Thomas Helgerman (2012)
Christopher MacIntosh (2012)
Hetal Patel (2012)
Janel Terry (2012)
Dina Gold (2012)
Abigail Phillips (2011)
Elizabeth Golbert (2011)

MA Committees:

Allanah Casey	(Defended May 2019)
Ray Kanemoto	(Defended December 2015)
Samantha Plummer	(Defended May 2015)
Daniel Burridge	(Defended May 2016)

Ph.D. Committee Chair:

Ervin Dyer	(Defended April 2015)
Mitchell Keifer	(Defended, April 2022)

Ph.D. Committee Member:

Patrice Collins (Yale University)	(Defended March 2022)
Joshua McDermontt	(Defended July 2021)
Ambrose Curtis	(Defended November 2020)
Suzie Wagner	(Defended July 2021)
Chandler Curry	(Defended November 2019)
Oscar Patrón	(School of Education, Defended May 2019)
Hatem Hassan	(Defended December 2018)
John Cuda	(Defended December 2017)
Mohammad Mozumder	(Defended May 2017)
Jeffrey Tienes	(Defended May 2017)

Carolyn Zook	(Defended May 2016)
Daphane Henry	(Dept. of Psychology, Defended December 2016)
Ashley Hall	(Dept. of Communication, Defended April 2015)
Esther Kim	(Yale University, Department of Sociology, Defended April 2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committees:

2023-Present Steering Committee, The Racial Democracy Criminal Justice Network

2022-Present Chair, C. Wright Book Award Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems.

2022 Co-chair “Cooley Book Award” committee. Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

2021-Present Co-chair “Crafting Democratic Futures: Situating Colleges and Universities in Community-Based Reparations Solutions, Carnegie Mellon University, Center for African American Urban Studies & the Economy (CAUSE)

2020 Committee on Anti-Black Racism Course Development

2019-2022 Elected Executive Board Member-at-Large, Association of Black Sociologist (ABS)

2019-2022 Elected to American Sociological Association Committee on Committees

2018-2021 Faculty Representative, University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees.

2018-2021 Chair: Cultural Studies Advisory Board.

2016-2020 Arts and Science Diversity Committee, University of Pittsburgh.

2018-Present Board of Trustees Member: Carnegie Library System. City of Pittsburgh.

2017-2020 Faculty Advisory: Junia Howell.

2014-Present Chair: Economic Disparities Research Advisory Panel. Center for Race and Social Problems.

2018-2019 Community Engagement Center Internal Advisory Council.

2018-2019 Board Member: Just Arts. Heinz Foundation.

2018-2019 Teaching Mentor: Joshua McDermott

2017-2019 Organizer. Poverty Section. American Sociological Association.

2018-2019 Robert Park Book Award Committee. American Sociological Association.

2019 Chaired the Search Committee for Urban Studies Lecturer

- 2019 Chaired the Search Committee for Coordinator of Administration of Justice
- 2018 Chaired the Search Committee for Director of Administration of Justice 2018
- Chaired the Search Committee for Coordinator for Administration of Justice
- 2014-2016 Undergraduate Advisory Committee. Dept. Sociology, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2012-Present Urban Studies Advisory Committee, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2012-Present Board Member: Quantum Theater. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2016-2018 Organizer: Co-Program Coordinator. Racial Democracy Criminal Justice Network.
January
- 2010-2018 Reviewer: IRB Scientific Review and Research Ethics Coordinator, Department of
Sociology, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2016-2017 Co-Chair, Year of Diversity Committee. Provost's University-Wide Grants
Initiative to Support and Develop Diversity and Inclusion Across the University of
Pittsburgh: Main and Five Regional Campuses.
- 2016-2017 Social Science Paper Assessment Committee, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2016-2017 Department of Sociology Graduate Committee, University of Pittsburgh. 2014
Discussant: Section on Urban Sociology. Annual meetings of the American
Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 2012 Speaker Coordinator, "Presentations and Workshop on Power, Resistance and
Social Change: Culture and Politics." Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Pittsburgh.
- 2009 Associate Director, "Urban Ethnography Workshop." Yale University.
- 2009 Presider, Section on "Ethnography Methodology." Annual Meetings of the
American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 Organizer, "Urban Ethnography Conference." Yale University.
- 2008 Crime and Communities. Annual Meetings of the American Society of
Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2006 Organizer and Presenter, "Young Black, Male, and Poor: A Case for National
Action?" Penn Institute for Urban Research, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2004 Co-President, Sociology Graduate Student Organization. Wayne State University.
- 2001 President, Sociology Graduate Student Organization. Wayne State University.

Memberships

American Sociological Association
 Eastern Sociological Society
 Association of Black Sociologists
 American Society of Criminology

Society for the Study of Social Problems
American Anthropological Society

Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
Poetics
American Journal of Cultural Sociology
Critical Sociology
Black Studies
Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
Social Problems
Sociological Forum
City and Community
Journal of Contemporary Sociology
University of Pittsburgh Press
University of Chicago Press
University of California University Press
Oxford University Press
NYU Press
Columbia University Press

Editorial Boards

2024	American Sociological Review (ASR)
2018-Present	City and Community
2015-Present	Critical Sociology
2016-2022	Sociological Theory
2015-2022	Sociological Forum

RESEARCH/TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

2014 National Science Foundation project #1257065, “A Sociology of Testing, Diagnosis, and Autism Spectrum Disorder.” Prof. Doug Maynard, P.I.

- 2014 Morse Fellowship. University of Wisconsin Madison. Honorary society of interdisciplinary researchers committed to the social scientific study of developmental psychopathology.
- 2005 Lindback Minority Career Enhancement Research Fellow.
- 2002 National Institute on Aging Pre-doctoral Trainee, Wayne State University, Institute of Gerontology.
- 2001 National Gerontological Society of America Doctoral Student Leadership Development Fellow.
- 2001 American Association of Higher Education (AAHE) Grant Award.
- 2001 Wayne State University Medical School Research Competition, Second Place Poster Award.
- 2000-2004 Pre-doctoral Trainee, National Institute on Aging, Wayne State University.
- 2000 King, Chavez, Parks Post-Baccalaureate Fellow, Wayne State University.
- 1998 Wayne State University Minority Top Achiever Award Recipient.
- 1998 Wayne State University Post Baccalaureate Fellow.
- 1995 National Science Scholar.
- 1995 Rosa Park Scholarship Recipient.
- 1995 Connecticut College Unity Scholar Award Recipient.

TRAINING/WORKSHOPS

- 2012 Selected to participate in the Crime and Justice Research Institute at Ohio State University. Funded by the National Science Foundation and Ohio State University, the institute promotes successful research projects and careers among faculty from underrepresented groups working in areas of crime and criminal justice. Housing, office space, research expenses, and stipend were provided over a three-week residency period.

- 2012 Selected to participate in the Scholars Network on Black Masculinity, which works toward improving the well-being of African American Men. The network of scholars, through funding from the National Science Foundation, participates in workshops and conferences to engage in public outreach and the dissemination of research finding to government, media, and non-profits.
- 2012 Selected to participate in the University of Pittsburgh, Office of the Provost Faculty Diversity Seminar.
- 2011 Completed the University of Pittsburgh School of Arts and Sciences undergraduate studies faculty seminar, entitled "Speaking in the Discipline," which focused on speaking in the classroom. I developed course materials incorporating oral communication for both urban sociology and social change.
- 2011 Attended a one-day workshop where I learned the basic essentials of GIS (Geographic Information System). Training was provided New Urban Research, Inc. I developed a GIS component for my urban sociology course using Pittsburgh Neighborhood and Community Information Systems (PNCIS) data.
- 2002 Schuessler Institute of Social Research, Indiana University. Selected to attend a twoweek training workshop on Conversational Analysis and Ethnomethodology with Doug Maynard. The training focused on theory and the practical application of ethnomethodology and conversational analysis.
- 2001 Michigan Center for Urban African-American Aging Research (MCUAAAR). Selected to attend the two-day training workshop sponsored by Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. Topics included: qualitative and quantitative methods, grant writing techniques, recruitment of elders, and measurement issues.
- 2001 National Institute on Aging (NIA) Technical Assistance Workshop on Aging for Emerging Investigators and Students. Selected to attend the two-day training workshop sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, NIA, in Chicago. Participated in sessions focused on recruitment of elderly populations, methods, data analysis, and grant writing.