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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Sociology (2021)**
M.A. **University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Sociology (2016)**
B.A. **Michigan State University, East Lansing, Social Relations and Policy (2012)**

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Urban Sociology
- Environmental Sociology
- Neocolonialism
- Regionalism/Regionalization
- Qualitative Methods

EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University (June 2022-Present)
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Trinity College, (July 2021-June 2022)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, (September 2012-May 2021)
- Lecturer I, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, University of Michigan-Flint (September 2018-September 2019)
- Instructor, University Without Walls, University of Massachusetts-Amherst (Fall 2017-May 2021)
- Instructor, Fine Arts and Social Sciences Division, Mott Community College (November 2016-April 2022)

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

- Project Manager, Michigan State University Center for Regional Economic Innovation (July 2016-July 2017)
- TRIO Upward Bound, University of Massachusetts-Amherst (Summer 2015)
- Inter-cultural Aide, Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions, Michigan State University (August 2010-May 2011)
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PUBLICATIONS

- "Origins of the Flint Water Crisis: Environmentalizing Urban Sociology through the Politics of Regionalization" with Cedric de Leon, *City and Community* (under review)
- "Colonialism by Another Name: Regionalization and the Origins of the Flint Water Crisis" (book manuscript in development)

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY ARTICLES AND OP-EDS

- "Flint PD Owes Residents an Apology for Abusive Behavior Displayed in Documentary", Flint Beat (March 2018)
- "Holy Water? City's water crisis leads to suppression of Flint voices", Flint Beat (August 2017)

POLICY RESEARCH

- Civic Park Neighborhood Engagement and Community Development in Flint, Michigan (August 2017)
- "Determining the Talent Needs of High Growth Businesses in Michigan", Michigan State University (May 2011)
- Spotlight Michigan Report: "Getting Jobs in Michigan" (December 2011)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Colonialism by Another Name: Regionalization and the Origins of the Flint Water Crisis” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (Paper Accepted—withdrawn due to COVID-19)
- “Colonialism by Another Name: Regionalization and the Origins of the Flint Water Crisis” Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (April 2022)
- “Living in Disaster: The Perils of Navigating Life in Flint, Michigan Post Man-Made Water Crisis”, Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (April 2020) (Cancelled)
- “Living in Disaster: The Perils of Navigating Life in Flint, Michigan Post Man-Made Water Crisis”, Department of Sociology Fall Research Conference, Amherst, MA (October 2019)
- Louise Jezierski, Aaron Foote, and Mary Herman, “Civic Park Neighborhood Economic Development in Flint, MI”, Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL (April 2017)
- “Student Entrepreneurship”, Urban Entrepreneurship Initiative Symposium, Flint, MI (October 2016)
- “The Radicalism Plateau: Working Class Transformation, Housing Foreclosure, and the Hegemony of the American Dream”, Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, Boston, MA (March 2016)
- “Housing Foreclosure, Big Banks and Main Street Militancy”, MASSCONN Symposium for Qualitative Research, Chestnut Hill, MA (May 2015)
- “Getting Jobs in Michigan”, 21st Annual Ronald E. McNair Research Conference and Graduate Fair, Lake Geneva, WI (November 2011)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

West Virginia University, Assistant Professor

- SOC 393: Northern Apartheid

Trinity College, Visiting Assistant Professor

- SOCL 101: Principles of Sociology
- SOCL 249/URST 248: Northern Apartheid
- SOCL 320/URST 322: Urban Crisis

University of Michigan-Flint, Lecturer I

- SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology

Mott Community College, Instructor

- SOCY 191: Introduction to Sociology

University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Instructor

- SOC 328 Introduction to Social Work (Online)
- SOC 103 Social Problems (Online)
- SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology (Online)
- SOC 302: Foundations of Sociological Theory (Online)

University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Teaching Assistant

- SOC 213: Data Collection and Analysis (with Sanjiv Gupta)
- SOC 401: Foundations of Sociological Theory (with Sanjiv Gupta)
- SOC 302: Foundations of Sociological Theory (with Tony Paik)
- SOC 302: Foundations of Sociological Theory (with Agustin Lao-Montes)
- SOC 103: Social Problems (with Jeff Beamer)
- SOC 110: Introduction to Sociology (with Kathleen Hulton)
- SOC 107: Contemporary American Sociology (with Ofer Sharone)

INVITED LECTURES

- “Colonialism by Another Name: Regionalization and the Origins of the Flint Water Crisis”, Center for Urban and Global Studies, Trinity College (Spring 2022)

- “Suburban Revanche: The Colonial Politics of Regionalization in Southeast Michigan”, James Madison College, Michigan State University (March 2021)
- “Flint as Collateral Damage in the War for Detroit Water, University of Massachusetts Amherst (March 2021)
- From JMC to PHD”, James Madison College, Michigan State University (April 2016)
- “The Flint Water Crisis”, University of Massachusetts Amherst (November 2015; March 2016)
- “Housing Discrimination in the United States”, University of Massachusetts Amherst (October 2015)

AWARDS

- Department of Sociology Summer Dissertation Fellowship (Summer 2019)
- Department of Sociology Summer GAP Fellowship (Summer 2018)
- UMass Center for Research on Families Dissertation Award (Fall 2018)
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst Graduate School Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (Summer 2017)
- Graduate Diversity Fellowship, University of Massachusetts-Amherst (Fall 2012 -Spring 2013)
- Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Michigan State University (Summer 2011-Spring 2012)
- Dean’s List, Mott Community College
- Dean’s List, Wayne State University

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISEMENT

- Ashley Cruz, Department of Environmental Studies, Trinity College (Spring 2022)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Antiracism Committee, West Virginia University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (Fall 2022-Present)
- Undergraduate Program Committee, West Virginia University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (Fall 2022-Present)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Black Sociologists, Member (August 2022-Present)
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Member (September 2022-Present)
- American Sociological Association, Member (September 2019-Present)
- Eastern Sociological Society, Member (August 2014-2022)
- Sociology Graduate Student Association, President (August 2014-May 2015)
- GEO-UAW Local 2322, Union Member (August 2012-August 2021)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- W.E.B. Du Bois Society, President and Vice President (August 2010-May 2012)
- Black Student Alliance, Student Leader (August 2009-May 2012)
- Case Hall Black Caucus, Member (August 2009-May 2010)
- Students for Barack Obama, Community Organizer (August 2008-January 2009)
- Edible Flint, Co-President (April 2017-March 2018)
- Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center (June 2016-Present)

REFERENCES

- Cedric de Leon, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Mary Ann Clawson, Department of Sociology, Wesleyan University
- Agustin Lao-Montes, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Louise Jezierski, James Madison College, Michigan State University
- Sancha Medwinter, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts
- John Bracey Jr., Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst,
- Dan Clawson, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst (in memoriam)