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EDUCATION

PhD (December 2022), Sociology, University Of Maryland, College Park

Comprehensive Exams: Social Movements and State (High Pass), Social Psychology

Dissertation (Working Title): “Black Lives Matter Through the Eyes Black Millennials: An Analysis and Re-theorization of Race-based Social Movement Dynamics”

Committee: Rashawn Ray (Co-chair), Dawn Dow (Co-chair), Wayne Santoro, Collin Mueller.

M.A. (2016), Sociology, Morgan State University

Thesis: “Influential Factors in the Relationship Between Team Pregame Rituals and Perceived Athletic Performance: A Test Of Durkheimian Theory”

Committee: Stella Hargett (Chair), Angela Howell, Aaron Gresson

B.A. (2014), Sociology, Morgan State University

Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Award for Creative Writing

Concentrations: Anthropology, Criminal Justice

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Racial identity and socialization. Race and racism. Social Psychology. Meaning making and narratives. Mental Health. Critical Race Theory. Black social movements and collective resistance. Social justice and inequality. Qualitative methods.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Irene B. Taeuber award for a PhD paper (2021), D.C. Sociological Society, Paper title: “Not in this Lifetime: Black Millennial Reflections on Extant and Future Impacts of the Black Lives Matter Movement”

Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship (2021-2022), The Graduate School, University of Maryland, College Park

Dean’s Research Initiative Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant (2021), College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park

Dean's Research Initiative Travel Award (2020), College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park

Summer Research Fellowship (2020), Graduate School, University of Maryland, College Park.

Keith Roberts Teaching Innovations Award (2020), SAGE Publishing and the Teaching and Learning Section, American Sociological Society.

Writing Fellow (2019), Graduate Writing Center, University of Maryland, College Park.

Dean's Research Initiative Research Grant (2019), College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park

Henry J. Abraham Graduate Student Paper Award (2019), Virginia Social Science Association, Paper title: "Black Lives Matter in Polarized News Media: Politics, Policing, Prejudice, and Protest."

Travel Grant Award (2019), Eastern Sociological Society

William H. Form Summer Research Fellowship (2018), Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park

Express Yourself Contest Award Winner (2018), College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park

Best Oral Presentation in Social Sciences (2015), Morgan State University Annual Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium Morgan State University School of Graduate Studies Tuition Scholarship (2014-2016)

Best Oral Presentation in Social Sciences (2014), Morgan State University Annual Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Durham, Simone N. and Angela Jones. (Under contract – Expected 2023). *Black Lives Matter: A Reference Handbook*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Articles

Durham, Simone N. (Accepted 2021). "#BlackLivesMatter News Coverage: Examining Racial Projects and Hegemonic Imagery." *Understanding and Dismantling Privilege*, Special Issue on "ALL BLACK LIVES MATTER."

Durham, Simone N. (Revise & resubmit 2021). "Not in this Lifetime: The Black Millennial Imagination and Impacts of Black Lives on the Racial Structure of the U.S." *Social Movement Studies*, Special Issue on "Negotiating the Future in Social Movements: Imagination, Possibility, Plans."

Works in Progress

Durham, Simone N. "Racial Equality or Black Liberation? Black Millennial Perspectives On #BlackLivesMatter as a Racial Project." Target journal: *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

Book Chapters

Durham, Simone N. and Shaonta' Allen. (Expected 2023). "Desensitization or Moral Shock? The Dilemma of Black Death Imagery During Black Liberation Movements." *Rights and Lives: Continuities in Black Freedom Struggles*. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press.

Durham, Simone N. (Expected 2022). "Black Lives Matter in Polarized News Media: Politics, Policing, Prejudice, and Protest." In *Structural Racism and the Root Causes of Prejudice*, edited by Rashawn Ray and Hoda Mahmoudi. New York: Routledge.

Ray, Rashawn and Simone N. Durham. 2020. "Trump doesn't Tweet Dog Whistles, He Barks with the Dogs: Crimmigration as a Racial Project through the Lens of Trump's Twitter." Pp. 179-197 in *Crimmigrant Nations: Resurgent Nationalism and the Closing of Borders*, edited by Robert Koulisch and Maartje van der Woude. New York: Fordham University Press.

Other Publications

Durham, Simone N. (Expected 2023). "Black Lives Matter," "Fannie Lou Hamer," "Freedom Summer," "Montgomery Bus Boycott," and "Montgomery Improvement Association." Entries in *African-American Activism and Political Engagement: An Encyclopedia of Empowerment*, edited by Angela Jones. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Durham, Simone N. 2022. "Falling Behind Hurts the Mind." *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 21(1).

Durham, Simone N. 2022. "Adoption as an Ethnic Option?" *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 21(1).

Durham, Simone N. 2021. "Meaning Making in Racist Interactions." *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 20(3):4.

Durham, Simone N. 2021. "Trump May Be Gone, but the Threat to Black Lives Isn't. I Hope People Don't Act Like It." *Mobilizing Ideas* Blog, February 26. (<https://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2021/02/26/trump-may-be-gone-but-the-threat-to-black-lives-isnt-i-hope-people-dont-act-like-it/>).

Durham, Simone N. 2020. "Racial Ignorance is Purposeful Bliss." *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 19(4):6.

Durham, Simone N. 2020. "Agonizing Questions from a Black Graduate Student." *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* Blog, October 2.
(<https://contexts.org/blog/graduate-student-experiences-in-the-midst-of-multiple-pandemics/#Durham-pandemic-blog>).

Durham, Simone N. 2020. "Medical Experts Defy Patient Resistance." *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 19(3):7.

Durham, Simone N. and Rashawn Ray. 2020. "Trump and Crimmigration in the Era of COVI-19." *Border Criminologies* Blog, June 22. Oxford University.
(<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/centre-criminology/centreborder-criminologies/blog/2020/06/trump-and>)

Durham, Simone N. 2020. "We're All In This Together ... Right?" *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 19(2):7.

Durham, Simone N. 2020. "Does Sociology Breed Empathy?" *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 19(1):5.

Durham, Simone N. 2019. "Whose Time Is It? Whites' Time." *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 18(4):7.

Durham, Simone N. 2019. "Responses to Affirmative Action." *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 18(3):8.

Durham, Simone N. 2019. "Color-Blindness Wrapped with a White Bow." *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 18(2):6.

Durham, Simone. 2019. "Christian Nationalism, Race, and Policing." *Contexts: Sociology for the Public* 18(1):8.

Durham, Simone N. 2018. "Politicians: Selfish or Selfless?" *Contexts: Understanding People In their Social Worlds* 17(4):4.

Durham, Simone N. 2018. "That's Not My Size." *Contexts: Understanding People in their Social Worlds* 17(3):6.

Durham, Simone. 2018. "When Teaching Gets Painful." *Contexts: Understanding People in Their Social Worlds* 17(2):7.

Durham, Simone. 2018. "How the Fight for Black Lives Colors Dating." *Contexts: Understanding People in their Social Worlds* 17(1):9.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

“‘Not in This Lifetime’: The Black Millennial Imagination and Impacts of Black Lives Matter on Racial Dynamics in the U.S.” American Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2021. (Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic).

“Our White Mothers: A Dual Auto-Ethnography of Black Multiracial Reflective Resistance.” Co-presenter: Angelica C. Loblack. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2021. (Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic).

"Racial Equality or Black Liberation? Black Millennial Perspectives on #BlackLivesMatter as a Racial Project." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2020. (Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic).

“Who Supports #Black Lives Matter? Looking Beyond Descriptive Data.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2020.

“(Multi)Racial Socialization, Positive Identity Development, and Self-Identification Choices Among Multiracial Americans.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2019.

“Black Lives Matter in Polarized News Media: Politics, Policing, Prejudice, and Protest.” Virginia Social Science Association Annual Meeting 2019.

“Support for Crimmigration as a Racial Project in Trump's Twitter Rhetoric.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2019.

“Media Characterizations of the Black Lives Matter Movement: A Content Analysis.” Roundtable Presentation, Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting 2018.

Invited Talks

“Black Lives Matter in News Media.” October 2021. STEAM Salon Series. University Libraries, University of Maryland.

“Teaching as a Graduate Student.” June 2021. Panelist, Summer Research Initiative Graduate Panel Discussion. College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland.

“Not in this Lifetime: Black Millennial Reflections on Extant and Future Impacts of the Black Lives Matter Movement.” April 2021. Panel: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Qualitative Research: Reflections on Race, Ethnicity, Stress, and Strength. The Consortium of Race, Gender, Ethnicity and The Critical Race Initiative, University of Maryland.

Other

“Influential Factors in the Relationship Between Team Pregame Rituals and Perceived Athletic Performance: A Test of Durkheimian Theory.” 2016. Panel Presentation, Morgan State University Annual Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium.

“The Practice of Superstitious Rituals and Behaviors in Sports And their Effects on Athletic Confidence and Performance.” 2015. Panel Presentation, Morgan State University Annual Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium.

“Racial Disparities within the Town of Easton and ‘The Hill’ Community.” 2014. Panel Presentation, Morgan State University Annual Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium.

EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

Research

Research Assistant (January 2019- June 2021), Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park. Supervisor: Wayne Santoro. Project: Black Anti-Slavery Resistance.

Responsibilities: Literature review, data coding, co-author.

Research Assistant (2013-2014), Morgan State University. Project: The Hill Community Project and Small Area Plan Development.

Responsibilities: Mixed-method door-to-door survey collection, ethnographic observation and analysis, oral history interview conduction and transcription.

Research Assistant (2013), Baltimore Education Research Consortium (BERC). Project: School Climate Study.

Responsibilities: Ethnographic observation and analysis. Preparation and presentation of data tables and reports.

Resulting Publication: Smith, Tami Kopischke, Faith Connolly, and Charlene Pryseski. 2014. “Positive School Climate: What it Looks Like and How it Happens. Nurturing Positive School Climate for Student Learning and Professional Growth.” *Baltimore Education Research Consortium*. (<http://baltimore-berc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/SchoolClimateFeb2014.pdf>)

Teaching

Lecturer (2018-Present), University of Maryland, College Park

Courses Taught: SOCY105 - Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems, SOCY230 - Sociological Social Psychology, SOCY241 - Inequality in American Society, SOCY424 - Sociology of Race Relations

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2017-2019), University of Maryland, College Park

Courses: SOCY224 - Why Are We Still Talking About Race?, SOCY120 - What Does America Owe Its Veterans?, MLAW100 - Social Justice and the Law, MLAW305 - Law and Legal Institutions in Social Context, MLAW358K - The Modern Death Penalty, SOCY441 - Social Stratification and Inequality

Responsibilities: Graded assignments and exams, facilitation of lecture, regular communication with students, facilitation of exam review sessions, management of online learning management system for course, facilitation of discussion sections.

Adjunct Faculty (2016-Present), Morgan State University

Courses Taught: SOCI101 - Introduction to Sociology, SOCI110 - Introduction to Anthropology, SOCI205 - Social Problems, SOCI415 - Sociology of Sports

Adjunct Faculty (2016-2017), Anne Arundel Community College

Courses Taught: SOC111 - Introduction to Sociology

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (2014), Morgan State University

Courses: SOCI110 - Introduction to Anthropology

Responsibilities: Assignment grading, facilitation of class lecture, and planning and facilitation of midterm and final exam review.

Other

Managing (Digital) Editor (2020- 2022), Contexts Magazine, American Sociological Association.

Responsibilities: Organize the graduate student writing team. Manage website and social media pages for the magazine. Assist with editorial correspondence for Blog and Culture departments. Assist with copyediting and collection of images for publications.

Graduate Student Advocate (2019-2020), Graduate Student Legal Aid Office, University of Maryland, College Park.

Responsibilities: Help plan and carry out weekly workshop series. Manage appointments for office. Monitor shared email account. Provide assistance to students in cases with the Office of Student Conduct. Record office performance statistics.

Graduate Writing Fellow (2019-2020), Graduate Writing Center, University of Maryland, College Park.

Responsibilities: Assist other graduate students in improving their writing skills and writing products. Facilitate writing groups. Contribute to educational projects.

Graduate Assistant (2019), Critical Race Initiative, University of Maryland, College Park.

Responsibilities: Event planning and facilitation. University grant proposal writing.

Financial Literacy Program and Graduation Cohort Coordinator (2014-2017), Office of Student Success and Retention, Morgan State University.

Responsibilities: Event planning and facilitation. Freshman academic advising. Graduation cohort tracking. Literature collection and proof-reading for publications by The Director.

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (2019)

Virginia Social Science Association (2019 - no longer active)

Association of Black Sociologists (2018)

Eastern Sociological Society (2018)

American Sociological Association (2017) (Sections: Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Social Psychology, Collective Behavior and Social Movements, Teaching and Learning)

Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society (2016)

National Society of Collegiate Scholars (2012)

Golden Key International Honour Society (2012)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Student Representative (2020-Present). Committee on Race, Ethnicity, and Racism. Eastern Sociological Society.

Regular Session Panel Presider – Racism and Anti-Racism. American Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2019. New York, NY.

Roundtable Presider, Table 16 – Theories of Race/Ethnicity. American Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2018. Philadelphia, MD.

Student Volunteer. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2018. Baltimore, MD.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Graduate Student Representative (2021-2022), Website & Outreach Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park

Graduate Student Representative (2019-2020), Policy Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park

Graduate Student Representative (2019), Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park

Social Co-Chair (2018-2019), Graduate Student Forum, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park

Peer mentor (2018-Present), Graduate Student Forum, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park

COMPUTER SKILLS

NVivo, STATA, SPSS Statistics, Microsoft Office, Google Suite, Canva, Professional social media management, Wordpress, Canvas, Blackboard, Banner, Starfish, DegreeWorks.