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EDUCATION

Expected 2021 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

Dissertation: “Be The Movement: An Ethnography of the National Urban League, Black Movement Communities, and the Black Middle Class”

Committee: Suzanne Staggenborg (Chair), Kathleen Blee, Dana Moss, Keisha Blain

2013 M.A., Sociology, University of Iowa

Thesis: “Similar, but not the Same: An Examination of Race/Class Intersectionality through Values”

2010 B.A., Sociology (*magna cum laude*), Hampton University
Certificate, Hampton University Honors College
Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honor Society)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Race and Ethnicity, Social Movements, Black Middle Class, Civic Engagement, Public Policy, Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Under Contract Green, Aaryn L., Maretta McDonald, Veronica A. Newton, **Candice C. Robinson** and Shantee Rosado*. The Sociology of Cardi B. Routledge Press.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2020 **Robinson, Candice C.** “Black Middle Class Interpretations of Civic Engagement.” *Issues in Race and Society: An Interdisciplinary Global Journal: Special Issue on the Global Black Middle Class*. 9(1).

2020 Allen, Shaonta E., Ifeyinwa F. Davis, Maretta McDonald, and **Candice C. Robinson***. “The Case of Black Millennials.” *Sociological Perspectives*. 63(3): 478–485. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121420915202>.

2019 **Robinson, Candice C.** “(Re)theorizing civic engagement: Foundations for Black Americans civic engagement theory.” *Sociology Compass*. 13(9), e12728. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12728>.

Book Chapters

2020 **Robinson, Candice C.** “The Civic Life of the Black Millennial.” *Black Millennials: Identity, Ambition, and Activism*, edited by Jacquelin Darby. Lexington Books.

Forthcoming Buggs, Shantel Gabrial, Regina Hamilton, and **Candice C. Robinson***. “#CarefreeBlackGirls?: Creating On-Line Community as Means of Survival.” *Deliberate: The Experience of Women of Color Graduate Students Anthology*.

*Denotes Equal Authorship

Encyclopedia Entries

- Forthcoming **Robinson, Candice C.** “National Urban League.” African-American Activism and Political Engagement: An Encyclopedia of Empowerment.
- Forthcoming **Robinson, Candice C.** “National Urban League.” Race, Crime, and Justice: An Encyclopedia of the American Mosaic

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Fellowships

- 2019-21 Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2016 Philosophy of the Social Sciences Summer Seminar Fellowship, Yale University
- 2015-16 K. Leroy Irvis Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2010-14 Dean’s Graduate Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa
- 2008-10 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship - UNCF Consortium

Research and Travel Grants

- 2017 National Women’s Studies Association Conference Scholarship
- 2017 Society for the Study of Social Problems Lee Student Support Fund Scholarship
- 2017 International Association of Critical Realism Travel Scholarship, Turin, Italy
- 2016-17 Summer Diversity Grant, University of Pittsburgh
- 2016 Travel Grant, Office of Graduate Studies, Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences, University of Pittsburgh
- 2014 Graduate Student Senate Travel Funds Grant, University of Iowa
- 2011-14 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, SSRC-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives
- 2011 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences First Time Minority TA Grant, University of Iowa

Honors

- 2020 Norman P. Hummon Research Award, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
- 2018 Most Valuable Professor Award, Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

- 2018-19 Member, Center for Race and Social Problems Intergroup Relations RAP group, University of Pittsburgh
- 2018-19 Research Assistant, Junia Howell, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
- 2018-19 Research Assistant, Keisha Blain, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh
- 2017-- Member, Community for Advanced Methodological Learning, Department of Psychology, University of Pittsburgh

- 2015-18 Research Assistant, In Sisterhood Project: The Women’s Movement in Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2015 Introduction to Mixed Methods Research Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
- 2014 Technical Analyst, Iowa Department of Education, Des Moines, Iowa
- 2013 Transcriber, Iowa Social Science Research Center, University of Iowa

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2020 “Sustaining the Movement Goal: Accessibility, Brokerage, and Community.” Emerging Scholars Symposium, East Carolina University (via Zoom)
- 2020 “Sociology of Cardi B.” Sociology of Self-Optimization of Body and Mind in Neoliberalism, American University in Cairo (via Zoom)
- 2020 “#CarefreeBlackGirls: Creating Online Community as a Means of Survival.” Year of Equity, University of Kentucky
- 2020 “Author Meets Critics: Black middle-class Britannia: Identities, repertoires, cultural consumption by Ali Meghji.” Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA
- 2019 “Civic Engagement as Social Movement Community Activity.” Center for the Study of Social Movements Young Scholars Conference, Notre Dame, IN
- 2018 “Be The Movement: Civic Engagement Strategies Among the Black Middle Class at the nexus of the Black Lives Matter and Trump Era.” Center for Race and Social Problems Intergroup Relations RAP group, University of Pittsburgh
- 2016 “Black Professionals in Movements.” Feminist Inquiry, Gender Sexuality and Women’s Studies Program University of Pittsburgh
- 2015, 16 “Intersectionality.” Lecture in Political Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

Conference Presentations

- 2020 “Digital Literacy Across Disciplines: The Value of Interdisciplinary Approaches to Evaluating Evidence in the Classroom.” (Panel) Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference, Virtual
- 2020 “Everyday Resistance: National Urban League’s Social Change Through Civic Engagement.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA¹
- 2019 “Young, Black, and Ambitious: Black Middle Class Millennials’ Commitment to Community.” Presidential Panel, Pacific Sociological Association’s 90th Annual Meeting/Conference, Oakland, CA
- 2019 “The Sociology of Cardi B Part II.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, New York, NY

¹ Cancelled due to COVID-19

- 2018 “The Bounce Back: Civic Engagement Approaches Among the Black Middle Class.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 “#NextGenBlackSoc: Preparing the Next Generation of Black Sociologists for the Academy.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 “The Sociology of Cardi B.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 “#BetheMovement: Civic Engagement Strategies Among Black Young Professionals in the Era of Black Lives Matter.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Conference, Montreal, Canada
- 2017 “Class Differences in Altruism and Prosocial Behaviors Among Black Americans.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada
- 2017 “Will Moving Beyond Positivism Move Towards Diverse Thought?” Annual Meeting of the International Association of Critical Realism, Turin, Italy
- 2016 “Making BlackGirlMagic in the Academy: Creating Sistagirl Solidarity.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association, Montreal, Canada
- 2016 “Beyond the Hashtag: An Examination of Black Women’s Leadership in the Black Liberation Struggle of #BlackLivesMatter.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA (with Aisha A. Upton)
- 2014 “Sociology of Black Civic Engagement.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Charlotte, NC

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Instructor of Record

- 2020 Social Theory (Online), University of Pittsburgh
- 2017 Social Theory, University of Pittsburgh
- 2017 Introduction to Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
- 2014 Introduction to Sociology (Online), University of Iowa

Teaching Assistant

- 2018 Basic Applied Statistics, University of Pittsburgh
- 2016-2017 Societies, University of Pittsburgh
- 2015 Social Sciences, UNCF/Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Emory University
- 2014-2015 Gender and Society, University of Iowa
- 2012-2013 Social Problems, University of Iowa
- 2011-2014 Introduction to Sociology Principles, University of Iowa

Training

- 2017 Practicum on University Teaching Course, University of Pittsburgh
2014 Teaching Assistant Orientation, University of Iowa
2013 Teaching Sociology, University of Iowa

SERVICE

Service to the Discipline

- 2019-- Contributing Editor, *Mobilizing Ideas*
2018-- Student Advisory Board Member | Social Media Committee, *Social Problems*
2017-18 Graduate Student Committee, North Central Sociological Association
2017-18 Graduate Student Representative, Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity, American Sociological Association
2016 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity, American Sociological Association

Institutional Service

- 2020-- Member, Diversity Task Force, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Studies, University of Pittsburgh
2018-19 Co-Coordinator, Black Feminist Texts Brown Bag Luncheon, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
2018 Graduate Student Member, Post-Doctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
2016-- K. Leroy Irvis Fellow Advanced Student Mentor, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Studies, University of Pittsburgh
2016 Graduate Student Member, Faculty Recruitment Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
2016 Co-Chair, Graduate Student Organization, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
2013-14 “Is Graduate School for Me?” Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) University of Iowa
2011-13 Sociology Department Senator, Graduate Student Senate, University of Iowa

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Media Appearances

- 2020 Panelist. “WAP, Power, & Politic.” 1Hood Power Hour. 17 August.
www.facebook.com/1HoodMedia

- 2018 Featured. “Invasion Of Academia: There Was A Cardi B Panel At A Sociology Conference.” Madame Noire. 19 August. (<https://madamenoire.com/1036826/cardi-b-panel-association-of-black-sociologists-conference/>)
- 2018 Quoted. “Cardi B Panel Held at Sociology Conference in Philadelphia.” XXL Magazine. 15 August. (<http://www.xxlmag.com/news/2018/08/cardi-b-panel-sociology-conference-philadelphia/>)
- 2018 Quoted “The sociology of Cardi B: Why the rapper’s rise speaks volumes.” Philly.com. 13 August. (<http://www2.philly.com/philly/news/cardi-bardi-sociology-bodak-yellow-migos-kulture-feminism-respectability-20180813.html>)

Board Appointments and Committees

- 2019-Present Board Member | Fund Development Committee, PUMP, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2019-Present Leadership, Training, and Development, National Urban League Young Professionals
- 2019-2020 YAchievers Mentorship Program, YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2019-2020 Undergraduate Advisory Committee, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Pittsburgh, PA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association	Mellon Mays Fellow Professional Network
Association of Black Sociologists	National Women’s Studies Association
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	North Central Sociological Association
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action	Society for the Study of Social Problems
Eastern Sociological Society	Sociologists for Women in Society

References

Suzanne Staggenborg Professor of Sociology University of Pittsburgh suzstagg@pitt.edu	Dana Moss Assistant Professor of Sociology University of Notre Dame Dmoss2@nd.edu
Kathleen Blee Distinguished Professor of Sociology Bettye J. and Ralph E. Bailey Dean of the Kenneth P Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences and the College of General Studies University of Pittsburgh kblee@pitt.edu	Keisha Blain Associate Professor of History University of Pittsburgh keisha.blain@pitt.edu
	Matthew Baggetta Associate Professor of Public and Environmental Affairs Indiana University baggettm@indiana.edu