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Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

Editor, Section on States and Politics, *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*. John Solomos, General Editor. London: Routledge. 2020-

Editorial Advisory Board, *Social Problems*. Oxford University Press, 2021-2024

PRESENT TEACHING

Adjunct (online), Social Sciences Department, Ashland University's Correctional Education Program, 2/2019-present (part-time)

Adjunct (online) Social Sciences Department, Texas A&M San Antonio, 8/2022-present (part-time)

PAST TEACHING

Adjunct (online). Sociology Department, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs 8/2021-12/2022 (part-time)

Adjunct (online), Sociology Department, Xavier University of Louisiana 1/2021-5/2022 (part-time)

Visiting Senior Lecturer (online), Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 8/2017-8/2020 (full time and part-time)

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Colorado Mesa University, 1/2018-12/2019 (part-time)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi, 8/2012 through 5/2013 (full time)

Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, 8/2011 through 5/2012 (full time)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences, Prairie View A&M University, 8/2010 through 5/2011 (full time)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Utah State University, 8/2009 through 5/2010 (full time)

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Southern Methodist University, 8/2008 through 7/2009 (full time)

Instructor, Social Sciences Division, Colorado Mountain College, 8/2007 through 5/2008 (part-time)

Instructor, Social Sciences Division, Blinn College, 8/2006 through 5/2007 (part-time)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology

Texas A&M University, 2009

Dissertation: "Black and White Sociology: Segregation of the Discipline"

Committee: Joe R. Feagin (Chair); Sarah Gatson; Alex McIntosh; Wendy Leo Moore

Outside Member: Dalia Abdelhady (Lund University)

Field Exams: Sociology of Race/Ethnicity; Sociology of Culture

M.A., Sociology (Sociology Track in the Cultural Studies PhD Program)

George Mason University, 2005

Thesis: "Early Divisions in American Sociological Thought and Race Theory in the Writings of W.E.B. Du Bois and Robert E. Park"

Committee: Rutledge Dennis (Director); Mark Jacobs; Marilyn Mobley

Reader: John Stone (Boston University)

Concentrations: Sociology of Culture; Sociology of Race/Ethnicity

B.A., Philosophy (With Distinction)

George Mason University, 1995

Advisor: Wayne Froman

Concentrations: Continental Thought

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS

Race and Ethnicity; Class Analysis; Social Inequalities and Injustices; Historical Sociology, Qualitative Methods, and Theory, particularly in areas of African American Studies, Elites and Power, History of Racial Analysis, and the Sociology of Knowledge

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate: Introduction to Sociology; Sociological Theory; Principles of Sociology; Social Inequalities; Social Problems; Introduction to Diversity; General Sociology; Sociological Traditions; Contemporary Sociological Theory; Critical Demography; Criminology; Political Sociology; Deviance; Sociology of Minorities; Sociology of Gender; Race and Ethnicity: US and Global Perspectives; Deviant Behavior; Qualitative Research Methods; Race and Ethnicity in the United States; Sociology of Music; African American Sociology; American Minority Communities, Advanced Privilege Studies; African American Communities

Graduate: Seminar in the Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Classical Sociological Theory; Qualitative Research Methods; Critical Theories of Criminal Justice

BOOKS

Racial Theories in Social Science: A Systemic Racism Critique, lead author with Joe Feagin (Routledge, 2016)

The Aspen Elite (Routledge, Forthcoming)

The Sociological Color Line (Manuscript at Work)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS

Forthcoming. "Antiblackness Directed at Smart and Powerful Black Women: Examples of Gendered Antiblackness." *American Antiblackness*. Philip Ewell and Joe Feagin, Editors. New York: Routledge.

2020. "Systemic Racism and the White Racial Frame," lead author with Joe Feagin, *The Routledge International Handbook of Contemporary Racisms*. John Solomos, editor. London: Routledge

2020. "Theories of Race, Ethnicity, and the Racial State," with Joe Feagin (lead author), *The New Handbook of Political Sociology: States, Parties, Movements, Citizenship, and Globalization*, edited by Thomas Janoski, Cedric de Leon, Joya Mirsa, and Isaac Martin. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

2016. "Du Bois as Sociologist and Sociological Theorist," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40(3)

2013. "Rethinking Racial Formation Theory: A Systemic Racism Critique," with Joe Feagin (lead author), Symposium on Rethinking Racial Formation Theory in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 36(6)

2009. "W.E.B. Du Bois, Race, and Human Rights." *Societies Without Borders*, Special Issue on *Race and Human Rights: Critical Histories, Inquiries, and Futures* 4(3)

2009. "Social Justice and Critical Public Sociology," with Joe Feagin (lead author) and Jennifer Mueller, *Handbook of Public Sociology*. Vincent Jeffries, editor. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield

2008. "Investigating the Aspen Elite." 2008. *Contexts* 7(4)

PEER-REVIEWED ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

Forthcoming. "The Racial State." Theories and Key Concepts Section of *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, John Solomos, editor. London: Routledge.

Forthcoming. "Trump-Era Racism." States and Politics Section of Section of *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, John Solomos, editor. London: Routledge.

2016. "The Color Line." *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism*, John Stone, Rutledge Dennis, Polly Rizova, Anthony Smith, and Xiaoshuo Hou, editors. Chichester, Sussex, UK: Wiley-Blackwell

2016. "Overt Racism." *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism*, John Stone, Rutledge Dennis, Polly Rizova, Anthony Smith, and Xiaoshuo Hou, editors. Chichester, Sussex, UK: Wiley-Blackwell

2016. "Booker T. Washington." *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism*, John Stone, Rutledge Dennis, Polly Rizova, Anthony Smith, and Xiaoshuo Hou, editors. Chichester, Sussex, UK: Wiley-Blackwell

2010. "Charlie Parker." *Encyclopedia of African American History*. Leslie M. Alexander and Walter C. Rucker, editors. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO

2010. "Duke Ellington." *Encyclopedia of African American History*. Leslie M. Alexander and Walter C. Rucker, editors. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO

2009. "Racial Discrimination, Origins and Patterns." *Oxford Encyclopedia of Human Rights*. Dave Forsythe, editor. New York: Oxford University Press

2008. "Allen Toussaint." 2008. *African American National Biography*. W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Editors-in-Chief. New York: Oxford University Press

2008. "Washboard Sam." 2008. *African American National Biography*. W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Editors-in-Chief. New York: Oxford University Press

BOOK REVIEWS

2024. Book Review of Nahum D. Chandler's *Annotations: On the Early Thought of W.E.B. Du Bois* (Duke University Press, 2023) for *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

2023. Book Review of Melvin Rodgers and Jack Turner's edited volume, *African American Political Thought: A Collected History* (University of Chicago, 2021) for *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

2022. Book Review of Reiland Rabaka's *Du Bois: A Critical Introduction* (Polity, 2021) for *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

2019. Book Review of Robbie W.C. Tourse, Johnnie Hamilton-Mason, and Nancy Wewiorski's *Systemic Racism in the United States: Scaffolding as Social Construction* (Springer, 2018) for *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

2015. Book Review of John Stone and Polly Rizova's *Racial Conflict in Contemporary Society* (Polity, 2014) for *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 38(13)

2014. Book Review of Daniel Martinez Hosang, Oneka LaBennett and Laura Pulido's edited volume, *Racial Formation in the Twenty-First Century* (University of California Press, 2012) for *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 37(10)

COMMENTARY

2012. "Comment to Alan Sica (Editor)," Editor's Remarks, *Contemporary Sociology*, 41(6)

2009. "Comment to Michael Omi and Howard Winant." *Contemporary Sociology*, 38(5)

2007. "Comment to G. William Domhoff." *Contemporary Sociology*, 36(4)

2006. "W.E.B. Du Bois' Position in Sociological Theory." *Perspectives*, 28(4)

2001. "'Race' to the Finish." *Washington City Paper*, 21(4)

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

"Whiteness and Wealth: Intersections of Race and Class"

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Author-Critic Session for *Racial Theories in Social Science: A Systemic Racism Critique*, Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Memphis, Tennessee 2016

"Drawing the Sociological Color Line: Segregation of the Discipline and Formation of Black and White Sociology" (Race in the Making of American Sociology, Invited Session, History of Sociology Mini-Conference), Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, 2010

"The Sociological Significance of and Theoretical Distinction between Double Consciousness and Marginality" (Critical Social Psychology). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, 2007

"Contrasting the 'Dual Marginality' of Black and White Americans" (Dual Marginality and the Changing Realities of Race, Class, and Gender). Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Montreal, Canada, 2006

"W.E.B Du Bois' and Robert E. Park's Introduction to the Developing Field of Sociology: Historical and Social Context, Biographical Notes, and Matters of Race" (Social Thought and Thinkers). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, 2006

"Early American Sociology's Roots in Germany: How Graduate Studies at German Universities and German Social Thought Influenced the Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois

and Robert E. Park” (Interactions in Academia). *Crossovers: African Americans and Germany*. International Conference, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Muenster, Germany, 2006

“W.E.B. Du Bois’ and Robert E. Park’s Understanding of Race Relations” (Black Studies). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2005

“The Nationalist and Pan-Africanist Thought of W.E.B. Du Bois” (Intellectual and Historical Atlanticisms and the Black Atlantic). The Collegium for African American Research Annual Conference, *The Making of Black Diasporas*, King Alfred’s College, Winchester, England, 2003

“Postmodernist Thought and the End of the Human Sciences: Epistemological and Ontological Uncertainties Posed by Nietzsche, Heidegger, Foucault, and Derrida.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, *The Construction and Cumulation of Knowledge*, Portland, Oregon, 2003

“Balancing W.E.B. Du Bois’ Understanding of Race” (Urban Colonies and Post-Colonial Race Problems). Harvard University’s W.E.B. Du Bois Graduate Society Conference, *The Problem of Race*, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2002

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Reviewer of Book Manuscripts and Proposals for University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Georgia Press, Paradigm Publishers, Routledge, Peter Lang Publishing, and Rutgers University Press

Referee for *Sociological Theory*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Social Problems*, *Race and Social Problems*, *Sociological Forum*

Organizer, Racism and Anti-Racism Regular Session, American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting in Chicago 2021

“Ahead of Their Time: Forgotten Black Intellectuals’ Role in the Development of Democracy and Pluralism,” lecture sponsored by the Black Student Union, Multicultural Student Association, and Department of Sociology for Utah State University’s Commemoration of Black History Month, 2010

Moderator, Special Session: “Racial Minorities in Popular Media,” Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2009

Co-organizer of the panel, “W.E.B. Du Bois: Sociological Perspectives,” an event sponsored by the Department of Sociology and the Racial and Ethnic Studies Institute at Texas A&M University, 2006

Lecture on “The Critical Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois” (W.E.B. Du Bois: Sociological Perspectives), Texas A&M University, 2006

“W.E.B Du Bois and Robert E. Park and the Development of Early American Sociology, 1880s-1920s,” Presentation and Q&A at the Sociology Department’s Race and Ethnicity Workshop, Texas A&M University, 2005

“Zydeco Music and SW Louisiana/East Texas Creole Culture,” Invited lecture, “Sociology of Black Americans” Course, Texas A&M University, 2005

“Lessons from W.E.B. Du Bois’ *The Souls of Black Folk*: Maintaining African Traditions, Cultural Plurality, and Racial Identity,” Panel discussion organized by the Black Student Alliance for George Mason University’s Black History Month Lecture Series, 2004

Co-chair of the panel, “Twentieth-Century African American History,” the Collegium for African American Research Annual Conference, *The Making of Black Diasporas*, King Alfred’s College, 2003

HONORS AND AWARDS

Recognition Award, Association of Black Sociologists, 2015

Academic Recognition Scholarship, Department of Sociology at Texas A&M University, 2007/2008

Outstanding Distinguished Citizen Award, Brazos Valley African American Museum, Bryan, Texas, 2006

Academic Recognition Scholarship, Department of Sociology at Texas A&M University, 2005/2006

Fellowship, Cultural Studies PhD Program at George Mason University, 1998

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (sections: Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Theory; Political Sociology; History of Sociology; Comparative-Historical Sociology); Association of Black Sociologists (Lifetime Member); Collegium for African American Research (on and off); Society for the Study of Social Problems

REFERENCES

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