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EDUCATION

The University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles *en itinere*
Sociology, Ph.D.

Field Specialization: Race and Ethnicity, Urban and Suburban Sociology,
Law and Society, Critical Race Theory, Geographic Information Systems

Qualifying Exams

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (Passed, Summer 2019)

Urban and Suburban Sociology (Passed, Fall 2019)

The University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Sociology, C. Phil **2020**

Dissertation Proposal: Disruption of the Public Order: Black Women, Carceral
Publics, and Practices of Refusal in a Climate of Crisis in the City of Angels

Chairs: Sarah Haley, Vilma Oritz

Committee: Min Zhou, Beth Richie, Aliza Luft

The University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Sociology, M.A. **2019**

Thesis: "How to Carceralize a City: Black Women in the City of Angels and
the Public Carceral Sphere"

The University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

African American Studies, M.A. **2016**

Thesis: "Under Siege: Black Women, the Choreography of Law and
Public Carceral Sphere"

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

African American Studies/History (minor), B.A. **2014**

Thesis: "Refugees in Exile: US Low-Income Communities of Color, the
Powerful Elite, and Political Blitzkrieg"

Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

The Pursuit of Happiness: Black Women, Diasporic Dreams, and the Politics of Emotional
Transnationalism. *Bianca C. Williams*. Duke University, 2018. 240 pp.

The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

Vol. 24, Issue 4, January 2021 ppg 653-655

DOI: 10.1111/jlca.12522

Apparitions in the Theory: How the Science Cause Race and Gender to Matter in the Twenty-first Century
 University of California, Irvine Law Review
 Vol. 9, no. 5 July 2019
<https://scholarship.law.uci.edu/ucilr/>

“‘Here to Stay in the Bay!’: Black Trans Women of Jamaica, Gendered Duress, and the Work of Recognition”
Gender, Health, and Society in Cotemporary Latin American and the Caribbean
 eds. Shir Lerman and Ronnie Shepard
 Lexington Press, July 2019 ISBN: 978-1498572842

“Under Siege: Black Women, the Choreography of Law, and the Public Carceral Sphere”
 Master’s Thesis
 The University of California, Los Angeles 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Princeton University
Summer Facilitator, Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America **2020 - 2022**
 Courses: Aspects of Leadership

University of California, Los Angeles
Lecturer, Academic Advancement Program **2018-2019**
 Courses: Interdisciplinary Academic Writing: English Comp 100W; African American Studies/Sociology: Nonviolence & Social Movements

University of California, Los Angeles
Summer Lecturer, Department of African American Studies **2017-2019**
 Course: Black Resistance in Trump’s America: Power, Politics, and Protest

Los Angeles Community College District (Valley & Southwest)
Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology & Ethnic Studies **2016-present**
 Courses:
 African Americans in Contemporary Urban Society (Afro Am 002)
 African American in US History to 1865 (Afro Am 004)
 African Americans in US History, 1865-Present (Afro Am 005)
 Introduction to Sociology (Soc 001)
 Race and Ethnic Relations (Soc 11)

University of California, Los Angeles
Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology **Summer, 2020**
 SOC 1: Introduction to Sociology

University of California, Los Angeles
Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology **Spring Quarter, 2019**
 SOC 132 Social Psychology: Sociological Approaches

University of California, Los Angeles
Teaching Associate, Department of African American Studies **Winter Quarter, 2019**
 M5: Social Organization of Black Communities

University of California, Los Angeles
Teaching Associate, Department of Gender Studies **Spring Quarter, 2016**
 Gender Studies 10: Introduction to Gender Studies

University of California, Los Angeles
Teaching Assistant, Department of African American Studies **Winter Quarter, 2016**
 African American Studies M107: Cultural History of Rap

University of California, Los Angeles
Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology **Fall Quarter, 2015**
 Sociology 40: American Racism, A Psychosocial Analysis

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Law and Society Association **2019**
 Phi Beta Kappa, Delta of Georgia **2014**
 Ankh Maat Wedjau, National Council for Black Studies **2013**
 Phi Alpha Theta (History), Rho-Epsilon Chapter **2013**

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2019 ABS Annual Conference: Blackness in the City
New York, NY **2019**
 Association of Black Sociologists
 Chair, Affordability and Risk Displacement in Historically Black Neighborhoods
 Discussant, Fred Hampton and Activism

Law and Society Annual Meeting: Dignity
Washington, D.C. **2019**
 Law and Society Association
 Chair and Discussant: Regulating Biotechnology

Black Bruin Transfer Lecture
Los Angeles, CA **2019**
 University of California Los Angeles
 The Gospel According to Nipsey Huddle: A Sociological Study of a Community forced into Crisis

Thinking Gender 2019: Feminists Confronting the Carceral State
University of California, Los Angeles **2019**
 Center for the Study of Women
 Presenter: Insurgent Epistemologies: Black Women and the Public Carceral Sphere as Critical Social Theory

Women, Law, & Technology Symposium
University of California, Irvine **2018**
 Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy
 Presenter: Improving the Relationship between Police and Black Communities

Hate in an Era of Political Turmoil
University of California, Irvine **2017**
 Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy
 Discussant/Moderator: Women and Hate: "Lynchings, Hate Groups, and Emmett Till"

DECADE – Competitive Edge Summer Symposium
University of California, Irvine **2017**
 Presenter: "Insurgent Epistemologies: Gendered Jurisprudence, Mass Incarceration, and Prison Industrial Complex as Critical Social Theory"

Reflections of 13th the Film, Valley Glenn, CA
Los Angeles Valley College **2017**
 Key Note: "Gendered Perspectives of Incarceration"

VOTE 2016, Valley Glenn, CA
Los Angeles Valley College **2016**
 Key Note: "Voting, Difference, and Gender"

Queer Without Borders Conference, Los Angeles, CA
University of California, Los Angeles **2014**
 Presenter: "Gully Queen: Jamaica's Social and Political Struggle with its Citizens of Differing Gender and Sexual Identities."

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Student Association
Graduate Student Resource Center Oversight Committee **2020-2021**

University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Student Resource Center
Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Day, Coordinator **2016-2019**

University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Student Resource Center
Administrative Support/Program Representative I **2015-2016**

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of African American Studies
Graduate Student Body Representative **2016**

University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate Student Resource Center
Program Coordinator for Outreach
Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Day Assistant Coordinator **2015-2016**

Robert Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center
Processing Archivist Intern **2013-2014**

PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICE

Microsoft Corporation
Immersive Black History Month Experience Education Project
Consultant **2021**

Central Florida Foundation
Panel: Racism and Underlying Issues
Panelist **2020**

City of Los Angeles
Destination Crenshaw
Consultant & Researcher **2020**

Representative Robin Kelly (IL-02)
Congressional Briefing on Reproductive Health & Maternal Mortality
Assistant **2019**

Los Angeles Law Library
Panel: Improving the Relationship between Police and Black Communities
Panelist **2018**

COLLEGIATE FELLOWSHIPS

Paul Stone Legal Research Fellowship
Recipient **2021**

Graduate Council Diversity Fellowship, UCLA
Recipient **2019**

Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA
Fellow **2018**

Center for Biotechnology & Global Health Policy
Center Fellow **2018**

University of California, Irvine Nevin Graduate Endowment Fellowship	2017
University of California, Irvine Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship	2017
University of California, Los Angeles Gordon Hein Memorial Fellowship	2015
University of California, Los Angeles School of Law Fellow	2015
University of California, Los Angeles Graduate Opportunity Fellowship	2014

References, student evaluations, and transcripts available upon request