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POSITIONS

The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology

Assistant Professor 2017 – present

Ongoing Faculty Affiliation: Food Disparities Expert for The Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformations (InFACT) Discovery Theme

EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 2017
Exam Fields: Race & Ethnicity; Gender; Social Theory *Pass with Distinction*
- M.A.** University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 2010
- B.A.** Brown University, Sociology, 2006 *Cum Laude with High Honors*

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Smith, Sandra and **Kara Young**. 2017. “Want, Need, Fit: Cultural Logics of Job-Matching Assistance.” *Work and Occupations*. 44(2) 171-209

Articles Under Review

Young, Kara A. “Fresh for the Inner City: How Perceived Social Status Contributes to the Experience of Food Procurement in East Oakland, California”

Young, Kara A. “Gut Feelings: Exploring the Role of Emotions in Food Procurement”

Book Manuscript in Preparation

Young, Kara A. *Gut Feelings: Emotions, Social Status, and Food Inequality in the American City*. Proposal under review with Princeton and Stanford University Presses

Articles in Preparation

Young, Kara A. “Food Frames and the Psychic Differential of Eating”

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- Lowenthal Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (2017)
- Lowenthal Graduate Student Paper Prize for “The Moral Economy of Eating,” Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (2016)
- SMART Graduate Mentorship Program, University of California, Berkeley (2016)
- Equity and Inclusion Graduate Student Fellow, Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley (2015-2016)
- Blumer Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (2015-2016)
- Ford Dissertation Fellowship, Alternate List and Honorable Mention (2015-2016)
- Berkeley Connect Mentorship Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (*Spring 2014 & 2014-2015 academic year*)
- Graduate Fellows Training Program, Center for Research on Social Change, University of California, Berkeley (2013-2015)
- Graduate Student Small Grant, Center for Race and Gender, University of California, Berkeley (2014)
- Berkeley Social Justice Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (2013)
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley (2010)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Mentored Research Award, University of California, Berkeley (2009)
- Chancellor’s Predoctoral Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley Diversity Initiative for Graduate Study in the Social Sciences (2007-2009)

TEACHING

The Ohio State University

Honors Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate level), *ongoing*

The Sociology of Food and Inequality in the United States (undergraduate level), *ongoing*

Qualitative Research Methods (graduate level), *ongoing*

University of California, Berkeley

Sole Instructor

Writing for Sociology (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013)

Graduate Student Instructor

Advanced Study in Social Theory, Professor Michael Burawoy (Fall 2016)

Pedagogy of Teaching, Professor Thomas Gold (Fall 2015)

Classical Sociological Theory, Professor Marion Fourcade (Spring 2011)

Race and Ethnic Relations, Professor Cybelle Fox (Fall 2010)

Sociology of Gender, Professor Raka Ray (Spring 2010)

Introduction to Sociology, Professor Sandra Smith (Fall 2009)

Reader/Grader

Sociology of Gender, Jill Bakehorn, Summer 2014

Other Teaching Experience

Introduction to Sociology, Cal Preparatory High School, Berkeley, CA (Fall 2011)

LitHop: Hip Hop, Literary Analysis, and Music Theory, Co-Taught with Daveed Diggs,
Prison University Project, San Quentin State Prison (Spring 2010)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2019 -

“Understanding Race and Racism.” Visiting Lecturer, Saint Mary’s College | Moraga, CA, July 29, 2019.

“Food Schemas and the Psychic Differential of Eating.” Department of Sociology Colloquium Speaker, Case Western Reserve University | Cleveland, OH, April 26, 2019.

“Sociology as an Everyday Practice.” Keynote Speaker, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society Induction Ceremony, Case Western Reserve University | Cleveland, OH, April 25, 2019.

“The Color of Food Access: Understanding Food Justice as a Racial Equity Issue.” Starting at Home: Using Philanthropy, Research and Practice to Build Strong Communities | Columbus, OH, April 18th 2019.

2018 -

“Eating Inequality: Exploring the Relationship between the Symbolic and Structural Dimensions of Food Choice.” *Roots and Branches of Interpretive Sociology Mini Conference: Cultural, Pragmatist, and Psychosocial Approaches* | Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.

2016 -

“The Moral Economy of Eating.” *Center for Race and Gender*, University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA, April 2016.

“The Moral Economy of Eating.” *Eastern Sociological Association Mini Conference on the Sociology of Food* | Boston, MA, March 2016.

2015 -

Food Disparities Expert Panelist, *Food Access and Security Summit*, Center for Educational Equity and Excellence, University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA, October 2015.

“Strategies for Organizing Empirical Evidence.” Panelist, Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis Course, University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA, February 2015.

2014 -

“Dirt Out There or Dirt in Here? Food, Contamination and Emotions.” *Production to Picture to*

Personhood: Food, Representation and Identity in Contemporary American Cultures Mini Conference hosted by the Berkeley Food Institute | Berkeley, CA, October 2014.

2013 -

“Gut Feelings: The Emotions of Food Inequality.” Guest Lecturer, California Institute for Integral Studies | San Francisco, June 2013.

2010 -

“Institutional vs. Individual Racism: Lessons from the UC Berkeley Republican Bake Sale.” Guest Lecturer, *Introduction to Sociology*, Mills College | Oakland, CA, November 2010.

Scholarly Conferences and Other Presentations

2018 -

“Pleasure, Discipline, and Alienation: Emotions and Morality in Food Procurement and Consumption Practices.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* | Philadelphia, PA August 2018.

2016 -

“Reimagining Food Access: How Race and Class Shape Grocery Store Preferences.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting* | Seattle Washington, August 2016.

“The Moral Economy of Eating.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* | Seattle WA, August 2016.

“The Moral Economy of Eating.” *Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Meeting* | Toronto, June 2016.

“Building Equitable, Inclusive, and Diverse Food Systems on College Campuses: Lessons from UC Berkeley.” *Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Meeting* | Toronto, June 2016.

2015 -

“Emotions, Food Choice and Inequality.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* | Chicago, IL, August 2015.

2013 -

“Eating, Class, and Control: The Emotions of Food Choice in One Oakland Neighborhood.” *Center for Research on Social Change* | Berkeley, CA, May 2014.

“Entrepreneurs and Intellectuals: How Men of Color Create Rap Music to Become Valued Masculine Subjects.” *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting* | Boston, MA, March 2013.

2009 -

“The Scattered Members of the Poet: The Culture of Production and the Production of Cultural Products by Hip Hop Artists in the San Francisco/East Bay Area.” Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA, May 2009.

SERVICE

The Ohio State University

University Service

- Ad Hoc Committee, Diversity and Inclusion Training, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation, 2018
- Discovery Theme External Review Preparation Committee, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation, 2018
- Discovery Theme External Review Faculty Representative, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation, 2018
- InFact Discovery Theme Strategic Planning Committee, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation, 2018
- Food System Policy Planning & Assessment Hiring Cluster Committee, Climate Demography Small Committee, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation, 2017-18

Sociology Department Service

- Salary/Workload Committee, 2019-202
- Colloquium Committee, 2019-2020
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology, 2018-2019
- Awards Luncheon Committee, 2017-2018

University of California, Berkeley

- Invited Moderator and Discussant, Panel on Equity and Inclusion in the Food System, Berkeley Food Institute. 2016
- Advisory Board, Building Equitable and Inclusive Food System at UC Berkeley, Berkeley Food Institute. 2016
- Organizing Committee, Equity and Diversity Training for Graduate Student Instructors, Department of Sociology, 2015
- Invited Graduate Student Participant, Sustainable Food Transitions Faculty Workshop lead by Olivier De Shutter, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Fall 2013.

FORMAL ADVISING

The Ohio State University

Graduate Students in Sociology

Co-Chair

Jasmine Whiteside (MA Thesis and Candidacy Exam)

Committee Member

Christina Bijou (Master's Thesis)

Deborwah Faulk (Dissertation)
Lauren Gebhardt-Kram (Candidacy Exams and Dissertation)
Joseph Guzman (Master's Thesis and Candidacy Exams)
Samuel Need (Master's Thesis)
Erica Phillips (Dissertation)

Undergraduate Students in Sociology

Kamaria Thomas (Senior Honors Thesis Committee)

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

*indicates articles authored

- Founder, Coalition for Food and Agricultural Sociology (CFAS) through the American Sociological Association
- Local Matters, Board Member, October 2019- Present
- Ohio Food Policy Network, Strategic Planning Committee, May 2019- Present
- * *KCET*, “Five Things You Should Know About Food Access”, May 24 2019
<https://www.kcet.org/shows/broken-bread/five-things-you-should-know-about-food-access>
- National Food System Resilience and Equity Workshop, Faculty Representative for the Ohio Delegation, Stanford University, May 18-20, 2018
- Community Forum on Black Liberation and the Food Movement, Organizing Committee and Co-Moderator, Berkeley Food Institute, 2016
- Decolonizing Foodways Conference, Organizing Committee, Berkeley Food Institute, 2015
- *The Atlantic*, quoted in “Can America Learn to Love Misshapen Vegetables?” July 1, 2014,
<http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2014/07/can-america-learn-to-love-misshapen-veggies/373793/>
- Community Food and Justice Coalition, Food Policy Research Intern, Oakland, California, April 2013 – September 2013.
- “Why Blacks Help Less,” Graduate Student Researcher, Professor Sandra Smith Lead Investigator, UC Berkeley, January 2008 – October 2009 & July 2012 – December 2014
- Graduate Women’s Project Coordinator, Graduate Assembly, UC Berkeley, October 2008 – August 2011.

Occasional Reviewer for *American Sociological Review* and *The Journal of Health and Social Behavior*