

## **Nahrissa Rush**

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### **Education**

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*In Progress* Ph.D., Sociology, The Ohio State University

2020 B.A., Sociology, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

### **Areas of Concentration**

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Race, politics, families, and place; Black/white biracial identity; Qualitative methods

### **Fellowships and Awards**

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2020 University Fellowship, Graduate School, The Ohio State University (\$26,316)

2020 Best Undergraduate Research Paper Award, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota for undergraduate thesis titled, “Organizational Conflict: A Case Study of a Food Cooperative”

2019 Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity Award (SEED), Office for Equity and Diversity, University of Minnesota

2019 Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota

### **Presentations**

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2019 “Choices by Default? Opportunities and Constraints for Families of Color in Youth Activities.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. (Roundtable)

2018 “Choices by Default? Opportunities and Constraints for Families of Color in Youth Activities.” National McNair Scholars Conference, Schaumburg, Illinois. (Paper)

2018 "Choices by Default? Opportunities and Constraints for Families of Color in Youth Activities" 2018 McNair Scholars Symposium. University of Minnesota (Poster)

## Research Experience

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- 2022- Original research into the role of parental racial composition in Black/white biracial identity formation and experience for biracial adults. Virtual focus groups will be used to gather information from Black/white biracial adults about their lived experience from childhood to adulthood. This work will serve as the master's thesis and will then be expanded for the dissertation.
- 2020-2022 Formulation of original research project on identity and belonging for Black Appalachians. Extensive literature reviews, recruitment techniques, and interviews were utilized.
- 2019-2020 Undergraduate Thesis (invited to complete honors course), Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota.  
Thesis Title: "Organizational Conflict: A Case Study of a Food Cooperative"  
Designed and executed an original project to study the patterns of conflict response within an organization using semi-structured interviews.
- 2019 Market Research Assistant, Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, University of Minnesota.  
Project Title: "Farmers' Market Metrics Project."  
Principal Investigator: Hikaru Peterson, Ph.D.
- 2018 Scholar, McNair Scholars Program, College of Education and Human Development, University of Minnesota.  
Project Title: "Choices by Default? Opportunities and Constraints for Families of Color in Youth Activities."  
Supervisor: Douglas Hartmann, Ph.D.
- 2017-2018 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota.  
Project Title: "Kids Involvement and Diversity Study."  
Principal Investigators: Doug Hartmann, Ph.D. and Teresa Swartz, Ph.D.

## Teaching Experience

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*Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University*

\* asynchronous online course ^ synchronous online course

### Academic Year 2022 to 2023

Course: Intro to Law & Society (2309)\*

Role: Grader for a section of 74 students

Instructor of Record: Jaclyn Bowe, JD

Spring Semester 2023

Course: Research Methods in Sociology (3487)^

Role: Recitation leader for a section of 55 students. Prepared weekly lesson materials, led discussions and monitored small group work, graded assignments and papers.

Graduate Instructor of Record: James Tompsett

Summer Session 2022

### Academic Year 2021 to 2022

Course: Honors Introduction to Sociology (1101H)^

Role: Grader and discussion assistant for a section of 80 students.

Professor: Lauren Valentino, Ph.D.

Spring Semester 2022

Course: Introduction to Sociology (1101)^

Role: Grader for a section of 126 students

Professor: Eric Schoon, Ph.D.

Guest Lecture: Public Sociology

Fall Semester 2021

*Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota*

### Academic Year 2019 to 2020

Course: Race and Racism in the U.S. (3211W)

Grader for a section of 58 students.

Graduate Instructor: Monica Jarvi

Guest Lecture: Microaggressions

Fall Semester 2020

Course: Social Problems (3003)

Grader for a section of 58 students

Professor: Enid Logan, Ph.D.

Spring Semester 2019

### Academic Year 2018-2019

Course: *Introduction to Sociology* (SOC 1001)

Recitation Leader and grader for a section of 28 students.  
Graduate Instructor: Jacqui Frost  
Fall Semester 2019

## **Service and Engagement**

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### *Department*

- 2022- Vice President of Mentoring, Sociology Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University
- 2021- Mentor: Incoming first year cohort graduate students and undergraduate sociology students
- 2021- 2022 Committee Member: Mentoring; Diversity and Inclusion; Sociology Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University
- 2021 Spring Awards Committee (Chair), Sociology Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University
- 2020-2021 Cohort Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University

### *Community*

- 2020 Spring 2020 Student Commencement Speaker, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota. (Delivery via video recording due to cancellation of commencement in response to COVID-19.)
- 2019 Panelist “Think Like a Researcher”, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, University of Minnesota.
- 2018-2019 Designated Employee Director, Board of Directors, Seward Community Co-op, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2017-2018 Board of Directors, University of Minnesota Sociological Association.
- 2016 Vice-Chair, Dane County Food Council, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2014-2016 Vice-President, Board of Directors & Volunteer Coordinator Northside Farmers’ Market, Madison, Wisconsin.

## **Professional Association Memberships**

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American Sociological Association