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EDUCATION

2023 PhD, Sociology, University of Cincinnati

- *Dissertation*: “More Than Magical Negroes, Thugs, and Slaves: How Black Men Understand and Respond to Racial Representations of Masculinities in Film.”
- *Committee*: Earl Wright II (Co-Chair), Annulla Linders (Co-Chair), Ronald Jackson II, Omotayo Banjo

2017 MA, Sociology, The University of Memphis

2010 BA, Political Science Pre-Law, Michigan State University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis

COURTESY AFFILIATIONS

2024 – Present Affiliate Faculty Member, Center for Community Research and Evaluation, The University of Memphis

2023 – Present Affiliate Faculty Member, African and African American Studies, The University of Memphis

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race & Racism	Racial Representations	Black Masculinities
Social Psychology & Identity	Media & Culture	Qualitative Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

(*Denotes Graduate Student Co-Author; ◇Denotes equal authorship)

Book

Wright II, Earl, Kierra Toney, Keri Eason, and **Anthony J. Stone Jr.** (eds.). 2021. *Sociology and Hip Hop: An Anthology*. San Diego, CA: Cognella. *First edition 2020*

Refereed or Peer-Reviewed Articles

Stone Jr., Anthony J., Madeline Arriaza, Claire Brindley, Elliot Meador, Wesley James, and Karen Matthews. 2025. “‘You’re Not Dealing with What We’re Dealing with’: COVID-19 Hesitancies

and Motivations Among Late Vaccinating Black Americans in the Deep South.” *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

Stone Jr., Anthony J. 2025. “‘Cuz This is What it Feels Like’: Black Men’s Affective Decodings and Reflections of Film.” *Information, Communication, & Society* 29(1): 289–305. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2025.2508937>

Stone Jr., Anthony J., and Carol Rambo. 2021. “Surviving Racism and Genocide: Native American Caricature Iconography and Racial Formation Projects.” Pp. 91-115 in *Studies in Symbolic Interaction Vol. 54*, edited by N.K. Denzin and S.L. Chen. Bingley: Emerald Publishing Limited.

Johnson, Andre E. and **Anthony J. Stone Jr.** ◊ 2018. "The Most Dangerous Negro in America: Rhetoric, Race and the Prophetic Pessimism of Martin Luther King Jr." *Journal of Communication & Religion* 41(1): 8-22.

Invited and Refereed Book Chapters

Toney, Kierra N.*, and **Anthony J. Stone Jr.** Forthcoming. “Between Pride and Pity: Black Students’ Affect and Cultural Mistrust of U.S. History Curricula.” In *Impacts of Cultural Mistrust in Education, Work, and Identity Politics*, edited by C. Sloss and M. Grier. Hershey, PA: IGI Global Scientific Publishing.

Book Review

Stone Jr., Anthony J. (Forthcoming) Book Review: *Vibe The Sound and Feeling of Black Life in the American South* by Corey J. Miles. *Humanity & Society*

Manuscripts in Submission or Under Review

Della Rosa, Anna Paula* and **Anthony J. Stone Jr.** “The Cost of Survival: Undocumented Latinx Lives in the Shadow of U.S. Immigrant Rights Diplomacy.” In Submission to an Edited Book, *Global Perspectives on US Human Rights Diplomacy in the 21st Century*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Stone Jr., Anthony J. “*Verzuz*, Social Media, and Digital Black Placemaking as Collective Effervescence.”

Stone Jr., Anthony J. “Projects of Erase-ism: The Conflict Between Indigenous American Identity and Native American Caricature Iconography.”

Della Rosa, Anna* and **Anthony J. Stone Jr.** “Racial Formations in the New Latino South: The Context of Reception and Politics.”

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AWARDS

External Grants and Fellowships Awarded or Prepared

University of Memphis (Tenure Track)

2026 *To Love a City*, Love Ethics Collaborator Grant, Templeton Foundation, (co-PI with Krystal Laryea, Wesley James, and Tim McCuddy)(\$225,000)

2026 Career Enhancement Fellowship, Institute for Citizens & Scholars/Mellon Foundation
(Not Funded)

University of Cincinnati (Student)

2022, 2023 American Sociological Association Minority Fellows Program (Not Funded)

2023 American Sociological Association Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement
Grant Minority Fellows Program (Not Funded)

2022 Society for the Study of Social Problems Race/Ethnic Minorities Dissertation Fellowship
(Not Funded)

2022, 2023 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (Not Funded)

2022 Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (Not Funded)

Internal Grants & Fellowships Prepared and Awarded

University of Memphis (Tenure Track)

2026 Professional Development Assignment, The University of Memphis (Fall course releases)

University of Cincinnati (Student)

2023 Taft Dissertation Fellowship (\$21,000)(Declined)

2022, 2023 UC Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship (Not Funded)

2023 Taft Research Center Graduate Summer Enrichment Award (\$2,500)

2023 Graduate Student Association Travel Award (\$700)

2023 Taft Research Center Travel Award (\$700)

2023 University Research Council Graduate Student Stipend and Research Cost Program for
Faculty—Student Collaboration Award (Stipend: \$6,500, Research Support \$1,000)

2023 Taft Research Center Graduate Summer Research Enhancement Award (\$3,500)

2023 Kunz Graduate Student Research Support Award (\$1,500)

2022 Department of Sociology Travel Award (\$395)

2022 Taft Research Center Graduate Summer Enrichment Award (\$2,000)

2022 Graduate Student Government Summer Interdisciplinary/Diversity Research Award
(\$2,000)

2022 University Research Council Graduate Student Stipend and Research Cost Program for
Faculty—Student Collaboration Award (Stipend: \$5,862.88, Research Support \$1,000)

2022 Taft Research Center Graduate Summer Research Enhancement Award (\$3,000)

2022 Graduate Student Association Travel Award (\$500)

2022 Taft Research Center Travel Award (\$450)

2021 Inaugural IRiS Graduate Fellowship, The Institute for Research in Sensing (IRiS)
(\$6,000)

2019 Graduate Student Association Travel Award (\$500)

- 2019 Department of Sociology Travel Award (2 awards) (\$250; \$750)
- 2019 Taft Research Center Travel Award (\$500)
- 2019 Graduate Student Association Travel Award (\$500)
- 2018 Albert C. Yates Fellowship, The Graduate School (\$25,000)
- 2018 Graduate Dean's Excellence Scholarship, The Graduate School (\$3,000)

The University of Memphis (Student)

- 2017 Department of Sociology Travel Award (3 awards)
- 2017 College of Arts & Sciences Research Travel Enrichment Award
- 2017 Graduate Student Association Travel Award
- 2016 Graduate Student Association Travel Award
- 2016 Department of Sociology Travel Award

HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2024 Honorary Guest Coach—Teaching Excellence, Football Homecoming Game, The University of Memphis
- 2023 Graduate Student "Outstanding Teaching" Award, The Sociology Graduate Lyceum, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati
- 2023 Outstanding Graduate Student Service, The African American Cultural and Resource Center, University of Cincinnati
- 2022 Recognition of Service, The African American Cultural and Resource Center, University of Cincinnati
- 2021 Fellow (Inaugural), The Institute for Research in Sensing (IRiS), College of Arts & Sciences, University of Cincinnati
- 2020 High Pass, General Preliminary Exam, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati
- 2018 Fellow, Albert C. Yates Fellowship, The Graduate College, University of Cincinnati

TEACHING INTERESTS

(Along with research interests above)

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| Race & Social Inequality | Black Music & Sociology | Black Sociology |
| Sociology of Media & Culture | Urban Sociology | Gender, Sexuality, & Identity |

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Editorial Experience

- 2025 – 2027 Editorial Board, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

- 2023 – 2025 Editorial Board, *Social Problems*
- 2020 – 2023 Assistant Editor, *Social Problems*
- 2019 – 2020 Student Advisory Board, *Social Problems*
- 2018 – present Occasional Reviewer: *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* – *Social Problems* (Invited to review Special Issue: Racism of Omission) – *Journal of Hip Hop Studies* – *Social Currents* – *Information, Communication, & Society* – *Sociological Focus* – *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* – *Critical Studies in Media Communication* – *Journal of Public Health Research*

Teaching Experience

(*On the tenure track; GRD- Graduate Level Course; SS- Spring Semester, SU- Summer)

- 2025* “Senior Capstone Seminar,” Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis (SS ’25)
- 2024* GRD, “Urban Theory Seminar,” Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis (FS ’24)
- 2023 – 2026* “Race/Ethnic Minorities,” Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis (FS ’23, two sections; FS ’24, one section; SS ’25, one section, FS ’25, two sections; SS ’26, two sections)
- 2021 – 2023 Adjunct Faculty, “Sociology of Hip Hop,” Department of Africana Studies (cross-listed with Sociology), University of Cincinnati (FS ’21, SS ’22, SS ’23)
- 2022 Instructor, “Black Masculinities & Black Epistemological Research Methods” Independent Study, Department of Africana Studies, University of Cincinnati (FS ’22)
- 2022 Adjunct Faculty, “Sociology of Black Families,” Department of Africana Studies (cross-listed with Sociology), University of Cincinnati (FS ’22)
- 2019, 2022 Instructor, “Media & Society,” Department of Sociology (cross-listed with Digital Media Collaborative), University of Cincinnati (Maymaster ’19, Summer B ’22)

Teaching Preparation & Training

- 2024 Participant, Spring ’24 Institute for Teaching Social Action. Rhodes College. Memphis, TN. March.
- 2021 Awardee/Participant, Graduate-Undergraduate Research Training. Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH. November.
- 2019 Awardee/Participant, Preparing Future Faculty Program, Annual Meeting for the North Central Sociological Association. Cincinnati, OH. March.
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology; Theory, under the direction of Clayton Fordahl, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis (FS ’17)

- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Race & Ethnic Minorities (FS '16, SS '17) and Sociology of Media (GRD, SS '17), under the direction Maryann Erigha, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis
- 2016 – 2017 Teaching Assistant, Senior Thesis, under the direction of Wesley James, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis (SS '16, FS '17)
- 2016 – 2017 Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Social Statistics, under the direction of Cynthia Stockton (FS '16, SS '17) and Kendra Murphy (SS '16, SS '17), Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis

Research Training Experience

- 2018 – 2023 Research Affiliate, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis
- 2018 – 2020 Research Assistant for Derrick Brooms, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati
- 2017 Quantitative Research Assistant for Wesley James, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis (Summer - Fall)
- 2016 – 2017 Qualitative Research Assistant for Maryann Erigha, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis

RESEARCH & EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures, Speaking Engagements, & Professional Panels (‡ Community Engagement)

- 2025 Panelist for Author Meets Curious Reader, Kwoba, Brian. (2025). *Hubert Harrison: Forbidden Genius of Black Radicalism*. The University of North Carolina Press. Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Memphis, TN. October.
- 2025 Speaker (‡) and Panelist, *Legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois: HBCU Scholar-Activism Then and Now*. Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Memphis, TN. October.
- 2025 Panelist for Author Meets Curious Reader, Jackson, Brandon A. (2024). *Brotherhood University: Black Men's Friendships and the Transition to Adulthood*. Rutgers University Press. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC. April.
- 2024 Panelist, *Teaching While Black: How Early Career Faculty Navigate Teaching in Contentious Political Climates*. Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August
- 2024 Commencement Speaker, "The Victory in our Roots." Annual Tyehimba Graduation Celebration, African American Cultural & Resource Center, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. April
- 2024 Speaker (‡), "Reclaiming Our Narrative: Reframing and Revolutionizing Black Masculinity and Manhood ." Annual Black Male Summit for the African American Black Male Staff, Linder College of Business, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. April
- 2024 Panelist for Author Meets Curious Reader, Miles, Corey J. (2023). *Vibe: The Sound and Feeling of Black Life in the American South*. University of Mississippi Press. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. April.

- 2024 Keynote Speaker, “The Power of Sociology: Understanding Sociology for Careers, for the Future, and for the Self.” Alpha Kappa Delta Induction Celebration, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee. April
- 2023 Panelist, *Publishing Tips from the Editors of Social Problems*. Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August.
- 2023 Speaker (‡), “Black Male Intimacy.” Annual Black Male Summit for the African American Black Male Staff, African American Cultural & Resource Center, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. April
- 2023 Introductory Speaker, Presidential Keynote Address for Earl Wright II. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, SC. April.
- 2023 Invited Presentation, UC Department of Sociology Colloquium Series. “‘To Be Loved, and Shit Like That’: Black Men’s Reflections on Love in Film.” Taft Center, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio March.
- 2023 Keynote Speaker (‡), “Make *or* Be Unapologetically Black History.” Black History Month Opening Ceremony, African American Cultural & Resource Center, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. February.
- 2022 Speaker for Staff Professional Development (‡), “The Need for Changing Mascots, Supporting Students, and Honoring Native Americans.” Virtual, Lansing, Michigan. Lansing School District Native American Heritage Grant Event. November.
- 2022 Speaker (‡), “A Time for Change: Saying Goodbye to Floating Heads and Racist Names.” J.W Sexton High School, Lansing, Michigan. Lansing School District Native American Heritage Grant Event. November.
- 2022 Panelist, *New Yates/Provost Fellows Orientation: The UC Graduate School Experience*. Nippert Pavilion, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Graduate School Event. August.
- 2022 Panelist, “Innovation Through Interdisciplinarity in Graduate Training: A Panel Discussion with the 2021/2022 IRiS Graduate Research Fellows.” IRiS Ignite Annual Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio. May.
- 2022 (Student) Keynote Speaker (‡), “When Will Freedom Ring? A Celebration to Continue King’s Dream.” African American Cultural & Resource Center Annual MLK Tribute. Virtual, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. January.
- 2021 Invited Presentation (w/ Earl Wright II, Keri Eason, & Kierra Toney), UC Department of Sociology Colloquium Series. “Sociology of Hip Hop: How it Started. How it’s Going.” Taft Center, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Sociology Colloquium Series. August.
- 2021 Panelist, *Navigating Graduate School*. Yates Fellowship Welcome Dinner. Old Chem, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Graduate School Event. September.
- 2021 Panelist, *The Graduate School Experience*. Virtual, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Graduate Student Government Event. August.
- 2021 Panelist, Mentorship: The Role of Mentors and Mentee Expectations. Virtual. Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting Event. August.

- 2021 Discussant/Panelist, *Sports Leadership Roundtable: Race in Sports Officiating*. Virtual, The Michigan High School Athletic Association, East Lansing, Michigan. June
- 2020 Invited Presentation (w/ Derrick Brooms), UC Department of Sociology Colloquium Series. “College Strivings of Black and Latino Males.” Taft Center, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Sociology Colloquium Series. September.
- 2020 Invited Presentation, UC Department of Sociology Colloquium Series. ““No Cappin” Breaking Stereotypes About Black Masculinity in Youth Sports. A Pilot Study.” Taft Center, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. March.
- 2020 Invited Discussant, *Talking Black in America: Expert Film Panel*. CARE/Crawly, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Communication Sciences and Disorders/College of Allied Health Sciences & Black Graduate and Professional Student Association Collaborative Event. February.
- 2019 Invited Panelist, LSAMP Conversation: The Transition from Undergrad to Graduate School. McMicken Hall, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Program. August.
- 2019 Invited Panelist, New Yates Fellows Orientation: The UC Graduate School Experience. Graduate, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Graduate School Event. August.
- 2019 Invited Presentation, UC Department of Sociology Colloquium Series. “Magical Negroes, Pro-Black Super Heroes, Reading Black-Male Identity Influences in Film.” Taft Center, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. March.
- 2019 Introductory Speaker, “Introducing Cincinnati City Councilwoman Tamaya Dennard.” AACRC MLK Celebration Program: Building Intersections of Change: A Global Response to the Dream, The University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. Department of Sociology
- 2018 Discussant (‡), *Young Men Journey to Excellence Symposium*. Hughes High School. November.
- 2017 Invited Panel, Graduate Student Panel Question Session. The University of Memphis Course: Internship in Psychology. Memphis, Tennessee. September.

Refereed or Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations and Workshops

- 2025 Panelist, “Just Give Me My Money”: *Successfully Applying to Fellowships, Grants, & Awards* [Workshop]. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC. April.
- 2024 “Black Men, Film, and Affective Reflections.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Communication, Information, Technologies, and Media Section Session “Media, Technology, and Emotion”, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August
- 2024 ““It's More Than Just Negative or Positive”: Black Men's Critical Meaning Making of Black Masculine Representations.” Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. April.
- 2024 “Black Sociology” (Invited Panelist). Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Washington DC. March.
- 2023 ““The Joy of Knowing You Were Being Held”: Black Men’s Decodings of Love in Film.” Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August.

- 2023 “Scholar Meets Legacy: Honoring the Contributions of Earl Wright II” (Organizer & Discussant). Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, SC. April.
- 2023 “‘You Know How WE Do’: Focus Group Discussions with Black Men as a Reflexive Participatory Method” (Invited Panelist). Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association, Grand Rapids, MI. March.
- 2022 “‘When I See him, I See Me and So Much More’: Black Men’s Narratives on Watching Black Masculinity in Film.” Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Chicago Illinois. October.
- 2022 “‘It’s a Black Thang, You Wouldn’t Understand’: Theorizing Blackness and the Performance of Race in the Absence of Racism” (Invited Panelist). Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Birmingham, Alabama. April
- 2022 “Battle for the Culture: Verzuz, Twitter, and Digital Black Placemaking as Collective Effervescence.” Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Birmingham, Alabama. April.
- 2021 “‘Do You Want To Be All American?’: Analyzing Black Capital and Positive Black Male Representation In All American.” Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Virtual, August.
- 2020 “Dangerous Mind: The FBI’s Surveillance of W.E.B. Du Bois. Findings” Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia. (Cancelled)
- 2020 “Fear of Red, Fear of Black: The ‘Dangerous Mind’ of DuBois and FBI surveillance.” Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, Ohio (Cancelled)
- 2019 “Does the Definition of Rural Matter?” (with Wesley James, Chris Purser, and Anna Church). Southern Demographic Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. October.
- 2019 “We Can’t Just Ignore Our History”: Race, Violence, and Black Men’s Lives” (with Derrick Brooms). Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, New York, New York. August.
- 2019 “Black Fathers Matter: Black Fathers in Film.” Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, New York, New York.
- 2019 “Erase-ism: (Re)Writing and (Re)Righting Native American Racial Formation Projects” (with Carol Rambo). Annual Meetings of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign, Illinois. May.
- 2019 “‘Magical Negroes and Pro-Black Super Heroes: Reading Black-Male Identity Influences in Film (A Series).” Black Heroes. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia. April.
- 2019 “‘Magical Negroes, Pro-Black Super Heroes, Reading Black-Male Identity Influences in Film (A Series). The Data.” Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, Ohio. March.
- 2018 Panel Session “We Gotta Be Strong: Black Superheroes During a Time of Black Social Movements” (Invited Panelist). *Individual paper: “Luke Cage and Blackness on Display: Black*

Lives Matter, Bulletproof Skin, and Masculinity.” Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August.

- 2018 “What Floating Heads (Don’t) Have to Say About Being Native American: American Indian Voices on Iconographic Erasure” (Invited Panelist). Annual Meetings of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign, Illinois. May.
- 2018 “‘I Am A Cartoon? Not Me!’: Demonizing Native American Caricature Iconography Erasure.” Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana. April.
- 2017 Panel and Paper Session: “From Riverside to the River City: The Prophetic Pessimism of Martin Luther King” (Panel) and “Martin Luther King Jr., Was NOT America’s Negro: The Forgotten Rhetoric of MLK, An Analysis” (Presentation). Annual Meetings for the Graduate Association for African-American History, Memphis, Tennessee. October.
- 2017 “I Am a Cartoon: How Native Americans Regard Native American Caricature Iconography.” Annual Meetings of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign, Illinois. May.
- 2017 “Stereotypical Native American Imagery Conflicts with Identity” (Poster) The University of Memphis, Annual Student Research Forum. Memphis, Tennessee. March.
- 2017 “Political White Saviors: Black Citizens and White Candidates on the 2016 Campaign Trail,” with Maryann Erigha. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, South Carolina. March.
- 2017 “The F!#@ Y’all Lookin’ At? The Invisibility of White Privilege as Presented in Aaron McGruder’s The Boondocks.” Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, South Carolina. March.

Educational & Community Presentations, Guest Teaching Lectures, and Other Presentations

- 2025 Guest Lecturer, “Hip Hop Culture and Race.” The University of Memphis Course: Race/Ethnic Minorities (for Dr. Joanna Boudreaux), Memphis, Tennessee. Department of Sociology. April.
- 2024 Guest Lecturer, “Race and Racism in the Media: From Inequalities to Empowerment.” The University of Memphis Course: Race/Ethnic Minorities (for Dr. Joanna Boudreaux), Memphis, Tennessee. Department of Sociology. October.
- 2022 Presenter/Speaker(†), “‘Say it Loud’: Negotiating Unapologetic Blackness and Authenticity on Campus.” Inaugural Sankofa Leadership Symposium: Back to Basics. The African American Cultural and Resource Center, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. October.
- 2022 Guest Lecturer, “Representations of Black Masculinities.” The University of Cincinnati Course: Sociology of Gender (for Kat Jones), Cincinnati, Ohio. Department of Sociology. October.
- 2022 Team Member/Presenter, “Perceptions of Produce Freshness for Kroger Inc.” IRiS Grand Challenge Quartet Presentations. The University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. April.
- 2020 Guest Lecturer, “Race & Media Inequalities: Black Images in the White Mind.” Middle Tennessee State University Course: Introduction to Sociology (for Lacey Satcher), Virtual, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Department of Sociology, Middle Tennessee State University. November

- 2020 Guest Lecturer, “Media Blackness, Media Inequalities.” Middle Tennessee State University Course: Social Problems (for Marcus Brooks), Virtual, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Department of Sociology. September.
- 2018 Guest Lecturer, “Race and Media Part 2: How to Conduct a Content Analysis AND The Black Family: The Boondocks, Uncle Bill, Uncle Phil, Madea, and Family Matters.” The University of Cincinnati Course: Sociology of the Black Family (for Brittney Miles), Cincinnati, Ohio. Department of Sociology. November.
- 2018 Guest Lecturer, “Race and Media Part 1: Blackness on Display.” The University of Cincinnati Course: Sociology of the Black Family (for Brittney Miles), Cincinnati, Ohio. Department of Sociology. October.
- 2018 Guest Lecturer, “Stories of the Black Family Reunion: The Importance of Family Ties for Securing Oral History and Family Ties.” The University of Cincinnati Course: Sociology of the Black Family (for Brittney Miles), Cincinnati, Ohio. Department of Sociology. September.
- 2017 Guest Lecturer, “Introduction to Race, Racism, and the Sociological Theory of Race.” The University of Memphis Course: Introduction to Sociology (for Clayton Fordhal), Memphis, Tennessee. Department of Sociology. November.
- 2017 Guest Lecturer, “Martin Luther King Jr., Was NOT America’s Negro: The Forgotten Rhetoric of MLK, An Analysis.” The University of Memphis Course: African American Rhetoric (for Andre E. Johnson), Memphis, Tennessee. Department of Communications. October.
- 2017 Guest Lecturer, “Deviance and Violence: Assessing the Role of Deviance in Police Brutality.” The University of Memphis Course: Sociology of Deviant Behavior (for Kendra Murphy), Memphis, Tennessee. Department of Sociology. September.
- 2016 Guest Lecturer, “Deviance and Violence: Assessing the Role of Deviance in Police Brutality.” The University of Memphis Course: Sociology of Deviant Behavior (for Kendra Murphy), Memphis, Tennessee. Department of Sociology. September.
- 2014 Camp Co-Speaker (‡), “Inches, Responsibilities, and Dreams.” Lansing Youth Football Coalition Summer Camp, Lansing, Michigan. August.
- 2013 Introductory Speaker (‡), “The Lion vs. The Gazelle: Building Blocks for Success.” Magic Program, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. June.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

To the Profession

- 2025 Local Arrangements Committee, “All Black Everything Advancing a Black Sociological Tradition of Scholar Activism,” Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Memphis, TN.
- 2025 – 2027 Editorial Board, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
- 2025 Organizer (with Kierra Toney, MA), “*Just Give Me My Money*”: *Successfully Applying to Fellowships, Grants, & Awards* [Workshop]. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.

- 2024 – 2025 Organizer, “The Politics of Racism and Anti-Racism: Racial Processes Across Institutions” (Racism and Anti-Racism). Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2024 – 2025 Mentor, CITAMS Section Mentoring Program. Communication, Information, Technology, Media, & Society Section, American Sociological Association. (’24-’25 mentee, Olivia Hu U-Penn)
- 2022 – Present Mentor, ABS Relationship and Mentoring Program (ABS RAMP). Association of Black Sociologists. (’22-’23 mentee, Marcellus Kirkland Morehouse College; ’23-’24 mentee, Taharka Anderson U-Texas-Austin; ’24-’25 mentee, Fadilat Olasupo U-Michigan; ’25-’26 Olubenga Joseph Northwestern U)
- 2023 – 2025 Editorial Board, *Social Problems*
- 2022 – 2025 Co-Chair (with Kierra Toney, MA), Committee on the Status of Students. Southern Sociological Society, Under President Earl Wright II (2023 meeting), President Gayle Kaufman (2024 meeting), and President Dawn Robinson (2025 meeting)
- 2022 – 2025 Member, Justice Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Southern Sociological Society, Under President Earl Wright II (2023 meeting), President Gayle Kaufman (2024 meeting), and President Dawn Robinson (2025 meeting)
- 2024 Co-Organizer (with JEDI Committee), *DEI on Campus* (co-sponsored by the Committee on Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and the Committee on the Status of Students). Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2024 Co-Organizer (with Kierra Toney, MA) and Moderator, *Crafting a Scholarly Research Agenda* (sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Students). Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2024 Co-Organizer (with Kierra Toney, MA) and Moderator, *Pedagogical Wisdom for Graduate Students* (co-sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Students and the Justice Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee). Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2023 Registration Volunteer, Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Organizer/Moderator, Scholar Meets Legacy: Honoring the Contributions of Earl Wright II. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- 2023 Registration Volunteer, Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- 2022 Registration Volunteer, Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Chicago, IL.
- 2022 Program Committee, “In Service to the City.” Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Chicago, IL.
- 2022 Presider, Race and Media. Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists Chicago, IL.

- 2022 Presider, How We Talk About Race: Conversations and Critical Race Theory. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Birmingham, AL.
- 2022 Registration Volunteer, Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Birmingham, AL.
- 2021 Program Committee and Virtual Technical Assistant, “Black Capital: ABS's 50th Conference,” Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists. Virtual.
- 2021 Presider, Race and Sport: Ideology and Memory. Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Virtual.
- 2021 Co-Organizer & Presider, Racialization and Racial Discourses in Public and Private Spheres. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Virtual.
- 2020 Virtual Technical Assistant, Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Virtual/Nashville, TN.
- 2019 Registration Volunteer, Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists. New York, NY.
- 2019 Registration Volunteer, Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Buckhead, Atlanta, GA.
- 2019 Registration Volunteer, Annual Meetings of the North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, OH.
- 2019 Chair, Defining Bodies: Hegemonic Narratives and Resistance. Annual Meetings of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign, IL
- 2019 Presider, The Consumability of Race. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- 2019 Judge, Several Sessions, UC’s Annual Undergraduate Scholarly Showcase. The University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.
- 2018 Registration Volunteer, Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 Registration Volunteer, Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Organizer & Chair, Negotiating the Edges and Margins: The Cases of Race, Non-religion, and Self-harm. Annual Meetings of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign, IL.
- 2017 Moderator, Several Sessions, Annual Meetings of the National Conference for Undergraduate Research. Memphis, TN.
- 2017 Presider, Stereotypes, Identity, and White Privilege. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC.
- 2017 Registration Volunteer, Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC.

To the University, Department, and Campus Community

- 2025 (Spring) Co-Host/Planner, University High School, *The Amazing Raise*, The University of Memphis.
- 2024 – 2025 Co-Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis.
- 2025 (Spring) Member, Jerry Michel Outstanding Senior Award Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis.
- 2024 – present Graduate Student Professional Development Coordinator, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis.
- 2023 – present Member, Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis.
- 2024 (Fall) Facilitator, How-to Tie a Tie Event, Office of First-Generation Student Success, The University of Memphis.
- 2024 – 2025 Member, Chair’s Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis.
- 2024 (SS, SU) Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis.
- 2024 (Spring) Member, Sociology Department Chair Search Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, The University of Memphis.
- 2023 – present Member, Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis.
- 2023 – present Chair, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis.
- 2023 – present Library Representative, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis.
- 2023 Sociology Representative, Discover Your Major Information Fair. The University of Memphis
- 2023 Program Committee, IRiS Ignite Conference, The Institute for Research in Sensing (IRiS), University of Cincinnati.
- 2023 Judge for *Kuamka* (Mr. And Mrs. Black UC Competition), African American Cultural & Resource Center, University of Cincinnati.
- 2022 – 2023 Volunteer Manager & Audio-Visual Coordinator for *Tyehimba* (Black Cultural Graduation Celebration), African American Cultural & Resource Center, University of Cincinnati.
- 2021 – 2023 President, UC Sociology Graduate Student Lyceum. The University of Cincinnati.

- 2021 Student Representative, Hiring Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati.
- 2019 – 2025 Various, Executive Board; Black Graduate & Professional Student Association. University of Cincinnati
- 2018 – 2023 MLK Celebration Steering Committee, The African American Cultural Resource Center. University of Cincinnati
- 2017 College of Arts and Sciences Representative, Graduate Student Association. The University of Memphis
- 2017 Member, Travel Fund Finance Committee, Graduate Student Association. The University of Memphis
- 2017 Sociology Representative, College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School Recruitment and Information Fair. The University of Memphis
- 2017 Volunteer, National Conference for Undergraduate Research, The University of Memphis
- 2016, 2017 Sociology Representative, Graduate School Fair. The University of Memphis
- 2016, 2017 Sociology Representative, Discover Your Major Information Fair. The University of Memphis

To the Public

- 2025 – present Head Wrestling Coach, University High School, Memphis, TN
- 2014 – present President, Board of Directors & Coach, 4X Gold Wrestling Club, Lansing, MI
- 2019 – 2023 Head Wrestling Coach & Lead Trainer, Taft & Hughes High Schools, Cincinnati, OH
- 2019 Assistant Football Coach, Hughes High School (7th & 8th Grade), Cincinnati, OH
- 2012 – 2023 Wrestling Official, Michigan High School Athletic Association, Lansing, MI
- 2014 – 2017 Coach, Lansing Junior Quakers Football Club, Lansing, MI
- 2013 – 2016 Head Wrestling Coach, Lansing STEM Academy, Lansing, MI
- 2005 – 2015 Volunteer, Common Ground Music Festival, Lansing, MI (2012 – 2014 Volunteer Coordinator; 2007 – 2012 Usher/Guest Services Team Leader)
- 2010 – 2012 Assistant Head Wrestling Coach, Lansing Waverly High School, Lansing, MI
- 2010 Head Wrestling Coach, Okemos Combined Middle School Team, Okemos, MI
- 2007 – 2010 Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Lansing Eastern High School, Lansing, MI
- 2006 – 2007 Head Wrestling Coach, Pattengill Middle School, Lansing, MI

STUDENT ADVISING & MENTORING

Individual Graduate Student Work and Advising

- 2025 – Present **Chair**, MA Thesis Committee, **Kortni T. Owens**. “Constructing Black Femininity: Music, Identity, and Meaning-Making among College-Aged.” Sociology. The University of Memphis. Memphis, TN
- 2023 – 2025 **Chair**, MA Thesis Committee, **Anna Paula Della Rosa**. “‘Home is Here’ – Or is it?: The Implications of DACA Status or Nonstatus on Identity Formation in a Shifting Political Positions Landscape.” Sociology. The University of Memphis. Memphis, TN
- 2025 Winner, Graduate Poster, Social and Behavioral Sciences Disciplinary Category, The 37th Annual Student Research Forum, The University of Memphis. Memphis, TN.
 - 2025 Nominee for College of Arts & Sciences, Morton Thesis/Dissertation Award. Memphis, TN. The University of Memphis. Memphis, TN.
 - 2026 Nominee for The University of Memphis (Social Science, Business, Education Category), Graduate Student Master’s Thesis/Final Project Award, 2026 Tennessee Conference of Southern Graduate Schools
 - 2026 Nominee for The University of Memphis (Social Science, Business, Education Category), Graduate Student Master’s Thesis/Final Project Award, 2026 Southern Conference of Southern Graduate Schools
- 2025 – present Member, Dissertation Committee, **Austin Wyatt**. “Bluff City Blues: Black Men’s Narratives of Socialization, Policing, and Survival in Memphis, Tennessee.” Urban Affairs and Public Policy. The University of Memphis. Memphis, TN
- 2025 – present Member, MA Thesis Committee, **Kennedy Tatro**. Sociology. The University of Memphis. Memphis, TN.
- 2024 – present Member, Comprehensive Exam & Dissertation Committee, **Taylor Abrams-Rollinson**. “‘The Talk’ Between Black Parents and Children.” Communication. The University of Memphis. Memphis, TN.

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistants

- FS 2025 – present **Abigail Heim**. Sociology. The University of Memphis.
- SP 2025 – present **Samuel Brown**. Sociology. The University of Memphis.
- FS 2024 – present **Kennedy Tatro**. Sociology. The University of Memphis.
- FS 2024 – SU 2025 **Janet Okine**. Sociology. The University of Memphis.

FS 2023 – SU 2025 **Golam Suhel**. Sociology. The University of Memphis.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

SP 2022 – SU 2023 **Taylor Connor**. Independent of Major (Biology). University of Cincinnati.

IN THE NEWS & MEDIA

“Rhodes professor wrote the book and so much more on W.E.B. DuBois” *The Daily Memphian* 2024 (August). In this article I discuss Earl Wright II’s contributions to the study Du Bois and the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory. <https://dailymemphian.com/subscriber/article/45067/memphis-rhodes-scholar-wrote-book-more-on-web-dubois>

“Be uncompromisingly Black’: Inside the Black Male Summit” *The News Record*, University of Cincinnati 2023 (April). I was interviewed about the importance of the Black Male Summit and included space for minority gathering and knowledge sharing. https://www.newsrecord.org/news/be-uncompromisingly-black-inside-the-black-male-summit/article_4b28a5bc-dadd-11ed-b11f-673fb8349529.html

“Got Funding? Apply for GSG Awards.” *Office of Student Life, The Graduate College, University of Cincinnati* 2023 (January). This articles highlights my thoughts on graduate student research fund opportunities. <https://grad.uc.edu/student-life/news/gsg-awards-funding-medal.html>

“Sexton Rebranding” *Lansing Sexton High School Alumni Report 2022*(November). The article highlights my contributions to a larger conversation around changing the school’s mascot that utilized Native American Imagery and slur. <https://www.lansingschools.net/sexton/sexton-alumni/sexton-rebranding/>

“UC PhD student Anthony Stone cited as expert on Native American cultural appropriation” *University News, University of Cincinnati*. 2022 (November). The article highlights news coverage of a talk I gave at Lansing Sexton High School in Lansing Michigan where I taught the students and staff the importance of moving forward with changing their Native American Mascot. <https://www.uc.edu/news/articles/2022/11/phd-student-anthony-stone-cited-as-expert-on-race-and-ethnicity.html>

“‘Big Reds’ no more - Sexton High School selects new mascot, name: After almost 80 years of “Big Reds,” the high school is switching to “Scorpions.” This TV news segment and article highlight my research contributions and lecture which add to a larger conversation around changing the school’s mascot that utilized Native American Imagery and slur. <https://www.wilx.com/video/2022/11/11/big-reds-no-more-sexton-high-school-select-new-mascot-name/> The TV news segment includes my interview on the topic. <https://www.wilx.com/2022/11/11/sexton-high-school-select-new-mascot-name-sexton-scorpions/>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Present

Association of Black Sociologists

Southern Sociological Society

Society for the Study of Social Problems

March 3, 2026

American Sociological Association (Section Memberships: Racial and Ethnic Minorities;
Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology; Community & Urban)

Past

International Congress for Qualitative Inquiry

Graduate Association for African-American History (Memphis)

Mid-South Sociological Association

North Central Sociological Association