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AREAS OF INTEREST

Urban Sociology, Ethnography and Ethnomethodology, Race and Ethnicity, Culture, Health Disparities, Criminology, Inequality and Social Justice, Theories of the Interaction Order

EDUCATION

2007-2010 Post-Doctoral Associate, Department of Sociology, Yale University.
2005 Ph.D., Sociology, Wayne State University.
2002 M.Sc., Community Health Services, Wayne State University School of Medicine.
1998 B.A., Department of Sociology, Wayne State University.

CURRENT POSITIONS

2020 The Royden B. Davis, S.J. College Chair Distinguished Visiting Professor of Sociology, Georgetown University
2018-2020 Director of Urban Studies and Administration of Justice, University of Pittsburgh
2016-Present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
2010-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

Secondary Appointments School of Social Work
Department of History
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
Faculty Fellow Center on Race and Social Problems
Honors College

2014-Present Senior Fellow, Yale Ethnography Project, Yale University.

OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018-2019 Visiting Distinguished Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Trento, Italy.
2017-2018 Visiting Associate Professor/Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for African American Urban Studies & the Economy, Carnegie Mellon University.
2013-2014 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Waisman Center for Childhood Psychopathology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
2009-2010 Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, Wesleyan University Center for Prison Education, Cheshire Correctional Institution.
2007-2010 Associate Director, Urban Ethnography Project, Yale University.

2005-2007 Visiting Scholar, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.

BOOKS

- 2020 Rawls, Anne and Waverly Duck. *A Nation Divided: Interaction Orders of Race and the High Cost of "Tacit" Racism in Everyday Life*. University of Chicago Press.

A Nation Divided is about how Race in the United States has become deeply embedded in the taken-for-granted structures of day-to-day interaction, producing tacit forms of racism that go on every day – yet remain hidden. The book is also about the high cost of racism and inequality more generally. We identify a set of interrelated phenomena we call “Interaction Orders of Race”, “Fractured Reflections” and “Submissive Civility” that provide novel ways of understanding race in everyday interactions.

- 2015 Duck, Waverly. *No Way Out: Precarious Living in the Shadow of Poverty and Drug Dealing*. University of Chicago Press.

No Way Out is an ethnographic study of the role drug dealing plays in a poor urban neighborhood where it is a principal occupation. Rather than viewing drug dealing, along with graffiti, vacant lots, violence, and decaying housing, as signs of disorder, I argue that the local code of conduct that develops around drug dealing is ordered in ways that shape the character of the community for all residents. In this small urban space, drug dealers are not outsiders; they are long-term residents, well integrated into community life. Their work practices place requirements on behavior in public spaces that impact the whole neighborhood.

* Selected for Author Meets Critics Session at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Seattle, Washington, 2017.

* Selected for Author Meets Critics Session at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington, 2016.

* Finalist, C. Wright Mills Book Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems 2016.

BOOKS IN PROGRESS (*student co-authors)

Duck, Waverly. *When Poverty Clashes with Gentrification: The "Food Oasis"*

While many poor urban Black American neighborhoods lack access to a grocery store, East Liberty, a majority poor working class Black neighborhood in Pittsburgh, has the largest cluster of grocery stores in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. This book reports on a mixed methods study of a Black urban community that uses stakeholder interviews, site observations, and GIS mapping to explain the development of what I call a “food oasis”: a concentration of seven supermarkets within a quarter mile radius that resulted from gentrification. In contrast to “food deserts” (neighborhoods without access to food), the conception of a food oasis has received little attention, despite being a critical aspect of gentrification. The analysis is grounded on political and economic theory in combination with analysis of the dynamics of the local neighborhood Interaction Order. I argue that

the food oasis in East Liberty is not only the result of gentrification, but continues to drive further gentrification at the expense of the original neighborhood residents. Rather than making food available to the original residents, the new upscale supermarkets actually exclude them, and in attempting to protect own their exclusivity they even place longtime residents in danger. I show that a public-private growth coalition facilitated the formation of a dense urban cluster of supermarkets that caters to the interests of the higher-income community that surrounds East Liberty, with the original residents bearing the costs but not enjoying the benefits of regional economic growth.

Anticipated Completion Date: December 2020

Duck, Waverly, Devin Rutan* and Shane Seeloff*. *Steel City Mayor: Pittsburgh's Renaissance under Mayor Thomas J. Murphy.*

Mayor Murphy is credited with many of the economic, political, and social changes that transformed Pittsburgh from a declining manufacturing hub based on iron and steel into an economic powerhouse centered on hospitals, universities, pharmaceutical firms, research centers, and tech firms. We ask: (1) How did Pittsburgh make the transition from depressed rust belt city to vibrant urban center? (2) What was the role of neoliberal policies in Pittsburgh's transformation? (3) What lessons can be learned for other mid-size cities that are going through a decline? We argue that Mayor Murphy's career in the Peace Corps, his role as a Pittsburgh community organizer, his time as a State Representative, and his position as a corporate executive at Alcoa in the 1990's gave him extensive knowledge that was helpful in dealing with multiple city "publics." We also argue that he used his career to identify power-brokers in these different publics, giving them jobs in his administration when he became mayor.

Anticipated Completion Date: March 2020.

Duck, Waverly. *Ethnographies: A Multicultural History of Urban Ethnography.*

This book considers the history, epistemology, and practice of ethnography. Throughout the history of ethnography, women and scholars of color have contributed classic works on marginal and minority communities, the women's movement, racial injustice, and other important social justice issues. However, the domination of statistics in social science since WWII has marginalized ethnography, with the effect of silencing these voices. Important ethnographies by minority, female and marginalized scholars like W.E.B. Du Bois, Jane Adams, Zora Neale Hurston, Horace Cayton, St. Clair Drake, Erving Goffman, Joyce Ladner, and Laud Humphries are largely untaught. The book addresses such topics as research ethics and the notable contributions of women, queer scholars, and people of color. It also deconstructs the methods, theories, and cultures of scholarship that have alternately popularized and denied the contributions of ethnographic research.

Anticipated Completion Date: December of 2021.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2018 Rawls, Anne, Waverly Duck, and Jason Turowetz. Problems Establishing Identity/Residency in a City Neighborhood during a Black/White Police-citizen Encounter: Reprising Du Bois' Conception of Submission as "Submissive Civility." *City and Community* 17(4): 1015-1015.
- 2017 Duck, Waverly. "The Complex Dynamics of Trust and Legitimacy: Understanding Interactions between the Police and Poor Black Neighborhood Residents." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 673(1): 132-149.
- 2017 Rawls, Anne and Waverly Duck. "Fractured Reflections of High Status Black Male Presentations of Self: Non-Recognition of Identity as a Barrier to Exercising Legitimate Authority." *Sociological Focus* 50(1): 36-51.
- *2018 Best Article of the Year Award from the North Central Sociological Association.
- 2016 Zuberi, Anita, Waverly Duck, Robert Graddeck, and Richard Hopkinson. "Neighborhoods, Race, and Health: Assessing the Relationship between Health Disparities and Neighborhood Distress in the City of Pittsburgh." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 3(4): 546-563.
- 2016 Duck, Waverly. "Becoming a Neighborhood Drug Dealer: Local Interaction Orders and Criminal Careers." *Critical Sociology* 42(7-8): 1069-1085.
- 2012 Duck, Waverly. "Precarious Living: Getting by on Even Less." *The American Academy of Political and Social Science* 642(1): 124-138.
- 2012 Duck, Waverly and Anne Rawls. "Interaction Orders of Drug Dealing Spaces: Local Orders of Sensemaking in a Poor Black American Place." *Crime, Law and Social Change* 57(1): 33-75.
- 2010 Ly, Carolyn* and Waverly Duck. "The West Branch, More Than a Library: Understanding a Neighborhood Library's Local Relevance." *Perspectives on Urban Education* 7(10): 22-30.
- 2009 Duck, Waverly. "'Senseless' Violence: The Sense to be Made of Murder." *Ethnography* 10(4): 417-434.
- 2009 Duck, Waverly. "Black Male Sexual Politics: Avoidance of HIV/AIDS Testing as a Masculine Health Practice." *Journal of African American Studies* 13(3): 283-306.

* Findings reported in USA Today and United Press International.

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Duck, Waverly and Anne Rawls. “Developing a White “Double Consciousness” of Race and Marginality: Implications of Du Bois and Garfinkel for the Scientific Awareness of Interaction Orders.” (Under Review).

Duck, Waverly. “A Food Oasis as Gentrification: A Case Study of East Liberty, Pittsburgh”. (Under Review)

Duck, Waverly, Devin Rutan*, and Randall Walsh. “Food Deserts and Food Oases: A Geographic Assessment of Grocery Access in American Cities.”

Duck, Waverly and Charles Lemert. “Intersectional Confusion: The Sociology of Anna Julia Cooper.”

Duck, Waverly, Trini Stickle and Doug Maynard. “Autistic Spectrum Disorder: Responses to Standardized Emotion Questions”.

Duck, Waverly and Jeffrey Zikmund*. “Du Bois’ Urban Sociology Contribution Revisited: The Impact of Du Bois’ Scholarship on James, Simmel, Park and Weber.”

BOOK CHAPTERS

2020 Duck, Waverly and Mitchell Kiefer*. “Interaction Order as Cultural Sociology.” In Richard Ocejio (ed.), *Urban Ethnography: Legacies and Challenges (Research in Urban Sociology Volume 16)*. London: Emerald Publishing.

2018 Stickle, Trini, Waverly Duck, and Douglas Maynard. “Children’s Use of ‘I Don’t Know’ During Clinical Evaluations for Autism Spectrum Disorder: Responses to Emotion Questions.” In Michelle O’Reilly (ed.), *A Practical Guide to Doing Social Interaction Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD): Communication, Discourse, and Conversation Analysis*. Palgrave Macmillan.

2018 Rawls, Anne and Waverly Duck. “‘Fractured Reflections’ in Cooley’s Looking Glass: Non-Recognition of Self Presentation as Racialized Experience.” In Ramiro Martinez, Jr., Meghan E. Hollis, and Jacob Stowell (eds.), *The Handbook on Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Justice*. London: Wiley-Blackwell.

2015 Duck, Waverly and Karl Gibson*. “Health and Wellness for Young Men of Color.” In Valire Carr Copeland (ed.), *Contemporary Issues for People of Color: Surviving and Thriving in the U.S. Today (Volume 4): Health and Wellness*. Greenwood Publishers.

2008 Duck, Waverly. “Young, Black, and Male: The Life History of an American Drug Dealer Facing the Death Penalty.” In Elijah Anderson (ed.), *Against the Wall: Young, Black, Poor, and Male* (pp. 33-54). University of Pennsylvania Press.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2015 Zuberi, Anita, Waverly Duck, Rick Hopkinson*, and Bob Gradeck. "The Pittsburgh Neighborhood Distress and Health Study: Neighborhood Profiles." A Technical Report of the Center on Race and Social Problems, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 (Patricia Fernandez-Kelly) "The Hero's Fight: African Americans in West Baltimore and the Shadow of the State." *American Journal of Sociology* Vol., Issue, pages.
- 2015 (Zandria Robinson) "This Ain't Chicago: Race Class, and Regional Identity in the Post Soul South." *American Journal of Sociology* 121(1): 301-303.
- 2014 (Randol Contreras) "The Stickup Kids: Race, Violence, and the American Dream." *Sociological Forum* 29(4): 1024-1026.
- 2013 (Patrick Sharkey) "Stuck in Place: Urban Neighborhoods and the End of Progress toward Racial Equality." *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* 14(5): 475-476.
- 2013 (David Harding) "Living the Drama: Community, Conflict, and Culture among Inner-City Boys." *City and Community* 12(2): 180-181.
- 2012 (Gail Garfield) "Through Our Eyes: African American Men's Experience of Race, Gender, and Violence." *Contemporary Sociology* 41(2): 210-212.
- 2010 (John Rich) "Wrong Place, Wrong Time: Trauma and Violence in the Lives of Young Black Men." *The Griot* Vol., Issue no. 12-13.

GRANTS

- 2018 University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work, Pilot Award. \$10,000.
- 2017 "From Barely Making It to? Effects of Raising Wages Among Low-Wage Workers." University Pittsburgh College of Arts and Sciences Social Science Initiative Grant. \$50,000.
- 2014 Supplemental attachment to National Science Foundation project #1257065, "A Sociology of Testing, Diagnosis, and Autism Spectrum Disorder." Prof. Doug Maynard, P.I., to support my research on the project for one year.

- 2012 University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work. Awarded stipend and Research Assistant. \$500.
- 2012 University of Pittsburgh. Third Term Type II Research Stipend. \$3,400.
- 2012 “Neighborhoods, Race, and Health: Assessing the Relationship between Health Disparities and Neighborhood Distress in the City of Pittsburgh.” University of Pittsburgh, Center on Race and Social Problems. Pilot Award. Co-Investigator with Anita Zuberi. \$8,000.
- 2011 University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work. Award and Research Assistant. \$500.
- 2011 University of Pittsburgh, School of Arts and Sciences. Third Term Research Stipend. \$4,000.
- 2011 “Interaction Orders of Drug Dealing Spaces: Local Orders of Sensemaking in a Poor Black American Place.” University of Pittsburgh, Center on Race and Social Problems. Pilot Grant Award. \$10,000.
- 2000 “Masculinity and Health over the Life Span.” National Institute of Aging and National Institute of Nursing. Co-Principal Investigator with Peter Lichtenberg. \$48,000.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 “Neighborhoods, Race, and Health: Assessing the Relationship between Neighborhood Distress and Maternal Health in Pittsburgh,” with Anita Zuberi and Robert Gradeck. Urban Affairs Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 “From White to Black, From Middle Class to Poor: How an Urban Neighborhood Changed.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Assoc. Denver, CO.
- 2012 “Social Policy, the State, and the Poor: An Ethnographic Examination of Policy Intersections in an Impoverished Urban Neighborhood.” Urban Affairs Association National Conference. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2011 “‘Fractured Reflections’ of Self Presentation: Racialized Experience as Confrontation in Cooley’s Looking Glass,” with Anne Rawls. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2009 “Senseless Violence: Making Sense of Murder.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 “Ethnographic Portrait of a Neighborhood in the Era of Economic Decline.” Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Association, Yale/Princeton Urban Ethnography Mini-Conference. Baltimore, MD.

- 2009 “The Orderliness of Neighborhood Disorder,” with Anne Rawls. Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Association. Baltimore, MD.
- 2008 “Code of the Street Revisited: On Becoming a Drug Dealer.” Annual Meetings of the Midwestern Sociological Association. St. Louis, MO.
- 2005 “The Social Situation of a Death Penalty Inmate.” Annual Conference of the Death Penalty Information Center, Annual Conference, Pittsburgh,

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “When a Local Interaction Order Clashes with Gentrification: A Community Study of a Food Oasis in the East End of Pittsburgh.” Northwestern University.
- 2018 “A Nation Divided: Interaction Orders of Race and the High Cost of “Tacit” Racism in Everyday Life.” European University Institute. Florence, Italy.
- 2018 “A Nation Divided: Interaction Orders of Race and the High Cost of “Tacit” Racism in Everyday Life.” Carnegie Mellon University. Pittsburgh PA.
- 2018 Presentations of NO WAY OUT: Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Carnegie-Mellon, University of Florida, University of Miami-Ohio, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Indiana-Purdue, University Pittsburgh-Johnston, and West Virginia University.
- 2015 “An Ethnographic Portrait of Drug Dealing and Policing in a Small Black Town.” University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, Social Psychology and Microsociology Workshop. Madison, WI.
- 2014 “Policing the Police: A Panel on the Ground Level.” University of Missouri. Department of Sociology, Black Studies Fall Conference. Columbia, MO.
- 2014 “Autism Spectrum Disorder: Responses to Standardized Emotions Questions.” Centre of Excellence in Intersubjectivity and Interaction. Helsinki, Finland.
- 2013 “Poor Women’s Coping Strategies in the Age of Welfare Reform.” University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Women’s Studies, Colloquium Speaker. Madison, WI.
- 2012 “Why do Middle Class Residents Remain in Poor Communities?” University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, Urban Ethnography Colloquium. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2012 “Why do Middle Class Residents Remain in Improvised Spaces?” Campus-wide lecture, National Conference on Inequality, Yale University. New Haven, CT.

- 2011 “Why do Middle Class People Stay in Violent Urban Spaces?” Campus-wide lecture, Southern Connecticut University. New Haven, CT.
- 2010 “An Ethnographic Portrait of a Precarious Life.” National Conference on Ethnography in Urban Spaces, Yale University. New Haven, CT.
- 2010 “Ethnography and the Iconic Ghetto.” Stockholm University-Stockholm, Department of Sociology. Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2010 “Drug Dealing Careers and the Interactional Order of a Neighborhood.” University of California-Santa Barbara, Department of Sociology. Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2010 “Drug Dealing and the Interactional Order of a Space.” University of California-Riverside, Department of Sociology, Colloquium Speaker. University of California Riverside. Riverside, California.
- 2009 “Social Situation of Dealers and Addicts.” Invited Lecture. Psychiatric Fellows, Yale University School of Medicine. New Haven, CT.
- 2009 “Becoming a Drug Dealer and Code of the Street Revisited.” Invited Lecture. Northeastern University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. Boston, MA.
- 2006 “Context of Choices, Rational Choice and the Death Penalty.” Young, Black, Male and Poor Conference, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.

TEACHING and ADVISING

Courses Taught

Undergraduate:

Social Theory
 Introduction to Sociology
 Social Problems
 Marriage and Family
 Urban Sociology
 Social Change
 Qualitative Methods
 Capstone in Research Methods

Graduate:

Urban Ethnography
 Race and the City
 Politics and Culture
 Ethnography of the African American Experience
 Ethnography of Race, Space and Inequality
 Qualitative Methods

Undergraduate Mentoring/Faculty Advisor, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

Meera Sakthival (2019)

Shane Seeloff (2018)
Devin Rutan (2016)
Krystal Smith (2015)
Jayani Muniappan (2015)
Morgan Brenner (2015)
Luci Maracco (2015)
Alex Yawny (2015)
Connor Craston (2013)
Thomas McAuliffe (2013)
Jessica Phares (2013)
Margaret Simmons (2013)
Jeffrey Zikmund (2013)
Jennifer Burchart (2013)
Karl Whelen (2013)
Russell Ottalini (2013)
Maria Girardi (2012)
Pietra Bruni (2012)
Andrew Callahan (2012)
Thomas Helgerman (2012)
Christopher MacIntosh (2012)
Hetal Patel (2012)
Janel Terry (2012)
Dina Gold (2012)
Abigail Phillips (2011)
Elizabeth Golbert (2011)

MA Committees:

Allanah Casey	(Defended May 2019)
Ray Kanemoto	(Defended December 2015)
Samantha Plummer	(Defended May 2015)
Daniel Burridge	(Defended May 2016)

Ph.D. Committee Chair:

Ervin Dyer	(Defended April 2015)
Mitchell Keifer	
Ellen Eckert	

Ph.D. Committee Member:

Patrice Collins (Yale University)
Joshua McDermontt
George Weddington
Ambrose Curtis
Suzie Wagner

Chandler Curry	(Defended November 2019)
Oscar Patrón	(School of Education, Defended May 2019)
Hatem Hassan	(Defended December 2018)
John Cuda	(Defended December 2017)
Mohammad Mozumder	(Defended May 2017)
Jeffrey Tienes	(Defended May 2017)
Carolyn Zook	(Defended May 2016)
Daphane Henry	(Dept. of Psychology, Defended December 2016)
Ashley Hall	(Dept. of Communication, Defended April 2015)
Esther Kim	(Yale University, Department of Sociology, Defended April 2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committees:

2018-Present	Faculty Representative, University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees.
2018-Present	Chair: Cultural Studies Advisory Board.
2016-Present	Arts and Science Diversity Committee, University of Pittsburgh.
2018-Present	Board of Trustees Member: Carnegie Library System. City of Pittsburgh.
2017-Present	Faculty Advisory: Junia Howell.
2014-Present	Chair: Economic Disparities Research Advisory Panel. Center for Race and Social Problems.
2018-2019	Community Engagement Center Internal Advisory Council.
2018-2019	Board Member: Just Arts. Heinz Foundation.
2018-2019	Teaching Mentor: Joshua McDermott
2017-2019	Organizer. Poverty Section. American Sociological Association.
2018-2019	Robert Park Book Award Committee. American Sociological Association.
2019	Chaired the Search Committee for Urban Studies Lecturer
2019	Chaired the Search Committee for Coordinator of Administration of Justice
2018	Chaired the Search Committee for Director of Administration of Justice
2018	Chaired the Search Committee for Coordinator for Administration of Justice
2014-2016	Undergraduate Advisory Committee. Dept. Sociology, University of Pittsburgh.
2012-Present	Urban Studies Advisory Committee, University of Pittsburgh.
2012-Present	Board Member: Quantum Theater. Pittsburgh, PA.
2016-2018	Organizer: Co-Program Coordinator. Racial Democracy Criminal Justice Network. January
2010-2018	Reviewer: IRB Scientific Review and Research Ethics Coordinator, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh.
2016-2017	Co-Chair, Year of Diversity Committee. Provost's University-Wide Grants Initiative to Support and Develop Diversity and Inclusion Across the University of Pittsburgh: Main and Five Regional Campuses.
2016-2017	Social Science Paper Assessment Committee, University of Pittsburgh.
2016-2017	Department of Sociology Graduate Committee, University of Pittsburgh.
2014	Discussant: Section on Urban Sociology. Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.

- 2012 Speaker Coordinator, “Presentations and Workshop on Power, Resistance and Social Change: Culture and Politics.” Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Pittsburgh.
- 2009 Associate Director, “Urban Ethnography Workshop.” Yale University.
- 2009 Presider, Section on “Ethnography Methodology.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 Organizer, “Urban Ethnography Conference.” Yale University.
- 2008 Crime and Communities. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2006 Organizer and Presenter, “Young Black, Male, and Poor: A Case for National Action?” Penn Institute for Urban Research, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2004 Co-President, Sociology Graduate Student Organization. Wayne State University.
- 2001 President, Sociology Graduate Student Organization. Wayne State University.

Memberships

American Sociological Association
 Eastern Sociological Society
 Association of Black Sociologists
 American Society of Criminology
 Society for the Study of Social Problems
 American Anthropological Society

Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology
 American Journal of Cultural Sociology
 Critical Sociology
 Black Studies
 Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
 Social Problems
 Sociological Forum
 City and Community
 Journal of Contemporary Sociology
 University of Pittsburgh Press
 University of Chicago Press
 California University Press
 Oxford University Press
 NYU Press
 Columbia University Press

Editorial Boards

2018-Present	City and Community
2015-Present	Critical Sociology
2016-Present	Sociological Theory
2015-Present	Sociological Forum

RESEARCH/TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

2014	National Science Foundation project #1257065, "A Sociology of Testing, Diagnosis, and Autism Spectrum Disorder." Prof. Doug Maynard, P.I.
2014	Morse Fellowship. University of Wisconsin Madison. Honorary society of interdisciplinary researchers committed to the social scientific study of developmental psychopathology.
2005	Lindback Minority Career Enhancement Research Fellow.
2002	National Institute on Aging Pre-doctoral Trainee, Wayne State University, Institute of Gerontology.
2001	National Gerontological Society of America Doctoral Student Leadership Development Fellow.
2001	American Association of Higher Education (AAHE) Grant Award.
2001	Wayne State University Medical School Research Competition, Second Place Poster Award.
2000-2004	Pre-doctoral Trainee, National Institute on Aging, Wayne State University.
2000	King, Chavez, Parks Post-Baccalaureate Fellow, Wayne State University.
1998	Wayne State University Minority Top Achiever Award Recipient.
1998	Wayne State University Post Baccalaureate Fellow.
1995	National Science Scholar.
1995	Rosa Park Scholarship Recipient.
1995	Connecticut College Unity Scholar Award Recipient.

TRAINING/WORKSHOPS

- 2012 Selected to participate in the Crime and Justice Research Institute at Ohio State University. Funded by the National Science Foundation and Ohio State University, the institute promotes successful research projects and careers among faculty from under-represented groups working in areas of crime and criminal justice. Housing, office space, research expenses, and stipend were provided over a three-week residency period.
- 2012 Selected to participate in the Scholars Network on Black Masculinity, which works toward improving the well-being of African American Men. The network of scholars, through funding from the National Science Foundation, participates in workshops and conferences to engage in public outreach and the dissemination of research findings to government, media, and non-profits.
- 2012 Selected to participate in the University of Pittsburgh, Office of the Provost Faculty Diversity Seminar.
- 2011 Completed the University of Pittsburgh School of Arts and Sciences undergraduate studies faculty seminar, entitled "Speaking in the Discipline," which focused on speaking in the classroom. I developed course materials incorporating oral communication for both urban sociology and social change.
- 2011 Attended a one-day workshop where I learned the basic essentials of GIS (Geographic Information System). Training was provided by New Urban Research, Inc. I developed a GIS component for my urban sociology course using Pittsburgh Neighborhood and Community Information Systems (PNCIS) data.
- 2002 Schuessler Institute of Social Research, Indiana University. Selected to attend a two-week training workshop on Conversational Analysis and Ethnomethodology with Doug Maynard. The training focused on theory and the practical application of ethnomethodology and conversational analysis.
- 2001 Michigan Center for Urban African-American Aging Research (MCUAAAR). Selected to attend the two-day training workshop sponsored by Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. Topics included: qualitative and quantitative methods, grant writing techniques, recruitment of elders, and measurement issues.
- 2001 National Institute on Aging (NIA) Technical Assistance Workshop on Aging for Emerging Investigators and Students. Selected to attend the two-day training workshop sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, NIA, in Chicago. Participated in sessions focused on recruitment of elderly populations, methods, data analysis, and grant writing.