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Curriculum Vitae

Inclusive Excellence Postdoctoral Researcher
Department of Sociology
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Education:

- Ph.D. **University of Pittsburgh**
Sociology (conferred July 2022)
Dissertation title: “Becoming Black Lives Matter: Racial Change and the Emergence of Black Movements”
Committee: Suzanne Staggenborg (Chair), Joshua Bloom, Michael Murphy, Pamela Oliver (Professor Emerita University of Wisconsin Department of Sociology)
- M.A. **St. John’s University**
Government and Politics (2014), Concentration in International Relations
Certificate in International Law
Thesis: Feminist Security and Women’s Participation in the PKK: A Call to Focus on Gender in Creating Insecurity
Advisors: Dr. Barbara Koziak; Dr. Fred Cocozzelli
- B.A. **University of Rochester**
International Relations (2012)
Minors in Arabic and Spanish
University of Jordan – Amman
Studied Modern Standard Arabic and Levantine Dialect (Spring 2011)

Peer Reviewed Publications:

- Weddington, George. "Political ontology and race research: A response to “critical race theory, afro-pessimism, and racial progress narratives”." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 5, no. 2 (2019): 278-288.
- Murphy, Michael Warren, George Weddington, and A. J. Rio-Glick. "Black Ecology and Critical Environmental Justice." *Environmental Justice* 14, no. 6 (2021): 393-397.
- Weddington, George. "Racial Change and Black Movement Emergence: A Case from the Black Lives Movement." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 26, no. 4 (2021): 443-455.

Research and Teaching Interests:

Black Studies, Organizational sociology, Black activism and social movements, Black Lives Matter and racial politics in the United States.

Service and Advising:

Refereed roundtable organizer and chair, “Social Sites of Cultural Difference,” at *American Sociological Association* 2021 annual conference.

Master’s thesis committee member for Libby Vigil, University of New Mexico Sociology

Other Publications and Book Reviews:

“The Fall of 2014: Recovering the Roots of the Black Lives Movement” blog post at *Race, Politics, Justice* online September 1, 2018.

<https://www.ssc.wisc.edu/soc/racepoliticsjustice/2018/09/01/the-fall-of-2014-recovering-the-roots-of-the-black-lives-movement/>

After Black Lives Matter: Policing and Anti-Capitalist Struggle by Cedric Johnson. Reviewed for *Mobilization* June 2023.

Awards and Honors:

New York State Political Science Association – Best Paper Award 2014

Paper title: “Expanding the debate on Human Security: The Kurdish Case”

K. Leroy Irvis Fellow 2014-2015 Academic Year

Recipient World History Center Graduate Travel Award Summer 2015

Recipient K. Leroy Irvis Summer Research Award Summer 2015 and Summer 2016

Recipient Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2017-2018 Academic Year

University of Pittsburgh Sociology Summer Research Fellowship Summer 2018

K. Leroy Irvis Fellow 2018-2019 Academic Year

Teaching Experience:

Teaching Fellow in Sociology Summer 2019: Social Theory

Teaching Fellow in Sociology Summer 2016: Global Sociology

Teaching Assistant in Statistics Spring 2016: Introduction to Statistics

Teaching Fellow Fall 2016: Wealth and Power

Research Assistant in Sociology Spring 2016: Assistant Editor for *The Journal on World-Systems Research*

Teaching Assistant in Sociology Fall 2015: Wealth and Power

Additional Conferences and Presentations:

“Lynching and the Undertheorization of Black Social Movements” presented at the American Contemporary Literature Association annual meeting March 18, 2023

“Organizing in and Against the Penal State” presented at the Notre Dame Center for the Study of Social Movements Young Scholars Conference May 3, 2019

“In the Shadow of the Prison: Police Brutality and Black Mobilization in the Movement for Black Lives” presented at The Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 9, 2018

“Organizing as Black Lives Matter” presented at *Mobilization* conference at San Diego State University on May 5, 2018

“Calling All Voices: Race, Inclusion, Expression, Protest, and Civility” panel at National Communications Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 13, 2016

“From Birmingham to Black Lives Matter” panel at University of Pittsburgh on October 20, 2016

“Intersectional Analysis of Social Movements: Beyond Organizations” presented at North Central Sociological Association 2016 annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois

“Race, Ideological Contention, and Organizational Change” accepted at *Mobilization* conference (canceled) at San Diego State University in 2020.

“Rethinking Repression and Protest Behavior: Liminal Sites in the Criminal Justice System” presented at Collective Behavior and Social Movements roundtable at *American Sociological Association* 2021 annual conference.

Research Experience:

Fieldwork – Black Lives Matter in Local Contexts

Conducting interviews with activists in Baltimore, Maryland and Albany, New York who have participated in the larger Black Lives Matter movement in their respective cities.

NAACP’s The Crisis Magazine

Archival analysis of early issues of *The Crisis* – the NAACP’s flagship publication in order to recover the movement organization’s research methods around lynching.

Professional Affiliations:

American Sociological Association

Sections: Section on Race and Ethnic Minorities, Collective Behavior and Social Movements

References:

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