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Education

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Sociology granted June 1997.
Harvard University, M.A. in Sociology granted March 1994.
Princeton University, B.A. in Politics granted June 1991.

Professional Experience

2019-present

Professor of Sociology, *Boston College*
Courtesy Appointment: Department of African and African Diaspora Studies

Chair, Global and Transnational Section, American Sociological Association (2020-2021)

2005-2019

Associate Professor of Sociology, *Boston College*
Courtesy Appointment: Department of African and African Diaspora Studies

2008-2011

Chairperson, Department of Sociology, *Boston College*

2003-2005

Associate Professor of Sociology and African Studies,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Faculty member of Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois
(August 2000-2005)

Faculty member, Department of African-American Studies, University of Illinois (August
2003-2005)

1997-2003

Assistant Professor of Sociology and African Studies,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1997-2000

Research Associate, *Human Sciences Research Council*, Pretoria South Africa

1996-1997

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, *University of Cape Town*

Publications

Books

Another Sociology is Possible: Slavery, Colonialism and the (Re)making of the Classical Canon. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (forthcoming)

Bringing the Empire Home: Race, Class and Gender in Britain and Colonial South Africa. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004.

Edited Books

Race, Gender and the Status of Black South African Women in the Academy
Pretoria: University of South Africa Press, 2004. [with Reitu Mabokela]

Postmodernity, Postcoloniality, and African Studies. Trenton: Africa World Press, 2003.

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Articles

2025

“Of Ghosts and Ghostwriters: How the History of Sociology Complicates Our Understanding of Critical Race Theory and the ‘War on Woke’.” *The Pluralist* 20 (1): 58-82.

2023

“Whiteness and Racial Capitalism: to whom do the “wages of whiteness” accrue?” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 46(4): <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2022.2143718>

“The Class Politics of Race.” *Catalyst* 7(2): 110-130.

2022

“Poverty, Race, and the Land: The Carnegie Study on Poverty in 1930s South Africa.” *Oppositional Conversations* (March 29): <http://www.oppositionalconversations.org/issue-vii-land/2022/3/7/poverty-race-and-land-the-carnegie-study-on-the-poor-white-question-in-1930s-south-africa>

“Contemporary Race Theory and the Problem of History.” *NonSite* 39 (May 11): <https://nonsite.org/issues/issue-39-art-race-theory-practice/>

2016

“American Sociology’s Racial Ontology: Remembering Slavery, Deconstructing Modernity, and Charting the Future of Global Historical Sociology.” *Cultural Sociology* 10(3): 369-384.

2014

“Science, Reform, and the ‘science of reform’: Booker T. Washington, Robert Park, and the making of a ‘science of society’.” *Current Sociology* 62(4): 568-583.

“Spectacles and Scholarships: Caster Semenya, Intersex Studies, and the Problem of Race in Feminist Theory” *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 39 (3): 761-786

2013

“Common Skies: Divided Horizons: Sociology, Race, and Postcolonial Studies.” *Political Power and Social Theory*. Volume 24 (1): 81-116.

2012

“Sports, Race, Sex, and Shame: Rethinking Caster Semenya.” *Oppositional Conversations* Issue 1 (Winter 2012).

2010

“The Impact of Obama’s Election on Democracy and Governance Discourse in Africa.” *Africa Institute of South Africa Policy Brief*. No. 14 (February): 1-6.

2009

“Can we as Mothers Not Take Our Fight to the Enemy?”: The Politics of Motherhood in South African Autobiography.” *Cross Cultural Poetics*: 48-75.

“American Philanthropy and African Education: African Students in the Metropolis in the 1960s.” *African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal*. Vol. 2 No. 1 (January): 43-53.

2008

“The American Construction of the Poor White Problem in South Africa: The Carnegie Commission Report on ‘Poor Whiteism’ in South Africa.” *South Atlantic Quarterly*. 107: 4 (Fall): 694-715.

“The Mammy and the Panopticon: African American Women in the Self-Help Movement.” *Race, Gender & Class*. Vol. 15, No. 1-2: 220-236.

“The (Product Red Man’s Burden): Charity, Celebrity and the Contradictions of Coevalness.” *Journal of Pan-African Studies*. Vol. 2, No. 6: 1-25.

2007

“Oprah in South Africa: The Politics of Coevalness and the Creation of a Black Public Sphere.”
Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies. 8: 4 (October): 373-394.

2004

“The Revolution Betrayed? Globalization, Neoliberalism, and the Post-Apartheid State.” *South Atlantic Quarterly* 103: 4 (Fall): 659-673.

2003

“Call Me America”: The Construction of Race, Identity, and History in Henry Louis Gates’ *Wonders of the African World*.” *Cultural Studies and Critical Methodologies*. Vol. 3 No. 3 (August): 247-270.

2002

“Black Skin, White Masks: Black Masculinity in the Postmodern Age” *Men and Masculinities* Vol. 4 No. 3 (January): 233-257.

“Globalization and the South African Transformation: The Impact on Social Policy” *Africa Today* Volume 49 No. 4 (Winter): 89-112.

“Mines, Minstrels, and Masculinity: Race, Class, Gender and the Formation of the South African Working Class, 1870-1900” *Journal of Men’s Studies* Vol. 10 no. 3 (Spring): 271-289.

“American Revolution: From the Electoral Gap to the Banana Republic” *Cultural Studies and Critical Methodologies* 2.2 (May): 210-241.

“Dr. Gates We Presume?: A Critique of *Wonders of the African World*.” *Chemchimi: International Journal of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences*. Vol. 2 (No. 1): 49-72.

2001

“Which Bodies Matter? Feminist Post-Structuralism, Race, and the Curious Theoretical Odyssey of the Hottentot Venus” *Gender and Society* Vol. 15 no. 6 (December): 816-834.

“The Resilient Importance of Race and Class: An Historical Sociological Interpretation” *Political Power and Social Theory* Vol. 14: 313-325.

1999

“Labour Laws and Stereotypes: Images of the Khoikhoi in the Cape in the Age of Abolition,” *South African Historical Journal* 35 (November): 115-134.

“Ideologies of Personhood: The Struggle for Christian Hegemony in the Cape Colony, 1820-1918” *Socialist Review* Vol. 27 no. 3/4 (Summer/ Fall): 1-27.

1997

“The Body of the Savage: Humanitarian Narratives, 1800-1827.” *Social Dynamics* Vol 23. No 1 (Winter): 1-27.

1994

“Rational Actors or Moral Economists: Gender Relations and the Peasant Family in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Ufahamu: Journal of the UCLA African Activists Association*. (Fall): 36-49.

Book Chapters

2024

“W.E.B. DuBois and Pan Africanism.”
Pp. 879-884 in *The Oxford Handbook of W.E.B. DuBois*, edited by Aldon Morris, Michael Schwartz, et al. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2020

“Decolonizing the Pre-History of African and African American Studies: Confronting Racism in the American Episteme.” In *From Ivory Towers to Ebony Towers: Transforming Humanities Curricula in South Africa, African, and African American Studies*, edited by OluwasenTella. (Johannesburg: University of Witwatersrand Press): 329-341.

“The Inter-connected Histories of South African and American Sociology: Knowledge in the Service of Colonial Violence.” In *Cultural Violence and the Destruction of Human Communities: New Theoretical Perspectives*, edited by Fatma Müge Göçek and Fiona Greenland. (New York: Routledge): 77-95.

“Stuart Hall: The Making of a Postcolonial Sociologist.” In *The Pan African Pantheon: Prophets, Poets, and Philosophers*, edited by Adekeye Adebajo. (Johannesburg: Witwatersrand University Press): 335-350.

2017

“Following the Deeds of Men: Slavery, ‘the Global’, and International Relations.” Pp. 101-123 in *Global Historical Sociology and International Relations*, edited by Julian Go and George Lawson. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2016

“The Politics of Gender in the ANC: Reflecting Back on Twenty Years.” In *Twenty Years of South African Democracy*, edited by Thembele Kempe. (Cape Town: University of Cape Town Press): 149-166.

2014

“The Black Man’s Burden: African American Celebrities and Philanthropy.” In *U.S-Africa Relations: From Clinton to Obama*, edited by Cassandra Rachel Veney (New York: Rowman & Littlefield): 149-168.

2013

“Women and the Struggle for Gender Inclusivity During the South African Transition, 1990-1994.” In *The Road to Democracy in South Africa*, Volume 5, edited by South African Democracy Education Trust. (Pretoria: UNISA Press): 3-52.

“Saviors and Survivors: Western Passivity, African Resistance, and the Politics of Genocide in *Hotel Rwanda*.” In *Genocide in Film*, edited John Michalczyk (New York: Peter Lang): 220-225.

2010

“I’m Real Black When I Wanna Be: Examining J.Lo’s Racial Assets.” In *Black Berries and Redbones: Critical Articulations of Black/Hair Body Politics in Africana Communities*, edited by Regina Spillers and Kimberly R. Moffitt. (Virginia: Hampton University Press): 245-260.

“Attitudes Towards Feminism Among Women in the ANC 1950-1990: A Theoretical Interpretation.” In *The Road to Democracy in South Africa*, Volume 4, edited by South African Democracy Education Trust. (Pretoria: UNISA Press): 975-1036.

2009

“Ethnographic Showcases as Sites of Indigenous Knowledge Production and Resistance.” In *Contesting Knowledge: Museums and Indigenous Perspectives*, edited by Susan Sleeper-Smith. (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press): 45-64.

“The Boundaries of Blackness: African American Culture and the Making of a Black Public Sphere in Colonial South Africa.” In *Empires and Boundaries: Rethinking Race, Class, and Gender in Colonial Settings*, edited by Harald Fischer Tiné and Susanne Gehrman. (New York: Routledge): 214-234.

2006

“Globalization and Gangster Rap: Hip Hop in the post Apartheid City” in *The Vinyl Ain’t Final: Hip Hop and the Globalization of Black Popular Culture*, edited by Sid Lemelle and Dipa Basu. (London: Pluto Press): 208-229.

“Africana Sociology: A Critical Journey from Pluralism to Postcolonialism.” In *Transnational and Transdisciplinary Studies: The African Challenge*, edited by Paul T. Zeleza. (Paris/Senegal: CODESRIA Press): 62-74.

2005

“Overlapping Territories and Intertwined Histories: Historical Sociology’s Global Imagination” in *Remaking Modernity: Politics, History, Sociology*, edited by Julia Adams, Elisabeth S. Clemens, and Ann S. Orloff (Durham: Duke University Press): 92-108.

“Mazrui as Debater: Passion, Power, and Polemic in Africanist Scholarship” in *The Mazruiana Collection Revisited: Ali A. Mazrui Debating the African Condition*,” edited by Abdul Samed Bemath. (London: New Dawn Press, Inc.): 338-353.

2004

“Globalization and Africa’s Intellectual Engagements” in *The Ideological Dimensions of Globalization* edited by Manfred B. Steger (New York: Rowman & Littlefield): 165-178.

2003

“Celts, Simians, Savages, Skulls, and Sex” in *Race, Nature, and the Politics of Difference* ed. Donald Moore, Jake Kosek and Anand Pandian. Durham: Duke University Press): 99-121.

2002

“The Impact of African American Cultural Practices on South Africa.” In *Leisure in Urban Africa* edited by Paul T. Zeleza. Trenton: Africa World Press: 297-319.

Book Reviews/Review Essays

2023

“Exposing the Conjuror’s Tricks: Barbara Fields’s Sociological Imagination.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 9(1): 128-132.

2022

“The Sociology of W.E.B. DuBois.” *Sociological Forum* 37(2): 655-662.

2018

“The Scholar Celebrated: The Work of W.E.B. Dubois—Black Folk Then and Now.” *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* 4(1): 163-164.

2017

“Towards an Ungovernable Social Theory: Postcolonial Thought, Social Theory, and the Coloniality of the Present.” *Trajectories: Newsletter of the Comparative and Historical Sociology Section* 28(3): 49-53.

2016

Review of Revathi Krishnaswamy, and John C. Hawley 'The Postcolonial and the Global.' *The Cambridge Journal of Postcolonial Literary Inquiry* 30(1): 162-163.

2015

“Beyond the Nation State and the Comparative Method?” Decolonizing the Sociological Imagination.” *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*. 44(1): 14-17.

“Remembering Bernard Magubane: Postcolonial Activist and Scholar.” *Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies* 16 (2): 205-209

2013

“The White Man’s World” by Bill Schwarz. *History: Review of New Books* 41(2): 64-65.

“Brand Aid: Shopping Well to Save the World.” *African Studies Review* 56(2): 214-216.

2010

“Between Good and Ghetto: African American Girls and Inner City Violence,” by Nikki Brown. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 39: 583-585.

2009

“Worries of the Heart: Family and Community in Kenya.” By Kenda Mutongi. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol. 114, No. 4 (January): 1229-31.

2008

“Race and Multiraciality in Brazil and the United States: Converging Paths?” by Reginald Daniel. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol. 113, No. 4 (January): 1219-21.

2007

“Not White Enough Not Black Enough: Racial Identity in The South African Coloured Community” by Mohamed Adhikari and “Walking a Tightrope: Towards a Social History of the Coloured Community of Zimbabwe” by James Muzondidya. *African Studies Review* Vol.50, No. 1 (April): 177-179.

2006

“Stitches on Time: Colonial Textures and Postcolonial Tangles,” by Saurabh Dube. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol. 111, No 5 (March): 1601-2.

2002

“Science and Society in Southern Africa” by Saul DuBow. *Current Anthropology* Vol. 43 No. 5 (December): 823-825.

1999

“Beyond Inequalities: Women in South Africa, Tanzania, and Malawi,” *Counterpoise* (October): 64-65

“Rugby and the South African Nation,” by David Black, *Africa Today*. Vol 46: No.3/4 (Summer/Autumn): 225-226

“Warmth of the Welcome: The Social Causes of Economic Success for Immigrants in Different Nations and Cities,” by Jeffrey G. Reitz. *Social Forces* Vol. 77 no. 4 (June): 1629-1630.

“Changing Gender Relations in Southern Africa: Issues of Urban Life,” by Anita Larson. *Counterpoise* Vol. 3 no. 3 (April): 35-36.

1998

“What Racists Believe” by Gerhard Schutte and “Ethnicity in Focus” by Simon Bekker. *Social Dynamics* Vol. 23 No. 1 (Spring): 133-139.

1997

“Beyond the Masks.” *Agenda* (No 32): 17-23.

Newspaper/Op-ed

2017

“The Cautionary Tales and Complicated Legacies of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.” *WBUR Cognosceți* (March 9)

2009

“Hair Raising.” *Boston Globe Magazine* (March 22): 15.

“Are you the Nanny? Raising Bi-Racial Children.” *Mamas & Papas* (March & April): 108-11.

“Your Pregnancy Your Way.” *Mamas & Papas* (March & April): 42-43.

“A Grand Plan.” *Boston Globe Magazine* (May 17): 23.

2008

“Just Call Me Wingmom.” *Boston Globe Magazine*. (February 17): 38.

“Ladies Who Launch.” *Lola Magazine*. (August): 36-40.

2007

“Brand the Beloved Country: Africa in Celebrity Culture Post 9/11.” *CODESRIA Bulletin* No. 1 & 2 (2007): 4-8.

“A Brief Look at U.S. Soccer and the Road to 2010.” *Boston Globe* (November 27, 2007): (online edition)

“Why ‘nappy’ is offensive.” *Boston Globe* (April 12, 2007): A9

“Africa Script Needs Rewrite.” *Chicago Tribune* (June 13, 2007): 25

2006

“The Development of Underdevelopment” *The Toronto Star* (August 13, 2006): D3

2001

“Re-presenting Slavery, Re-Representing Race and Misrepresenting Africa.” *Codesria Bulletin* No. 3 & 4 (2001): 2-5.

Reference Material

2011

“Cinema.” In *The Encyclopedia of South Africa*. (Boulder CO: Lynne Rienner) 65-68.

2008

“Colonialism, Postcolonialism, and Transculturation: Remaking the Notion of ‘Center’ and ‘Periphery’.” In *Spier Contemporary Art Catalogue: Exhibition & Awards*. (Cape Town: Africa Centre Publishing): 21-24.

2007

“Postcolonialism.” In *The New Encyclopedia of Africa*, 2nd Edition. London: Charles Scribners.

2005

“The Black Atlantic” In *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas* (London: Charles Scribner’s Sons).

2002

“Colonial Society.” In *Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century African History* (New York: Routledge).

“Sex and Sexuality.” In *Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century African History* (New York: Routledge).

2000

“Robert Baden Powell.” *Encyclopedia of Nationalism: Leaders, Movements, and Concepts* (New York: Academic Press).

“Boer Nationalism.” *Encyclopedia of Nationalism: Leaders, Movements, and Concepts* (New York: Academic Press).

“British Empire and Nationalism.” *Encyclopedia of Nationalism: Leaders, Movements, and Concepts* (New York: Academic Press).

“Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.” *Encyclopedia of Nationalism: Leaders, Movements, and Concepts* (New York: Academic Press).

“Thomas Carlyle.” *Encyclopedia of Nationalism: Leaders, Movements, and Concepts* (New York: Academic Press).

“Rudyard Kipling.” *Encyclopedia of Nationalism: Leaders, Movements, and Concepts* (New York: Academic Press).

“Cecil Rhodes.” *Encyclopedia of Nationalism: Leaders, Movements, and Concepts* (New York: Academic Press).

1998

“Ethnicity and Race.” *Sociology: First South African Edition*, edited by D. Popenos, P. Cunningham, and B. Boulton (South Africa: Prentice Hall): 203-221J

Reprints

2010

“Which Bodies Matter? Feminism, Post-Structuralism, Race, and the Curious Theoretical Odyssey of the ‘Hottentot Venus’”, in *Black Venus: They Called her ‘Hottentot’*, edited by Deborah Willis. Philadelphia: Temple University Press: 47-61.

2004

“Globalization and the South African Transformation: The Impact on Social Policy” in *Globalization and Social Policy in Africa*, edited by Tade Akin Aina, Chachage Seithy L. Chachage and Elisabeth Annan-Yao. Pretoria: University of South Africa Press: 47-66.

2001

“Labor Laws and Stereotypes: Images of the Khoikhoi in the Age of Abolition.” In *Encounter Images in the Meetings Between Africa and Europe*, edited by Mai Palmberg. Uppsala: Nordic Africa Institute: 76-95.

Presentations

2024:

May: “W.E.B DuBois and Pan Africanism: The Impact of Decolonization on His Sociological Imagination.” Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland.

October: “Dependency Theory and Intersectionality: Perspectives from Sociology.” Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies, Bonn Germany.

2019

May: “Understanding the ‘pre-history’ of African and African-American Studies.” Rupture and Relation: A Workshop on Black Critical Thought, Northwestern University, Evanston IL.

“Building the DuBoisian Intellectual Agenda.” DuBoisian Scholar Network 2nd Annual Convening, Brown University, Providence RI.

March: “De-Colonizing Sociology: Eastern Sociological Society Presidential Panel.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston MA.

“Decolonizing Sociology: The View From African and African Diaspora Studies.” Global Africa: African and African Diaspora Studies in the 21st Century, The African Institute, United Arab Emirates.

“A Contrapuntal Reading of Auguste Comte.” UMass-Amherst, Department of Sociology, Amherst MA.

“Decolonizing Auguste Comte.” University of Michigan, Department of Sociology, Ann Arbor MI.

2018

February: “Global Historical Sociology and the Postcolonial.” Politics and Social Change Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge MA.

May: “The Connected Histories of South African and American Sociology.” University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.

August: “Race, Coloniality, and the Sociological Imagination.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA.

“Racial Slavery, Colonialism, and Global White Supremacy.” American Sociological Association Annual meeting, Philadelphia PA.

August: "Decolonizing African and African American Studies." Institute for Pan African Thought and Conversation, Johannesburg, South Africa.

October: "Race, Epistemology, and the Sociological Cannon." Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

2017

November: "American Political Economy and the Production of Vulnerable Populations," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston MA

October: "The Politics of Time in International Relations: Historical Sociology and the Coloniality of Time," London School of Economics.

August: "Diaspora is Good to Think With: The Sociology of Race as a Challenge to Methodological Nationalism," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal Canada.

June: "Stuart Hall: Pan Africanism, Diaspora, and the Making of a Postcolonial Sociologist," Institute for Pan African Thought and Conversation, Johannesburg South Africa.

2016

Feb: "Is the 'New Racism' Really New?: A Postcolonial Perspective," Eastern Sociological Society, Boston MA.

"The Imperial History of Public Sociology." Presidential Panel: Eastern Sociological Society, Boston MA.

"MOOCs as Public Sociology," Eastern Sociological Society, Boston MA

June: "Decolonizing Sociology," Keynote South African Sociological Society, Grahamstown, South Africa.

Oct: "Color Blind Racism and the Problem of History," Brown University Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America," Providence RI.

"The American Construction of the Poor White Problem in South Africa," Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch South Africa.

"Darkness Made Visible: Uncovering Sociology's Racial Ontology," Wellesley College, Department of Sociology, Wellesley MA.

Nov: "Africa and the Social Sciences: Haiti, Africa, and the Making of a Science of Society," Dartmouth College Department of African and African American Studies, Hannover NH.

"Postcolonial Thought and Social Theory," Author Meets Critic, Social Science History Association, Chicago IL.

2015

May: "Sociology as Colonial Knowledge," Keynote Rhodes University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

April: "Decolonizing Sociology," Keynote Address, University of Cape Town, Van Zyl Slabbert Chair, Cape Town.

April: "Social Science and Colonialism," Keynote Address Stellenbosch University, Cape Town.

April: "Sexual Difference and the Construction of the Human: Bodies, Property, and Bodily Properties," Keynote Address, *Doing Human Conference*, Johannesburg.

2014

November: "The South African Women's Movement: Twenty Years On," Keynote Address, Carleton University, Institute of African Studies. Ottawa, Canada.

May: "Sexual Freedom and Gender Equality: Reflections on 20 Years of Continuing Struggle," Keynote Address, University of Toronto, Center for Critical Development Studies.

April: "The Postcolonial, New World, and Post Apartheid South Africa," Keynote Address, Department of Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania.

March: "Feminist Thought Leadership in Africa in the 21st Century." Keynote address for the Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute. Johannesburg, South Africa.

2013

October: "Science, Reform, and the Science of Reform." Keynote address for Africa Network. Denison University

2012

October: "Black Women, White Women, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission." University of Massachusetts, Amherst Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture.

March: "Rethinking Caster Semenya." McGill University, History Department.

April: "South African Women and the Struggle for Gender Inclusivity during the Transitions, 1990-1999. University of Texas, Austin. Center for African and African American Studies

2011

March: Sports, Race, Sex, and Shame: Rethinking Caster Semenya." University of Johannesburg, Department of Sociology.

2010

April: "Race, Class, Gender, and the Transnational Circulation of Sociological Knowledge," Center for Place, Culture, and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center.

March: "Gender and the Politics of Celebrity Activism," Department of Women's Studies/Africa & African Diaspora Studies, Florida International University.

March: "Sarah Baartmaan in Context," Tisch School of the Arts, New York University.

2009:

October: "Black Women in the South African Liberation Struggle," Watson Institute for International Affairs, Brown University

June: "Race, Class, Gender and the Transnational Circulation of Sociological Knowledge." Keynote Address, South African Sociological Association. Johannesburg, South Africa.

June: "Opening Up Epistemes," Department of International Affairs, Brown University, Providence, RI.

April: "Gender and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission." Wellesley College, Department of Anthropology, Wellesley, MA.

February: "Can We As Mothers Not Take Our Fight to The Enemy?: Gender and Resistance in Apartheid South Africa. Keynote Address, Spelman College, Atlanta GA.

January: "The American Construction of the Poor White Problem in South Africa: The Transnational Circulation of the Sociological Imagination." Department of Sociology, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg South Africa.

2008

June: "Keynote Address" (Mays Memorial Lecture) for UNCF/Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Mellon-Mays Fellowship Program. Emory University, Atlanta GA.

April: "No Freedom Without the Women": Women in the Anti-Apartheid Movement and Beyond." Keynote Address, Ursinus College.

March: "White Girls Behaving Badly: Women as Boundary Markers of Empire Post 9/11." Yale University, Department of Sociology

March: "Brand The Beloved Country: Africa in Celebrity Culture." Yale University, Center for Cultural Studies.

2007

October: "White Girls Behaving Badly: Reality TV and Gender Politics Post 9/11." University of Minnesota, American Studies.

September: "Ethnographic Showcases." Newberry Library, Chicago, IL. Newberry Library

June: "Africa in Celebrity Culture." University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago, IL.:

June: Keynote Address (Mays Memorial Lecture) for Social Science Research Council, Benjamin Elijah Mays Fellowship Program. Columbia University, New York.

April: "The Genocide in Rwanda." Bunker Hill Community College, Boston MA.

March: "South African Popular Culture." Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis.

March: "Angelina, Adoption, and Africa." Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY.

February: "From the Mommy Wars to the War on Terror: Women as Boundary Markers of Empire in the 21st Century." Boston University, Department of Sociology, Boston MA.

February: "Gender, Race, and Class in Popular Culture." MIT, Cambridge MA

2006

October: "New Directions in Diaspora Research." Workshop on African and African Diasporic Knowledges. University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.

September: "Race, Performance and Masculinity." Humboldt University. Berlin, Germany.

August: "Progress in Africa Reconsidered." 75th Annual Couchinching Conference. Couchinching Institute for Public Affairs. Toronto, Canada.

April: "What is African America to Me? Images of African Americans in the Black South African Imagination." Center for Black Diaspora Research. Depaul University, Chicago IL.

2002

December: "African Intellectuals and Globalization." Globalization Research Center at the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

April: "Race, Representation, and Performance in the Postmodern Age". Loyola University Chicago, Department of Sociology.

2001

March: "Which Bodies Matter? Feminism, Post-structuralism, Race, and the Curious Theoretical Odyssey of the 'Hottentot Venus'." Northwestern University Program in African Studies.

2000

February: "Celts, Simians, Savages, Skulls, and Sex." Berkeley Workshop on Environmental Politics. University of California at Berkeley

1999

- Nov: "Racist Images in Popular Culture: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives." National Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, Champaign IL.
- July: "Globalization and the Woman Question." 15th Annual Meeting of the Association for African Women on Research and Development. Dakar, Senegal.
- June: "Imagining the Colonial Community," Workshop on Race and the State, University of California at Berkeley.
- June: "Globalization and South African Democratization: Towards a Research Agenda." Human Sciences Research Council. Pretoria, South Africa.
- May: "Postmodernism and African Studies." 15th Annual Conference of Canadian African Studies Association." Toronto, Ontario.
- April: "Is the 'post' in Postcolonial the 'post' in Postmodern?" Binghamton University, Binghamton NY.

1998

- December: "Whither Postmodernism? Implications for the Study of Africa." CODESRIA 9th General Assembly. Dakar, Senegal.
- July: "Globalization and Postmodernity." Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria, South Africa.
- June: "Identity Politics without the Politics: The Debate Over Census 2000." University of Cape Town Department of Sociology "Identities in Transition Lecture Series." Cape Town, South Africa.
- Sept: "The Transnational Circulation of Racial Imagery." Bard College, Annandale-on Hudson, New York

Media Appearances

2016

- July: New England Cable News (NECN) "Police Video Game May Question Racial Bias." (interview)
- Aug: BBC Focus on Africa: "Volunteer Tourism in Africa: Pros and Cons." (interview)

2013

December: Gave commentary on Nelson Mandela for the following news outlets: FOX News, NECN, ABC, NBC, NPR, Boston Herald

2009

May 2009: "New Trends in Family Life." On *The Michael Smerconish Show*. 96.9 WTKK.

2008

June 2008: "Racism at South African Universities." On *NPR's News and Notes*." NPR (WBUR Boston).

2007

April 2007: "A Conversation about Black Women, Hair and Don Imus." On *Here and Now With Robin Young*" NPR (WBUR Boston).

April 2007: "A Conversation about Don Imus." WORT (Madison, Wisconsin).

2000

May 2000: "Black Women in Africa and the African Diaspora" Focus 580 WILL-AM, Champaign IL

1999

July 1997: "South African Theater and Arts" Morning Talk WKND-AM, Hartford CT

Featured in "A New Colour for the Academy" *Now Magazine* [Toronto] May 27-June 2.

Quoted in "The African Question: Who is to Blame" *New York Times* January 16.

Conference Presentations

2015

March: "The Empire's Old Clothes: Debunking the 'Newness' of the 'New Racism'." *Eastern Sociological Society, 86th Annual Meeting*.

March: "History of Public Sociology: Tuskegee Institute, The University of Chicago, and the Making of a Science of Society." *Eastern Sociological Society, 86th Annual Meeting*.

March: "Constructing Online Pedagogical Spaces: Bringing Sociology and the Sociological Imagination." *Eastern Sociological Society, 86th Annual Meeting*.

November 2013: "Returning to the Cape: Stories of Race and Mobility." *Association for the Study of World Wide African Diaspora*. Santo Domingue, Dominican Republic.

- November 2012: "From Last in Time to First in Importance': Robert Park, Black Women, and the Making of a Science of Society." *Social Science History Association Annual Meetings*. Vancouver, British Columbia.
- April 2004: "I'm Real (Black) When I Want to Be: Popular Media Representations of Jennifer Lopez." *The Black Body: An Interdisciplinary Conference*. DePaul University. Chicago IL.
- August 2002: "The Impact of Globalization on Ideology, Policy, and the Role of the Welfare State in Post-Apartheid South Africa." 97th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- November 2001: "The Impact of Globalization on South Africa's Domestic Social Policies." 44th annual meeting of the African Studies Association. Houston TX.
- August 2001: "History, Race, Gender, and Postmodernism: Theoretical Approaches to the 'Hottentot Venus.'" 96th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim CA.
- August 1999: "Racial Embodiment and Masculinity." 94th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- March 1999: "Cultural Identities and Diasporas." 25th Annual Meeting of the African Literature Association. Fez, Morocco.
- October 1998: "Barbarous Working Classes and the Savage Poor: The Intersection of Race and Class Imagery in the Cape Colony, 1800-1850." Society for Research on African Cultures. Montclair, New Jersey.
- August 1998: "State-Society Relations in West Africa: The Impact of Colonial Rule on State Formation." 1998 American Sociological Association 93rd Annual Meeting, San Francisco California.
- February 1998: "The Influence of African American Culture on South Africa, 1890-Present." National Association of African American Studies. Houston, Texas.
- January 1997: "Why Can't Women Be Noble Savages Too?" University of the Western Cape Conference on "Gender and Colonialism." Cape Town, South Africa.
- November 1996: "Labor Laws and Stereotypes: Images of the Khoisan in 19th Century Cape Legal Discourse." Nordic Africa Institute, Conference on "Encounter Images in the Meetings Between Europe and Africa." Helsingør, Denmark.
- August 1995: "The Image of the African in British Colonial Discourse, 1800-1850." University of Cape Town Center for African Studies Africa Seminar.
- May 1994: "Colonialism and the State in West Africa." Boston University African Studies Conference. Boston Massachusetts.
- February 1994: "State Society Struggle in West Africa: A Comparison of the Former British and French Colonies," paper presented at the Harvard University African Studies Conference, Boston Massachusetts.
- October 1993: "The Impact of Colonialism on Contemporary Politics in Africa," paper presented at the Boston University African Studies Conference, Boston Massachusetts.

Fellowships and Awards

Robin M. Williams, Jr. Distinguished Lecturer, Eastern Sociological Society (2020=2021)
Smith Fellow, The Roxbury Latin School (2020)
University of Illinois Center for Advanced Study (2000-20001)
Research Fellow, Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria South Africa (1999-2000)
Research Fellow, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (1998-1999)
William and Flora Hewlett International Studies Fellowship (1998-1999)
Spencer Travelling Fellowship (1996-1997)
Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship for the Study of World Affairs (1994-1995)
Harvard University Prize Fellowship (1991)
Social Science Research Council/Mellon Minority Fellowship (1990)

Service to Discipline

Editorial Boards

African Review of Books
African and Black Diaspora
Journal of Sport and Social Issues
Encyclopedia of the History of Ideas
Encyclopedia of South Africa
Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century African History
Feminist Africa
Safundi
South African Review of Sociology

Reviewer

African Studies Review
Africa Today
Charles Scribner
Cultural Studies
DuBois Review
Duke University Press
Feminist Africa
Gender and Society
Human Sciences Research Council Press
Journal of Women's History
Journal of Sport and Social Issues
Lynne Rienner
Men and Masculinities
Political Power and Social Theory
Race, Class, and Gender
Safundi
Social Problems
South Africa Review of Sociology

Reviewer for Foundations/Grants

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