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## **CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Elmhurst College (2016-)

**Director**, Sociology Program, Elmhurst College (2016-)

**Affiliated Scholar**, Scientific Careers Research and Development Group, Northwestern University  
Feinberg School of Medicine (2016-)

## **EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., **Sociology**, Loyola University Chicago, IL (2013)

- Dissertation: *Just Like Everyone Else? Locating South Asians in 21<sup>st</sup> Century U.S. Media*
- Dissertation Awarded **Department Distinction**
- **Winner** of the Graduate School's **Dissertation Award in Social Sciences**

M.A., **Sociology**, DePaul University, Chicago, IL (2005)

- Thesis: *The Role of the Internet in Adolescent Development*

B.A., **Journalism**, Columbia College Chicago, IL (2003)

## **RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS:**

Racial/Ethnic Inequality  
Media Studies  
South Asian Americans  
Interventions Research (Diversity in STEM)

## **TEACHING SPECIALIZATIONS:**

Research Methods  
Race/Gender/Class  
Sociological Theory  
Experiential/Service Learning

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Collins, Sharon, David G. Embrick, and **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, Eds. 2019. [UNDER CONTRACT] *Underneath the Thin Veneer: Critical Diversity, Multiculturalism, and Inclusion in the Workplace*. Leiden: Brill.

Embrick, David G. and **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, Eds. 2018. *Society, Institutions, and Individuals: An Introduction to the Sociological Imagination*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. San Diego: Cognella Academic Publishers.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2016 [Paperback 2018]. *South Asians on the U.S. Screen: Just Like Everyone Else?* Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

### **Reviews of *South Asians on the U.S. Screen***

Hirsh, A. 2017. *Choice* 54(7) March: "Recommended"

Erigha, Maryann, 2017. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 3(2): 285-286.

Smith, Jason A., and **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, Eds. 2016 [Paperback 2018]. *Race and Contention in Twenty-First Century U.S. Media*. New York: Routledge.

### **Reviews of *Race and Contention in Twenty-First Century U.S. Media***

Bowdre, Karen M. 2018. *Howard Journal of Communications*, 29(2): 216-219.

Kononova, Anastasia, 2018. *International Journal of Communications*, 12 (2018): 1149-1152.

Yuen, Nancy Wang, 2017. *Contemporary Sociology*, 46(5): 601-603.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Williams, Simon N., **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, and Richard McGee. 2017. "Providing Social Support for Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minority PhD Students in the Biomedical Sciences: A Career Coaching Model." *CBE-Life Sciences Education*, 16(4): ar64, doi: 10.1187/cbe.17-01-0021

McGee, Ebony O., **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, and Sandra S. LaBlance. 2017. "The Burden of Being 'Model': Racialized Experiences of Asian STEM College Students." *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education*, 10(3): 253-270.

Williams, Simon N., **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, and Richard McGee. 2016. "Career Coaches as a Resource for Racial and Ethnic Minority PhD Students in the Biomedical Sciences: A Qualitative Study." *PLoS ONE*, 11(7): e0160038, doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0160038

Williams, Simon N., **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, and Richard McGee. 2016. "Coaching to Augment Mentoring to Achieve Faculty Diversity: A Randomized Controlled Trial." *Academic Medicine*, 91(8): 1128-1135.

Pennell, Greta Eleen, **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, and Rebecca J. West. 2015. "Wonderful When it Works...: A Case Study of Electronically Mediated Guest Lectures." *Humanity and Society*, 39(2): 156-169.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2014. "Maintaining the Mechanisms of Colorblind Racism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." *Humanity and Society*, 38(1): 3-6.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.**, Michelle E. Naffziger-Hirsch, Jennifer L. Richardson, Simon N. Williams, and Richard McGee. 2014. "The Academy for Future Science Faculty: Evaluation of a Theory-Driven Coaching Intervention to Shape Development and Diversity of Early-Career Scientists." *BMC Medical Education*, 14(1): 160-71.

**Reprinted** in D.G. Embrick and B.K. Thakore, Eds. 2018. *Society, Institutions, and Individuals: An Introduction to the Sociological Imagination*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Cognella

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2014. "Must-See TV: South Asian Characterizations in American Popular Media." *Sociology Compass*, 8(2): 149-156.

**Translated into Chinese and reprinted** (FORTHCOMING 2018) in *Journal of Chongqing Jiaotong University (Social Sciences Edition)*.

**Reprinted** in C. Gallagher, Ed. 2018. *Rethinking the Color Line: Readings in Race and Ethnicity*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Sage.

**Reprinted** in M.L. Andersen and P.H. Collins, Eds. 2016. *Race, Class, and Gender: An Anthology*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed. Cengage.

West, Rebecca J. and **Bhoomi K. Thakore**. 2013. "Racial Exclusion in the Online World." *Future Internet*, 5(2): 251-267.

**Reprinted** in M. Vickerman and H.V. Strmic-Pawl, Eds. 2016. *Race and Ethnic Relations: Constancy in Change*. Cognella.

## Book Chapters

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2019. [FORTHCOMING] “The Whitening of Ethnic Women in Popular Media.” **Invited Chapter** in *Whitelash: White Resistance to Racial Equality in the Trump Era*, C. Lippard et al., Eds. Seattle: University of Washington Press.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2018. [FORTHCOMING] “Hopes for My Daughter.” In *Shades of Prejudice: Personal Narratives by Asian American Women on Colorism in America*. N. Khanna, Ed. New York: New York University Press.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** and Bilal Hussain. 2018. “Indians on TV (and Netflix): The Comedic Rise of Aziz Ansari.” **Invited Chapter** in *The Comedy Studies Reader*, M. Sienkiewicz and N. Marx, Eds. Austin: University of Texas Press.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2018. “South Asians in U.S. Television and Film: Trends in Ethnic Media Representations.” In *Society, Institutions, and Individuals: An Introduction to the Sociological Imagination*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., D.G. Embrick and B.K. Thakore, Eds. San Diego: Cognella.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** and Jason A. Smith. 2016. “Looking Ahead.” In *Race and Contention in Twenty-First Century U.S. Media*, J.A. Smith and B.K. Thakore, Eds. New York: Routledge.

Smith, Jason A. and **Bhoomi K. Thakore**. 2016. “The Contours of Race and Media.” In *Race and Contention in Twenty-First Century U.S. Media*, J.A. Smith and B.K. Thakore, Eds. New York: Routledge.

Walther, Carol S., David G. Embrick, **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, and Kasey Henricks. 2015. “Race and Ethnicity in Contemporary Vietnam.” In *International Handbook of the Demography of Race and Ethnicity*, R. Saenz et al., Eds. New York: Kluger/Springer.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2013. “Representations of Representation: Urban Life and Media in Season Five of *The Wire*.” In *African Americans on Television: Race-ing for Ratings*, D.J. Leonard and L. Guerrero, Eds. Westport, CT: Praeger.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2013. “Defining Trends: South Asian Characters in American Popular Media.” In *Sociology in a Global Society: Power, Privilege and Perspectives*, D.G. Embrick, Ed. San Diego: Cognella.

Ritsema, Joel, and **Bhoomi K. Thakore**. 2012. “Sincere Fictions of the White Self in Virtual Worlds: How Massively Multiplayer Online Games Perpetuate Colorblind, White Supremacist Ideology.” In *Social Exclusion, Power and Video Game Play: New Research in Digital Media and Technology*, D. G. Embrick et al., Eds. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

## Reviews

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2018. [FORTHCOMING] Review of *Representing Talent: Hollywood Agents and the Making of Movies*, by Violaine Roussel. *Contemporary Sociology*.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2017. Review of *House Full: Indian Cinema and the Active Audience*, by Lakshmi Srinivas. *Contemporary Sociology*, 46(6): 718-719.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2012. "Rags-to-Riches in the 21st Century: The Reality behind Representations in *Slumdog Millionaire*." *Humanity and Society*, 36(1): 93-95.

## Encyclopedia Entries

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** and Daya K. Thakore. 2013. **1)** "Buddhists and Buddhism," **2)** "Caste and Casteism," and **3)** "Naicker, Periyar E. V. Ramasamy." In *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., P. L. Mason, Ed. Detroit: Macmillian Reference USA.

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** and David G. Embrick. 2008. **1)** "Social Mobility" and **2)** "Wealth Distribution." In *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*, R. Schaefer, Ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

## Other Articles

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** and Rebecca West. 2012. "'They All Look Alike': Racial Perception, Popular Culture, and American Girl Dolls." Appeared in **1)** SSSP's Division of Racial and Ethnic Minorities Newsletter, Fall, and **2)** *In Solidarity* (LUC's Department of Sociology Newsletter), Spring.

**Thakore, Bhoomi.** 2010. "*Outsourced Media Representations*." Appeared in *The Griot* (Newsletter of the Association of Black Sociologists), November.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

**Thakore, Bhoomi K.** *South Asians in Media: Content and Audiences* (tentative title). Book prospectus in development.

Womack, Veronica Y., **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, Letitia Onyango, Simon N. Williams, and Richard McGee. "Benefits of Career Coaching and Coaching Groups" (tentative title). Analysis in progress.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Author**, Author Meets Critics session for *South Asians on the U.S. Screen: Just Like Everyone Else*. Southwest Social Science Association, October, 2018, Orlando, FL.

**Author**, Author Meets Critics session for *South Asians on the U.S. Screen: Just Like Everyone Else*. Southern Sociological Society, April 2018, New Orleans, LA.

**Mentor**, Creative and Scholarly Endeavors Program (CASE) Summer Research Program, Elmhurst College (2018), mentored Katrina M. on her project, "Improving Retention Rates in Higher Education," \$1,500

Faculty Research Grant, Center for Scholarship and Teaching, Elmhurst College (2017), \$1,500

**Nominee**, President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Elmhurst College (2017)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up**, Best Conference Paper Award, Centre for Media and Celebrity Studies for my paper "South Asians on the U.S. Screen: Just Like Everyone Else?" Centre for Media and Celebrity Studies, regular session, March 18, 2017, Los Angeles, CA.

Induction into **Pi Gamma Mu**, the International Honor Society of Social Sciences (2016)

**International Sociological Association Travel Award**, American Sociological Association and National Science Foundation (2014), \$1,500

**Dissertation Award in Social Sciences**, Loyola University Chicago (2013)

**Distinction in the Dissertation**, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago (2012)

**Professional Development Certificate**, American Sociological Association (2012)

**Dean's Merit Award**, Loyola University Chicago (2011-12)

**Graduate Student Conference Funding**, Department of Sociology and the Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago (competitively awarded; awarded to me each academic year for 6 years from 2006-07 to 2011-12)

**Graduate Student Travel Award**, Social Science History Association (2012), \$500

**Research Mentor Award**, Loyola University Chicago, 2011

**Research Mentor Award**, Loyola University Chicago, 2010

**Advanced Doctoral Fellowship**, Loyola University Chicago (2010-11) \$14,000 plus tuition and benefits

**Outstanding Graduate Student Award-Service**, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago (2009)

**Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award**, Department of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, Loyola University Chicago (2008)

Induction into **Alpha Kappa Delta**, International Honor Society of Sociology, Department of Sociology, DePaul University (2005)

**Academic Distinction**, Department of Sociology, DePaul University (2005)

### **QUOTED IN THE MEDIA**

“South Asians on the U.S. Screen.” *New Books Network*, April 26, 2018. Available at <http://newbooksnetwork.com/bhoomi-thakore-south-asians-on-the-u-s-screen-just-like-everyone-else-lexington-books-2018/>

“Why Making Space for South Asian Culture is a Civil Rights Issue.” 2018. *Wear Your Voice*, January 8. Available at <https://wearyourvoicemag.com/identities/race/south-asian-civil-rights>

“Teach-In Invites EC Community to ‘Dare to Disagree’.” *The Leader* (student newspaper of Elmhurst College), October 10, 2017.

“Representations of South Asian Characters in U.S. Media – An Interview with Bhoomi K. Thakore.” *The Sociologist* (publication of the District of Columbia Sociological Society), May 2017. Available at <http://thesociologistdc.com/all-issues/representations-of-south-asian-characters-in-u-s-media/>

“SGA Leads in Student and Faculty Discussion.” *The Leader*, March 14, 2017.

“Texters Compare Differences between Texting and Txting.” *Torch* (student newspaper of Glenbrook North High School), November 7, 2014.

“Group Aims to Increase Diversity in LU Grad School.” *The Phoenix* (student newspaper of Loyola University Chicago), September 2, 2012.

“Linsanity Raises Concern Over Racial Discrimination Against Asians.” *The Phoenix*, February 28, 2012.

### **Courses Taught**

Introduction to Sociology (in-person and online)  
Mass Media and Popular Culture  
Sociology of Mass Media (January Term)  
Social Inequality  
Social Problems  
Methods of Social Research  
Sociological Theory  
Race and Ethnic Relations  
Capstone Seminar

### **Supervised Projects at Elmhurst College**

Michele R., Sociological Theory, Independent Study, 2018  
Melissa S. Sociological Theory, Independent Study, 2018  
Thomas S., Understanding High-Functioning Individuals in Society, Honors Independent Research, 2018  
Katrina M., Improving Retention Rates in Higher Education, CASE Summer Research Program, 2018  
Marissa W., Social Work with Communities of Color, Independent Study, 2018  
Julia A., Adoption Agency, Independent Field Work, 2017  
Nicole S., Perceptions of Domestic Violence, Elmhurst College Performance and Research Showcase and Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area (ACCA) Student Symposium, 2017  
David B., Perceptions of Criminal Behavior, Honors Independent Research, 2016

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

**Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Scientific Careers Research and Development Group, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, July 2012-Aug 2016

The Academy for Future Science Faculty is a novel mentoring and intervention program originally designed to promote persistence toward academic careers and improve diversity among life science faculty. This study began in 2011-2012 with 16 career mentors (“Coaches”), 160 experimental students, and 160 control students, and is the first ever mixed methods longitudinal randomized controlled trial study of this size and type funded by the



National Institutes of Health. We are contributing what we have learned to the ASPET Mentoring Network and the National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN), a NIH-funded national consortium that provides enhanced mentoring and networking opportunities for underrepresented groups in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and social sciences.

Integrated Empirical and Translational Research to Diversify the Scientific Workforce (NIH R35 GM118184), Apr 2016-Aug 2016, \$376,341, P.I. Richard McGee, (I was listed as Key Personnel)

The Academy for Future Science Faculty: Diversity through Theory Driven Coaching (NIH R01 GM107701) Sept 2013-Apr 2016, \$347,625, P.I. Richard McGee, (listed as Key Personnel)

Translating Theory to Practice to Diversify the Biomedical Research Community (NIH DP4 GM096807), July 2012-Aug 2013, \$1,999,858, P.I. Richard McGee, (listed as Key Personnel)

**Graduate Research Fellow**, Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL), Loyola University Chicago, Sept 2007-Aug 2010

The Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL), one of the seven Centers of Excellence at Loyola University Chicago, is a community-based participatory action research center. CURL partners with communities and local, state, and national funders to identify problems and create solutions that emphasize social justice and equality, and promote an environment of enhanced teaching and learning for Loyola students.

Evaluation of the Chicago Public Schools Carbon Reduction Action Project (Chicago Public Schools/Environmental Protection Agency) Jan 2010-Aug 2010

Evaluation of the CCHC Home Health Agency and Workforce Development Program (Christian Community Health Center/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) Jan 2008-Dec 2009

Evaluation of the 'Unhooked' Women in Prostitution Program (Christian Community Health Center/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), Jan 2008-Mar 2009

Evaluation of the CIVITAS Child Law Center's Lead Safe Housing Initiative, (Loyola CIVITAS Child Law Center/Chicago Community Trust), Sept 2007-Sept 2008

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### Editorial Positions

**Book Review Editor**, *Sociological Inquiry*, journal of Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society, 2019-present

**Media Review Editor**, *Humanity and Society*, journal of the Association for Humanist Sociology, 2015-2018

**Editorial Board**, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, journal of the American Sociological Association, 2014-2019

**Publications Committee** (ex-officio), Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association, 2014-2017

**Editorial Board**, *Humanity and Society*, journal of the Association for Humanist Sociology 2014-2015

**Co-Editor**, Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Newsletter, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2012-2014

### Reviewer for Academic Journals

*Ethnic and Racial Studies* (world's top race and ethnicity journal)

*Humanity and Society* (journal of the Association of Humanist Sociology)

*Identities: Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture*

*Qualitative Sociology*

*Sociological Inquiry* (journal of the International Sociology Honor Society)

*Sociological Perspectives* (journal of the Pacific Sociological Association)

*The Sociological Quarterly* (journal of the Midwest Sociological Society)

*Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* (journal of the American Sociological Association)

*Teaching and Learning in Medicine* (international journal for education in the medical profession)

### Reviewer for Book Presses

New York University Press

Polity Books

SAGE

**Elected Positions**

**Vice President of Publications**, Board of Directors, Association for Humanist Sociology, 2017-2020

**Chair**, Society for The Study of Social Problems Council of the Divisions (ex-officio voting member, Board of Directors, Society For The Study of Social Problems), 2015-2018

**Council**, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association, 2014-2017

**Co-Chair**, Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Society for The Study of Social Problems, 2013-2015

**Chair Positions**

**Chair-Elect to Chair**, Society For The Study of Social Problems Transnational Initiatives Committee, 2018-2020

**Chair**, Nominations Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2015-2018

**Chair**, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association, 2016-2017

**Program Chair**, Association of Humanist Sociology 2016 Annual Meeting (Denver, CO)

**Chair**, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Cox Book Award, American Sociological Association, 2016

**Chair**, Joseph B. Gittler Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2016

**Co-Chair**, Nominations Committee, Association for Humanist Sociology, 2014-2016

**Chair**, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Cox Article Award, American Sociological Association, 2015

**Chair-Elect to Chair**, Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2013-2015

**Chair**, Book Award Committee, Association for Humanist Sociology, 2014

**Other Service**

**Managing Co-Editor**, *Investigations* (undergraduate research journal of Elmhurst College), 2017 present

**Mentor**, Lee Meeting Mentor Program, Society for the Study of Social Problems 2014-present

**Member**, Nominations Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2019

**Member**, DREM Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Book Award Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2018

**Member**, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association, 2017-18

**Sociology Affiliate**, Budget and Finance Committee, SSSA (please spell out) 2015-2017

**Interim Vice President of Publications**, Association for Humanist Sociology, 2016-2017

**Judge**, Section on Human Rights Book Award, American Sociological Association, 2016

**Judge**, Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Crenshaw Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2014

**Judge**, Section on Race, Class, Gender Book Award; American Sociological Association, 2014

**Judge**, Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2013

**Judge**, Book Award Committee, Association for Humanist Sociology, 2012, 2013

**Service to Elmhurst College**

**Secretary**, Pi Gamma Mu (International Honors Society in Social Sciences), 2016-present

**Member**, Organizing Committee of Elmhurst College Teach-In Events, 2017-present

**At-Large Member**, Assessment Board, 2018-2021

**Member**, Faculty Development Committee, 2017-2020

**Chair**, Sociology Faculty Search Committee, 2017-2018

### **Graduate Student Service**

**Officer**, LUC Graduate Association of Sociologists, 2009-2010

**Past-President**, LUC Graduate Students of Color Alliance, 2009-2010

**Member**, LUC Graduate School's New Student Orientation Planning Committee, 2008, 2009

**Student Member**, LUC Department of Sociology's Colloquium Committee, 2008-2009

**Founding President**, LUC Graduate Students of Color Alliance, 2006-2009

**Co-Founder**, LUC Graduate Students of Color Alliance, 2006

**Treasurer**, LUC Graduate Association of Sociologists, 2005-2006

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Invited Talks**

"South Asians on the U.S. Screen: Just Like Everyone Else?" Sociology Speaker's Series. Sponsored by the Department of Sociology, Austin Community College, April 13, 2017, Austin, TX.

"South Asians on the U.S. Screen: Just Like Everyone Else?" Public Sociology Speaking Series. Sponsored by the Public Sociology Association and Graduate Student Sociological Association, George Mason University, April 10, 2017, Fairfax, VA.

"South Asians on the U.S. Screen: Just Like Everyone Else?" Sponsored by the Department of

Sociology, University of Oklahoma, November 22, 2016, Norman, OK.

### **Invited Panelist**

“Women in Higher Education.” Sponsored by SGA and ECJUSTICE. Elmhurst College, March 6, 2018, Elmhurst, IL.

“Dare to Disagree: An Elmhurst College Teach-In.” Sponsored by Elmhurst College, SGA, ECJUSTICE, Elmhurst College, September 27, 2017, Elmhurst, IL.

“Racism, Sexism, and Diversity in Comics, the Tech Industry, and Popular Culture.” Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo (C2E2), April 22, 2017, Chicago, IL.

“Publishing an Edited Volume” (With Jason A. Smith). Sponsored by the Public Sociology Association and Graduate Student Sociological Association, George Mason University, April 10, 2017, Fairfax, VA.

“Post-performance discussion of the play *Nickel and Dimed* (by Joan Holden, based on the novel by Barbara Ehrenreich).” GreenMan Theatre Troupe, November 11 and 13, 2016, Elmhurst, IL.

“Seeing is Believing: South Asian Characterizations in Popular US Television Programming”  
**Invited Session** on Race and Media Beyond the Black/White Binary. Eastern Sociological Society, March 20, 2016, Boston, MA.

“Presidential Debate Post-Discussion.” Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, Sociology Program, and Urban Studies Program, Elmhurst College, September 26 and October 9, 2016, Elmhurst College.

### **Conference Presentations**

[FORTHCOMING] “The Whitening of Ethnic Women in Popular Media.” Association for Humanist Sociology, regular session, November 2018, Detroit, MI.

“The Whitening of Ethnic Women in Popular Media.” International Sociological Association, regular session, July 19, 2018, Toronto, Canada.

“The More Things Change, The More they Stay the Same: Ethnic Representations in U.S. Popular Media.” Southwest Social Science Association, regular session, April 15, 2017, Austin, TX.

“South Asians on the U.S. Screen: Just Like Everyone Else?” Centre for Media and Celebrity Studies, regular session, March 18, 2017, Los Angeles, CA. (This paper was **3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up**, Best Conference Paper Award)

“Just Keep Swimming.” Panel on Wading through the River of Whiteness. Association for Humanist Sociology annual meeting, November 5, 2016, Denver, CO.

“Promoting Success Through Diverse Career Coaching Groups: Expansion to a Scientific Society – ASPET.” (With Rick McGee, Veronica Womack, Simon Williams, Letitia Onyango, Susan Ingram, Catherine Fry, and Lynn Wecker). Poster presentation at the 2016 GREAT Group and GRAND Professional Development Meeting, September 30, 2016, Rosemont, IL.

“Seeing is Believing: South Asian Characterizations in Popular US Television Programming.” International Sociological Association, roundtable session, July 12, 2016, Vienna, Austria.

“Qualitative Interviewing: From Design to Detail.” (With Christine V. Wood, Veronica Womack, Remi Jones, and Richard McGee). Understanding Interventions conference, workshop presentation, February 26, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

“South Asian Entertainers in U.S. Television and Film.” Association for Humanist Sociology, regular session, October 24, 2015, Portland, OR.

“How to Teach Research Methods Without Losing Your Soul.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, critical dialogues session, August 22, 2015, Chicago, IL.

“Impacts of a Career Coaching Intervention on Biomedical PhD Students’ Career Planning, Professional Development and Understandings of ‘Diversity, Difference and Discrimination.’” (With Simon Williams, Veronica Womack, Letitia Onyango, and Richard McGee). Understanding Interventions to Broaden Participation conference, poster presentation, May 16, 2015, San Diego, CA.

“Benefits of the Academy Coaching Intervention on Perceptions of Academic Career Success.” Understanding Interventions to Broaden Participation conference, regular session, May 16, 2015, San Diego, CA.

“Methods for Teaching Undergraduate Research Methods.” Association for Humanist Sociology, regular session, October 9, 2014, Cleveland, OH.

“Must-See TV: South Asian Characterizations in American Popular Media.” American Sociological Association, roundtable session, August 16, 2014, San Francisco, CA.

“Just Like Everyone Else? South Asian Characters in 21<sup>st</sup> Century U.S. Popular Media.”  
International Sociological Association, roundtable session, July 16, 2014, Yokohama, Japan.

“A Coaching Intervention as a Source of Professional and Personal Resources in PhD Training: *The Academy for Future Science Faculty* at Year 2.” (With Simon N. Williams, and Richard McGee).  
Poster Presentation, Understanding Interventions conference, poster presentation, May 17, 2014,  
Baltimore, MD.

“Embodied Beauty Ideals: Images of South Asian Women in Popular Media.” Regular Session,  
Southwest Social Science Association, regular session, April 18, 2014, San Antonio, TX.

“Diversifying the Biomedical Sciences: Coaching Intervention as a Source of Cultural Resources in  
PhD Training.” Eastern Sociological Society, regular session, February 22, 2014, Baltimore, MD.

“Must-See TV: The Sociology of South Asian Representations in Media.” Regular Session, Eastern  
Sociological Society, regular session, February 21, Baltimore, MD.

“Wonderful When it Works, \*\$? When it Doesn’t: A Case Study of Electronically Mediated Guest  
Lectures.” (With Rebecca J. West and Greta Eleen Pennell). Association for Humanist Sociology  
Midwest Regional Meeting, regular session, February 8, 2014, Indianapolis, IN.

“Embodied Beauty Ideals: Images of South Asian Women in Popular Media.” Social Science  
History Association, regular session, November 21, 2013, Chicago, IL.

“The Academy for Future Science Faculty.” Association for Humanist Sociology, regular session,  
October 12, 2013, Arlington, VA.

“Racial Exclusion in the Online World.” (With Rebecca J. West). Association for Humanist  
Sociology, regular session, October 12, 2013, Arlington, VA.

“‘The More Things Change...’: South Asian Representation in 21st Century American Popular  
Media.” American Sociological Association, roundtable session, August 11, 2013, New York, NY.

“Using Social Science Theories to Study and Shape the Development of Minority and Women  
Scientists.” (With Michelle-Naffziger-Hirsch, Simon Williams, Jennifer Richardson, and Richard  
McGee Jr.). American Sociological Association, August 10, 2013, roundtable session, New York,  
NY.

“Translating Theory to Practice: Applying Social Science Theories to Study and Shape Development  
of a Diverse Group of Biomedical Scientists.” (With Michelle-Naffziger-Hirsch, Simon Williams,  
Jennifer Richardson, and Richard McGee Jr.). Midwest Sociological Society, regular session, March



30, 2013, Chicago, IL.

“Exotic Meets Erotic: Perceptions of South Asian Women in American Popular Media.” Sociologists for Women in Society, roundtable session, February 8, 2013, Albuquerque, NM.

“Secondary Characteristics: South Asian Portrayals in Popular Media.” Association for Humanist Sociology, regular session, November 8, 2013, Nashville, TN.

“*Outsourced* from the Outside: Media Consumers’ Perceptions of the 2010-11 Television Show.” Social Science History Association, regular session, November 1, 2012, Vancouver, CA.

“Prime-Time Characters: South Asians in Popular Media.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 18, 2012, regular session, Denver, CO.

"Changing Representations or Changing Stereotypes? Contemporary South Asians in Popular Media" Southwest Social Science Association, regular session, April 7, 2012, San Diego, CA.

“American Girl Says She's Black": Marketing Influence on the Racial Perception of Consumers." (With Rebecca J. West). Southwest Social Science Association, regular session, April 6, 2012, San Diego, CA.

“Images of South Asians in American Popular Media: 1990 to present.” Social Science History Association, regular session, November 18, 2011, Boston, MA.

“From Foreigner to Performer: Historic and Contemporary Representations of South Asians in American Popular Media.” (With Jaelyn Mueller). Association for Humanist Sociology, regular session, October 11, 2011, Evanston, IL.

““They All Look Alike’: Racial Perception, Popular Culture and American Girl Dolls.” (With Rebecca J. West). Association for Humanist Sociology, regular session, October 11, 2011, Evanston, IL.

“Indian, M.D.: The Media’s Model Minority.” American Sociological Association, roundtable session, August 23, 2011, Las Vegas, NV.

“Ethnic or Race-Neutral? South Asians in Popular Media.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 19, 2011, regular session, Las Vegas, NV.

“South Asians in American Media: Preliminary Data Analysis.” Southwest Social Science Association, March 17, 2011, regular session, Las Vegas, NV.

“Representations of South Asians in Popular Media.” American Sociological Association, roundtable session, August 14, 2010. Atlanta, GA.

“Race and Media in *The Wire* – Season 5.” Association of Black Sociologists, regular session, August 12, 2010. Atlanta, GA.

“Race and Media in *The Wire* – Season 5.” Midwest Sociological Society, regular session, April 1, 2010, Chicago, IL.

“‘I can make better decisions with my life and future’: An Evaluation of the Unhooked Women in Prostitution Program.” (With Julie Hilvers). Urban Affairs Association, regular session, March 5, 2009, Chicago, IL.

“It’s the Media, Stupid! The Role of the Media in Urban Stereotypes.” Association of Black Sociologists, regular session, July 31, 2008, Boston, MA.

“The Role of Social Networks in Social Movement Development.” Loyola University Chicago Sociology and Anthropology Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, regular session, March 23, 2007, Chicago, IL.

### **Notable Conference Roles**

**Presider**, regular session, Social Issues, Elmhurst College’s Research and Performance Showcase, May 4, 2017, Elmhurst, IL.

**Critic**, author meets critics session, *Kill It To Save It: An Autopsy of Capitalism's Triumph Over Democracy*, by C. Dolgon. Southwest Social Science Association, April 14, 2017, Austin, TX.

**Program Chair**, Association for Humanist Sociology annual meeting, November 2-6, 2016, Denver, CO.

**Critic**, author meets critics session, *Rebellious Conservatives*, by D.R. Dietrich. Southwest Social Science Association, March 24, 2016, Las Vegas, NV.

**Organizer**, regular session, Race and Media, Southwest Social Science Association, March 24, 2016, Las Vegas, NV.

**Critic**, author meets critics session, *Working to Laugh: Assembling Difference in American Stand-Up Comedy Venues*, by J.M. Thomas, Association for Humanist Sociology, October, 2015, Portland, OR.

**Presider**, roundtable session, Race, Class, Gender and Higher Education Part II, American Sociological Association, August 24, 2015, Chicago, IL.

**Presider**, roundtable session, Navigating Race and Ethnicity in Educational Contexts, American Sociological Association, August 23, 2015, Chicago, IL.

**Co-Organizer and Presider**, regular session, Race/Ethnicity in Media/Popular Culture, Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 23, 2015, Chicago, IL.

**Co-Organizer**, regular session, Struggles Over Narrative: Race and Ethnicity in Media(ted) Spaces, Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 23, 2015, Chicago, IL.

**Discussant and Presider**, regular session, Diaspora, Othering, and/or Racialization, Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 21, 2015, Chicago, IL.

**Critic**, author meets critics session, *Cabin Pressure: African American Pilots, Flight Attendants, and Emotional Labor*, by L. Evans, Southwest Social Science Association, April 9, 2015, Denver, CO.

**Organizer**, regular session, Meet the 2014 AHS Book Award Winners, Association for Humanist Sociology, October 11, 2014, Cleveland, OH.

**Critic**, author meets critics session, *The White Savior Film: Content, Critics, and Consumption*, by M. W. Hughey, Association for Humanist Sociology, October 11, 2014, Cleveland, OH.

**Presider**, critical dialogues session, The War on Drugs and the New Jim Crow, Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 17, 2014, San Francisco, CA.

**Co-Organizer and Presider**, regular session, Intersections of Race, Poverty, and Activism, Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 16, 2014, San Francisco, CA.

**Critic**, author meets critics session, *Race and Gender in the Classroom: Teachers, Privilege, and Enduring Social Inequalities*, by L.C. Stoll, Southwest Social Science Association, April 19, 2014, San Antonio, TX.

**Chair**, regular session, Sociology of Asian and Asian Americans, Southwest Social Science Association, April 19, 2014, San Antonio, TX.

**Chair**, regular session, Teaching Sociology, Southwest Social Science Association, April 18, 2014, San Antonio, TX.

**Chair**, regular session, Intersectional Research: Race, Class & Gender, Southwest Social Science Association, April 17, 2014, San Antonio, TX.

**Chair**, regular session, Belonging across Shifting Boundaries and Borders, Social Science History Association, November 24, 2014, Chicago, IL.

**President**, roundtable session, Film and Television as Cultural Objects. American Sociological Association, August 11, 2013, New York, NY.

**Organizer and Discussant**, Moving Beyond Social Constructions in Race and Ethnicity. Society for the Study of Social Problems, plenary session, August 10, 2013, New York, NY.

**President**, Whiteness, White Privilege and the Continuing Significance of Racism. Society for the Study of Social Problems, regular session, August 21, 2011, Las Vegas, NV.

**Co-Organizer**, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Roundtables session, American Sociological Association, August 21, 2011, Las Vegas, NV.

**President**, roundtable session, Religion, Nationalism and Identity in the U.S, U.K. and India. American Sociological Association, roundtable session, August 11, 2009, San Francisco, CA.

**Organizer**, Issues of Race in the Media. Association of Black Sociologists, regular session, June 20, 2009, New Orleans, LA.

**Organizer/President**, Race and Media. Midwest Sociological Society, regular session, April 5, 2009, Des Moines, IA.

**Organizer**, Race in the Media. Association of Black Sociologists, regular session, July 31, 2008, Boston, MA.

**Organizer/President**, Race Relations Reflected in Media. Midwest Sociological Society, regular session, March 28, 2008, St. Louis, MO.

**Organizer/President**, Reflections of Contemporary Race Relations in Media Today. Association of Black Sociologists, regular session, August 9, 2007, New York, NY.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS)  
International Sociological Association (ISA)  
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)  
Southern Sociological Society (SSS)  
Southwest Social Science Association (SSSA)

**REFERENCES**

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