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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Central Florida
- 2016-present **Affiliated Scholar**, Scientific Careers Research and Development Group,
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- 2016-2019 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Elmhurst
College (now University)
- 2016-2019 **Director**, Sociology Program, Elmhurst College (now University)
- 2012-2016 **Research Associate**, Scientific Careers Research and Development Group,
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- 2007-2010 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola
University Chicago

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., **Sociology**, Loyola University Chicago, IL (2013)
- Dissertation: *Just Like Everyone Else? Locating South Asians in 21st 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 Social Development*
- B.A., **Journalism**, Columbia College Chicago, IL (2003)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Social Inequalities; Racial and Ethnic Inequality; Inequalities in Media, Inequalities in Mentoring;
Intersectionality; South Asian Americans; American Sociological Theory; Qualitative Methods;
Evaluation Research

Updated October 2020

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Embrick, David G., **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, and Sharon S. Collins, Eds. [FORTHCOMING] *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*, 2nd 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

(12) **Thakore, Bhoomi K.** [FORTHCOMING] "On the Origin of White Hollywood: The Racialized Space of the U.S. Film Industry." *American Behavioral Scientist*.

(11) Womack, Veronica Y., **Bhoomi K. Thakore**, Christine V. Wood, David C. Jewett, Remi F. Jones, Susan L. Ingram, Janet A. Clark, Catherine L. Fry, Lynn Wecker, Richard McGee. 2020. "The ASPET Mentoring Network: Enhancing Diversity and Inclusion through Career Mentoring Groups within a Scientific Society." *CBE-Life Sciences Education*, 19(3): <https://doi.org/10.1187/cbe.19-10-0195>.

- (10) Embrick, David G., J. Scott Carter, Cameron Lippard, and **Bhoomi K. Thakore**. 2020. "Capitalism, Racism, and Trumpism: Whitelash and the Politics of Oppression." *Fast Capitalism*, 17(1): 203-224.
- (9) 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
- (8) 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.
- (7) 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
- (6) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (4) **Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2014. "Maintaining the Mechanisms of Colorblind Racism in the 21st Century." *Humanity and Society*, 38(1): 3-6.
- (3) **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*, 2nd ed. Cognella
- (2) **Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2014. "Must-See TV: South Asian Characterizations in American Popular Media." *Sociology Compass*, 8(2): 149-156.
- Reprinted** in S. Ferguson, Ed. 2020. *Mapping the Social Landscape: Readings in Sociology*, 9th ed. Sage.

Translated into Chinese and reprinted in 2018, *Journal of Chongqing Jiaotong University (Social Sciences Edition)*, 18(5).

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

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

(1) 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

(12) **Thakore, Bhoomi K.** [FORTHCOMING] "Wanting, Getting, and Succeeding: Effects of an Intervention to Impact Career Preparation and Success." In *Underneath the Thin Veneer: Critical Diversity, Multiculturalism, and Inclusion in the Workplace*, D.G. Embrick et al., Eds. Leiden: Brill.

(11) **Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2020. [FORTHCOMING] "The Whitening of South Asian Women in Popular Media." **Invited Chapter** in *Protecting Whiteness: Whitelash and the Rejection of Racial Equality*, C. Lippard et al., Eds. Seattle: University of Washington Press.

(10) Carter, Shannon K. and **Bhoomi K. Thakore**. 2020. "Birth in the U.S. amid COVID-19." In *Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19: Volume I – U.S. Perspectives*, G. Muschert et al., Eds. Bristol, UK: Policy Press

(9) **Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2020. "Hopes for My Daughter." In *Whiter: Stories of Colorism by Asian American Women*. N. Khanna, Ed. New York: New York University Press.

(8) **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. *(This book was **Winner**, Best Edited Collection, Midwest Popular and American Culture Association).

(7) **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*, 2nd ed., D.G. Embrick and B.K. Thakore, Eds. San Diego: Cognella.

- (6) **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.
- (5) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (3) **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.
- (2) **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.
- (1) 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.** [FORTHCOMING] Review of *Arab Americans in Film: From Hollywood and Egyptian Stereotypes to Self-Representation*, by Waleed F. Mahdi. *Contemporary Sociology*.
- Thakore, Bhoomi K.** 2019. Review of *Representing Talent: Hollywood Agents and the Making of Movies*, by Violaine Roussel. *Contemporary Sociology*, 48(2): 211-213.
- 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*, 2nd 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.

Select Works in Progress

“Teaching Race amid COVID-19.” Manuscript in preparation for *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

J. Scott Carter, David G. Embrick, and **Bhoomi K. Thakore.** (*Equal Authorship). “The Power of Group Identification: The Root of Feelings of Threat and Racism.” Manuscript in progress.

“Research Methods and Pedagogy.” Manuscript in preparation for *Teaching Sociology*.

“To Exist is To Resist: Experiences of Inequality and Oppression among Youth in Palestine.” Manuscript in preparation.

Race and Media: Content and Audiences (tentative title). Book project in development.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Panelist, Presidential Plenary for the Society for the Study of Social Problems Virtual Meeting (August 2020)

IDL 6543 - Online Teacher Training, University of Central Florida (Fall 2019)

Participant, Faculty Leadership Development Program, Elmhurst College (2018-2019)

PARC FDS Fellow, 10th Annual Faculty Development Seminar, Palestinian American Research Council (PARC), Palestine. (April-May 2019).

Invited Guest, 2nd annual Women's Leadership Luncheon, Elmhurst College, (March 3, 2019)

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

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

Mentor, Creative and Scholarly Endeavors Program (CASE) Summer Research Program, Elmhurst College (2018), \$1,500

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

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

3rd 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, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago (competitively awarded; awarded to me for 2 years in 2010 and 2011)

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

Interview for video podcast segment on *The Big Bang Theory*, *Decode with Dhruv*, October 14, 2020. Available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6pfjZ_qEoA

“The High Stakes of ‘Family Karma’.” *The Juggernaut*, March 23, 2020. Available at <https://www.thejuggernaut.com/high-stakes-of-family-karma>

“UCF researchers are studying social isolation, mental health issues within the Latino community.” *NSM Today*, March 1, 2020. Available at http://www.nicholsonstudentmedia.com/life/ucf-researchers-are-studying-social-isolation-mental-health-issues-within-the-latino-community/article_d559d360-52ae-11ea-80a7-0bf50873ddfb.html

Interview for radio segment on PARC Faculty Development Seminar’s visit to Hebron University. *96.1 Radio Alam*, April 30, 2019.

“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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught (UCF):

Introduction to Sociology (in-person and online)
Social Power and Inequality (in-person and online)
Community and Diversity (online)

Courses Taught (Elmhurst College):

Introduction to Sociology (in-person and online)
Social Problems
Sociology of Mass Media (created course, January Term)
Social Inequality
Methods of Social Research
Sociological Theory
Race and Ethnic Relations
Capstone Seminar
Honors Directed Readings (unit)
Mental Health and Illness (unit)
Social Work with Communities of Color (Independent Study)

Courses Taught (Loyola University Chicago):

Mass Media and Popular Culture

GRANTS

Science Identity Development and Persistence through an Intersectional Lens: What is the Role of Undergraduate Research? **Under Review** with the National Science Foundation, \$298,766, L. Schneider, P.I. (I am listed as Co-P.I., 12.5% annual effort)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

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 collected annual survey and interview data from all participants, and analyzed data for publications, reports, and presentations. We also contributed to the ASPET professional society 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. I lead many evaluation

projects by collecting quantitative and qualitative data, analyzing data for reports and presentations, and supervising undergraduate students assistants.

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, 2018-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

CHOICE; Contemporary Sociology; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Humanity and Society; Identities: Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture; International Journal of STEM Education; Qualitative Sociology; Sociological Inquiry; Sociological Perspectives; The Sociological Quarterly; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Teaching and Learning in Medicine

Reviewer for Book Presses

New York University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Polity Books, SAGE

Elected Positions

Board of Directors, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), 2019-2022.

Vice President of Publications, Board of Directors, Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS), 2017-2021.

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 (ASA), 2014-2017

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

Chair Positions

Chair, Ad-Hoc Mentoring Program Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2020-2021

Chair-Elect to Chair, Transnational Initiatives Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2018-2020

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

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

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

Chair, Cox Book Award, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, 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, Cox Article Award, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, 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

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

Member, Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2020-2021

Member, Nominations Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2019-2020

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, Southwest Social Science Association, 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 UCF

Member, Department of Sociology Research Committee, 2020-2021

Member, Department of Sociology Speaker Committee, 2019-2020

Service to Elmhurst College

Managing Co-Editor, *Investigations* (undergraduate research journal of Elmhurst College), 2017-2019

Secretary, Pi Gamma Mu (International Honors Society in Social Sciences), 2016-2019

Member, Organizing Committee of Elmhurst College Teach-In Events, 2017-2019

At-Large Member, Assessment Board, 2018-2019

Member, Faculty Development Committee, 2017-2019

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?” Sponsored by the Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, February 25, 2019, Storrs, CT.

“South Asians on the U.S. Screen: Just Like Everyone Else?” OU Visiting Scholar Series. Sponsored by the Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, February 21, 2019, Norman, OK.

“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

“Race and Birth: Injustices amid COVID-19” (with Shannon K. Carter). **Invited Plenary Panel** titled “Pandemics Clarify: Another World is Possible, Another World is Necessary,” SSSP 2020 Virtual Conference, August 7, 2020.

“Maintaining Racism and Inequality in a Capitalist Society.” UCF Virtual Teach In on *Black Lives: Racism and the Struggle for Justice in the American Democracy*, July 3, 2020.

“Decolonizing the Syllabus.” UCF Department of Sociology, sponsored by the Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA), February 18, 2020.

“Committed Oppressions: Crimes Against Palestine and How it Affects Us All.” Association for Humanist Sociology, October 31, 2019, El Paso, TX.

“Networking at Academic Conferences.” Southern Sociological Society, co-sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society-South, April 11, 2019, Atlanta, GA.

“Critical Gender, Race, and Class Pedagogy.” Southern Sociological Society, co-sponsored by the Association for Humanist Sociology, April 11, 2019, Atlanta, GA.

Post-performance discussion of the play *Boy Gets Girl* by Rebecca Gilman. Saltbox Theatre Collective, January 20, 2019, Chicago, IL

“ACT for Justice.” Sponsored by SGA and ECJUSTICE, Elmhurst College, October 2, 2018, Elmhurst, IL.

“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” (with J. Talmadge Wright, Simon Weffer, and David G. Embrick). 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

“Capitalism, Racism, and Trumpism: Whitelash and the Politics of Oppression.” (With David G. Embrick, J. Scott Carter, and Cameron Lippard). Southern Sociological Society, regular session, April 2020, Jacksonville, FL. *Cancelled due to COVID-19.

“The Whitening of Ethnic Women in Popular Media.” Southern Sociological Society, regular session, April 2019, Atlanta, GA.

“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 **3rd 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 21st 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 Jaclyn 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

President, 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.

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

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

Co-Organizer and President, 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 President, 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.

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

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

SUPERVISED RESEARCH

University of Central Florida

Doctoral Dissertations

Deborah Griffith, “‘The Talk’ in the Black Community” (member), 2020-2021

Ashley Stone, “Inequality in Higher Education” (member) 2020-2021

Master’s Theses

Hanifah Griffith, “Mental Health of International Ethnic Black Students at UCF” (member) 2020-2021

Ciara Peebles, “Black Women Stereotypes in the Media” (member) 2020-2021

Andrea Smith, “Racial Inequalities in Crime News” (member) 2020-2021

Honors Undergraduate Theses

Regine Murphy, “Black Lives Matter Movements and the Influence on Corporate America” Interdisciplinary Honors, (**Chair**), 2021

Marina Rivera, “Race and Gender Identity among Conservative Baptist Women” Honors in the Major, (member) 2020-2021

Elmhurst College (undergraduate)

Katrina Mioduszewski, “Improving Retention Rates in Higher Education.” CASE Summer Research Program, Elmhurst College Performance and Research Showcase, National Council for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) conference, and Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS) annual conference, 2018

Thomas Sullivan, “Understanding High-Functioning Individuals in Society.” Honors Independent Research, Elmhurst College Performance and Research Showcase, and National Council for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) conference, 2018

Nicole Suhm, “Perceptions of Domestic Violence.” Elmhurst College Performance and Research Showcase and Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area (ACCA) Student Symposium, 2017

David Becvar, "Perceptions of Criminal Behavior." Honors Independent Research, 2016

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)

REFERENCES

Available on request