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### EMPLOYMENT

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2014-Current Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,  
University of Mississippi

Affiliated Research Associate, Center for Population Studies, University of  
Mississippi

2012-2014 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and  
Anthropology, University of Mississippi

2012 Community Impact Director, Heart of Missouri United Way, Columbia, Missouri

### EDUCATION

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2011 University of Missouri, Sociology, PhD  
Dissertation: "Punchline: Comedy, Affect, and the Production of Contentious Politics."

Graduate Minor: Women's and Gender Studies

2007 University of Missouri, Sociology, M.A.  
Thesis: "The Other Within: Prismatic Identities and Authentic Selves within the  
Marginalized."

2004 University of Missouri, Psychology, B.A.

2004 University of Missouri, Sociology, B.A.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Critical Race Theory, Cultural Production of Affect, Histories of Race and Racism, Housing  
Insecurity, Medicalization of Racism, Social Inequalities in Organizational and Everyday Life

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Book Monographs:

2016 Gilman, Sander and James M. Thomas. *Are Racists Crazy? How Prejudice, Racism, and  
Antisemitism Became Markers of Insanity*. New York: New York University Press.

\*Reviewed in *Antisemitism Studies*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Harper's  
Magazine*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publisher's Weekly*, and *Slate Magazine*

\*Featured in "What We're Reading This Summer," *The New Yorker*, July 6th,  
2017

- 2016 Thomas, James M. and Jennifer L. Correa. *Affective Labor: (Dis)Assembling Difference and Distance*. London: Rowman and Littlefield International.
- 2015 Thomas, James M. *Working to Laugh: Assembling Difference in American Stand-up Comedy Venues*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.  
\*Reviewed in *Contemporary Sociology, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Studies in American Humor, and Symbolic Interaction*

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2017 Thomas, James M. "Diversity Regimes and Racial Inequality: A Case Study of Diversity University." *Social Currents*, online before print. DOI: 10.1177/2329496517725335
- 2016 Thomas, James M. and W. Carson Byrd. "The Sick Racist: Psychopathology in the color-blind era." *The Du Bois Review*, 13 (1): 181-203.
- 2016 University of Mississippi Critical Race Studies Group. "The Symbolic Lynching of James Meredith: A Visual Analysis and Collective Counter Narrative to Racial Domination." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 2 (3): 338-353.
- 2015 Thomas, James M. "Laugh Through It: Assembling difference in an American stand-up comedy club." *Ethnography*, 16 (2): 166-186.
- 2015 Correa, Jennifer and James M. Thomas. "The Rebirth of the U.S.–Mexico border: Latina/o enforcement agents and the changing politics of racial power." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 1 (2): 239-254.
- 2014 Thomas, James M. "Medicalizing Racism." *Contexts*, 13 (4): 24-29.  
\*Featured article
- 2014 Thomas, James M. and David L. Brunnsma. "Oh, You're Racist? I've got a cure for that!" *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 37 (9): 1467-1485.  
\*Lead article
- 2014 Thomas, James M. "Affect and the Sociology of Race: A program for critical inquiry." *Ethnicities*, 14 (1): 72-90.
- 2010 Thomas, James M. "The Racial Formation of Medieval Jewry: A challenge to the field." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 33 (10): 1737-55.
- 2007 Thomas, James M. "Re-upping the Contract with Sociology: Charles Mills' *The Racial Contract* revisited a decade later." *Sociology Compass*, 1 (1): 255-64.

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2013 Thomas, James M. and David L. Brunnsma. "Racial and Ethnic Minorities and the Sociology of Human Rights." In David L. Brunnsma, Keri Iyall Smith, and Brian Gran

(editors), *The Handbook of Sociology and Human Rights*. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 42-51.

\*Reprinted as Thomas, James M. and David L. Brunnsma (2014) "Racial and Ethnic Minorities", in *Expanding the Human in Human Rights: Towards a Sociology of Human Rights*. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers.

2012 Thomas, James M. "Standing Up Racism: Richard Pryor and the Development of a Contentious Racial Politics." In Shawn Bingham (ed), *The Art of Social Critique: Painting Mirrors of Social Life*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 315-40.

2010 Thomas, James M. "The Dark Craven Jew: Race and Religion in Medieval Europe." In Julius Adekunle and Hettie V. Williams (eds), *Color Struck: Essays on Race and Ethnicity in Global Perspective*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 71-92.

2008 Thomas, James M and David L Brunnsma. "Bringing down the House: Reparations, universal morality, and an epistemology of social justice." In Angela Hattery, David. G. Embrick, and Earl Smith (eds), *Human Rights: Social, Political, and Economic Inequalities in a Globalizing World*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 65-82.

### Book Reviews

2014 Thomas, James M. "Savage Portrayals: Race, Media, and the Central Park Jogger Story, by Natalie Byfield." *Social Forces*, DOI: 10.1093/sf/sou123

2008 Thomas, James M. "On Jorge J.E. Gracia (ed.), *Race or Ethnicity? On Black and Latino Identity*." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 31 (6): 1169-70.

### Editorial Contributions

2009 Brunnsma, David L. and James M. Thomas, co-editors. *Societies without Borders*, 4 (3), "Special Issue: Race and Human Rights: Critical Histories, Inquiries, and Futures." Boston, MA: Brill.

### Invited Essays

2017 Thomas, James M. "What Are our Universities' Obligations?", in Contexts Symposium: After Charlottesville, [Part Two](#). *Contexts*, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

2017 Thomas, James M. "Dog Whistles, Fog Horns, and Racism in the Trump Era." *From the Square*, NYU Press [blog](#). August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

2013 Thomas, James M. "Make 'Em Laugh: Comedy Studies in Academia." *The Southern Register*, Winter 2013, 22.

### Public Commentary

2017 "Race, Sport, and Willful Ignorance," *The Oxford Eagle*, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- Online access [here](#)

- 2017 “Oxford’s Proposed Curfew Is A Misguided Policy,” *The Oxford Eagle*, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 “Oxford’s Achievement Gap: What Now?” *The Oxford Eagle*, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 “US College Campuses As Racial Utopias? Depends Who You Ask,” *Inside Higher Ed*, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (with David L. Brunsmma and David G. Embrick).
- Online access [here](#)
  - Reprinted with *Slate Magazine* [here](#)
- 2016 “How Racism Came To Be Called a Mental Illness—And Why That’s A Problem,” *The Washington Post*, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 “On The Depths Of Willful Ignorance: A Reply To Peter Wirth,” *The Local Voice*, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 “A Response To ‘In Defense Of Confederate Symbols’,” *The Local Voice*, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
- Online access [here](#)
- 2015 “The Truth About Race, Crime, And The Police,” *The Clarion-Ledger*, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Online access [here](#)
- 2015 “Open Letter To Gov. Bryant,” *The Clarion-Ledger*, May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Online access [here](#)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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### **Under Review**

Thomas, James M. “The Souls of Jews? The Specter of the Jewish Question in W.E.B. Du Bois’s Concept of Double Consciousness.” Revised and resubmitted for consideration in *Sociological Theory* October 2017.

Correa, Jennifer G. and James M. Thomas. “From the Border to the Core: The Thickening of the Military-Police Assemblage.” Submitted for consideration in *Critical Sociology* October 2017.

### **In Preparation**

Thomas, James M. *Diversity Regimes and the Remaking of Inequality in Higher Education*. Under contract with Rutgers University Press.

Bailey, Jenna and James M. Thomas. "Heritage or Hate?" To be submitted for consideration in *Contexts* December 2017

Whalen, Ian and James M. Thomas. "Talk is Cheap: Diversity Discourse and Racial Inequalities at an American College Campus." To be submitted for consideration in *Discourse and Society* January 2018.

Thomas, James M. "When Keepin' It Real Goes Wrong." To be submitted for consideration in "*Dear 'White' Folks...': Racism and 21<sup>st</sup> Century White Resistance*, edited by Cameron Lippard, David G. Embrick, and Scott Carter November 2018.

## GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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### Grants and Awards Received

- 2017 W.E.B. Du Bois Residential Fellowship, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. July-August 2017. **\$7,600**
- Matching funds from the University of Mississippi College of Liberal Arts (**\$1000**) and the University of Mississippi Department of Sociology and Anthropology (**\$1000**)
- 2016 Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Investment Grant, University of Mississippi. **\$5045**
- 2016 College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, University of Mississippi. **\$7,500**
- 2016 Chairman's Award, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) Annual Image Awards. Pasadena, California. February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- In recognition of the University of Mississippi's N.A.A.C.P. chapter and its efforts to combat racial inequality
- 2015 College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, University of Mississippi. **\$7,500**
- 2013 "Co-Discursive Formations of Racial Civility and Racial Violence Among American Colleges and Universities." The American Sociological Association's Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (FAD) Program. **\$7,000**
- 2012 "Strengthening Community Resources: Community Impact, Phase Three Implementation." Submitted on behalf of Heart of Missouri United Way for an Anonymous Donor Grant, HRJ Consulting, Ltd. **\$125,000**.
- 2010 James S. Rollins Slavery Atonement Grant, Black Studies Department, University of Missouri. **\$500**.
- 2010 Student Travel Grant, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction's Annual Meeting. **\$200**.

- 2008 ABS Graduate Student Paper Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (given annually by the Association of Black Sociologists for best graduate student paper) for “Black Jews and White Christians: The Construction of Race through Religion in Medieval Europe.” **\$275.**
- 2007 Superior Graduate Achievement Award, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri Graduate Student Association. **\$100**
- 2006 ABS Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention (given annually by the Association of Black Sociologists for best graduate student paper) for “Bringing Down the House: A Theoretical Approach to Reparations From Outside the Racial Contract.”

### **Grants in Preparation or Under Review**

“The Souls of Jews?” Submitted for consideration for the joint American Council of Learned Societies/Cullman Center Fellowship. September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. **\$70,000**

“The Souls of Jews?” Submitted for consideration for a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Stipend award. August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. **\$6000**

“Du Bois and the Jewish Question.” Submitted for a Library of Congress Kluge Fellowship. June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Housing Insecurity in Rural America.” To be submitted for consideration for the National Science Foundation’s Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE)—Sociology Program. December 2017. **Requesting \$150,000**

### **PROFESSIONAL MEETING PARTICIPATION**

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- 2017 “The Economization of Diversity.” Session 162: Higher Education, Multiculturalism, and Diversity in a Neoliberal Age. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. March. Greenville, SC.
- 2017 “Du Bois and the Jewish Question.” Session on Du Bois’s Theory. 12<sup>th</sup> Social Theory Forum. University of Massachusetts at Boston. March. Boston, MA.
- 2016 Panelist, “Session 100: Diversity/Inclusion and Racial Discrimination on College and University Campuses.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. August. Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Du Bois, The Jewish Question, and its Impact on His Concept of Double-Consciousness.” Session Title: Voices from Within the Veil: W.E.B. Du Bois, Religion, and Intersectional Identities. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. April. Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 Invited Panelist. “Author Meets Critics: *Working to Laugh*, by James M. Thomas.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology. October. Portland, OR.

- 2015 Invited Panelist, "Session 364, Policy and Research Workshop: How to Write a Successful Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (FAD) Proposal." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August. Chicago, IL.
- 2015 "Contested Meanings: Diversity Workers and Diversity Talk within an American University." Session 180: Racial and Ethnic Relations in Education. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. March.
- 2014 Panelist, *Pedagogy and the Power of Place*, Symposium on Symbols of Exclusion: The Semiotics of Race in Public Spaces. October. Oxford, MS.
- 2014 Moderator, "Education and Expression Behind Bars." Conference on Rethinking Mass Incarceration in the South. April. Oxford, MS.
- 2014 Session Organizer (with Jennifer Correa), Phenomenologies of Power: Contending with Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Class as Embodied Practices of Everyday Life. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. April. Charlotte, NC.
- 2014 Discussant for Sociologies of Human Rights and Human Rights Sociologies. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. April. Charlotte, NC.
- 2013 "Race, Affect, and the Embodied Self." With William R. Force. Session Title: Race, Self, and Identity. The IVth Conference of the European Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. August. Uppsala, Sweden.
- 2013 Session Organizer, Affect, Race, and Embodiment: Linking Macro- and Micro-Accounts of Racialization. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. April. Atlanta, GA.
- 2012 "Racial and Ethnic Minorities." Section on Human Rights Invited Author Meets Critic Session. *The Handbook of Sociology and Human Rights* (Paradigm Publishers, 2012). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August. Denver, CO.
- 2010 "Comedy, Affect, and the Production of Contentious Politics." Session Title: Social Justice and Identity. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. August. Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 Presider, Session 36: Identity and Emotion. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. April. Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 "Comedy, Affect, and the Politics of Emotion." Session 36: Identity and Emotion. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. April. Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 Panelist, Session 154: Human Rights, the City, and Local Politics. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. April. New Orleans, LA.

- 2008 “Reparations, Reparative Justice, and Human Rights: The need for a model outside of the Racial Contract.” Session: On Reparations. University of Missouri Black Studies Program Fall Conference: Cessation, Nation, and Reparations: The Legacy of Slavery in the United States. October. Columbia, MO.
- 2008 “Race and Religion in Europe: The Construction of the Jewish Other.” Session 35: The Social Construction of Race. Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists. July. Boston, MA.
- 2008 “Black Jews and White Christians: The Construction of Race Through Religion in Medieval Europe.” Session 29: ABS Student Paper Competition Winners. Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists. July. Boston, MA.
- 2006 “Bringing Down the House: Reparations, Universal Morality, and an Epistemology of Social Justice.” Session 47: Joint ABS/SSF Session on Reparations, Justice, and Human Rights. Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists. August. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2006 “Diaspora(s) and Ba’al Teshuvah: Jewish Identity in a Post-Modern World.” Session 28: Racial and Ethnic Identity: Construction, Maintenance, and Negotiation. Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists. August. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2006 “Bringing Down the House: Approaching Reparations Outside of the Racial Contract.” Session 64: In Our Own Backyards: Continuing Issues of Racial and Social Injustices. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. April. New Orleans, LA.

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Race and Ethnicity, Empire and Revolution, Social Problems, Stratification/Social Inequalities, Contemporary Social Theory, Qualitative Methods, Field Research, Sociology of Sport, Sociology of Culture

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **University of Mississippi**

#### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to Southern Studies  
 Introduction to Sociology (Honors)  
 Housing Insecurity in Oxford (Honors)  
 Race and Ethnic Relations  
 Social Problems  
 Social Stratification  
 Sociology of Sport

#### *Graduate*

Comedy and American Popular Culture  
 Empire and Revolution

### **University of Missouri**

#### *Undergraduate*

Social Research  
 Social Problems



Sociology of Gender  
Sociology of Sport

## **MENTORING OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENT WORK**

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### **Thesis Chair**

- 2016-2017 Taylor Bolds, Master's Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
- Accepted to Masters of Social Work program at the University of Memphis (2017)
- 2016-2017 Shan Williams, Master's Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
- Residential Life Director, Boise State University
- 2015-2016 Natya Jones, Master's Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
- Accepted to Masters of Social Work program at the University of Michigan (2016)
- 2014-2015 Itsuka Takamune, Master's Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
- 2014-2017 LaTierney Frazier, Master's Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi.

### **Thesis Committee Member**

- 2016-Present Kayla Williams, Master's Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
- Accepted to Sociology PhD program at Mississippi State University (2017)
- 2015-2016 Daniela A. Griffin, Master's Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
- 2014-2015 Caroline Canarios, Master's Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
- Research Associate, Center for Population Studies, University of Mississippi
- 2013-14 Noah Webb, Master's Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
- Accepted to PhD program at Florida State University (2014)
- 2012-13 Teah Hairston, Master's Thesis for the Department of Southern Studies, University of Mississippi
- Accepted to Sociology PhD program at the University of Missouri (2013)

**Honors Thesis Chair**

2017-Current Co-Chair, Caroline Heavey, Honors Thesis for the School of Public Policy and Leadership, University of Mississippi

2016-Current Chair, Elizabeth Taylor, Honors Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi

- Recipient of the 2017 Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College Barksdale Award (\$5000), University of Mississippi
- Accepted into the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

2015-Current Chair, Jenna Bailey, Honors Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi

- Nominee, Marcus Elvis Taylor Memorial Medal, University of Mississippi
- Recipient of 2017 Julien Tatum Award for Outstanding Senior in Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi
- Accepted into Loyola Marymount Law School (2017)

2014-2015 Chair, Lauren Hughes, Honors Thesis for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi

- Recipient of 2016 Julien Tatum Award for Outstanding Senior in Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi

2013-14 Co-Chair, Hope Owens-Wilson, Honors Thesis for the Department of African-American Studies, University of Mississippi

- Accepted to Teach For America, Milwaukee Public School District (2014)

**INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS**

2017 Invited Panelist, "What Happened to Affordable Housing?" Ideas on Tap Series, Mississippi Humanities Council and the University of Mississippi's Center for the Study of Southern Culture. Oxford, MS. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

2016 Invited Lecture, "Are Racists Crazy?" Humanity in Action and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Atlanta, GA. July 2016.

2016 Invited Lecture, "Diversity Regimes in Higher Education: A Case Study." Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society Lecture, University of West Georgia. Carrollton, GA. April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

2016 Invited Lecture, "The Symbolic Lynching of James Meredith: A Historical and Visual Analysis of Racial Domination." Race in America Today Lectures Series, The Marion T. Loftin Fund and the Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University. Presented on behalf of the University of Mississippi's Critical Race Studies Group. March.

- 2016 Invited Moderator, “#BlackLivesMatter vs #AllLivesMatter, Part II,” Are You Ready? Dialogue Series, Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement, University of Mississippi. February.
- 2015 Invited Lecture, “The Nuts and Bolts of Impact: Program Assessment for Producing and Sustaining Change.” Professional Development Workshop Series, Office of Student Affairs, University of Mississippi. December.
- 2015 Invited Moderator, “Reactions and Reflections from Mizzou.” Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement, University of Mississippi. November.
- 2015 Invited Moderator, “#BlackLivesMatter vs #AllLivesMatter, Part I,” Are You Ready? Dialogue Series, Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement, University of Mississippi. October.
- 2015 Invited Panelist, “Governance and Academic Freedom.” University of Mississippi. April.
  - Coverage from *Mississippi Public Broadcasting* [here](#)
- 2015 Invited Keynote Panelist, Identity Across the Curriculum Conference. Sponsored by the Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement, University of Mississippi. April.
- 2015 Invited Moderator, “Black and Blue: Relationships between the Police and African American Communities.” Co-Sponsored by the Department of Housing and E.S.T.E.E.M., University of Mississippi. January.
- 2014 Invited Moderator, “Ferguson Grand Jury Decision: An Open Dialogue.” Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement, University of Mississippi. December.
- 2014 Invited Moderator, “Southern Foodways in Time and Place,” a session of the Redefining the Welcome Table: Inclusion and Exclusion in American Foodways Graduate Student Conference. Co-Sponsored by the Southern Foodways Alliance and the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation, University of Mississippi. September.
- 2014 Invited Panelist, “Ferguson: Isolated Incident or Historical Regularity?” Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement, University of Mississippi. September.
- 2014 Invited Panelist, “Ferguson: Isolated Incident or Historical Regularity?” Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement and the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation, University of Mississippi. September.
- 2014 Invited Panelist, “Diversity in Sports: A Panel Discussion.” University of Mississippi Department of Athletics and the Meek School of Journalism and New Media, University of Mississippi. March.
  - Video available [here](#)

- 2014 Invited Lecture, “We Built This: Reparative Justice in Our Own Backyards.” National Pan-Hellenic Council’s Black History Month Initiative, University of Mississippi. February.
- 2013 Invited Discussant, “The Semantics and Ethics of Racial Language.” Symposium presented by the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Co-Sponsored by African-American Studies, the Department of Modern Languages, and the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi. October.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

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### **Service to the Discipline**

- 2017-Current Editorial Board, *Sociology of Diversity Book Series*. Policy Press, University of Bristol: Bristol, UK.
- 2017-2018 Program Committee, Southern Sociological Society
- 2016 Committee Member, Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association
- 2014-Current Editorial Board, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, a journal of the American Sociological Association.
- 2014-2017 Editorial Board, *Contexts*, a journal of the American Sociological Association.
- Occasional Reviewer For:
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| <i>The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science</i> | <i>Social Currents</i>                           |
| <i>Contexts</i>   | <i>Sociology Compass</i>                         |
| <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i>  | <i>Sociology of Race and Ethnicity</i>           |
| <i>Humanity and Society</i>   | <i>Social Forces</i>                             |
| <i>Sage Publications</i>  | <i>The Sociological Quarterly</i>                |
|   | <i>Understanding &amp; Dismantling Privilege</i> |

### **Department and University Service**

- 2015-Current Co-Organizer, Radical Democracy Reading Group, University of Mississippi.
- 2015-Current Faculty Advisor, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), University of Mississippi.
- 2016 Chairman’s Award, N.A.A.C.P. Annual Image Awards
  - 2015 Juanita Jackson Mitchell Award, Mississippi N.A.A.C.P. Division of College and Youth Services
  - 2015 Unit in Compliance Award, Mississippi N.A.A.C.P. Division of College and Youth Services
  - 2015 Renewed and Energized Award, Mississippi N.A.A.C.P. Division of College and Youth Services
- 2015-2017 Co-Chair, Critical Race Studies Group, University of Mississippi

2014 Organizer and Presider, “Studying Protest in Situ: A Panel Discussion on Ferguson, Missouri and Field Research.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi. September.

2014 Organizer and Presider, “Making Ferguson a Teachable Moment for Undergraduates.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi. August.

2014-Current First Year Experience Advisory Board, University of Mississippi

2012-Current Critical Race Studies Group, University of Mississippi

- Interdisciplinary group of scholars working toward racial equity on campus and in the American South.

### Community Service

2017-Current Board Member, LOU-Home

2016-Current Founding Board Member, Jewish Federation of Oxford

2016-Current Founding Board Member, [Freedom Summer Teaching Fellowship](#)

2014-Current Board Member, United Way of Oxford/Lafayette County

- Vice President-Elect (2017)
- Chair, Community Investment Committee (2015-2017)
- Member, Executive Council (2015-Current)
- Chair, Income Subcommittee (2014-2015)
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee (2014-2015)
- Member, Community Investment Committee (2014-Current)

### Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association  
Association for Humanist Sociology

Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Southern Sociological Society

### IN THE MEDIA

2017 “How to Overcome the Unconscious Biases We All Have,” *Brit + Co*, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- Online access [here](#)

2017 Interview with Up Front, KPFA radio (Berkeley, CA) May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

- Audio available [here](#)

2016 Interview with The Brian Lehrer Show, WNYC radio December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Audio available [here](#)

2016 “Is Racism a Psychological Disorder?” *Slate Magazine*, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 “Tackling the Affordable Housing Problem Remains a Challenge Amid Significant Poverty,” *The Oxford Eagle*, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 “Do Trump’s Views on Race Make Him ‘Crazy’?” *Pacific Standard*, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 “How the Rebel Flag Rose Again—And Is Helping Trump,” *Politico Magazine*, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (quoted)
- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 “Jumping the Line: Caught in the Crossfire of Ridgeland’s Demographic Struggles,” *Jackson Free Press*, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 “Governor Phil Bryant Declares Confederate Heritage Month,” *NewsWatch 99*. Oxford, Mississippi. February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 University of Mississippi N.A.A.C.P. interview, “Mid-Morning with Aundrea”, WCBI-TV (CBS Affiliate), February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Online access [here](#)
- 2016 “UM NAACP Received National Honor,” *The Daily Mississippian*, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Online access [here](#)
- 2015 “Guest Commentary: Scholars Suggest Ways for UM System to Promote Diverse Communities,” *The Columbia Missourian*, November 13<sup>th</sup> [written on behalf of the University of Mississippi Critical Race Studies Group].
- Online access [here](#)
- 2015 “Medicaid Denied: The Cost May Be Measured in Lives,” *Equal Voice News*, October 28<sup>th</sup> [provided quote]
- Online access [here](#)
- 2015 “@BeingOxford Sparks Controversy, Conversation,” *The Daily Mississippian*, October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Online access [here](#)
- 2015 “Living Wage Campaign,” *The Daily Mississippian*, May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Online access [here](#)
- 2015 “Changes since the Meredith Incident,” Channel 99 News Watch, University of Mississippi, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Video [here](#)
- 2014 “Three UM Professors Launch Racial Climate Study,” *University of Mississippi News*, August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Online access [here](#)
- 2014 “ASA Awards Six Grants for the Advancement of Sociology,” *Footnotes*, 42 (1), p.8. Published by the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 “Letter to the Editor,” *The Daily Mississippian*, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- 2013 “Letter to the Editor,” *The Daily Mississippian*, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- 2013 Shoemaker, David. “The Question of Bruno Sammartino,” *Grantland* (www.grantland.com), February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING**

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- 2012-2013 Consultant for *The Squared Circle: Life, Death, and Professional Wrestling* (2013: Gotham Books) by David Shoemaker, correspondent for www.Grantland.com
- A search for the moment at which wrestling became “fake” is a futile one; like many other incidents of great significance, the moment does not exist so much as it is imagined back into history. This book examines the simultaneous formation of American professional wrestling as sport and entertainment, from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present.

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