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EMPLOYMENT

2020- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Lehman College, City University of New York
Faculty Affiliate, CUNY Institute for Demographic Research

EDUCATION

2020 Ph.D., Sociology, Columbia University
Dissertation: "Trust Matters: Race, Relationships, and Achievement in NYC Public Schools"
Committee: Thomas DiPrete, Alondra Nelson, Van Tran, Carla Shedd & David Grusky

2012 M.P.A., Urban and Social Policy, Columbia University

2008 B.S., Business Administration, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
Valedictorian

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Race & Ethnicity, Social Inequality, Sociology of Education, Urban Sociology, and Law & Society

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2021 DiPrete, Thomas A. and Brittany N. Fox-Williams. "The Relevance of Inequality Research in Sociology for Inequality Reduction." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 7: 1-30

2019 Fox-Williams, Brittany N. "The Rules of (Dis)engagement: Black Youth and Their Strategies for Navigating Police Contact." *Sociological Forum* 34(1): 115–37.
2017 Graduate Student Paper Award, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division,
Society for the Study of Social Problems

Encyclopedia Entries

2017 Fox-Williams, Brittany N. and R. L'Heureux Lewis-McCoy. "Race and Education." In *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by G. Ritzer. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley

Manuscripts in Preparation

Fox-Williams, Brittany N. "Race Matters: Student-Teacher Trust in NYC Schools."

Fox-Williams, Brittany N. "Race, Trust, and Student Outcomes in NYC Schools."

Fox-Williams, Brittany N. "Feeling Vibes and Building Bonds: Student-Teacher Trust from the Perspectives of Black Youth."

Fox-Williams, Brittany N. and Lisbeth Trille G. Loft. "Should I Tell Anyone? Heterogeneous Youth Mental Health Responses in the Aftermath of an Involuntary Police Encounter."

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 Pipeline Grant, Russell Sage Foundation & Gates Foundation, "School Context and the Racialized Trust Perspectives of Black Youth" (\$29,702)
- 2021 PSC-CUNY Traditional B Research Award, "School Context and the Racialized Trust Perspectives of Black Youth" (\$4,530)
- 2019 MDRC Gueron Scholars Program Doctoral Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2017-18 Fellowship in Academic Administration, Columbia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Office of Academic Diversity (\$4,000)
- 2017 Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, "Race, Achievement and Trust in Student-Teacher Relationships" (\$11,786)
- 2017 Matching Travel Grant, Columbia University GSAS (\$400)
- 2017 Cornerhouse Travel Grant, Columbia University Department of Sociology (\$250)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 Alternate, American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program
- 2017 Graduate Student Paper Award Winner, Society for the Study of Social Problems Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division
- 2014 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2013 Alternate, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2012-17 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellowship, Columbia University Department of Sociology

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2021 “Race, Trust, and Inequality in Urban Schools.” Emerging Voices in Sociology Speaker Series, Department of Sociology, Tufts University, Medford, MA (Nov.)
- 2021 “The Relevance of Inequality Research in Sociology for Inequality Reduction” (with Thomas DiPrete). From Understanding Inequality to Reducing Inequality Virtual Forum, Institute of Human Development and Social Change, NYU, New York, NY (Oct.)
- 2020 “Avoiding Harm and Maintaining Dignity: How Black Youth Navigate Police Encounters in NYC.” Activism in Academia Working Group, The Center for the Humanities, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY (Dec.)
- 2019 “Race, Trust, and Student–Teacher Relationships in NYC Public Schools.” K-12 Education Policy Group, MDRC, New York, NY (Aug.)

Conference Participation

- 2021 “Feeling Vibes and Building Bonds: Student-Educator Trust from the Perspectives of Black Youth.” American Sociological Association Meeting, Virtual Conference (Aug.)
- 2021 “Feeling Vibes and Building Bonds: Student-Educator Trust from the Perspectives of Black Youth.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Meeting, Virtual Conference (Aug.)
- 2020 “Race Matters: Student–Teacher Trust in NYC Middle Schools.” American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA - panel canceled due to COVID-19 (Aug.)
- 2020 “Race Matters: Student–Teacher Trust in NYC Middle Schools.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Meeting, San Francisco, CA - panel canceled due to COVID-19 (Aug.)
- 2017 “The Rules of (Dis)engagement: Black Youth and Their Strategies for Navigating Police Contact.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Meeting, Montreal, QC (Aug.)
- 2017 “The Rules of (Dis)engagement: Black Youth and Their Strategies for Navigating Police Contact.” Association of Black Sociologists Meeting, Montreal, QC (Aug.)
- 2017 “The Rules of (Dis)engagement: Black Youth and Their Strategies for Navigating Police Contact.” Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (Feb.)
- 2016 “Learning the Rules of Engagement: Youth Cultural Capital and Police Contact in NYC.” Understanding Global and Local Inequalities Sociology Graduate Student Conference at Stony Brook University, NY (Apr.)

- 2015 “Reducing Youth Inequality: What American Scholarship Can Learn from the European Experience” (with Thomas DiPrete). International Sociological Association-RC28 Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (Aug.)
- 2015 “Racing Uptown: Racial and Ethnic Demographic Changes in Upper Manhattan” (with R. L’Heureux Lewis-McCoy). Critical Perspectives on Puerto Ricans and Dominicans in the U.S. Conference, Hunter College, New York, NY (May)
- 2013 “Residential Mobility and Neighborhood Context: Race, Poverty, and Child Development.” Black Doctoral Network Conference, Philadelphia, PA (Oct.)
- 2013 “Residential Mobility and Neighborhood Context: Race, Poverty, and Child Development.” Association of Black Sociologists Meeting, New York, NY (Aug.)

Campus or Departmental Talks

- 2021 “Building Trust in the Classroom: Lessons from Black Youth in NYC Public High Schools.” Writing Across the Curriculum Faculty Seminar, Lehman College, CUNY, Bronx, NY (Dec.)
- 2019 “Race, Trust, and Student–Teacher Relationships in NYC Public Schools.” Diversity Research Collective Symposium, Columbia University, New York, NY (May)
- 2017 “The Rules of (Dis)engagement: Black Youth and Their Strategies for Navigating Police Contact.” Diversity Research Collective Symposium, Columbia University, New York NY (Apr.)
- 2015 “Coming of Age in the Broken Windows City.” Race, Ethnicity and Migration Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY (Apr.)

TEACHING

Lehman College, CUNY, Department of Sociology

Advanced Methods of Social Research (Fall 2020 – Spring 2022)

Columbia University, Department of Sociology

Race, Crime and Law – Instructor of Record (Summer 2018, 2020)

Sociology of Schools, Teaching and Learning – Teaching Assistant (Spring 2019)

Workshop on Wealth and Inequality – Teaching Assistant (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

Master’s Thesis Seminar – Teaching Assistant (Fall 2014)

Race and Place in Urban America – Teaching Assistant (Fall 2013)

Columbia University, Leadership Alliance Summer Research Program

Social Science Research and Design – Instructor of Record (Summer 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Reviewer: *Du Bois Review*

- 2021-22 Member, James E. Blackwell Graduate Student Paper Award, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section, American Sociological Association
- 2020-21 Coordinator, Mentoring Pairing Program, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association
- 2020-21 Member, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section, American Sociological Association

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Lehman College, CUNY

- 2020- Member, Science of Learning and Teaching Seminar Committee, School of Natural and Social Sciences
- 2020- Member, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology

Columbia University

- 2017-19 Co-facilitator, Diversity Research Collective, GSAS Office of Academic Diversity
- 2015 Co-organizer, Craft of Ethnography Conference, Department of Sociology
- 2014-15 Co-chair, Community Service Committee, Columbia GSAS Students of Color Alliance

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Educational Research Association
American Sociological Association
Association of Black Sociologists
Eastern Sociological Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Consultant

- 2021 #DegreesNYC
- 2021 Research Alliance for New York City Schools, NYU Steinhardt
- 2019- MDRC, K-12 Education Policy Area

Corporate Positions

- 2008-10 Commercial Banking Credit Analyst, HSBC North America, Philadelphia, PA