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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

City University of New York

2020-pres. Assistant Professor of Sociology, Lehman College
2023-pres. Assistant Professor of Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center

EDUCATION

Columbia University

2020 Ph.D., Sociology
2012 M.P.A., Urban and Social Policy

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

2008 B.S., Business Administration

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS

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

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Fox-Williams, Brittany N. *Centering Trust: Black Students and the Remaking of School Accountability*. Russell Sage Foundation Press (Forthcoming, Spring 2027).

Peer-reviewed 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. [Link]

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. [Link]
* 2017 Graduate Student Paper Award, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries

2023 Fox-Williams, Brittany N. "Behind the Cultural Veil." Book Review of *The Culture Trap: Ethnic Expectations and Unequal Schooling for Black Youth* by Derron Wallace. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2023. *Sociological Forum*. [Link]

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. [Link]

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Article Manuscripts in Preparation

Bosworth, Ixchel*, Jacqueline Brown*, and Brittany N. Fox-Williams. "Blurred Boundaries: Reconstructing Teacher Authority in the Age of Social and Emotional Learning."

Fox-Williams, Brittany N. "Student-Teacher Trust in Middle School: A Racialized, Intersectional, and Contextual Experience."

Fox-Williams, Brittany N. and Lisbeth Loft. "Heterogeneous Youth Stigma Responses in the Aftermath of Involuntary Police Contact."

*Graduate student co-authors

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

2024-25 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation

2022 Co-Principal Investigator, Trinity Church Wall Street Grant for "Outcomes of Social Service Provision on the Reentry Process in New York City" (PI: Van Tran) - $200,000

2022 Co-Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center Grant for "Center for Smart Streetscapes (CS3)" (Co-PI: Jennifer Laird) - $1,037,558

2021 Principal Investigator, Russell Sage Foundation and Gates Foundation Pipeline Grant for "School Context and the Racialized Trust Perspectives of Black Youth" - $29,702

2019 MDRC Gueron Scholars Program Doctoral Fellowship - $5,000

2017 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant for "Race, Achievement and Trust in Student-Teacher Relationships" - $11,786

Internal

2025-26 Book Completion Award, CUNY Office of Research - $7,500

2025-26 BRES Faculty Fellow, Black, Race, and Ethnic Studies (BRES) Collaboration Hub, CUNY Graduate Center - $5,000

2025-26 Principal Investigator, PSC-CUNY Traditional B Award for "Trust Matters: Creating Inclusive School Climates for Black Youth" - $6,000

2024-25 Principal Investigator, PSC-CUNY Traditional B Award for "Race, Trust, and Inequality in New York City Schools" - $6,000

Fall 2023 Distinguished CUNY Scholar, Advanced Research Collaborative, CUNY Graduate Center - $18,000

Spr. 2023 CUNY Faculty Fellowship Publication Program - $4,500

2023-24 Principal Investigator, PSC-CUNY Enhanced Research Award for "Getting to Trust: Race, Relationships, and Inequality in Urban Schools" - $12,000

2022-23 Co-Principal Investigator, PSC-CUNY Trad B Research Award for "Revealing the Hidden Curriculum in Data Science Research Programs" (Co-PI: Jennifer Laird) - $5,995

2021-22 Principal Investigator, PSC-CUNY Trad B Research Award for "School Context and the Racialized Trust Perspectives of Black Youth" - $4,530

2017-18 Fellowship in Academic Administration, Columbia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Office of Academic Diversity - $4,000

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

2026 "Centering Trust: Black Youth and the Remaking of School Accountability." Race and Ethnicity Workshop, NYU Department of Sociology, New York, NY (Sept.)

2026 "Trustworthy Schools: Centering the Perspectives of Black Students." Critical Psychology Colloquium, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY (Apr.)

2025 "Trust Matters: Creating Inclusive School Climates for Black Youth." Steering Committee Meeting, Research Alliance for New York City Schools, NYU Steinhardt, New York, NY (Oct.)

2025 "Trust Matters: Creating Inclusive School Climates for Black Youth." Office of Policy and Evaluation Staff Retreat, New York City Public Schools, New York, NY (June)

2025 "Race, Trust, and Inequality in Urban Schools." Social Policy and Inequality Workshop, University of Delaware, Newark, DE (Apr.)

2024 "Trust Matters: Black Students and Belonging in Urban Schools." Interdisciplinary Methods Workshop, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA (Oct.)

2024 "Race, Trust, and Inequality in Urban Schools." Research Alliance for New York City Schools, NYU Steinhardt, New York, NY (June)

2022 "Race, Trust, and Inequality in Urban Schools." Sociology Days Speaker Series, Department of Sociology, Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY (Nov.)

2022 "Heterogeneous Youth Stigma Responses in the Aftermath of Involuntary Police Contact" (with Lisbeth Loft). Future of Families & Child Wellbeing Study Working Group, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (Oct.)

2021 "Race, Trust, and Inequality in Urban Schools." Emerging Voices in Sociology Speaker Series, Department of Sociology, Tufts University, Medford, MA (Nov.)

2020 "Avoiding Harm and Maintaining Dignity: How Black Youth Navigate Police Encounters in NYC." Activism in Academia Working Group, The Center for the Humanities, CUNY Graduate Center, 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.)

Invited Panels, Workshops, and Conference Presentations

2026 "Trust Lessons from Black Youth in Urban Schools." Thematic Session: "Race, Trust, and Education in Polarizing Times." American Sociological Association Meeting, New York, NY (Aug.)

2025 "Trustworthy Schools: Centering the Perspectives of Black Students." Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholars Seminar, New York, NY (Apr.)

2024 "HB/CU Connections: A Columbia and HBCU Alumni Panel." Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement and Office of Alumni and Development, Columbia University, New York, NY (Feb.)

2023 Book Discussion for Christopher Bonastia's *The Battle Nearer to Home: The Persistence of School Segregation in New York City*. Urban Education Department, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY (Oct.)

2023 "Reducing Inequality in America" (with Thomas DiPrete). Thematic Session: "Solving Problems That Have Never Been Solved." American Sociological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (Aug.)

2023 "Heterogeneous Youth Stigma Responses in the Aftermath of Involuntary Police Contact" (with Lisbeth Loft). Future of Families & Child Wellbeing Study Summer Data Workshop, Columbia University, New York, New York (June)

2023 Author-Meets-Critics Session for Jessica Halliday Hardie's *Best Laid Plans: Women Coming of Age in Uncertain Times*. Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Baltimore, MD (Feb.)

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.)

Other Conference Participation

2026 "Blurred Boundaries: Reconstructing Teacher Authority in the Age of Social and Emotional Learning" (with Ixchel Bosworth, Jacqueline Brown). Sociology of Education Association Meeting, Pacific Grove, CA (Feb.)

2025 "The Trust Spectrum: Exploring the Diversity of Black Students' Perspectives." American Sociological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL (Aug.)

2024 "Student-Teacher Trust: A Racialized, Intersectional, and Contextual Experience." American Sociological Association Meeting, Montreal, QC (Aug.)

2023 "Blurred Boundaries: Reconstructing Teacher Authority in the Age of Social and Emotional Learning" (with Ixchel Bosworth, Jacqueline Brown, and August G. Smith). American Sociological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (Aug.)

2023 "School Context and the Racialized Trust Perspectives of Black Youth." Russell Sage Foundation and Gates Foundation Pipeline Grant Conference, Chicago, IL (Mar.)

2023 "Heterogeneous Youth Stigma Responses in the Aftermath of Involuntary Police Contact" (with Lisbeth Loft). Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Baltimore, MD (Feb.)

2022 "Bridging the Trust Gap: Lessons from Black Students in NYC High Schools." Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Montgomery, AL (Sept.)

2022 "Heterogeneous Youth Stigma Responses in the Aftermath of Involuntary Police Contact" (with Lisbeth Loft). American Sociological Association Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (Aug.)

2022 "Heterogeneous Youth Stigma Responses in the Aftermath of Involuntary Police Contact" (with Lisbeth Loft). Society for the Study of Social Problems Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (Aug.)

2022 "Should I Tell Anyone? Heterogeneous Youth Stigma Responses in the Aftermath of Involuntary Police Contact" (with Lisbeth Loft). Centre for Criminological Research Annual Conference, University of Alberta, Canada (Mar.)

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 (Aug.) [panel canceled due to COVID-19]

2020 "Race Matters: Student–Teacher Trust in NYC Middle Schools." Society for the Study of Social Problems Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Aug.) [panel canceled due to COVID-19]

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, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, 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

2026 "Trust Matters: Creating Inclusive School Climates for Black Youth." Black, Race, and Ethnic Studies Research Symposium, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY (Mar.)

2025 "Race and Trust in New York City Schools." First Friday Talk Series, Department of Sociology, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY (Dec.)

2023 "Designing a Mixed Methods Study of Race & Trust in Urban Schools." Qualitative Mixed Methods Series, Department of Sociology, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY (May)

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

Graduate Center, CUNY

Qualitative Social Analysis (Graduate)

Lehman College, CUNY

Education and Inequality (Undergraduate)
Advanced Methods of Social Research (Undergraduate)

Columbia University

Race, Crime and Law (Instructor of Record)
Sociology of Schools, Teaching and Learning (Teaching Assistant)
Workshop on Wealth and Inequality (Teaching Assistant)
Master's Thesis Seminar (Teaching Assistant)
Race and Place in Urban America (Teaching Assistant)
Social Science Research and Design, Leadership Alliance Summer Program (Instructor of Record)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Graduate Center, CUNY

2025-pres. Member, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology

Lehman College, CUNY

2025-pres. Member, Education Policy Committee, Department of Sociology
2025-2026 Member, Faculty Transfer Committee, Department of Sociology
2020-pres. Co-Chair, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology
2021-2024 Member, Science of Teaching and Learning Seminar Committee, School of Natural and Social Sciences

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025-26 Chair, Program Committee for Annual Meeting, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association
2025-26 Organizer, Invited Session: "The Long Shadow of Racial Inequality in American Schooling," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, NY
Aug. 2025 Session Presider: "Fragile Communities: Residents Coping with Shocks, Changes, and Inequities," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
2024-25 Member, Nominations Committee, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association
2023-24 Member, Pierre Bourdieu Book Award Committee, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association
2023-26 Elected Member, Section Council, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association
2022-23 Co-organizer (with Dialika Sall) & Presider, Invited Session: "Black Youth Agency Across Social Contexts," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
2022-23 Mentor, Mentoring Program, Society for the Study of Social Problems
2022-23 Mentor, Relationships and Mentoring Program, Association of Black Sociologists
2022-23 Member, James Coleman Award for Best Article Committee, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association

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

Peer Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Du Bois Review, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Socius, The Urban Review,* Russell Sage Foundation

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
CUNY Institute for Demographic Research
New York City Reducing Inequality Network
Research Alliance for New York City Schools

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Consultant

2022 All Stars Project
2021-22 #DegreesNYC
2019-21 MDRC, K-12 Education Policy Area

Corporate Employment

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