LOUISE SEAMSTER

Curriculum Vita (updated May 2026)

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EDUCATION

2016	Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, Duke University Dissertation: "Race, Power and Economic Extraction in Benton Harbor, Michigan"
2013	M.A., Sociology, Duke University
2008	M.A., Liberal Studies, The New School for Social Research
2005	B.A., English, Vassar College (with honors)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2025—present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology/African American Studies, University of Iowa
2019—2025	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology/African American Studies, University of Iowa
2017—2019	Postdoctoral Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
2015-2017	Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

2021—present	Courtesy appointment, College of Law, University of Iowa
2024—2025	Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government
2023—2024	Research Fellow, Social and Education Policy Research Program, University of Iowa
2021—2023	Non-Resident Fellow, Brookings Institute

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Comment on 'Intersectionality and Multidimensional Identities.'" Forthcoming at NBER; draft available here.

Seamster, Louise (2025). "Mechanisms, Smoke, and Fun-house Mirrors: When Naming Racism is Not Enough" *Ethnic and Racial Studies.* 49(20): 387-404 https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2025.2570478

Deb, Nikhil, and **Louise Seamster** (2023). "Slow Violence and Institutional Betrayal in Bhopal and Flint." *Sociology of Development.* https://doi.org/10.1525/sod.2023.0008

Charron-Chénier, Raphaël, **Louise Seamster**, Tom Shapiro and Laura Sullivan (2021). "A Pathway to Racial Equity: Student Debt Cancellation Policy Design." *Social Currents* 9(1):4-24. DOI: DOI:10.1177/23294965211024671

Christian, Michelle, **Louise Seamster** and Victor Ray (2021). "Introduction to Special Issue #2: Critical Race Theory and Empirical Sociology." *American Behavioral Scientist* 2021;65(8):1019-1026.

Purifoy, Danielle and **Louise Seamster** (2021). "Creative Extraction: Black Towns in White Space." *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Vol. 39(1) 47–66.

Seamster, Louise, and Danielle Purifoy (2021). "What is Environmental Racism For? Place-Based Harm and Relational Development." *Environmental Sociology.* Vol. 7(2) 110-21.

Charron-Chénier, Raphaël, and **Louise Seamster** (2020). "Racialized Debts: Racial Exclusion from Credit Tools and Information Networks." *Critical Sociology.* 47(6):977-992.

Christian, Michelle, **Louise Seamster** and Victor Ray (2019). "Introduction to Special Issue #1: New Directions in Critical Race Studies: Sociological Imaginations and Theoretical Insights." *American Behavioral Scientist* 63(13):1731-1740.

Seamster, Louise (2019). "Black Debt, White Debt." *Contexts* 18(1): 30-35.

Seamster, Louise (2019). "WHEN DEMOCRACY DISAPPEARS: Emergency Management in Benton Harbor." *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race* 15(2), 1-28.

Seamster, Louise and Victor Ray (2018). "Against Teleology in the Study of Race: Towards the Abolition of the Progress Paradigm." *Sociological Theory* 36(4), 315-342.

Charron-Chénier, Raphaël and **Louise Seamster** (2018). "(Good) Debt is an Asset." *Contexts* 17(1), 88-90.

Seamster, Louise and Raphaël Charron-Chénier (2017). "Predatory Inclusion and Education Debt: Rethinking the Racial Wealth Gap." *Social Currents* 4(3:)199-207.

Henricks, Kasey, and **Louise Seamster** (2017). "Mechanisms of the Racial Tax State.'" *Critical Sociology* 43(2), 169-179.

Ray, Victor and **Louise Seamster** (2016). "Rethinking Racial Progress: A Response to Wimmer." *Racial and Ethnic Studies* 39(8), 1361-1369.

Seamster, Louise (2015). "The White City: Race and Urban Politics." *Sociology Compass*, 9(12), 1049-1065.

Seamster, Louise, and Kasey Henricks (2015). "A Second Redemption? Racism, Backlash Politics, and Public Education." *Humanity & Society*, 39(4), 363-375.

Seamster, Louise and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva (2011). "Introduction: Examining, Debating, and Ranting about the Obama Phenomenon." *Political Power and Social Theory* (22), 3-15.

Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo with **Louise Seamster** (2011). "The Sweet Enchantment of Color Blindness in Black Face: Explaining the 'Miracle,' Debating the Politics, and Suggesting a Way for Hope to be 'For Real' in America." *Political Power and Social Theory* (22), 139-175.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS and WORKING PAPERS

The Flint Water Coup: Debt at the End of Democracy. Under contract with Duke University Press.

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi, **Louise Seamster,** and Raphaël Charron-Chénier. "The Myth of Financial Literacy: A Story of Racial Inequality."

Charron-Chénier, Raphaël, **Louise Seamster**, and Alexes Harris. "Investigating the Debt World: Educational Loans, Payday Lending and Monetary Sanctions as Systems of Wealth Extraction."

Seamster, Louise, Chad Rhym* and Abby Smith*. "Water Governance as Racial Politics: Implications for Health." *=graduate students

GUEST-EDITED SPECIAL ISSUES

Christian, Michelle, **Louise Seamster** and Victor Ray (Eds.) (2019). "New Directions in Critical Race Studies 1: Sociological Imaginations and Theoretical Insights." *American Behavioral Scientist.*

Christian, Michelle, **Louise Seamster** and Victor Ray (Eds.) (2019). "New Directions in Critical Race Studies 2: The Empirical Landscape of Critical Race Studies." *American Behavioral Scientist.*

Henricks, Kasey and **Louise Seamster** (Eds.) (2016). "Taxing Racism: Racial Hoarding, Redistribution, and Contestations of 'The Public.'" *Critical Sociology*.

Seamster, Louise and Kasey Henricks (Eds.). 2015. "Racializing the Public: The Post-Civil Rights Retreat from Public Education." *Humanity & Society*, 39(3).

Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo, and **Louise Seamster** (Eds.). 2011. *Political Power and Social Theory*: Special Section on the Obama Phenomenon, vol. 22.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo, **Louise Seamster**, and Victor Ray (2015). "Unpacking the Imperialist Knapsack: White Privilege and Imperialism in Obama's America." In *I Don't See Color*, eds. Bettina Bergo and Tracey Nicholls. Pennsylvania State University Press, 146-166.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Seamster, Louise (et al.) (2023). "Seven Reactions to Biden v. Nebraska." *Law and Political Economy Blog*, July 10.

Schirmer, Eleni, and Louise Seamster (2023). "The Case Against Student Debt Relief Barely Even Pretends to Make Sense." *New York Times*, May 26.

Gokey, Thomas, Eleni Schirmer, Braxton Brewington, and **Louise Seamster.** "The Suit against Student Debt Relief Doesn't Add Up: Flawed Claims of Legal Standing in Biden v. Nebraska." Roosevelt Institute, May 2.

Seamster, Louise and Alan A. Aja (2022). "A regressive student loan system results in costly racial disparities." Brookings, "How We Rise," January 24.

Seamster, Louise (2021). Expert Commentary: "Predatory Inclusion and the Racialization of Debt." P. 71-74 in "Chicago's Racial Wealth Gap: Legacies of the Past, Challenges in the Present, Uncertain Futures," Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (IRRPP).

Charron-Chénier, Raphaël, and **Louise Seamster** (2020) "Some Notes on the Impact of Student Debt Forgiveness Across Income Groups." Scatterplot, December 17.

Seamster, Louise (2019). "How should we measure the racial wealth gap? Relative vs. absolute gaps in the student debt forgiveness debate." Scatterplot, July 27.

Seamster, Louise (2019). "Scholars Exchange: Municipal Takeovers." Invited Response to "How Municipal Takeovers Reshape Urban Democracy: Comparing the Experiences of Camden, NJ & Flint, MI," *Urban Affairs Review*, April 29.

Charron-Chénier, Raphaël, **Louise Seamster**, Tom Shapiro, and Laura Sullivan (2019). Letter to Senator Elizabeth Warren analyzing student debt cancellation policy proposal, April 28.

Seamster, Louise, Derek Galyon, Nichole Proctor, and Patrick Sonnenberg (2017). "Flint, Mich. Water Crisis: How Much is Gov. Snyder Responsible?" *The Root,* June 27.

Seamster, Louise (2017). "Why You Need a Writing Group." *Chronicle Vitae*, June 15.

Seamster, Louise and Jessica Welburn (2016). "How a Racist System Has Poisoned the Water in Flint, Mich." *The Root*, January 9. (quoted in the New Yorker, US Uncut, and the American Constitutional Society's blog).

BOOK REVIEWS

"*Laboring in the Shadows: Precarity and Promise in Black Youth Work*" by Bianca J. Baldridge, *Social Forces* (forthcoming)..

Risky Cities: The Physical and Fiscal Nature of Disaster Capitalism, by Albert Fu, *City and Community*, Vol. 23 Issue 2, 2024, p. 180-181.

Shaking Up the City: Ignorance, Inequality, and the Urban Question by Tom Slater, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 2022,Vol. 45 Issue 13, p. 2587-2589.

The Fiscalization of Social Policy: How Taxpayers Trumped Children in the Fight against Child Poverty by Joshua McCabe, *American Journal of Sociology*; May 2021, Vol. 126 Issue 6, p1512-1514.

"Social capital's value in the courtroom." Review of *Privilege and Punishment: How Race and Class Matter in Criminal Court* by Matthew Clair in *Science* (Dec 11 2020).

King and the Other America: The Poor People's Campaign and the Quest for Economic Equality by Sylvie Laurent, *Contemporary Sociology* 2020, 49 (3), 280-282.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2026	Collegiate Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Iowa
2023	International Sociological Association, *Environmental Sociology*: Environmental Sociology 2022 Early Career Prize with Danielle Purifoy (for "What is environmental racism for? Place-based harm and relational development")
2021	University nomination for Carnegie Fellowship
2020	Honorable Mention, American Sociological Association Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Publication Award

GRANT FUNDING

2025-26	Office of Undergraduate Research Collaborative Research Projects, University of Iowa ($14,000)
2023-26	Humanities Without Walls (HWW) Grand Research Challenge, "The Flint Water Disaster Public Archive," Humanities Research Institute--Mellon funding ($147,707 plus grant extensions of $45,000)
2024-25	Office of Undergraduate Research Collaborative Research Projects, University of Iowa ($18,000)

2024	Investment in Strategic Priorities Award, University of Iowa ($5,000)
2024	CLAS Book Subvention Award, University of Iowa ($2,500)
2023	Arts and Humanities Initiative Major Grant, University of Iowa: "From Data Access to Data Justice: the Flint Water Disaster Public Document Archive," University of Iowa ($28,620)
2022	Obermann Center Humanities Without Walls Seed Funding, University of Iowa ($10,000)
2021	Obermann Center Book Ends manuscript completion workshop, University of Iowa
2020	Dean's Micro-grant, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ($1,995)
2020, 2021	Support from the Public Policy Center for Social Research Teams ($2,500)
2020-2024	Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates, Research Fellowships to support students working on Flint Email Lab project
2020	Innovations in Teaching with Technology Award, University of Iowa: "Text Classification Tool for Flint Water Crisis Email Archive" ($10,000)
2020	Arts and Humanities Initiative Major Grant, University of Iowa: "Poison Pen: Tracing the Digital Paper Trail of the Flint Water Crisis" ($30,000)
2019, 2018	Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture at Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation's Buell Center Research Prize for an Independent Project in American Architecture, Urbanism, and Landscape, for "The Right to Infrastructure," with Danielle Purifoy ($60,000 total)
2019	Teaching and Learning Innovation's Teaching Support Award, Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Tennessee-Knoxville ($2000)
2018	Award from the College of Arts and Sciences, Joint Institute for Computational Sciences Collaborative Funding ($40,000)
2014	American Sociological Association's Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline award for "No Vacancy: Discrimination in an Online Rental Market," with Victor Ray and Matthew Hughey (declined-$6,000)

2014 Dissertation Support for Work on Altruism, Charitable Giving and the Nonprofit Sector, Center for the Study of Philanthropy and Voluntarism, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, Durham, NC ($11,265)

2014 Domestic Dissertation Travel Award, Duke University, Durham, NC ($1,800)

2014 Law and Social Science Fellowship, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL (declined)

2013 Rethinking Regulation Graduate Research Award, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Durham, NC ($1,800)

2013 Dissertation Research Support, The Graduate School, Duke University (also in 2014)

2012 Summer Research Fellowship, The Graduate School, Duke University, Durham, NC (also in 2013, 2015 and 2016)

2010 James B Duke University Fellowship

INVITED TALKS AND APPEARANCES

2025 "Meeting the Moment: How Sociological Research Can Inform Public Policy." Invited conversation with Beth Pearson, chief of staff for Sen. Elizabeth Warren, at American Sociological Association, Washington DC, October 21.

2025 "The Flint Water Coup: Debt at the End of Democracy." Invited lecture at University of Massachusetts-Amherst Sociology Department, April 23.

2025 "The Flint Water Coup: Debt at the End of Democracy." Invited lecture at Emory University Sociology Department, February 5.

2024 "The Flint Water Coup: Debt at the End of Democracy." Invited lecture at Boston College Sociology Department, November 13.

2024 "The Flint Water Coup: Debt at the End of Democracy." Workshop at Boston University's Initiative on Cities, Boston, MA, November 25.

2024 "The Flint Water Coup: Debt at the End of Democracy." Invited lecture at University of Oklahoma Sociology Department, September 6.

2024 "Ten Years Too Long: Making the Flint Water Crisis Public Archive." Panel with invited guests at University of Iowa's Center for Human Rights, July 10.

2024 "The Flint Water Coup: Debt at the End of Democracy." Invited lecture at Université of Montpelier-Paul Valery, Études Montpelliéraines du Monde Anglophone (EMMA), May 13.

2024 "The Flint Water Coup: Debt at the End of Democracy." Invited lecture at University of Wisconsin-Madison Qualitative Research Workshop, March 11.

2024 "The Disparate Burden of Black Student Debt." Panelist at University of Wisconsin-Madison's Institute for Research on Poverty, February 21.

2024 "Land Holding, Land Taking and the Geography of Violence." Panelist at Texas State University with Annette Rodriguez and Danielle Purifoy, February 12.

2023 "The Flint Water Coup: Debt at the End of Democracy." Invited lecture at University of Iowa's Geography Department, October 6.

2022 "The Case for Canceling Student Debt." Invited lecture at University of Iowa's American Studies Department, November 11 (virtual).

2022 "Evidence in Action: How Declining Public Support for Higher Education Increases Racial Wealth Gaps." Invited panelist with Laura Hamilton and Devin Fergus at Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (IRRPP) and Center for Tax and Budget Accountability for the White House's Year of Evidence in Action, October 27 (virtual).

2022 "In Deep Water: The Role of Municipal Debt in Environmental Crises and Racial Disparities." Invited presentation at Real World Perspectives on Poverty Solutions Speaker Series, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor School of Social Work, October 7.

2022 "Creative Extraction." Invited panelist with Danielle Purifoy and Andrew Kahrl at San Diego Housing Commission, June 8 (virtual).

2022 "Wealth Disparities and Student Debt." Invited presentation at Oregon Legislative Task Force on the Success of Underrepresented Students in Higher Education, May 19 (virtual).

2022 "Flint Water Crisis: Managing Email Archives." Invited lecture with Hannah Zadeh (graduate student) at University of Iowa's Libraries/Library and Information Science Program, April 28 (virtual).

2022 "The State of Student Debt Summit." Invited panelist, Student Debt Crisis Center, April 13 (Virtual).

2022 "Disinvestment in Illinois Higher Education is a Racial Justice Issue." Invited panelist at Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (IRRPP), March 29 (Virtual).

2022 "Racial Politics, Water Governance and Health Outcomes." Paper presented with Chad Rhym and Levity Smith (graduate students) at UI School of Engineering, March 11.

2022 "Student Debt's Disparate Impact on Black Borrowers." Invited lecture at University of Chicago Urban Education Institute/Black Action in Public Policy Studies, February 10 (virtual).

2021 "What Does the Future of Income-Driven Repayment Look Like?" Invited panelist at Student Borrower Protection Center report release, October 1 (virtual).

2021 "Race, Health and Wealth." Panelist at Smithsonian Forum, "Our Shared Future: Reckoning with our Racial Past." Aug 23, 2021.

2021 "The Right to Infrastructure." Invited lecture with Danielle Purifoy at Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, Columbia University, New York, NY, June 7 (virtual).

2021 "Predatory Inclusion and the Racial Wealth Gap." Invited panelist at Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (IRRPP) report release, Feb 24 (virtual).

2021 The Landscape and Life Course of Student Debt." Lecture at Florida State University Geography Department, January 28 (virtual).

2021 "Debt is the Lifeblood of Late Capitalism." Invited lecture at Debt Collective's Institutional Debt workshop, January 15 (virtual).

2020 "What caused the Flint Water Crisis?" Lecture at University of Iowa Library "Share your Scholarship" series, October 28 (virtual).

2020 "Water Secessions and the Flint Water Crisis." Lecture at Boston University Sociology Colloquium, October 5 (virtual).

2020 "What's Systemic About Systemic Racism?" Lecture at University of California-Berkeley School of Social Work, September 28 (virtual).

2020 Invited panelist, "Debt Talks Episode 2: Debt, Wealth and Racial Inequalities." Institute for New Economic Thinking, September 15 (virtual).

2019 "Dominating Flint's Water Future." Lecture at University Michigan-Flint Intercultural Center, November 7.

2019 Invited panelist, “Dispossession is Nothing New,” Michigan Journal of Law Reform 2019-2020 Symposium — “Dispossessing Detroit: How the Law Takes Property,” Ann Arbor, MI, November 9.

2019 Invited panelist, “Debt Cancellation Policy,” cohosted by Demos, Roosevelt Institute, and The Century Foundation, Washington, DC, October 24.

2019 “Black Debt, White Debt.” Lecture at University of Chicago-Illinois Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (IRRPP), October 11.

2019 Invited panelist, "Transcending the Academy: How, Why, and When to Practice Public Sociology," ASA Student Forum Workshop, American Sociological Association Conference, New York, NY, August 11.

2018 “Black Debt, White Debt (City Edition).” Inaugural speaker at the Risk, Lending and the Future of Debtor Urbanization Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, November 30.

2018 “Uneven Development and Racial Housing Inequality.” Invited speaker at NAACP Affordable Housing Group, AME Clinton Chapel, Knoxville, TN.

2018 “The Algorithmic Reproduction of Racial Inequality” (with Travis Wilson, undergraduate student) Invited panelist at thematic session on “Race, Technology and 21st Century Inequality,” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

2018 “Creative Extraction: Black Towns in White Space.” Invited panelist with Danielle Purifoy at “Bridging the Gap: Race and the Environment,” ASA mini-conference, Philadelphia, PA.

2018 “Black Debt, White Debt.” Invited panelist at the 5th Parren J. Mitchell Symposium, “Race and Wealth Inequality,” College Park, Maryland.

2018 “Emergency Management and the Extraction of Infrastructure.” Invited panelist at “Legacies of Emergency Management: Looking Back and Looking Forward” (workshop co-organizer), co-hosted by Columbia University Buell School of Architecture and the University of Michigan Taubman School of Architecture and Urban Planning. Detroit and Ann Arbor, MI.

2018 “Black Debt, White Debt.” Invited Panelist at University of California-Irvine Law Center on Law, Equality and Race (CLEAR) symposium, “Race, Debt, and Inequality,” Irvine, CA.

2017 “Infrastructure and Emergency Powers.” Invited panelist at Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, Columbia University, New York, NY.

2013 "Conversation on Racism and Capitalism." Invited panelist with Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Tanya Golash-Boza, Tamara Nopper, and Johnny Williams, Howard University, Washington DC.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"Place-based harm and relational development." Presentation at Complexity in the Social World: The Challenging Case of Structural Racism, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, October 9, 2025.

"The Future of Democracy: A Conversation on the Supreme Court, Education, Civil Rights, and Society." Panelist at presidential plenary, American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, August 18, 2023.

"Mechanisms of Racial Hierarchy." Panelist at invited session, American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, August 18, 2023.

"Studying the Student Debt System." Panelist at presidential panel, "Debt as Displacement." American Sociological Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, August 9, 2022.

"Bureaucracy as Necropolitics." Panel organizer and presider at thematic session, American Sociological Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, August 9, 2022.

"Racial Politics, Water Governance and Health Outcomes." Paper presented with Chad Rhym and Levity Smith (graduate students) at American Sociological Association Conference (virtual), August 7, 2021.

"Racism Without Race." Paper presented at American Sociological Association Conference (virtual), August 10, 2020.

"Dominating Flint's Water Future." Paper presented at American Sociological Association Conference, New York, NY, August 10, 2019.

"Racialized Organizations Theory: A Case Study of Airbnb." Presented with Victor Ray at Race in the Marketplace, Paris, France, June 26, 2019.

"Dominating Flint's Water Future." Paper presented with Amanda Ricketts (undergraduate student) at Southern Sociological Society Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 11, 2019.

"The City as an Extraction Machine." Paper presented at "Freedom Dreams in White Structures: Contemporary Dynamics of Black Space" (session organizer), Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, Maryland, February 25, 2018.

"Digital Scholarship in Undergraduate Research." Presentation on ongoing research with Nichole Proctor (undergraduate student) at OIT Community of Practice Workshop, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, Oct 25, 2017.

"Against Teleology in the Study of Race and Ethnicity." Paper presented with Victor Ray at New Directions in Critical Race and Ethnicity, Knoxville, TN, April 28, 2017.

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS

2024. Sheilah Kast. "Change is coming to Baltimore's water infrastructure. What can we learn from other cities?" *On the Record*, Baltimore WYPR, January 17.

2024. Dan Morrison. "Louise Seamster on Black Debt, White Debt, and Sociology in Congress." *Annex Sociology* Podcast, January 15.

2023. Maurice BP Weeks. "Hope, Solutions, and Forgiveness with Senator Elizabeth Warren." *Indebted* Podcast, November 16.

2023. Jillian Berman. "What borrowers need to know now about Biden's new plan to cancel student debt." *Marketwatch*, July 8.

2023. Jared Council. "Black Borrowers Feel The Pain Of The High Court's Student-Loan Decision." *Forbes*, June 30.

2022. Ayelet Sheffey. It's still unclear if your student debt will be forgiven before payments resume in January — or how your loan company will carry out the relief. *Business Insider*, Oct 16.

2022. Jillian Berman. "'I'll kind of believe it when I see it': Borrowers brace for obstacles to promised student debt relief. *Marketwatch*, Aug. 31.

2022. Julia Barajas. "Wait, How Did Student Loan Debt Even Become A Thing?" *LAist*, Aug. 4.

2022. Jillian Berman. "'It will never go away unless someone does something drastic': Why borrowers may never be ready to resume student-loan payments." *Marketwatch*, Jan. 11.

2021. Rogers, Taylor Nicole, and Gary Silverman. "Race and finance: the student loan trap." *Financial Times*, Dec. 20.

2021. Vanessa Gregory. "How the Real Estate Boom Left Black Neighborhoods Behind." Nov. 18 (featured as The Sunday Read on Dec. 12)

2021. KCBS Radio, "Why are some black neighborhoods valued less than white neighborhoods?" November 11.

2021. The Laura Coates Show, Politics of the United States. Sirius XM, Nov. 4.

2021. Tressie McMillan Cottom. "The Life-Altering Differences Between Black and White Debt." The Ezra Klein Show, New York Times, Nov 2.

2021. Aarthi Swaminathan. "Student loans: College professor details 'broken' public servant forgiveness program." Yahoo Finance, Oct. 5.

2021. Melissa Harris-Perry with Michael Arceneaux. "The Weight of Student Loan Debt Amid the Pandemic." The Takeaway, WNYC, Aug 9.

2021. Petersen, Anne Helen. "The future of the middle class depends on student loan forgiveness." *Vox*, Feb 25.

2021. Swaminathan, Aarthi. "'I also defaulted': Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley reveals her experience with student loan debt." *Yahoo Finance*, Feb. 19.

2020. Green, Erica, Luke Broadwater and Stacy Cowley. "Student Loan Cancellation Sets Up Clash Between Biden and the Left." *New York Times*, Dec. 10.

2020. Thompson, Chris. "A Student-Debt Researcher Fucks Me Up With America's Broken Promises." *Defector*, Dec 8.

2020. Swaminathan, Aarthi. "Here's what student debt forgiveness would look like for borrowers and the U.S. government." *Yahoo Finance*, Dec. 3.

2020. Bloomberg Markets, "The Close," November 20.

2020. Berman, Jillian. "Should the Biden administration cancel student debt? Read this before you decide." *Marketwatch*, Nov. 18.

2020. Rindlisbacher, Emma. "Joe Biden Should Absolutely Erase Student Debt via Executive Order." *Jacobin*, Nov.17.

2020. Berman, Jillian. "President-elect Joe Biden has signaled he's open to canceling student-loan debt — the question is when and how much." *Marketwatch*, Nov. 9.

2020. Dillard, Jarrell. "Writing Off Student Debt Is One Way Biden Can Build Black Wealth." *Bloomberg*, Nov 12.

2019 Fuchs, Hailey. "Sen. Bernie Sanders pushes free college and student debt forgiveness — and finds the field crowded." *Washington Post*, August 24.

2019 CNBC International, August 23.

2019 Berman, Jillian. "All the ways student debt exacerbates racial inequality — 'it's like landing in quick sand.'" Marketwatch, July 30.

2019 Maier, Jean Marie. "The Sociologists Behind Warren's Education and Debt Plans." *The Society Pages*, May 15.

2019 Kreighbaum, Andrew. "Warren plan puts spotlight on racial disparities in student debt." *Inside Higher Ed,* May 7.

2019 "Grading Sen. Elizabeth Warren's Student Loan Relief Plan." *On Point*, National Public Radio. April 30.

EDITORIAL SERVICE

2025-2027	Editorial Board, *Sociological Theory*
2021-2024	Associate Editor, *Social Problems*
2018-present	Associate Editor, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
2013-2021	Associate Editor, *Humanity and Society*
2015	Student Advisory Board Member, *Social Problems*

Journal Referee: *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review*, *American Behavioral Scientist, City and Community, Contemporary Sociology, Contexts, Critical Sociology, Du Bois Review, Environmental Sociology, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Family and Consumer Science, Humanity and Society*, *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, *Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journal of Urban Affairs, Political Science Quarterly, Qualitative Sociology, Race and Social Problems, Social Inquiry, Social Forces, Social Problems, Society and Space, Sociological Focus, Sociological Forum, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Spectrum, Sociological Theory, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Socius, Urban Geography, Urban Studies*

Book Referee: Duke University Press, University of Georgia Press, Polity

White Paper Referee: Roosevelt Institute

Grant Reviewer: Russell Sage, Spencer Foundation

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committee Service

2024-2026	Public Understanding of Sociology Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association
2024-2026	Nominating Committee, American Sociological Association
2022-present	Boston Fed Research Project Advisory Council
2022-2024	ASA Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology Selection Committee, American Sociological Association
2020-2021	Conference Committee, Southern Sociological Society
2019-2022	Publications Committee (Chair, 2021-2022), Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association

Conference Organization

2018	Co-organizer, "Legacies of Emergency Management: Looking Back and Moving Forward" (two-day workshop), March 22-23, Detroit & Ann Arbor, MI
2018	Co-organizer, "That Used to be Our Neighborhood" community event series on development and displacement in Knoxville* *project awarded a "Ready for the World" grant, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, for panel discussion, "Development in Knoxville: From Community Displacement to Community Restoration" ($1,600)
2017	Co-organizer, New Directions in Critical Race and Ethnicity Conference, April 27-29, Knoxville, TN
2012	Co-organizer, Triangle Race Conference ("Research and Resistance: Race Across the Disciplines"), March 30-31, Durham & Chapel Hill, NC* *project awarded a Kenan-Biddle Partnership Grant (co-winner with members of Triangle Race Workshop), Kenan Charitable Trust & Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, Durham & Chapel Hill, NC ($5000)

Departmental and University Service

2023-present: Director of Undergraduate Studies, African American Studies
2025-2026: Executive Committee, Sociology and Criminology
2021-present: Sustainability Certificate Committee, CLAS
2021-present: Supervisor, Race Workshop, Sociology and Criminology, University of Iowa
2022-2023 and 2024-2025: Newsletter Committee, Sociology and Criminology
2021-2022: Advancing Environmental Justice Strategic Initiative, Advisory Committee
2020-2022: Policy RISE subcommittee
2019-2023: Public Policy Center Fellow, Student Research Teams
2022-2023: Undergraduate Committee, Sociology and Criminology

2020-2021 and 2023-24: Graduate Committee, Sociology and Criminology
2020-2021: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Sociology and Criminology
2019-2021: Graduate Committee, African American Studies
2010-2014 Coordinator, Race Workshop, Sociology Department, Duke University

COURSE PREPARATION AND STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORTED

Courses:
Research Methods
Community Sociology
Applied Research: Flint Study
Applied Research: Gentrification
Race and Ethnicity
Introduction to Critical Race and Ethnicity
Social Inequality
Introduction to African American Society
Environmental Racism: Black and White Community Politics
Racial Wealth Gap: Black Debt, White Debt
Racial Inequality (Graduate seminar)

MA exam and/or thesis committee:
Kelly Guinn
Haseeb Haroon
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