

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- 2017-Present Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, *UCLA*
M.Phil, Sociology, *UCLA*
M.A., Sociology, *UCLA*
- 2016 B.A., Sociology, Theatre, & Performance Studies, *UC Berkeley*
Study Abroad Semester, Sociology, *University of Cape Town, S. Africa*

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019-22—Graduate Research Fellowship Program, *National Science Foundation* \$34,000/yr
2019-20—Honorable Mention, Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, *Ford Foundation* N/A
2017-22—Eugene V. Cota-Robles Graduate Student Fellowship, *UCLA* \$25,000/yr
2014-16—Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, *UC Berkeley* \$27,200

GRANTS

- 2020-21—Engaged Student Grant (w/Torres, M & Siliunas, A), *Radcliffe Institute* \$1,500
2019-20—Engaged Student Grant (w/Torres, M & Siliunas, A), *Radcliffe Institute* \$1,500
2019-20—Equity Fund Grant, *Scholar Strategy Network, Los Angeles Unified Chapter* \$2,000
2019-20—Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, *Social Science Research Council* \$1,575
2019-20—Doctoral Student Travel Grant, *UCLA Grad. Division* \$1,000
2018-19—Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, *Social Science Research Council* \$1,500
2018-19—Summer Research Stipend, *UCLA Dept. of Sociology* \$5,000
2018-19—Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, *UCLA Grad. Division* \$6,000
2017-19—Graduate Dean's Scholar Award, *UCLA Grad. Division* \$14,500
2015-16—Markowski-Leach Scholar, *Horizons Foundation* \$4,000
2014-15—Young Black Scholarship, *100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc* \$1,500
2014-15—Education Abroad Program Scholarship, *UC Berkeley* \$2,000
2014-15—Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholar, *Institute of International Education* \$4,000

AWARDS

- 2018-19—Graduate Student Paper Award, *Association of Black Sociologists* \$200
2018-19—Community Assistance Program Award, *Urban Teachers Network* \$250
2018-19—Outstanding Teaching Award for TAs, *UCLA Dept. of Sociology* N/A
2015-16—Leadership Award, *California Alumni Association* \$2,000
2014-15—Center for Ethnographic Research Methods Scholarship, *UC Berkeley* \$1,100

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Williams, A.J. "The Need for Interdisciplinary Approaches to Criminal (in)Justice." [Symbolic Interaction, available online through Early View.](#)
- 2020 Williams, A.J. "Wayward in Sociology?" [Contexts 19\(4\):82-3.](#)
- 2016 Williams, A.J. "The Road to Private Prison Divestment: Inside the University of California student campaign." [Boom: A Journal of California.](#)
- 2016 Williams, A.J. "South African Healthcare: Utopian Dream or Failed Reality?" [Mellon Mays Undergraduate Journal.](#)

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Williams, A.J. "Defining a Black Research Ethic." Forthcoming chapter for Routledge Encyclopedia on Race & Racism, "Urban Spaces" section, edited by Dr. Marcus Anthony Hunter.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Black in Public: How witnessing among strangers subverts surveillance on public transit

- 2019 American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Roundtable, New York, NY
2019 Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference, Paper Session, New York, NY
2019 [Unable to attend] Black Doctoral Network Conference Presentation, Newark, NJ

How Race, Gender, and Disability Shift Interactions Among Strangers on Los Angeles Transit

2018 Association of Black Sociologists Conference, Roundtable, Philadelphia, PA

Black Women Leaders and Self Care in the #BlackLivesMatterMovement

2017 UCLA Queer Graduate Conference, Panel, University of California, Los Angeles, CA

2016 American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Roundtable, Seattle, WA

2016 American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Honors Roundtable, Seattle, WA

Being a Visible Marker: How Black Queer Women Activists Battle Microaggressions

2015 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Regional Conference, Panel, Stanford, CA

2015 Chicago Research Symposium: Humanities and Social Sciences, Panel, Univ. of Chicago

The G-Study: Examining men who have sex with men on Grindr

2014 Multicultural Community Center Research Symposium, Panel, Univ. of CA, Berkeley

INVITED TALKS

2021 *The Past, Present, and Future of Black Lives Matter, The Berkeley Forum, UC Berkeley*

Panelist with Nialah Edari and Bethlehem Yirga. Organized in collaboration with UC Berkeley's Black Recruitment and Retention Center.

2019 *Social Justice and Social Media, Invited Panel Session, ASA*

Presider. Speakers: Jessie Daniels, Rayshawn Ray, Zeynep Tufekci, and Apryl A. Williams. Organized by Adia M. Harvey Wingfield.

2017 *Take Chances, Make Mistakes, Get Messy, 19th UC Student Organizing Summit, UCSA*

Keynote Speaker.

2016 *California Prison Reform Today, Boom: A Journal of California, UC Berkeley*

Panelist with Arronca, M., Challet, A., Choate, B., Jacques, J., Sexton, J., Simon, J., St. John, P., & Williams, A.J.

2016 *Twitter as a Public Sociology Tool to Dismantle Toxic Masculinities, CSU Stanislaus*

Guest Lecturer for "#BlackTwitter: Race, Gender and Politics of Twitter".

2016 *Dismantling Toxic Masculinity, UC Berkeley, Center for Race & Gender*

Panelist. Recording available as podcast [online](#).

PUBLIC WRITING

2020 "A Social Media Celebrity Talks Leaving Twitter, Finding Joy." California Mag ([web](#))

2019 "Mentoring Students of Color Means Being Honest About My Own Mental Health." Chaos+Comrades ([web](#))

2019 "What About Them: Gender-Based Violence and Prison Abolition." Center for the Study of Women, UCLA ([web](#))

2018 Williams, A.J. "[Why Black Women Organizers Need to Care for Themselves and Each Other — and How They Can Do It.](#)" Scholar Strategy Network.

2018 "Who Teaches Academics to Theorize?" Inside Higher Ed ([web](#))

2018 "Blackademia: navigating depression, desire, and deadlines." Student Voices ([web](#))

2017 "James Baldwin's Black Queer Legacy." Electric Lit ([web](#))

2016 "Only Fags Bottom: Recreating toxic masculinities in queer communities." Masculinities 101 ([web](#)).

2016 "Masculinity is Killing Trans Women (of Color)." Masculinities 101 ([web](#))

2016 "Divestment from private prisons and fossil fuels can work." The Hill ([web](#)). Co-authored with R. Dellums and S. Hannon.

2016 "Barrows Hall should be renamed to honor people of color." The Daily Californian ([print and web](#)). Co-authored with B. Afroilan.

2015 "#MasculinitySoFragile." [ASA Sex & Gender Newsletter](#).

2015 "African American initiative is a positive step." The Daily Californian ([print/web](#))

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020-21 **Divestment, Reparations, and the Abolition University, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality & Democracy and UCLA Dept. of Gender Studies**

- 2018-19** Graduate Student Researcher, SA Smythe, Assistant Professor, UCLA
Narratives of Freedom, UCLA Dept. of African American Studies
Graduate Student Researcher, Bryonn Bain, Associate Professor, UCLA
- 2017-18** **Subaltern Schools Project, UCLA Dept. of Sociology**
- 2017-18** Graduate Student Researcher, Karida L. Brown, Assistant Professor, UCLA
Destination Crenshaw, Los Angeles Metro & UCLA African American Studies
- 2016-17** Graduate Student Researcher, Marcus Hunter, Full Professor, UCLA
California County Central Labor Council Project, UC Berkeley Labor Center
Research Intern, Lamoin Werlein Jaén, Director, *Latin@ Leadership Initiative*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020** **“Introduction to the Sociology of Gender,” InGenius Prep (private tutor)**
Academic Mentor & Tutor—Sole Instructor
One advanced high school student. Met weekly for eight weeks.
- 2019** **“Mass Migration: How Did We Get Here?,” UCLA Dept. of Sociology**
Graduate Student Instructor—Karida L. Brown, Assistant Prof.
75 undergrad students, 1 section. Met weekly for ten weeks (one quarter).
- 2019** **“Race and Ethnicity: Considering the University,” UCLA Dept. of Sociology**
Graduate Student Instructor—Karida L. Brown, Assistant Prof.
86 undergrad students, 3 sections. Met weekly for ten weeks (one quarter).
- 2018-19** **MMUF Research Seminar, UCLA Undergraduate Research Center (URC)**
Graduate Student Mentor—Muriel McClendon, Associate Dean and Director Whitney Arnold, URC-Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Director.
10 undergrad students, 1 section. Met weekly for 30 weeks (three quarters).
- 2018** **“Suicide, Death, and Trauma,” UCLA Dept. of Sociology**
Graduate Student Instructor—Stefan Timmermans, Full Professor
75 undergrad students, 3 sections. Met weekly for ten weeks (one quarter).

UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- 2019-Present Executive Council Member, *Sociologists for Trans Justice*
- 2018-Present Advisory Board Member, *Du Boisian Scholars Network*
- 2018-Present Graduate Fellow, *Scholars Strategy Network, Los Angeles Unified Chapter*
- 2017-Present Co-Director, *Justice Workgroup, UCLA*
- 2018-19 Graduate Student Mentor, *UCLA Undergraduate Research Center*
- 2018-19 Graduate Student Instructor, *Department of Sociology, UCLA*
- 2018-2019 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor, *UCLA Dept. of Sociology*
- 2018-219 Co-Coordinator, *Race & Ethnicity Working Group, UCLA Dept. of Sociology*
- 2017-18 Mentor, *Graduate Undergraduate Mentorship Program, UCLA*
- 2017-18 Member, *Underground Scholars Initiative, UCLA*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Sociological Association
- Member, Association of Black Sociologists
- Member, Alpha Kappa Delta
- Member, Black Feminism Initiative (UCLA)
- Occasional Reviewer, *The Sociological Quarterly*
- Occasional Reviewer, *Journal of Gender Studies.*

