



## **PhD Student Placements, 2005-2025**

### **2025**

#### **Nola Almageni**

Dissertation: The Relationships Between Religion and Religiosity and Attitudes Towards Substance Abusers: Evidence from a Global Survey  
Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), David Maume, Oneya Okuwobi  
First Placement: Assistant Professor, Mazoon College, Muscat, Oman

### **2024**

#### **Jeremy Brenner-Levoy**

Dissertation: The Gendered Play Gap: How Gendered Labor Shapes Choice and Constraint in Video Games  
Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Erynn Casanova, Kishonna Gray, Katherine Castiello Jones  
First Placement: Visiting Assistant Professor, Davidson College, Davidson, NC

#### **Michael Parrish**

Dissertation: Participation in Extracurricular Activities and Educational Achievement: Is There an Advantage for the Disadvantaged?  
Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Littisha Bates, Steve Carlton-Ford  
First Placement: Visiting Assistant Professor, Sinclair Community College, Dayton, OH

### **2023**

#### **Ahmed Alwulaii**

Dissertation: The Body Experiences of Men and Women in Saudi Arabia  
Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Steve Carlton-Ford, Erynn Casanova  
First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

#### **Hemin Aziz**

Dissertation: The Dynamics of Collective Violence in Iraq: A Comparative Analysis  
Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Steve Carlton-Ford, Erynn Casanova, Jesse Wozniak  
First Placement: RSI Family Liaison Coordinator, RefugeeConnect, Cincinnati, OH

**Eason, Keri**

Dissertation: Return of the Yellow Peril: The Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Americans' Attitudes Toward Asians and Asian Americans in The United States

Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Littisha Bates, David Maume

First Placement: Research Analyst, HARDI, Columbus, OH

Current Position: Director of Research and Impact at The American Institute of Dental Public Health, River Forest, IL

**Kathleen Gish**

Dissertation: Let them Eat Fair-Trade Chocolate Cake: Ethical Consumption, Responsibilization, and the Citizen-Consumer in the Age of Neoliberalism

Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Steve Carlton-Ford, David Maume

First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Sinclair Community College, Dayton, OH

**Jules Madzia**

Dissertation: Inequality in Medical Professionalization and Specialization

Committee: Danielle Bessett (Chair), Littisha Bates, Mia Mallory, Oneya Okuwobi

First Placement: Medical school in the College of Medicine at the University of Cincinnati

**Brittney Miles**

Dissertation: Beauty on Whose Terms? Black Women's Beauty Work and Politics

Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Anima Adjepong, Afiya Mbilishaka, Stephanie Sadre-Orafai

First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

**Anthony Stone, Jr.**

Dissertation: More Than Magical Negroes, Thugs, and Slaves: How Black Men Understand and Respond to Racial Representations of Masculinities in Film

Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Omotayo Banjo, Ronald Jackson II, Earl Wright II

First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

## 2022

### **Marcus Brooks**

Dissertation: You Can't Talk About That in the #CancelCulture: Technological Impacts on Racial Discourse  
 Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Earl Wright II, Stephanie Sadre-Orafai  
 First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

### **Orlaith Heymann**

Dissertation: Autonomy and Constraint: Sex Educators' Experiences in Schools  
 Committee: Danielle Bessett (Chair), Littisha Bates, Erynn Casanova, Jessica Fields  
 First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI

### **Stef Murawsky**

Dissertation: Navigating the Medicalization of Gender Identity: A Qualitative Study of Transgender People's Experiences of Healthcare in the American Midwest  
 Committee: Danielle Bessett (Chair), Erynn Casanova, Ashley Currier  
 First Placement: Program and Policy Director, Ohio Policy Evaluation Network, Cincinnati, OH

### **Chad Sloss**

Dissertation: Cultural Mistrust and the Experiences of Black Students Attending HBCUs and HWCUs  
 Committee: Derrick Brooms (Chair), Earl Wright II, Antar Tichavakunda  
 First Placement: Lecturer, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH  
 Current Position: Visiting Assistant Professor, Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH

## 2021

### **Shaonta' Allen**

Dissertation: Unapologetically Black and Unashamedly Christian: Exploring the Complexities of Black Millennial Christianity  
 Committee: Earl Wright II (Chair), Annulla Linders, Derrick Brooms  
 First Placement: Mellon Faculty Fellow in Sociology, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH  
 Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

### **Faisal Alsanea**

Dissertation: A Study of How Saudi Couples Navigate the Changing Gender Environment in Saudi Arabia

Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Derrick Brooms, Erynn Masi de Casanova  
 First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

### **Ayesha Casie Chetty**

Dissertation: Voice, Body, and Identity: Negotiating the Color Line in Opera  
 Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Danielle Bessett, Stefan Fiol  
 First Placement: ACLS Postdoctoral Fellow in the Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Brown University, Providence, RI  
 Current Position: Audience and Message Research Manager M+R, Washington, DC

### **Kelli Chapman**

Dissertation: Dating in and Out of the Closet: Negotiating Intimate Relationships as a Queer Teenager  
 Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Erynn Masi de Casanova, Danielle Bessett  
 First Placement: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA  
 Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, UC-Blue Ash, Blue Ash, OH

## **2020**

### **Adem Catalbas**

Dissertation: Militarism, Democracy, and Concordance: The Role of Citizenry in (Re)-Establishing Democratic Order in Argentina and Turkey  
 Committee: Steven Carlton-Ford (Chair), Annulla Linders, Amy Lind  
 First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Muş Alparslan University, Turkey

### **Sevsem Cicek-Okay**

Dissertation: Patterns and Trends in the Spatial Assimilation of Middle Eastern and North African Immigrants in the United States, 2000 to 2016  
 Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Erynn Masi de Casanova, Leila Rodriguez, Samantha Friedman  
 First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Niagara University, Niagara, NY

### **Elaina Johns-Wolfe**

Dissertation: The Geography of Gentrification: Evaluating the Role of Measurement and Spatiotemporal Context on Gentrification Patterns in the United States, 1980 to 2017  
 Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), David Maume, Littisha Bates, Derek S. Hyra  
 First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO

### **Curtis Webb**

Dissertation: I Got Joy the World Cannot Take Away: Black Young Professional Placemaking for Leisure in Urban White Spaces

Committee: Derrick Brooms (Chair), Littisha Bates, Erynn Masi de Casanova

First Placement: Senior Researcher, Design Impact, Cincinnati, OH

Current Position: Director of Systems Redesign and Community-Centered Research, Design Impact, Cincinnati, OH

## **2019**

### **Kalasia S. Ojeh**

Dissertation: Status Attainment in the 21st Century: The Importance and Incorporation of Race within the Transition from School to Work

Committee: David Maume (Chair), Jeffrey M. Timberlake, Earl Wright II

First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Kean University, Union, NJ

## **2018**

### **Aaryn Green**

Dissertation: Calling Out Culture Vultures: Nonwhite Interpretations of Cultural Appropriation in the Era of Colorblindness

Committee: Erynn Masi de Casanova (Chair), Annulla Linders, Jennifer Malat

First Placement: Diversity Fellow, John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH

Current Position: Assistant Director of Research, Professional Development, and Academic Affairs, American Sociological Association

### **Alan Grigsby**

Dissertation: Integration without Assimilation: Black Social Life in a Diverse Suburb

Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Erynn Masi de Casanova, Sarah Mayorga

First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Curry College, Milton, MA

Current Position: Senior Program Director, Kardia Group LLC

### **Ainsley Lambert-Swain**

Dissertation: Race in (Inter)Action: Identity Work and Interracial Couples' Navigation of Race in Everyday Life

Committee: Jennifer Malat (Chair), Littisha Bates, Sarah Mayorga

First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY

### **Sable Spiker**

Dissertation: Shared Lives, Shared Health: Sexual Minority Status, Gender, and Health in Couple Relationships

Committee: Danielle Bessett (Co-Chair), Jennifer Malat (Co-Chair), Ashley Currier, David Maume

First Placement: Postdoctoral Scholar, LGBT Policy Lab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Current Position: CDC Public Health Research Fellow, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, Atlanta, GA

## **2017**

### **Katherine Durante**

Dissertation: The Effects of Jurisdictional Context on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Prison Admissions

Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Jennifer Malat, Ben Feldmeyer

First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Nevada State College, Henderson, NV

Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

### **Tamika Odum**

Dissertation: Our Journey, Our Voice: Understanding Motherhood and Reproductive Agency in African American Communities

Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Danielle Bessett, Jennifer Malat, Patricia Hill Collins

Current Position: Associate Professor, UC-Blue Ash, Blue Ash, OH

## **2016**

### **Jacqueline Elcik**

Dissertation: Reconsidering Parental and Marital Status as Influences on Women's Work Experiences

Committee: David Maume (Chair), Paula Dubeck, Steve Carlton-Ford

Current Position: Senior Associate Dean, Providence College School of Business

### **Ciera Graham**

Dissertation: Black Spaces at White Institutions: How Do Black Students Perceive and Utilize Black Student Campus Organizations at Rural and Predominantly White Campuses?

Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Jennifer Malat, Ervin (Maliq) Matthew, Earl Wright II  
 First Placement: Associate Director of Student Services, Washington State University-Everett, Everett, WA  
 Current Position: K-12 Manager, City of Seattle, Seattle, WA

### **Travis Speice**

Dissertation: Manning Up and Queening Out: Gay Men's Negotiations of Gender and Sexuality  
 Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Steven Carlton-Ford, Erynn Masi de Casanova  
 First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Christ College of Nursing, Cincinnati, OH  
 Current Position: Applied Research Director, Women's Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Cincinnati, OH

### **Megan Underhill**

Dissertation: Becoming White: The Racial Socialization Practices of Middle-Class White Parents  
 Committee: Jennifer Malat (Chair), Erynn Masi de Casanova, Sarah Mayorga, David L. Brunsma  
 Current Position: Associate Professor, UNC-Asheville, Asheville, NC

## **2015**

### **Marcella Cameron Meyer**

Dissertation: Sibling Legacy: Stories About and Bonds Constructed with Siblings Who Were Never Known  
 Committee: Steven Carlton-Ford (Co-Chair), Annulla Linders (Co-Chair), C. Jeff Jacobson  
 First Placement: Bereavement Coordinator, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH  
 Current Position: Therapist, Thrive Therapy, Inc., Cincinnati, OH

## **2014**

### **Jeff Asher**

Dissertation: Dirty Work and Courtesy Stigma: Stigma Management Techniques among Professionals who Work with Juvenile Sex Offenders  
 Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Steven Carlton-Ford, Danielle Bessett  
 Current Position: Program Director, Butler County Juvenile Court, Butler County, OH

**J.A. Carter**

Dissertation: Let's Bang: Constructing, Reinforcing, and Embodying Orthodox Masculinity in Women's Full Contact, Tackle Football

Committee: Erynn Masi de Casanova (Chair), David Maume, Rin Reczek

First Placement: Visiting Assistant Professor, Miami University-Hamilton, Hamilton, OH

Current Position: Associate Professor, UC-Blue Ash, Blue Ash, OH

**Aaron Howell**

Dissertation: All in the Family: Residential Outcomes and Family Proximity

Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Jennifer Malat, Ervin (Maliq) Matthew

First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, SUNY-Farmingdale, Farmingdale, NY

Current Position: Associate Professor, University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH

**Joseph Michael**

Dissertation: Determinants and Effects of Student Involvement at Elite Colleges and Universities in the United States

Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Jennifer Malat, Littisha Bates

First Placement: Senior Consultant, Deloitte, Arlington, VA

Current Position: Senior Analyst, James M. Anderson Center for Health Systems Excellence at Cincinnati Children's Hospital

**2013****Amy Baumann Grau**

Dissertation: The Epitome of Bad Parents: Construction of Good and Bad Parenting, Mothering, and Fathering in Cases of Maternal and Paternal Filicide

Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Erynn Masi de Casanova, Jeffrey M. Timberlake

First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM

Current Position: Social Science Research Analyst, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Washington, DC

**Mark Killian**

Dissertation: Everything in Common: The Strength and Vitality of Two Christian Intentional Communities

Committee: Steven Carlton-Ford (Chair), Erynn Masi de Casanova, Jeffrey M. Timberlake



Current Position: Associate Professor, Whitworth University, Spokane, WA

**Julie Stewart**

Dissertation: Colorblind Commercials: Depictions of Interracial Relationships in Television Advertising

Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Erynn Masi de Casanova, Annulla Linders

Current Position: Associate Professor of Instruction, Naveen Jindal School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX

**2012**

**Paul Anderson**

Dissertation: Rural Urban Differences in Educational Outcomes: Does Religious Social Capital Matter?

Committee: Littisha Bates (Chair), Sarah Mayorga, Jeffrey M. Timberlake

First Placement: Social Science Research Specialist, Ohio Department of Education, Columbus, OH

Current Position: Manager, Data Analytics, Community Behavioral Health, Philadelphia, PA

**Ying Ma**

Dissertation: The Acquisition and Maintenance of Ethnic Languages among Second-Generation Immigrant Children

Committee: Steven Carlton-Ford (Chair), Littisha Bates, Jeffrey M. Timberlake

Current Position: Associate Professor, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN

**2011**

**Hara Bastas**

Dissertation: Girls' Rights: An Insight into the United Nations from 1995–2010

Committee: Steven Carlton-Ford (Chair), Paula Dubeck, Annulla Linders

Current Position: Associate Professor, LaGuardia Community College, New York, NY

**Michael Delaney**

Dissertation: Selection Method and Judicial Background Characteristics

Committee: Steven Carlton-Ford (Chair), Paula Dubeck, Annulla Linders

Current Position: Professor, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

## 2010

### **Vicki Dryfhout-Ferguson**

Dissertation: Racial Disparities in Pregnancy Outcomes  
 Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Jennifer Malat, Magdalena Szaflarski

### **Lisa Fisher**

Dissertation: Flexible Work Arrangements in Context: How Identity, Place and Process Shape Approaches to Flexibility  
 Committee: Paula Dubeck (Chair), Rhys Williams, David Maume  
 First Placement: Visiting Assistant Professor, College of Wooster, Wooster, OH

### **Rebecca Reeder**

Dissertation: Theoretical and Methodological Advances to Preterm Birth Research: A Focus on the Relationship between Minority-Majority Group Status and Preterm Birth  
 Committee: David Maume (Chair), Neal Ritchey, Jeffrey M. Timberlake  
 Current Position: Professor, Florida State College of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

### **Ahoo Tabatabai**

Dissertation: Vanishing Act: Doing Non-Straight Identity in Heterosexual Relationships  
 Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair), Rhys Williams, Steven Carlton-Ford  
 Current Position: Professor, Columbia College, Columbia, MO

## 2009

### **Pamela Dooley**

Dissertation: Examining Individual and Neighborhood-level Risk Factors for Delivering a Preterm Infant  
 Committee: Neal Ritchey (Chair), Jeffrey M. Timberlake  
 Current Position: Senior Health Policy Analyst, U.S. General Accounting Office

### **Leslie Elrod**

Dissertation: From Fat to Fabulous: Adolescent Obesity, Self-esteem, and Coping Mechanisms  
 Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair)  
 First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, UC-Blue Ash, Blue Ash, OH  
 Current Position: Psychosocial Clubhouse Director, North Country Community Mental Health, Petoskey, MI

**Michael Wehrman**

Dissertation: Returning to Crime: Individual and Community Effects on Recidivism  
 Committee: David Maume (Chair), Neal Ritchey, Jeffrey M. Timberlake  
 First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Cabrini University, Radnor, PA  
 Current Position: Senior Manager, Comcast, Philadelphia, PA

**2008****Rex Caswell**

Dissertation: Gender and Work Reactions in a Sales Occupation: A Test of Three Models  
 Committee: Paula Dubeck (Chair)  
 Current Position: Vice President, Stericycle, Cincinnati, OH

**Ann Hamill**

Dissertation: Two Moral Universes: The Social Problem of the Idiots from 1845 to 1855 and Mentally Retarded Sons and Daughters from 1945 to 1955  
 Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair)

**Jaita Talukdar**

Dissertation: A Sociological Study of the Culture of Fasting and Dieting of Women in Urban India  
 Committee: Annulla Linders (Chair)  
 Current Position: Associate Professor, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA

**2007****David Purcell**

Dissertation: Race, Gender, and Class at Work: Examining Cultural Capital and Inequality in a Corporate Workplace  
 Committee: Jennifer Malat (Chair), Rhys Williams, David Maume, Annulla Linders  
 First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Kent State University, Kent, OH  
 Current Position: Senior Research Scientist, Cradle To Career Policy Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

**2006****Ryan Cragun**

Dissertation: A Role Conflict Theory of Religious Change: An Explanation and Test  
 Committee: Rhys Williams (Chair)  
 Current Position: Professor, University of Tampa, Tampa, FL

**2005****Van Gundy, Alana**

Dissertation: Gender, Parental Attachment, and Delinquency: Revisiting Hirschi's Social Bond Theory

Committee: David Maume (Chair), Jeffrey M. Timberlake

First Placement: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Miami University-Middletown, Middletown, OH

Current Position: Attorney, Van Gundy Law, Dayton, OH