PhD Student Placements, 2013-2022

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

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

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
Current Position: Mellon Faculty Fellow in Sociology, 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
Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, King Saud University, 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: Community Research Manager, National Humanities Alliance, 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
Current Position: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA

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
Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Muş Alparslan University, Turkey

Sevsem Cicek-Okay
Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), Erynn Masi de Casanova, Leila Rodriguez, Samantha Friedman
Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Niagara University, Niagara, NY

Elaina Johns-Wolfe
Committee: Jeffrey M. Timberlake (Chair), David Maume, Littisha Bates, Derek S. Hyra
Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 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  
Current Position: Senior Researcher, 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  
Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY  

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: Consumer Insight Researcher, Cengage Publishing Group, Boston, MA  

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  
Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY
R. 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

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: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, UC-Blue Ash, Blue Ash, OH

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: Director of College Access, Retention, and Engagement, Pierce College, Lakewood, 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: Teaching Professor, Xavier University, 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: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, UNC-Asheville, Asheville, NC

2015

Marcella Cameron  
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  
Current Position: Bereavement Coordinator, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH
2014

**Jeff Asher**
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
Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant 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 Position: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, SUNY-Farmingdale, Farmingdale, NY
Current Position: Tenure-Track Assistant 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 Position: Senior Consultant, Deloitte, Arlington, VA
Current Position: Senior Analyst, James M. Anderson Center for Health Systems Excellence at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

2013

**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

First Position: Instructor, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH