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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2013- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University (Camden)
- 2011-2013 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Africana Studies

## EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles  
Dissertation: *Marriage and Mistura: Black-White Interracial Couples in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro*  
Dissertation Committee: Edward Telles (Co-Chair), Stefan Timmermans (Co-Chair), Mignon Moore, M. Belinda Tucker  
Field Exams: Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration; Stratification
- 2005 AM in Sociology, Harvard University
- 2001 BA in Sociology and Spanish (Double Major) with Distinction, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)  
Academic Year Abroad in Granada, Spain

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of the Family, Immigration, Qualitative Methods, Social Research Methods, Race in Latin America, Ethnicity and Race in Comparative Perspective

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2011 Graduate Research Assistant, "Leveraging Mobility: The Impact of Assets on Family Well-Being Over Time"  
PI: Thomas Shapiro, Brandeis University
- 2006 Graduate Research Assistant, "Project on Mexican Americans,"  
PI: Edward Telles and Vilma Ortiz

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015- Professor, "Individual and Society"

- 2013- Professor, "Introduction to Sociology"
- 2013- Professor, "Race in Latin America"
- 2013- Professor, "Race in Brazil: Blackness and Multiracialism in the Americas and Beyond"
- 2013 Instructor, "Race in Brazil: Blackness and Multiracialism in the Americas and Beyond", University of Pennsylvania, Spring
- 2011 Instructor, "Social Organization of Black Communities", UCLA Sociology and African American Studies, Summer Session II

### SELECT PEER REVIEW ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2016 "Studying Black-White Couples in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro" in *Race and the Politics of Knowledge Production: Diaspora and Black Transnational Scholarship in the USA and Brazil*. Edited by Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman and Gladys Mitchell-Walthour. Palgrave: New York, 123-138.
- 2014 (With Sylvia Zamora) "Mobilizing African Americans for Immigrant Rights: Framing Strategies in Two Multi-Ethnic Coalitions." *Latino Studies*, 12: 424-448.
- 2014 "Divergence or Convergence: Black-White Interracial Couples and White Family Reactions in the U.S. and Brazil." *Qualitative Sociology*, 37: 93-115.
- 2013 "Racial 'Boundary-policing': Perceptions of Black-White Interracial Couples in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro." *The DuBois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 10: 179-203.  
*Winner of the 2011 ASA Section on Race and Ethnic Minorities Blackwell Award for Best Graduate Student Paper.*
- 2013 "Confronting Whitening in an Era of Black-Consciousness: Racial Ideology and Black-White Interracial Marriages in Rio de Janeiro." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 10: 1490-1506.  
*Featured in Race and Racisms: A Critical Approach (2014) edited by Tanya Golash-Boza as "Research Focus: Racial Ideology and Black-White Interracial Marriages in Rio de Janeiro"*
- 2010 "Building Power for 'Non-Citizen Citizenship:' A Case Study of The Multi-Ethnic Immigrant Workers Organizing Network (MIWON)." In Ruth Milkman, Joshua Bloom, and Victor Narro

(ed.) *Working for Justice: The L.A. Model of Organizing and Advocacy*,  
Cornell University Press.

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

*Reproducing Race: Interracial Marriage from Brazil to the USA*

Arenas, Erika and Osuji, Chinyere. "Skin Color Homogamy in Mexico."

### **SELECT HONORS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2014 Rutgers University Research Council Grant Program \$1000
- 2014 University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity  
(NCID) Emerging Scholar Citation
- 2010 ASA Section on Race and Ethnic Minorities James E. Blackwell  
Best Graduate Student Paper Award \$250
- 2010 Institute of American Cultures Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, UCLA  
Bunche Center for African American Studies  
\$25,000 plus tuition
- 2010 Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention
- 2007 National Science Foundation IGERT Fellowship  
\$60,000 plus tuition
- 2006 Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention
- 2005 Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS),  
UCLA Latin American Center  
Tuition
- 2005 UCLA Sociology Departmental Fellowship  
\$36,000
- 2001 U.S. Fulbright IIE, Spain 2001
- 1998 McNair Scholar, UIUC

### **SELECT INVITED LECTURES**

- 2015 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference. Invited panel,  
"Crossing Interracial Boundaries," New York, NY.
- 2013 "Atlas.ti and 'I'", Presented at Invited Policy and Research

Workshop on Using Software in Qualitative Analysis at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), New York.

- 2013 CUNY-Queens College, Invited lecture, "On the Cusp of Blackness: Black Partners and Groupness in Black-White Couples".
- 2011 University of Pennsylvania, Invited Lecture, "Black-White Couples and Perceptions of Racial Boundary-Policing in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro."

### **SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, LAST 5 YRS**

- 2016 "The Romantic Career: Partner Choice among Black-White Interracial Couples in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro", Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Seattle, WA
- "Skin Color Homogamy in Mexico", (with Erika Arenas) Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Seattle, WA
- "An African/Nigerian American Studying Black-White Couples in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro", Presented at Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Providence, RI.
- "Colorblind Racism in the Family: Social Capital in Interracial Families", Presented at Summit on New Frontiers in the Study of Colorblind Racism, Bloomington, IL
- 2015 "'Ethno-racial Reflection': Comparing Black-White Couples and Multiracial Families in Brazil and the U.S." Presented at New Research Challenges on Intermarriage and Mixedness in Europe and Beyond at Université Paris, Sorbonne, Paris, France.
- 2014 "Comparing Race Relations in Brazil and the U.S. through White Family Reactions to Interracial Couples" Presented at Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Chicago, IL.
- 2013 "Seeing Like a Spouse: Groupness, Racial Identity, and Identification in Brazilian Black-White Couples", Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), New York.

- 2013 "Interracial Marriage and Migration in Contemporary Brazil." Presented at Latin American Studies Association of America (LASA), Washington, D.C.
- 2012 "A Fly in the Milk: Intersectionality and White Family Opposition to Black-White Couples in Rio de Janeiro." Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- 2011 Osuji, Chinyere K. "Gates' Brazil: Questioning the Racial Paradise." Presented at the Conference on Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean, San Diego, CA.
- 2010 Osuji, Chinyere K. "Blurring Social Boundaries?: Experiences of Black-White Unions in Rio De Janeiro and Los Angeles." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, TX.  
*Winner Best Poster in Session, Population Association of America*

## **SERVICE**

- 2015-2016 ASA Family Section's Distinguished Career Award Committee
- 2015 Academic Senator on the Rutgers University at Camden Faculty
- 2014- Admissions and Retention Committee, Rutgers University at Camden
- 2011 UCLA Sociology Department, Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2010- Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Current Sociology*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, and *Sociological Perspectives*.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Fluent: Spanish, Portuguese  
Intermediate: French, Catalan

## **MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)  
Council on Contemporary Families (CCF)  
Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

*Religious News Service*, "Why Some Black Men Prefer the Down Low and What It Says about the Black Church, September 4, 2015 <http://religionnews.com/2015/09/04/black-men-prefer-low-says-black-church-america/>

*The Seattle Times*, "Spokane NAACP leader: 'I do consider myself to be black'" on Rachel Dolezal, June 12, 2015 <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/naacp-reacts-to-rachel-dolezals-curious-case/>

National Public Radio, A Nigerian-American Reflects on Thanksgiving, November 20, 2007 <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=16452593>