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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Fall 2020 **Ph.D.**, Department of Sociology, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- 2020 **M.A.**, Department of Sociology, Stony Brook University
- 2018 **B.A.**, Department of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Degree with Distinction
Minors in Gender Studies and African American Studies

SCHOLARY INTERESTS

Race, Policing & Technology; Race, Criminal Justice & Health Policy; Digital Media, Crime & Violence; Urban & Digital Ethnography; Qualitative & Computational Methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-2020 *Research Assistant (RA)*
Department of Sociology, University of Hartford-Hillyer College
- 2018-2020 *Teaching Assistant (TA)*
Department of Sociology, Stony Brook University

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Ceesay Fatoumata, M. "Which Lives Matter? Exploring Ideas of Cosmopolitanism Amidst 'Online' Broadcastings of Various U.S. Tragedies" (in preparation).

Ceesay Fatoumata, M. "Public Attitudes, Debate Over Reform, and Expressions of Grief: A Time Series Analysis of Police Shootings and Social Media Discourse" (in preparation).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant (TA), Department of Sociology, Stony Brook University
Course: Global Africa (Spring 2019; Spring 2020)
Course: Sociology of Medicine (Fall 2019)
Course: Social Problems in Global Perspectives (Fall 2018)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Academic

- 2019-2020 *Research Assistant*, "Putting them on ICE: Policing Salvadoran Communities on Long Island." (Russell Sage Foundation Grant G-1811-09919). PI: Dr. Karen Tejada, Ph.D.

- Performed qualitative and ethnographic research/data collection: prepared and coded fieldnotes, conducted face to face interviews with residents and officers, immersed in participant observations, attended community meetings, connected with various community organizers and law enforcement personnel.
- 2018 *Summer Research Assistant, ““WOKE” AND OTHER KEY WORDS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.”* PI: Dr. Crystal M. Fleming, Ph.D.
- Gathered and collected definitions, sources, origins, and examples of common and unexplored social justice “buzzwords” i.e. terminology, in scholarly journals, books, news, media, and reputable online sources.
- 2017-2018 *Research Assistant, Center for Policing Equity (CPE), John Jay College of Criminal Justice*
- Supported research team with pre- and post-production of manuscripts – researched the requirements of the journal, formatting the references, formatting tables, copyediting, etc. Also created comprehensive literature reviews for faculty and postdoc students.
- 2017 *Lab Volunteer, Sex Offender Research Lab (SORL), John Jay College of Criminal Justice*
- Assisted with multi-methodological project to identify interventions that led to attitude changes towards sex and drug offenders through focus group facilitation.
- 2016-2018 *McNair Scholar, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*
- Conducted independent research involving the collection of in-depth interviews, focus groups and surveying of students of color at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Project provided insight into the experiences of Black and Latinx students navigating the structural levels of their institution, and desire to develop legitimize social networks.

Non-Profit Organization

- 2019 *Summer Research Consultant, Long Island Jobs with Justice (LIJ), New York*
- Developed survey questions and method instruments for a research project measuring the frequency and means by which community members experience policing in Nassau and Suffolk county based on race, gender, and sexual orientation.

ADVOCACY AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017-2018 *Legal Fellow, Innocence Project, New York*
- Coordinated the newest initiative of non-DNA case projects and post-conviction cases designed to observe and reexamined cases that have been overlooked due to insufficient DNA evidence.
 - Organized trial records in preparation for litigation for attorneys. Analyzed case studies, drafted documents, digested court transcripts, and conducted legal research on the behalf of clients.
- 2016-2017 *Community Fellow/Youth Counselor Facilitator, Center for Court Innovations and Prisoner Reentry Institute, New York*
- Managed and facilitated the S.O.S. Youth Council- for young people who are identified as at-risk youth and are involved in gun violence in their community.
 - Developed training materials, planned activities, and facilitated group discussions.
 - Outreached to community partners, including local schools, and police precincts.
 - Facilitated door to door interviews with residents in the Bronx area to assess community living conditions.

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020-23 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (\$138,000)
- 2018-20 W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship, Center for Inclusion Education, Stony Brook University (\$20,000)

- 2017-18 Richard Tarlow Fellowship, Innocence Project and John Jay College of Criminal Justice (\$10,000)
- 2016-17 Community Pinkerton Fellowship, Prisoner Reentry Institute and John Jay College of Criminal Justice (\$12,750)

AWARDS

- 2020 Turner Conference Travel Award, Stony Brook University (\$1200)
- 2019-20 W. Burghardt Turner Summer Research Grant, Stony Brook University (\$9810)
- 2018 Prince & Evelyn Richardson Academic Achievement Award, SEEK Department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (\$1000)
- 2018 Alfred Siegel Memorial Scholarship, Center for Court Innovation and John Jay College of Criminal Justice (\$1000)
- 2017 Undergraduate Presenter, 2nd Place, Black Doctoral Network Conference (BDN) (\$125)
- 2017 Student Travel Award for Professional and Academic Development, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (\$852)
- 2017 Malcolm/King Leadership Scholarship, African American Studies Department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (\$250)
- 2015-18 Dean's List, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 "Public Attitudes, Debate Over Reform, and Expressions of Grief: A Time Series Analysis of Police Shootings and Social Media Discourse," 8th Annual Black Doctoral Network Conference, Atlanta, GA, (Oct) [pending].
- 2020 "An Outpouring of Grief and the Debate Over Reform: A Time Series Analysis of Police Shootings and Social Media Discourse," ESS Annual Meeting – Sociology of Media: Culture Race and Politics, Philadelphia, PA, (Mar).
- 2017–18 "Integrated yet Separated: Black Student Leaders' Self Perception of their Academic Identity at an HWI."
 - Ronald E. McNair Research [Trio] Conference, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, March 2018.
 - 5th Annual Black Doctoral Network Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 2017.
 - Undergraduate Research Symposium, Binghamton University, October 2017.
 - SAEOPP McNair/SSS Scholar Research Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 2017.
- 2017 "From the Color Line to the Color Chart: Media Representation and its Negative Impact on African American and Asian Communities," Undergraduate Research Symposium, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY, (Mar).

INVITED PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Academic

- 2019 "Graduate School and Research" EOP & AIM Humanities & Social Science Panel, Stony Brook University
- 2019 "Incoming Turner Fellow Graduate Talk" Center for Inclusive Education, Stony Brook University

INSTITUTIONAL and UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Service

Presider, 2020, Eastern Sociological Society, Sociology of Media: Culture Race and Politics, Philadelphia, PA.

Gender Justice Advocate, 2015-2016, Women Center for Gender Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Program & Event Coordinator, 2015-2016, Community Service Council, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

CUNY Service Corps, 2014-2015, City University of New York (CUNY).

Mentorship

Mentor to Greisy Perez, 2019, EOP Undergraduate Mentoring Initiative for Success (MIS) Program, Stony Brook University.

Mentor to Emilia Russo, Fall 2019, Graduate Community of Student Mentors (CSM) Program, Stony Brook University.

Mentor to Dillon Epperson, Denise Pazmino, Shujaat Hussain, Sapphire Renea, 2016-2018, Urban Male Initiative (UMI) Peer Mentor Program, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Memberships

Academic: American Sociological Association; Eastern Sociological Society

CERTIFICATIONS and SKILLS

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program Research Ethics and Compliance Training

Proficient in SPSS, Microsoft System, Google System, PowerPoint, Qualtrics, Google Forms and Survey Monkey

Beginner in R and Python