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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Louisville, 2018-current
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2016-2018
Visiting Scholar, Center for Neuroscience and Society, University of Pennsylvania, 2016-2018
Postdoctoral Fellow, Program on Race, Science & Society, University of Pennsylvania, 2014-2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, San Francisco, 2014
M.A. Pan-African Studies, University of Louisville, 2007
B.S. Biology, University of Houston, 2005

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of the Mind and Brain Sciences
Race & Racism
Science, Knowledge, & Technology
Medical Sociology
Bioethics

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES) - Science, Technology & Society (STS), SES-1632596, 2016-2018
Price Lab for Digital Humanities Project Support Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2016-2017
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research, National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Research Program, 2012-2014, R01-HG115848-03S1
Rosenberg-Hill Research Fellowship, University of California, San Francisco, 2012-2014
Graduate Student Research Grant, University of California Center for New Racial Studies, 2012
Graduate Division Dean's Health Science Fellowship, University of California, San Francisco, 2012
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity (IMSD) Fellowship, National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), 1-R25-GM56847, 2007-2012

PUBLICATIONS

Larregue, Julien and Oliver Rollins, "Biosocial Criminology and The Mismeasure of Race, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (Forthcoming)
Rollins, Oliver. 2018. "Risky Bodies: Race and the Science of Crime." Pp. 91-119 in *Living Racism: Through the Barrel of the Book*, edited by T. Rajack-Tally and D. Brooms. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press.

Books

Unlocking the Violent Brain: Continued Debate, Promise and Uncertainty in Biological Research on Violence (tentative title). Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. (in progress)

Book Reviews

- Rollins, Oliver. 2017. "The Brain's Body Neuroscience and Corporeal Politics" *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*. 46(5):589-591.
- Rollins, Oliver. 2017. "Decoding Racial Ideology in Genomics" *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. 3(2):282-283.
- Rollins, Oliver 2015. "Body and Soul: The Black Panther Party and the Fight against Medical Discrimination." *New Genetics and Society*. 34(4):440-442.

Reports

- Rollins, Oliver, Davis Ja, Christopher Vercammen-Grandjean, Howard Pinderhughes, Robin Bowman. 2010. *Violence Prevention and Intervention Evaluation Report*. Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (DCYF). The City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Works in Progress

- "Biocriminology as a Racial Project?: Revisiting Biology, Crime, and Race in the 21st Century"
- "Neuroscience and the Search to "Cure" Racism"
- "Imaging Difference: The Neuroscience of Race and the Reproduction of Biological Differences"
- [with Torsten Heinemann]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Current Research Projects

- "Neuro-visions of the Prejudiced Mind: Implications and Challenges for Neuroscience Research on Race"
- "Proxies of Race: A Catalogue" (with Benjamin Wiggins, University of Minnesota; Lee Young, (MD/PhD Candidate, University of Pennsylvania),

Other Research Experience

- Senior Research Assistant, *Davis Y. Ja & Associates, Inc.: Behavioral Health Systems Development & Evaluation*, San Francisco CA, Principal Evaluator: Davis Ja., 2009-2011
- Violence Prevention Fellow, *Prevention Institute*, Oakland CA, 2008

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- "Neuro-intervention or Neuro-voyeurism?: The Corporeal Politics of the Brain, Race, and Racism." Invited Panel. *American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Aug. 14, 2018
- "Face to Face: Crime & Violence workshop" Drexel STS "Identifying Gaps, Building Bridges: Fostering Critical Exchange Between Socio-Legal and Science & Technology Studies" Drexel University Workshop, May 10-11, 2018.
- "Science and Technology Studies through Africana" The Future of Black Studies Symposium, University of Houston, Feb. 23, 2018
- "Imaging Difference: Social Neuroscience and the Logics of Race" Princeton Neuroscience Institute "Inside-out" Seminars, Feb. 15, 2018
- "Violence and Race." Panel discussion on Science and Race: History, Use an Abuse. The Public Classroom at Penn Museum, University of Pennsylvania, Nov. 17, 2016

- “Constructing the Normal to study Antisocial Brains.” Science and Technology Program, Drexel University, May 4, 2016
- “Neuro-Identities and Racial Imaginaries.” Program on Science, Technology, and Society, Harvard University, Apr. 29-30, 2016
- “Controversy, Progress, and the Neuroscientific Study of Violence.” Department of History & Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 22, 2016.
- “Unlocking the Violent Brain.” Science in Society Program, Wesleyan University, Feb. 15, 2016
- “Race-Neutrality and the Violent Brain: How Neuro-criminologists Deal with the ‘Question of Race’” Center for African American Studies, Princeton University, Feb. 10, 2016
- “Genes and Brains at the Intersections of Africana Studies.” African American Studies Program Alumni Lecture Series, University of Houston, Feb. 2, 2016
- “Race, Behavior, and the Brain: Impacts and Challenges of using Race in Neuroscience Research.” Center for Neuroscience and Society, University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 28, 2015
- “Violence as a Health Problem?: The Biopolitics of Scientific and Biomedical Research on Violence” School of Public Health, Drexel University, Apr. 8, 2015
- “Past and Present Racial Imaginaries of Biocriminology.” Penn Program on Race, Science and Society Lecture Series, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 19, 2015
- “The Complexities of Race and Violence through Neuroimaging.” *Celebrating Troy Duster Conference*. Hosted by the Center for Research on Social Change, University of California, Berkeley, Aug. 15, 2014
- “History of Race and Violence through Science,” *University of California Center for New Racial Studies 3rd Annual Conference*, Irvine, CA. May 3, 2013
- “Violence, the Brain, and Future Racial Imaginaries through the Lens of Biotechnologies,” Speculative Visions of Race, Technology, Science & Survival Conference, Center for Race & Gender, University of California, Berkeley, Mar. 16, 2013

Conference Presentations

- “Race, Class, and the Neurologic Construction of Antisocial Behavior” American Educational Research Association (AERA), New York, NY. Apr. 13, 2018
- “Neuroscience and the Search to ‘Cure’ Racism” *Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA. Sept. 1, 2017
- “Biocriminology as a Racial Project?: The Legacy of Biology, Crime, and Race.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL. Aug. 25, 2015
- “Violent Brains?: Infrastructure and Endurance in the Neurobiology of Violence” *Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) annual meeting*, San Diego CA. Oct. 12, 2013
- “Report on Violence Prevention and Intervention Evaluation,” *Department of Children, Youth and Their Families and City and County of San Francisco*. San Francisco, CA (with Davis Ja and Christopher Vercammen-Grandjean), December 2010
- “Health and Violence: Lecture on Youth Violence and Violence Prevention” Youth Build Health Education Series, *Youth Build USA and Glide Foundation*, San Francisco, CA, 2008 & 2010

UNIVERSITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University Service

- Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Louisville, 2018-present
- Organizer, Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop Series, Department of Africana Studies, UPenn, 2014-Present
- Discussant, *Race Bias in Science and Medicine*, Students Confronting Racism and White Privilege (SCRWP) & Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, UPenn, April 2016

Panel Chair, *Sorting Brains Out: Task, Tests, and Trials in the Neuro- and Mind Sciences, 1890-2015 Conference*, University of Pennsylvania, September 18-19, 2015
Essay Referee, W.E.B Du Bois Prize in Africana Studies, UPenn, 2015 & 2016
Organizer, Penn Program on Race, Science & Society Lecture Series, UPenn 2014-2016.
Faculty/Student Taskforce Member, Doctoral Program in Medical Sociology, UCSF, 2008-2013
Graduate Student Rep., Inaugural Meeting with UC President Janet Napolitano, April 2013
Search Committee Member, Graduate Division Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs and Outreach, UCSF, 2013
Organizer, Diversity Workshop Planning Committee, UCSF Graduate Division, 2008 & 2013
Member, Minority Graduate Student Organization (MGSO), UCSF, 2007-2012
Graduate Student Representative, Department of Social Behavioral Sciences Faculty Meetings, UCSF, 2008-2010

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S)
Association for Black Sociologist (ABS)

Other Memberships/Service

Founding Member, *Symbioses: Biosocial Research Network Group* (<http://biosocialnetwork.org/>)
Manuscript Referee: *BioSocieties*; *Perspectives on Science*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *Science, Technology, and Human Values*