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EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

Dissertation: "Legacies of Slavery: An Analysis of the Dimensions of Slavery's Post-Emancipation Effects"

May 2017

Duke University, Durham, NC

Master of Arts in Sociology

May 2015

The University of Mississippi, University, MS

Master of Arts in Sociology

Thesis: "King of the Hill's Souphanousiphones, The New Model Minority, and The Subversive Model Minority"

May 2012

The University of Mississippi, University, MS

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; Emphasis in African-American Studies, Minors in Journalism and English

Sally McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College

Thesis: "Blacking Up Critical Whiteness: Dave Chappelle as a Race Theorist"

May 2010

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Assistant Professor of Sociology

August 2017

PUBLICATIONS

IN PROGRESS

Reece, Robert L. Revise and Resubmit. "Is it better to be fat than ugly?": The Effect of Physical Attractiveness, Body Size, and Race on Individual Income." *Springer Nature: Social Sciences*.

Reece, Robert L. Preparation. "Slavery and Lynching: Legacies and Geographies."

Reece, Robert L. Preparation. "Sizing up Mental Health: The role of race, body size, sexual orientation in experiencing depressive symptoms."

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING

Reece, Robert L. Accepted for Publication. "Slave Past, Modern Lives: An Analysis of the Legacy of Slavery and Contemporary Life Expectancy." *Journal of Black Studies*.

Reece, Robert L. Forthcoming 2022. "Freedom to Resist: The Story of John Henry Sylvester and Strike City, Mississippi." *Journal of Mississippi History*.

Reece, Robert L. 2021. "The Missing Social Movement: Colorism in Black America." *Interface*.

Reece, Robert L. 2021. "The Future of American Blackness: On Colorism and Racial Reorganization." *Review of Black Political Economy*.

Reece, Robert L. 2020. "The Gender of Colorism: Understanding the Intersection of Skin Tone and Gender Inequality." *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*.

Reece, Robert L. 2019. "Coloring Racial Fluidity: How Skin Tone Shapes Multiracial Adolescents' Racial Identity Changes." *Race and Social Problems*.

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Reece, Robert L. 2019. "Whitewashing Slavery: Legacy of Slavery and White Social Outcomes" *Social Problems*

Reece, Robert L. 2018. "Color Crit: Critical Race Theory and the Historical Maintenance and Future of Colorism in the United States." *Journal of Black Studies*

Reece, Robert L. 2018. "Coloring Weight Stigma: On Race, Colorism, Weight Stigma, and the Failure of Additive Intersectionality." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

Reece, Robert L. 2018. "Genesis of U.S. Colorism and Skin Tone Stratification: Slavery, Freedom, and Mulatto-Black Occupational Inequality in the Late 19th Century." *Review of Black Political Economy*

O'Connell, Heather A. and **Robert L. Reece.** 2018. "Quantitative Studies of Place and Spatial Regression Analysis: A Study of the Legacy of Slavery in the U.S. South." *Sage Research Methods Cases*.

Reece, Robert L. and Maggie Hardy. 2017. "Moving beyond metrics: a primer for hiring and promoting a diverse workforce in entomology and other natural sciences." *Annals of the Entomological Society of America*

Reece, Robert L. and Aisha A. Upton. 2017. "How Skin Tone Shapes Civic Engagement Among Black Americans." *Color Struck: How Race and Complexion Matter in the "Color-Blind" Era*

Reece, Robert L. and Heather A. O'Connell. 2015. "How the Legacy of Slavery and Racial Composition Shape Public School Enrollment in the American South." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

Reece, Robert L. 2015. "What Are You Mixed With?: An Analysis of Perceived Attractiveness, Skin Tone, and Mixed Raciality." *Review of Black Political Economy*.

Reece, Robert. 2015 "The Plight of the Black Belle Knox: Race, College, Web Cam Models, and the Internet." *Porn Studies*

Reece, Robert L. 2014. "Blacking Up Critical Whiteness: Dave Chappelle as a Race Theorist." Pp. 69-90 in *(Re)positioning Race: Prophetic Research in a Post-Racial Obama Era* edited by S. Barnes, Z. Robinson, and E. Wright III. New York: SUNY Press.

Reece, Robert. 2014. "Sex as Subversion: The Ethnosexual Protestor and the Ethnosexual Defender" Pp. 105-116 in *Routledge International Handbook of Race Class and Gender* edited by S. Jackson. New York: Routledge.

BOOK REVIEWS

Reece, Robert. 2021. "Manifesto for a Dream: Inequality, Constraint, and Radical Reform by Michelle Jackson. Stanford, CA, Stanford University Press, 2020." *Political Science Quarterly* 136 (4), 792-793.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

"The Past is the Past? How Slavery Still Benefits White Americans." 2019. *Works in Progress*

"Halfway Home: The Black Academic and the Struggle for Belonging." 2018. *Inside Higher Ed*

"Debunking the Mobility Myth." 2018. *Teaching Tolerance*

"Fighting Fat Stigma With Science." 2017. *Teaching Tolerance*

"How Trump's latest affirmative action move uses the Asian 'model minority' as a prop." 2017. *Vox*

"The failure of the Democratic Party." 2016. *Scalawag Magazine*

"The news comes differently to me." 2016. *Scalawag Magazine*

"How Saying You're Multiracial Changes the Way People See You." 2016. *The Conversation*

"Segregation Forever?" 2016. *Teaching Tolerance*

"A Stubborn Gap." 2016. *Rooflines*

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“How slavery still shapes racial inequality.” 2015. *Scalawag Magazine*

“How My Social Justice Failed My Family.” 2013. *The Society Pages*

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2019 Summer Research Fellowship, UT-Austin

2016-2017 American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program - \$18,000

2016-2017 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship – Honorable Mention

2016-2017 Society for the Study of Social Problems Racial and Ethnic Minority Scholarship – Honorable Mention

2016 Eastern Sociological Society Charles V. Willie Minority Graduate Student Award

2015 Mid-South Sociological Association Graduate Student Paper Competition – 1st Place

2015-2016 Ottis Green Fellowship, Duke University – \$22,030

2015-2016 Kenan Institute for Ethics Fellowship, Duke University – \$3,000

2015-2016 Society for the Study of Social Problems Racial and Ethnic Minority Scholarship – Honorable Mention

2015 Women Studies Department Race and Gender Award, Duke University – \$250

2015 Jaffrey Fellowship, Duke University – \$6000

2014 Association of Black Sociologists Graduate Student Paper Competition – 3rd Place

2014-2015 PhD Lab in Digital Knowledge scholar, Duke University

2014-2015 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship – Honorable Mention

2014 Jaffrey Fellowship, Duke University – \$6000

2013 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University – \$5500

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course: **Race, Science, and Race Science** – Spring '21 (online) ; Fall '21, Spring '22

Course: **Racial and Ethnic Relations** – Summer '20 (online); Fall '21, Spring '22

Course: **Introduction to the Study of Society** – Fall '17; Spring '18; Spring '19, Summer '19, Fall '19, Spring '20, Fall '20

Course: **Masculinity in America** – Spring 2015

Course: **Independent Study: Race and Comic Books** – Spring 2015

Guest Lectures:

- **Working with Geographical Data** in Sociological Methods – Fall 2018
- **Masculinity and Feminism** in Global Men and Masculinities – Fall 2015
- **Blackness in Puerto Rico** in Comparative Racial and Ethnic Stratification – Spring 2013
- **Race and Comic Books** in Sociology of Media – Fall 2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2017 American Sociological Association Conference – “Passing Color, Passing Wealth? Marriage Selection and Color Advantage in the 19th Century.”

2017 New Directions in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Conference – “Passing Color, Passing Wealth? Marriage Selection and Color Advantage in the 19th Century.”

2016 Southern Sociological Society Conference – “Legacies of Slavery: Racial Transition Points and Racial Wealth Inequality.”

2015 Mid-South Sociological Association Conference – “Legacies of Slavery: Racial Transition Points and Racial Wealth Inequality.”

2014 Association of Black Sociologists Conference – “Black Cam Models and Racialized Marketing”

2014 Southern Sociological Society Conference – “How the Legacy of Slavery and Racial Composition Shape School Segregation: Private Schools and White Flight in the American South”

2013 Association of Black Sociologists Conference – “Legacy of Slavery, Racial Threat, and Public School Segregation in the American South”

2012 Association of Black Sociologists Conference – “Sex as Subversion: The Ethnosexual Protestor and The Ethnosexual Defender”

2012 Association of Black Sociologists Conference – “The Black Ghetto as a Supervillain in Mainstream Comic Books”

SERVICE

DEPARTMENT

Dissertation Committee: Felipe Vargas

Lecturer Review Committee, 2019-20; 2021-22

Executive Committee, 2019-20; 2020-21

Comprehensive Exam Committee: Felipe Vargas

Comprehensive Exam Committee: Karen Lee

Second Year Thesis Committee: Daniela Mendez

UNIVERSITY

Polymathic Thesis Supervisor: Grace Xiong, 2021-22

Polymathic Thesis Supervisor: Varun Elete, 2021-22

AP Capstone Expert Advisor: Nakyah Vaughan

SWEATT Center for Black Males mentor

Polymathic Thesis Supervisor: Christin Nguyen, 2020-21

Bridging Disciplines Program Mentor: Fizza Davwa, Spring 2018

DISCIPLINE

Editorial Board: *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*

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Reviewer: *American Sociological Review, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Review of Black Political Economy, Black Studies Journal, Social Forces, Deviant Behavior, Springer Nature: Social Sciences, The American Sociologist, Race and Social Problems*

Reviewer: National Science Foundation

INVITED TALKS

Colorism, Its Histories, Its Present - University of Oregon, August 2021

Contours of Race, BMI, and Weight Stigma – People’s Community Clinic, Austin, Texas, September 2021

Colorism, Its Histories, Its Present - University of Amsterdam, January 2021

Coloring Weight Stigma: On Race, Colorism, Weight Stigma, and the Failure of Additive Theory – University of Texas at Austin, Population Research Center, January 2020

Our Past is Our Present: The Legacies of Slavery and School Segregation – University of Mississippi, Slavery Research Group, October 2017

Coloring Weight Stigma: On Race, Colorism, Weight Stigma, and the Failure of Additive Intersectionality – University of Texas at Austin, Race and Ethnicity Research Group, October 2017

Sex as Subversion: The Ethnosexual Protestor and the Ethnosexual Defender – Global Inequality Research Initiative, Duke University, October 2014

Center for Multicultural Affairs Down to Earth Lunch Edition, Duke University, November 2014