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KARA ALEXIS YOUNG

Employment 2017 – Assistant Professor of Sociology, The Ohio State University

Education 2017 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
2010 M.A., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
2006 B.A., Sociology, Brown University
Cum Laude with High Honors

Research Interests Health & inequality, food disparities, race and ethnicity, gender, sociology of emotions, social theory, in-depth interviewing, ethnography.

Publications *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

Smith, Sandra and **Kara Young**. 2017. “Want, Need, Fit: Cultural Logics of Job-Matching Assistance.” *Work and Occupations*. 44(2) 171-209

Under Review

Young, Kara A. “At Least for the Inner City: How Social Status Contributes to the Experience of Food Procurement in East Oakland, California” *Under review with Social Forces*

Book Manuscript in Preparation

Young, Kara A. *Eating Aspirations, Eating Abjections: How Race, Class, and Place Influence Food Consumption Practices in Oakland*

Articles in Preparation

Young, Kara A. “Negotiating Status while Procuring Food: How Social Status and Place Shape Food Procurement Practices in One Food Dense Urban Neighborhood”

Young, Kara A. “Eating Aspirations, Eating Abjections: Food, Inequality, and Emotions in Two

Neighborhoods of Oakland, California”

Awards	2016	Lowenthal Graduate Student Paper Prize for “The Moral Economy of Eating,” Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
	2011	Distinction in qualifying examination, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
	2010	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley.
	2006	Susan Clover Rosenberger Prize for Excellence in Empirical Research, for senior honors thesis <i>As Nasty As They Wanna Be: Commercial Rap Music and the Black Female Body</i> , Department of Sociology, Brown University
Fellowships	2017	Lowenthal Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
	2016	SMART Graduate Mentorship Program, University of California, Berkeley
	2015-2016	Equity and Inclusion Graduate Student Fellow, Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley
	2015-2016	Blumer Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
	2015-2016	Ford Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention
	2014-2015	Berkeley Connect Mentorship Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (<i>2014-2015 academic year</i>)
	2014	Berkeley Connect Mentorship Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (<i>Spring 2014</i>)
	2013-2015	Graduate Fellows Training Program, Center for Research on Social Change, University of California, Berkeley
	2014	Graduate Student Small Grant, Center for Race and Gender, University of California, Berkeley
	2013	Berkeley Social Justice Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

- 2013 Graduate Division Summer Research Grant, University of California, Berkeley
- 2009 National Science Foundation Graduate Mentored Research Award, University of California, Berkeley
- 2007-2009 Chancellor's Predoctoral Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley Diversity Initiative for Graduate Study in the Social Sciences (UC-DIGSSS)

Teaching

The Ohio State University

The Sociology of Food and Inequality in the United States (*Spring 2019*)
 Honors Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, *Spring 2019*)

University of California Berkeley, Sole Instructor

Writing for Sociology (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013)

University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Student Instructor

Advanced Study in Social Theory, Professor Michael Burawoy (Fall 2016)
 Pedagogy of Teaching, Professor Thomas Gold (Fall 2015)
 Classical Sociological Theory, Professor Marion Fourcade (Spring 2011)
 Race and Ethnic Relations, Professor Cybelle Fox (Fall 2010)
 Sociology of Gender, Professor Raka Ray (Spring 2010)
 Introduction to Sociology, Professor Sandra Smith (Fall 2009)
 Communication for Leaders, Haas School of Business (Summer and Fall 2014)

University of California, Berkeley, Reader/Grader

Sociology of Gender, Jill Bakehorn, Summer 2014

Other Teaching Experience

Introduction to Sociology, Cal Preparatory High School, Berkeley, CA (Fall 2011)
 LitHop: Hip Hop, Literary Analysis, and Music Theory, Co-Taught with Daveed Diggs,
 Prison University Project, San Quentin State Prison (Spring 2010)

Invited Talks

- “Eating Inequality: Exploring the Relationship between the Symbolic and Structural Dimensions of Food Choice,” *Roots and Branches of Interpretive Sociology Mini Conference: Cultural, Pragmatist, and Psychosocial Approaches*. Philadelphia, PA August 2018
- “The Moral Economy of Eating.” *Center for Race and Gender*, University of California, Berkeley, April 2016.
- “The Moral Economy of Eating.” *Eastern Sociological Association Mini Conference on the Sociology of Food*, Boston, MA March 2016.

Food Disparities Expert Panelist, *Food Access and Security Summit*, Center for Educational Equity and Excellence, University of California, Berkeley, October 2015.

“Strategies for Organizing Empirical Evidence.” Panelist, Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis Course, University of California, Berkeley, February 2015.

“Dirt Out There or Dirt in Here? Food, Contamination and Emotions.” *Production to Picture to Personhood: Food, Representation and Identity in Contemporary American Cultures Mini Conference* hosted by the Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley, October 2014.

“Gut Feelings: The Emotions of Food Inequality.” Guest Lecturer, California Institute for Integral Studies, San Francisco, June 2013.

“Gender Stratification.” Guest Lecturer for “Introduction to Sociology” with Sandra Smith, Prison University Project. San Quentin State Prison, April 2009.

“Institutional vs. Individual Racism: Lessons from the UC Berkeley Republican Bake Sale.” Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Sociology, Mills College, November 2010.

“The ‘You’ in your Research.” Panelist, Summer Research Opportunity Program, Graduate Diversity Program/Division of Equity & Inclusion, UC Berkeley, July 2012. (*Invited*)

“Managing Power Dynamics and Diversity in the Classroom.” Sociology Teacher Training Course, University of California, Berkeley, October 2010. (*Invited*)

“Graduate Student Panel.” Panelist, McNair Scholars Summer Program, University of California, Berkeley, July 2010. (*Invited*)

“Getting into Graduate School.” Panelist, Summer Research Opportunity Program, Graduate Diversity Program/Division of Equity & Inclusion, University of California, Berkeley, July 2010. (*Invited*)

Conference Presentations “Pleasure, Discipline, and Alienation: Emotions and Morality in Food Procurement and Consumption Practices.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia PA August 2018

“Reimagining Food Access: How Race and Class Shape Grocery Store Preferences.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*, Seattle Washington, August 2016.

“The Moral Economy of Eating.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Seattle WA, August 2016.

“The Moral Economy of Eating.” *Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Meeting*, Toronto, June 2016.

“Building Equitable, Inclusive, and Diverse Food Systems on College Campuses: Lessons from

UC Berkeley.” *Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Meeting*, Toronto, June 2016.

“Emotions, Food Choice and Inequality.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, August 2015.

“Eating, Class, and Control: The Emotions of Food Choice in One Oakland Neighborhood.” *Center for Research on Social Change*, Berkeley, CA, May 2014.

“Entrepreneurs and Intellectuals: How Men of Color Create Rap Music to Become Valued Masculine Subjects.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York City, August 2013.

“Entrepreneurs and Intellectuals: How Men of Color Create Rap Music to Become Valued Masculine Subjects.” *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, March 2013.

“The Scattered Members of the Poet: The Culture of Production and the Production of Cultural Products by Hip Hop Artists in the San Francisco/East Bay Area.” Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, May 2009.

“The Scattered Members of the Poet: The Culture of Production and the Production of Cultural Products by Hip Hop Artists in the San Francisco/East Bay Area.” Drake Forum, Department of African American Studies, University of California, Berkeley, May 2009.

Service

The Ohio State University

2018 Ad Hoc Committee, Diversity and Inclusion Training, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation.

National Food System Resilience and Equity Workshop, InFact Faculty Representative for the Ohio Delegation, Stanford University, May 18-20, 2018

Discovery Theme External Review Preparation Committee, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation.

Discovery Theme External Review Faculty Representative, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation.

InFact Discovery Theme Strategic Planning Committee, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation.

2017-2018 Awards Luncheon Committee, Department of Sociology.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology.

Food System Policy Planning & Assessment Hiring Cluster Committee, Climate Demography Small Committee, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation.

Buckeye Institution-Supported Agriculture (ISA) Initiative Faculty Representative, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation.

FEAST, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation.

University of California, Berkeley

2016 Organizing Committee and Co-Moderator, Community Forum on Black Liberation and the Food Movement, Berkeley Food Institute.

Invited Moderator and Discussant, Panel on Equity and Inclusion in the Food System, Berkeley Food Institute.

Advisory Board, Building Equitable and Inclusive Food System at UC Berkeley, Berkeley Food Institute.

2015 Organizing Committee, Equity and Diversity Training for Graduate Student Instructors, Department of Sociology.

Organizing Committee, *Decolonizing Foodways Conference*, Berkeley Food Institute.

2013 Invited Graduate Student Participant, Sustainable Food Transitions Faculty Workshop lead by Olivier De Shutter, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Fall 2013.

Formal Advising

Graduate Students in Sociology

Jasmine Whiteside (MA Thesis and Candidacy Exam Co-Chair)

Joseph Guzman (MA Thesis and Candidacy Exam Committee Member)

Lauren Gebhardt-Kram (Candidacy Exam and Dissertation Committee Member)

Samuel Need (MA Committee Member)

Erica Phillips (Dissertation Committee Member)

Undergraduate Students in Sociology

Kamaria Thomas (Senior Honors Thesis Committee)

Informal Advising

Jennifer Mohnacky, Graduate Student Critical Dietetics (Advising on Methodology)

Related Professional Experience

Food Policy Research Intern, Community Food and Justice Coalition, Oakland, California, April 2013 – September 2013.

Graduate Student Researcher, “Why Blacks Help Less,” Professor Sandra Smith Lead Investigator, UC Berkeley, July 2012 – December 2012.

Coordinator, Graduate Women’s Project, Graduate Assembly, UC Berkeley, October 2008 – August 2011.

Graduate Student Researcher, “Do Blacks Help Less?: Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Risks and Costs of Providing Job-Finding Assistance,” Professor Sandra Smith Lead Investigator, UC Berkeley, January 2008 – October 2009.

Member, The Race Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2007 – 2009.

Research Assistant, “Multi-City Social Service Provider Survey Project,” Professor Scott Allard Lead Investigator, Taubman Center for Public Policy, Brown University, June 2004 – May 2006.

Research Intern, The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, August 2003 – September 2003.

Media

“Can America Learn to Love Misshapen Vegetables?” Expert Respondent, *The Atlantic*, July 1, 2014, <http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2014/07/can-america-learn-to-love-misshapen-veggies/373793/>

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
International Sociological Association
Association for the Study of Food and Society

Occasional Reviewer for

American Sociological Review