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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Department of American Ethnic Studies, University of Washington, 2021-present
- Visiting Researcher in Residence, Brocher Foundation, Hermance, Switzerland, 2022 (rescheduled from Summer 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Louisville, 2018-2021
Affiliated Faculty, Discourse and Semiotics, 2018-2021
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2016-18
- Visiting Scholar, Center for Neuroscience and Society, University of Pennsylvania, 2016-18
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Program on Race, Science & Society, University of Pennsylvania, 2014-16

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Medical 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

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| Sociology of the Mind & Brain Sciences | Medical Sociology |
| Race, Ethnicity & Racism | Bioethics |
| Science, Technology & Social Policy | Violence Prevention |

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2019-Present National Science Foundation (NSF), “ADVANCE Adaptation: Advancement through Healthy Empowerment, Networking and Awareness (ATHENA)” HRD-1936125, University of Louisville.
- 2016-Present National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES) Science, Technology & Society (STS), UPenn (SES-1632596) and UofL (SES-1932878)
- 2016-2017 Price Lab for Digital Humanities Project Support Grant, University of Pennsylvania
- 2012-2014 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, R01-HG115848-03S1, UCSF
- 2012-2014 Rosenberg-Hill Research Fellowship, UCSF

- 2012 Graduate Student Research Grant, University of California Center for New Racial Studies, UCSF
- 2012 Graduate Division Dean's Health Science Fellowship, UCSF
- 2007-2012 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity (IMSD) Fellowship, National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), 1-R25-GM56847, UCSF

PUBLICATIONS

- Rollins, Oliver. 2021. *Conviction: The Making and Unmaking of the Violent Brain*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. <https://www.sup.org/books/title/?id=28770>
- Rollins, Oliver. 2021. "Towards an antiracist (neuro)science." *Nature: Human Behaviour*, 5:540-541. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01075-y>
- Roberts, Dorothy and Oliver Rollins. 2020. "Why Sociology Matters To Race And Biosocial Science." *Annual Review of Sociology* 46:195-214.
- Larregue, Julien and Oliver Rollins. 2019. "Biosocial Criminology and The Mismeasure of Race." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42(12):1990-2007.
- 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.

Revise & Resubmit

"The Significance of Race and Racism in Neuropsychology and Cognitive Neuroscience" [with Anelis Kaiser, University of Freiburg & Emily Kessé, University of Freiburg] *Cortex: A Journal devoted to the Study of the Nervous System and Behavior*

Works in Progress

"How does it feel to be a Problem: Ethnographies of aging while Black" [with Jarmin Yeh, University of California, San Francisco]

"Imaging Difference: The Neuroscience of Race and the Reproduction of Biological Differences" [with Torsten Voigt, RWTH Aachen University]

"Mapping the different positions and politics of biosocial research on race and health disparities." Abstract submitted and invited by editors to submit full paper to the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior's* special issue on "Medical Sociology: Findings, Challenges, and Future Directions." [with Latrica Best, University of Louisville]

"The Racializing Logics of Prediction, Surveillance, and Dangerousness" book chapter in *Africana Race and Communication and Criminal Justice Reform: A Reflexive Analysis of Adaptive Vitality*, edited by James L. Conyers

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

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “Taboo of Race: Color-blind Racism and the Violent Brain.” Juneteenth Lecture Series, University of Louisville, June 21, 2021
- 2021 Panel Presentation, “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dialogue,” 7th Annual BRAIN Initiative Investigators Meeting, July 17, 2021
- 2021 “Race, Racism, and the Neurosciences.” Involvement in Action talk series, Brain and Mind Research Institute, Weill Cornell Medicine, Mar. 23, 2021
- 2021 “Neuro-Racism” *Champions for diversity in the Neurosciences Series*, NeuroID program at the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras, Mar. 17, 2021
- 2021 “Taboo of Race: ‘Color-blind’ Racism and the Violent Brain.” Southern Oregon University, Feb. 19, 2021
- 2021 “Scientific Racism Today: Continuing the Struggle for Justice.” Martin Luther King Day Justice Dialogue. The College of Wooster, Jan. 18, 2021
- 2020 “Taboo of Race: Neuroscience, Violence, and the ‘Absence Presence’ of Race.” UCLA Department of Sociology's Health Working Group and Race and Ethnicity Working Group, Nov. 13, 2020
- 2020 “From Neuro Ethics to Social Justice” Ethics and Computational Social Science Series, Drexel University, Nov. 10, 2020.
- 2020 “Towards Racial Justice: Reflections on (anti)racism in/through STEM” Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology Program, John Hopkins University Sept. 24, 2020
- 2020 “Imaging Difference: “Seeing” Race through Brain Technologies” [w/ Torsten Voigt] *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Aug. 10, 2020.
- 2020 NeuroRacism panel discussion. *Black in Neuro Conference 2020*, July 28, 2020. <https://www.blackinneuro.com/tuesday-neuroracism>
- 2019 “The Colorblind Violent Brain: Race and the Neuroscience of Violence” Discourse and Semiotics Workshop, UofL, Oct. 25, 2019
- 2019 “The Medicalization of Racism” Dept. of History, Drexel University, May 15, 2019
- 2018 “Neuro-intervention or Neuro-voyeurism?: The Corporeal Politics of the Brain, Race, and Racism” Invited Panel, *American Sociological Association (ASA)*
- 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.
- 2018 “Race, Class, and the Neurologic Construction of Antisocial Behavior” *American Educational Research Association (AERA)*, New York, NY. Apr. 13, 2018
- 2018 “Science and Technology Studies through Africana” The Future of Black Studies Symposium, University of Houston, Feb. 23, 2018

- 2018 “Imaging Difference: Social Neuroscience and the Logics of Race” Princeton Neuroscience Institute “Inside-out” Seminars, Princeton University, Feb. 15, 2018
- 2017 “Neuroscience and the Search to ‘Cure’ Racism” *Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA. Sept. 1, 2017
- 2016 “Violence and Race.” Panel discussion on Science and Race: History, Use and Abuse. The Public Classroom at Penn Museum, University of Pennsylvania, Nov. 17, 2016
- 2016 “Constructing the Normal to Study Antisocial Brains.” Science and Technology Program, Drexel University, May 4, 2016
- 2016 “Neuro-Identities and Racial Imaginaries.” Program on Science, Technology, and Society, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Apr. 29-30, 2016
- 2016 “Controversy, Progress, and the Neuroscientific Study of Violence.” Department of History & Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 22, 2016.
- 2016 “Unlocking the Violent Brain.” Science in Society Program, Wesleyan University, Feb. 15, 2016
- 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
- 2016 “Genes and Brains at the Intersections of Africana Studies.” African American Studies Program Alumni Lecture Series, University of Houston, Feb. 2, 2016
- 2015 “Biocriminology as a Racial Project?: The Legacy of Biology, Crime, and Race.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL. Aug. 25, 2015
- 2015 “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
- 2015 “Violence as a Health Problem?: The Biopolitics of Scientific and Biomedical Research on Violence” School of Public Health, Drexel University, Apr. 8, 2015
- 2015 “Past and Present Racial Imaginaries of Biocriminology.” Penn Program on Race, Science and Society Lecture Series, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 19, 2015
- 2014 “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
- 2013 “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
- 2013 “History of Race and Violence through Science,” *University of California Center for New Racial Studies 3rd Annual Conference*, Irvine, CA. May 3, 2013
- 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

MEDIA CORRESPONDENCE & INTERVIEWS

2021 “Racial Capitalism & Science,” *Science for the People Magazine*, May 2021

TEACHING

University of Louisville:

Fundamental Assumptions Sociological Knowledge (graduate)
Race, Science & Society (undergraduate/graduate)
Race and Ethnicity (undergraduate/graduate)
Race in U.S. Society (undergraduate)
Independent Study: Knowledge, Biomedicine and Race (graduate)
Independent Study: The Politics of Race and Science (graduate)

University of Pennsylvania

Introduction to Africana Studies (undergraduate)

San Jose State University:

Health Issues in a Multicultural Society (undergraduate)

University of California, San Francisco

Sociology Qualifying Exam Seminar (graduate)
Race and Class Factors in Health (graduate) - Teaching Assistant

University of Houston:

Introduction to Africana Studies (undergraduate)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University Service

Member, Cardinal Anti-Racist Agenda (CARA) Taskforce, 2020-2021
Mentor, Black Male Initiative University of Louisville, 2020-2021
Member, Commission on Diversity and Racial Equality (CODRE) Faculty Concerns Committee, UofL, 2020-2021
Faculty Advisor, Young Democratic Socialist of America Student Organization, UofL, 2020-2021
Committee Member, Medical Sociology List Comprehensive Exam Reading List Committee, 2019-2021
Faculty Advisor, Sociology Student Association (SSA), University of Louisville, 2019-2021
Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Louisville, 2018-2021
Organizer, Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop Series, Department of Africana Studies, UPenn, 2014-2018
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

Other Academic Service

Manuscript Referee: *BioSocieties; Qualitative Sociology; Research in Education; Science, Technology, and Human Values; Social Problems; Journal of Social and Health Behavior; Frontiers in Sociology; Perspectives on Science; and Theoretical Criminology*

Proposal Reviewer: National Science Foundation

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S)

Association for Black Sociologist (ABS)

Symbioses: Biosocial Research Network Group, Founding Member (<http://biosocialnetwork.org/>)