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**Academic Position**

London School of Economics and Political Science 2021 - current

*Assistant Professor of Gender, Rights and Human Rights - Department of Gender Studies*

Director, MSc Gender and Gender (Research) 2022 – current

Director, MSc Gender (Rights and Human Rights) 2023 – current

Hofstra University 2016 – 2021

*Assistant Professor of Criminology – Department of Sociology*

Director, LGBTQ+ Studies 2019 – 2021

**Education:**

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 2016

*Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology*

Dissertation: At the Juncture of Homonationalism and Homophobic Nationalism: Sexual Justice Organizing in Uganda and the Paradox of Transnational Cooperation

Committee: Michael Schwartz (Chair), Kathleen Fallon, Daniel Levy, and

Dawn Harris (External Member, Africana Studies)

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 2012

*Master of Arts, Sociology*

Thesis: British Colonial Law and Legacy of Sexual Policing in Uganda

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 2010

*Bachelor of Arts, Sociology – Magna Cum Laude*

Minors: Spanish, Women’s Studies

Thesis: Sex-Segregation in Residence Halls: An Analysis of Housing Discomfort for LGBTQ Students

Advisor: Milagros Peña

**Research and Teaching Interests**

The Logics of Criminalization, Policing and Justice

Africa and the African Diaspora

Social Movements and Human Rights

Sexual Politics and Gender Identity

Qualitative Research Methods

**Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

**2021** American Sociological Association Sexualities Section Distinguished Book Award, Honorable Mention

**2020 - 2021** “Abolition in the Academy” AAUW American Postdoctoral Fellowship

**2019 – 2020** “Invisible T in Nonbinary: The Role of Transitioning to a Relatively New (Trans) Identity.” LGBTQ+ Research Initiative Award, Hofstra University

**2018-2019** “Understanding the Role of Academia in the Growing Movement for Penal Abolition” Faculty Research Development Grant, Hofstra University

**2017** “Intersectional Justice in Practice”Hofstra Cultural Center Grant

**2017** “Imagining African and Africa Diaspora-Centered Organizing” Faculty Diversity Research Grant, Hofstra University

1. “Examining College-Aged Men’s Beliefs about American Rape Culture”

Firestone Fellowship (undergraduate research award for Priscilla Garcia)

1. Summer Research Grant, Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program
2. Conference Travel Award, Turner Fellowship, Stony Brook
3. **- 2015** American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program
4. **- 2015** Faculty-Staff Dissertation Award, Graduate School, Stony Brook
5. Conference Travel Award, Center for Inclusive Education, Stony Brook
6. Summer Research Grant, Dr. W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program
7. Point Foundation National Scholarship, Semifinalist
8. Conference Travel Award, Turner Fellowship, Stony Brook
9. Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program, State University of New York
10. Jack B. Humphries Leadership Award in Sociology, University of Florida
11. Rainbow Alliance Award for Student LGBT Service and Research
12. **- 2010** University of Florida Presidential Achievement Scholar
13. National Achievement Scholar, National Merit Foundation, United States

**Publications - *Books***

**2019** The Economies of Queer Inclusion: Transnational Organizing for LGBTI Rights in Uganda. Lexington Books, Lanham, MA

American Sociological Association Sexualities Section Distinguished Book Award, Honorable Mention

**2014** Kimmel, M. & **The Stony Brook Sexualities Research Group** (eds). Sexualities: Identities, Behaviors, and Society (2nd Ed). Oxford University Press.

The Stony Brook Sexualities Research Group, of which I am a part, and Michael Kimmel are equal co-editors for this book.

***Books in Progress:***

Abolition in the Academy: Scholar-Activists in the Global Movement for Penal Abolition

***Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals***

2023 African Feminisms for Abolitionist Futures: Archival Hauntings in a Speculative Geography. *Agenda: Empowering Women for Gender Equity.* 36(4): 29-39.

2023 Forging Black Safety in the Carceral Diaspora: Perverse Criminalization, Sexual Corrections and Connection-Making in a Death World. *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict & World Order,* 49(3).

2023 Caring in the Classroom: The Hidden Toll of Emotional Labor of Abolitionist Scholar-Activism. *Contemporary Justice Review.* 25(3-4): 282-297.

2023 Depathologization as Healing Justice. Co-authored with Liat Ben-Moshe, Kennedy Healy and H Rakes. *QED: A Journal in GLBTQ Worldmaking*, 9(3): 11-34.

2022 Black Dreams, Electric Mirror: Cross-Cultural Teaching of State Terrorism and Legitimized Violence. *Teaching Sociology,* 50(4): 1-7.

2022 Queers Against Corrective Development: LGBTSTGNC Anti-Violence Organizing in Gentrifying Times. *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studie*s 28(2): 165-184.

2022 Editorial: “Racialization. Spectacle. Liberation.” *Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women’s and Gender Studies*, 22: 1-10.

***Journal Editor*** 2022 racialization.spectacle.liberation. A Special Issue of *Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women’s and Gender Studies.* Co-Edited with Chriss Sneed

2020 Carceral Protectionism and the Perpetually (In)Vulnerable. Co-Authored with Liat Ben-Moshe and H Rakes, *Criminology and Criminal Justice,* 20(5):537-550.

2018 Challenging Perspectives on Street-Based Sex Work. *Contemporary Sociology,* 47(6): 715-717.

2017 Homophobic Nationalism: The Development of Sodomy Legislation in Uganda.

*Comparative Sociology,* 16(3): 393-421.

***Publications in Edited Volumes***

2021 Not Behind Bars: The Rippling Effect of Carceral Habitus and Corrective Violence on the Family and Community Life of Prison Guards. Co-Authored with Brittany Clark (Undergraduate Student), in *Contesting Carceral Logic: Knowledge and Praxis in Penal Abolition.* Michael Coyle and Mechthild Nagel (eds). London: Routledge.

2021 Queer Abolitionist Alternatives to Criminalising Hate Violence. *The Routledge International Handbook on Penal Abolition.* Michael Coyle and David Scott (eds). London: Routledge

2021 LGBT Identity, Race and Justice. *Race, Crime and Justice: An Encyclopedia of the American Mosaic.* Delores Jones-Brown and Christine Barrow (eds.). Greenwood Publishing, Santa Barbara.

2020 LGBTIQ Rights in Africa. Co-Authored with Marc Epprecht and S.N. Nyeck. *Understanding Contemporary Africa (6th ed).* Lynne Rienner Publishers. Peter J. Schraeder (ed).

2020 Invisibility Matters: Queer African Organizing and Visibility Management in a Transnational Age. *Feminist and Queer Theory: An Intersectional and Transnational Reader.* Barbara Shaw and L. Ayu Saraswati (eds). Oxford University Press

2020 On Freddie Gray. *The Encyclopedia of Racial Violence.* Sowande Mustakeem and Douglas Flowe (eds). ABC-CLIO Publishing. ISBN: 9781440852428

***Other Publications***

2022 Against the Colonial Carceral Diaspora [Disembodied Territories](https://disembodiedterritories.com/Against-the-Colonial-Carceral-Diaspora).

2021 [The Brilliance of Black Lives Matter.](https://globaldialogue.isa-sociology.org/the-brilliance-of-blm-an-interview-with-dr-s-m-rodriguez/) International Sociological Association, *Global Dialogue,* 11(1).

2020 The Thorned Roses of Uganda’s Stella Nyanzi. [The Conversation – Africa](https://theconversation.com/poetry-review-the-thorned-roses-of-ugandas-stella-nyanzi-133529)

***Publications in Pipeline***

* Enforcing the “Unnatural Offence”: Sodomy Legislation and Anti-Queer Panoptic Policing in Uganda (journal article, revise and resubmit)
* Homo/phobic nationalisms, with Dorothy Rau, Routledge Handbook of Sexualities and Space (book chapter, revise and resubmit)

**Teaching Experience**

*London School of Economics and Political Science*

**Gender Theories: An Interdisciplinary Approach**

Seminar Instructor: 2021-2023

**Gender and Human Rights**

Convenor: 2022, 2023

**Independent Research Project**

Lecturer: Lent Term 2023

Convenor: Autumn-Spring Terms 2023-24

**Gender, Knowledge and Research Practice**

Lecturer: Michaelmas Term 2021

*Hofstra University*

**Criminology & Sociology Seminar: *Are Prisons Obsolete? online***

Summer 2019, Winter 2020, Spring 2021

**Honors College: *Culture and Expression, Social Science Sections***

Spring Semester 2019

**Criminology Advanced Seminar: *Sex and Crime***

Spring Semester 2018, 2020

**Special Topics in Criminology: *Race and Criminality***

Fall Semester 2017-2019

**Sociology Program: *Sociology of Human Rights***

Spring Semester 2017

**Criminology Program: *Introduction to Criminology***

Spring and Fall Semesters 2016 - 2020

*Stony Brook University*

**Sociology and Africana Studies: *Introduction to African Societies,******online***

2014-2015

*SUNY Old Westbury*

**Sociology Department: *Global Sociology*; *Social Movements***

2013

**Invited Talks and Lectures:**

**2023 The Question of Enforcement: Anti-Homosexuality Legislation in Uganda and the Problem of Panoptic Policing,** Public Seminar Series at the Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS, UK

**2023 Black Feminism in Europe: Celebrating our Sisters, Saluting our Sisters, and Honouring Matriarchs of Movements,** The European Institute and LSE Centre for Women, Peace and Security, London School of Economics

**2023 The Queer Radical and the Prison,Rethinking 'Radicality' in Queer Theory,** University of Sussex, UK

**2023 Revisiting a Methodology of Connection: on Scholar-Activist Methods** Techne AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership, London, UK

**2022 Transnational Considerations of Anti-homosexuality and Anti-gender**

**Politics in Uganda,** Harvard Radcliffe Institute, MA

**2022 The Economies of Queer Inclusion,** Trans/Gender Politics, Oregon State University, OR

**2021 Connecting Against Carceralism,** LGBT History Month Lecture, Columbia

University Irving Medical Center

**2021 Justice as Healing and Transformation,** SUNY Cortland, NY

**2020 Centering Afro-Diasporic Organizing for Queer Futures** University of

Richmond, VA

**2020 Penal Abolition, Globally** Bryn Mawr College, PA

**2020 21st Annual Aims of Education Address** Hofstra University, NY

**2020 Connecting Against Carceralism: Considering a Methodology of Connection**

**for Transformative Research | Reflections from The Economies of Queer Inclusion** Brown University, Providence, RI

**2020 Transformative Justice in African LGBTI Politics** Center for African Studies,

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

**2019 The Economies of Queer Inclusion** Penn State University, Pennsylvania, USA

**2019 LGBTQ+ in Africa** St. John’s University, New York, USA

1. **Imagining African and African-Diaspora Centered Organizing**

LGBTQIAA Research Initiative Award Research Presentation, Hofstra University, New York, USA

**2018 Transitions and Translations: From Graduate Research to Faculty Work**

Center for Inclusive Education Alumni Panel, Faculty Month Series, Stony

Brook University, New York, USA

1. **'The Unnatural Offence': Homosexuality in Colonial and Postcolonial Law,**

Hofstra University, NY

**2016 The Economies of Queer Inclusion** Connecticut College, New London, CT

**2015 Centering the African Diaspora in Transnational Organizing**

“Beyond the Lens of African Homophobia”, CLAGS, Manhattan, NY

**Selected Conference Presentations:**

**2023 Pedagogies of the Scholar-Activist, Interrogating ‘Activist-Scholarship’ in Socio-legal Studies,**Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

**2023 African Artistry as Anticarceral Resistance,** Closing Plenary for Gender Studies Now! University of Stavanger, Norway

**2023 Circuits of Queer/Capital,** What’s Left of Sexual Democracy, Newcastle University, United Kingdom

**2022 Africanist, Anticarceral Feminisms for Decolonial Futures,** Sociologists for

Women in Society Winter Meeting, NM

**2021 The Hidden Emotional Labor of Hope Work: Abolition in the Academy,** Imagining Abolition, [virtual](https://sites.google.com/view/imagining-abolition/home/wedssession1)

**2021 Carceral Protectionism and the Perpetually Invulnerable" Criminal**

**Injustice as Disability Injustice: Revolting against the Carceral State, with Liat Ben-Moshe and H Rakes,** American Studies Association Annual Conference

**2020 The Queer Politics of “Women’s” Encagement: Mis-Labeling Gender and Reproduction in Prisons** “Deviant” Pasts, Subversive Futures? Hofstra University, virtual

1. **Transnational LGBT Rights Activism and the Erasure of the Queer Afro-**

**Diaspora** Global Feminisms and the Anti-Colonial Project, University of West

Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados

**2018 Transformative Justice at the Intersection of Gentrification and Mass**

**Incarceration** RESISTANCE Stream: International Conference on Penal

Abolition (ICOPA), London, U.K.

**2018 Marked for Removal: Settler Colonialism, Incarceration and Queer**

**Liberation in the USA** UNC Asheville's 2018 Queer Studies Conference,

Asheville, NC

1. **Invisibility Matters** Queer in Africa: Challenges and Pathways to Inclusion

Lehigh University, PA

**2017 Proper Sexuality and the Resilient Nation: Imagining the Anti-**

**Homosexuality and Anti-Pornography Bills in Uganda (2009-2014)**

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Montreal, Quebec, CA

**2017 Queer Resistance to Carceral Responses** International Conference on Penal

Abolition (ICOPA) 17, Dartmouth, MA

1. **Toward a Methodology of Connection: Ontologies and Methods for**

**Research in the African Diaspora**

Black Doctoral Network Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

**2015 Homonationalism and the Erasure of Black Queer Experience**

National Council for Black Studies 39th Conference, Los Angeles, CA

1. **World Systems Rifts: Transnational Sexual Justice Organizing at the**

**Juncture of Homonationalism and Homophobic Nationalism**

Association of Black Sociologists “Sexuality Matters” Symposium, San

Francisco, California

1. **Homonationalism and Racialized LGBTI Organizing: Whiteness in**

**Transnational Advocacy Methods and Ideologies**

National Council for Black Studies 38th Annual Conference, Miami, FL

1. **Neocolonialism and Uganda’s Anti-Homosexuality Bill**

18th Annual History in the Making Conference: Unresolved Conflicts: Popular Movements and Ongoing Social Change, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, Canada

**Public Sociology: Organized and/or Moderated Symposia, Events and Panels**

**2020** Shaping the Future: On Why Decolonizing Cultural, Political and Social Spaces is a Must for a Sustainable World. Indigenous People’s Day Symposium, virtual

**2020** “Deviant” Pasts, Subversive Futures? LGBTQ+ Studies Symposium, *virtual*

**2019** Locating Carceral Violence: Panel with Steven Powers, John and Vivett Dukes

*Monroe Lecture Hall, NY*

**2019** Being LGBTQ+ in Africa, *St. Johns University, NY*

**2019** Queer in Africa Conference, Session Moderator, *Lehigh University, PA*

**2018** Hidden in Sight: Understanding the School-to-Prison-Pipeline. *Organizer and Moderator, Emily Lowe Gallery, Hofstra University Museum, Hempstead, NY*

**2018** Intersectional Justice in Practice: A conversation between leaders of climate, food, and youth justice movements. *Organizer and Moderator, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY*

**2018** Perceptions and Reality: A Conversation Inspired by Romare Bearden

Civil Rights Day, Emily Lowe Gallery, Hofstra University, NY

**2018** Revolutionary Role Play: Strategies of Violence De-Escalation (Workshop)

2018 Black Lives Matter Teen Conference, Schomburg Center, Harlem NY

**2017** GITMO Today: Featuring Noor Zafar, Bertha Justice Fellow of the Center for Constitutional Rights. *Event* *Organizer, Hofstra University, NY*

**2017** “*13th*” A Film Screening and Moderated Conversation. *Hosted by Center for Civic*

*Engagement, Hofstra University*

**2016** “Do Not Resist,” Documentary Film Screening and Discussion Center for Civic

Engagement Day of Dialogue. *Co-hosted with NAACP*

**2012-2014** 9th and 10th Annual Stony Brook Ethnography Conference, Organizer

**Service to Students: Theses and Advisement**

*PhD Students*

**2023-current** Supervisor to Ting-Sian Liu, Doctoral Researcher on indigeneity, Taiwanese queer studies and social movements

**2022-2024** Advisor to Alanah Mortlock, Doctoral Researcher on transracialism, Black feminisms and trans studies. Thesis: *Ambiguities in Black: A Black feminist analysis of the post-Dolezalian transracialism discourse*

*Honors Student Theses (Undergraduate)*

**Spring 2021** Daria Valan, Inherent Violence and Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women, Received Honorable Mention for Undergraduate Library Research Award, Hofstra University

**2020-2021** Avery De Sousa and Venus Colloton, The Nonbinary Identity Project

**Spring 2020** Landri Kennedy, Disproportionate Justice: An Analysis of Capital Punishment in the State of Texas

**2019-2020** Brittany Clark, Correction Officer Workplace and Community Violence

**Spring 2019** Tianyue Gao, Social Stress and Sexual Minorities: Are College Programs Really Helpful?

**Spring 2019** Genesis Rivera, Black by Default: Latinx Perceptions of Racial Representation in Higher Education

**Fall 2018** Ian Guzmán, Justifications for violence on the migrant community of Farmingdale, New York

**2017-2018** Priscilla Garcia, College-Aged Men’s Beliefs about Rape Culture

**Professional Affiliations and Service**

*Association Memberships Currently or Previously Held:*

African Studies Association

Society for the Study of Social Problems

American Studies Association

Association for Black Sociologists

National Council for Black Studies

Black Doctoral Network

* Judge, Undergraduate Poster Presentations, Black Doctoral Network Conference

American Sociological Association

* Session Organizer, Gender Activism and the Global South Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association

*Advisory and Editorial Board Membership:*

Advisory Board Member, Transnational 'Anti-Gender' Movements and Resistance: Narratives and Interventions

Editorial Board Member, Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women’s and Gender Studies

(Former) Board of Directors, Audre Lorde Project, New York City, NY

(Former) Advisory Board Member, The Center for Race, Culture and Social Justice, Hofstra University

*Manuscript Reviewer:*

Oxford University Press

Journal of Men and Masculinities

Journal of Lesbian Studies

Behemoth: A Journal on Civilisation

Multicultural Perspectives

*University Service:*

Director of LGBTQ+ Studies, Hofstra University, 2019-2021

Africana Studies Revitalization Task Force, Hofstra University, 2019-2020

CourseInternationalization Task Force, Hofstra University, 2019-2020

HCLAS Faculty Committee Structure, Committee Member, Hofstra University, 2017-2018