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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology

May 2025

M.Phil., Sociology

October 2022

M.A., Sociology

May 2020

Columbia University in the City of New York, NY

Dissertation Title: *“Between Science and the State: Xenophobic Anti-Blackness in the Early Science of HIV/AIDS”*

Committee Members: Adam Reich (co-chair), Gil Eyal (co-chair), Amy Zhou, Marissa Thompson, Cathy Cohen

B.A. Political Science (Honors), minor Human Rights

June 2017

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Specialization in Comparative Politics and American Politics, GPA: 3.7

Honors Thesis Title: *“To Protect, Serve, and Rape with Impunity: A Comparative Analysis of the Sociopolitical Impediments to Justice for Victims and Survivors of Police-Involved Sexual Violence”*

AREAS OF INTEREST

Historical Sociology, Race & Ethnicity, Gender and Sexuality, Sociological Theory, Bioethics, Medical Humanities

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Early Career Researcher/Assistant Professor

Rochester, NY

Department of Black Studies and Frederick Douglass Institute, University of Rochester

July 2025-Present

HONORS/AWARDS/GRANTS

- Provost’s Diversity Fellows Research Grant, *Columbia University* 2023
- Graduate Research Fellow, *National Science Foundation* 2020-2024
- Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellow, *Columbia University Department of Sociology* 2018-2023
- Provost’s Diversity Fellowship, *Columbia University* 2018
- U.S. Fulbright Grantee (New Zealand) 2017
- Class Day Speaker, *University of Chicago* 2017
- Dean’s List, *University of Chicago* 2013-2017
- African Studies Research Grant, *University of Chicago* 2016
- Jane Morton and Henry C. Murphy Award, *University of Chicago* 2016
- Finalist for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship 2015
- Maroon Key Society, *University of Chicago* 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

New York, New York

Institutional Antiracism and Accountability Project, Princeton University

February 2025-July 2025

- Retrieved and analyzed public health and history of medicine data from the American Medical Association’s digital archives
- Produced multiple research reports regarding biases and marginalization involving the American Medical Association
- Organized a database of over 350 archive entries

Research Assistant

New York, New York

Department of Medical Ethics and Humanities, Columbia University

September 2023-April 2025

- Collaborated with Professor Alexis Walker on the Ethics in Private Sector Genomics study
- Analyzed data from multiple focus groups conducted with genomics industry CEOs
- Developed and wrote manuscripts for publication

Visiting Student Researcher

Wellington, New Zealand

Victoria University of Wellington

January 2018-August 2018

- Conducted an independent research project, funded by Fulbright New Zealand, on sexual violence and restorative justice.
- Presented research findings to various activists, academics, and policy-makers

Visiting Student Researcher

University of Chicago/University of Witswatersrand

Johannesburg, South Africa

August 2016-September 2016

- Created and administered surveys to South African youth (18-35) on perceptions of police brutality in the post-Apartheid era
- Conducted semi-structured interviews with police officers, academics, activists, and lawyers on police sexual violence, and the obstacles faced by victims seeking justice

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Adetiba, Elizabeth and Adam Reich. "The Science of Blackness: Biology and Social Science in Black-Focused Scholarship, 1900-2020." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. (Accepted)

Adetiba, Elizabeth and Alexis Walker. "Forget the Age of HIPAA and Lean Into The Age of Consumer Privacy": Exploring Ethics and Responsibility among Private Sector Genomics Leaders Using Group Interviews." (Revise and Resubmit)

Adetiba, Elizabeth. "Poor, Alien, Sinner: Xenophobia and anti-Blackness in the Early Science on HIV/AIDS." (In Progress)

Adetiba, Elizabeth. "Viral Hierarchies or Vaccine Olympics?: The Role of Deservingness in Vaccine Gaps and HAART" (In Progress)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP (SELECT WORKS)

Adetiba, Elizabeth. "The Podcast Bros Profiting Off the Loneliness Epidemic." *Salon.com* June 2023

Adetiba, Elizabeth. "Emancipatory Sociology, Redefined." *Miami Institute of Social Science (Invited Essay)* February 2022

Adetiba, Elizabeth. "Caster Semenya and the Cruel History of Contested Black Femininity." *SB Nation* April 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant—Columbia University

- Sociological Theory Fall 2019
- The Social World Spring 2020
- Race, Crime, and Law Summer 2020
- The Social World Fall 2020

Instructor of Record—Tarrant County College

- Introduction to Sociology Spring 2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Facilitator—Pedagogies of Race and Oppression Learning Community

New York, NY

Office of Academic Diversity & Inclusion, Columbia University

2023-2024

- Created and facilitated a year-long series of learning workshops related to pedagogy, race, and marginalization
- Developed and assessed assignments for participants to assist in their preparation of teaching job materials
- Designed and administered survey tools to garner participant feedback for the program

Graduate Assistant

New York, NY

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Barnard College

August 2019-February 2023

- Scheduled and organized biweekly meetings and fellowship interviews
- Organized the first annual Barnard MMUF Alum Research Symposium
- Mentored undergraduate fellows interested in pursuing graduate careers in the social sciences

Lead Teaching Fellow

New York, NY

Department of Sociology, Columbia University

2020-2021

- Designed workshops that respond to teaching-related needs and interests in the Department of Sociology
- Connected students and faculty to resources and programs at the Center for Teaching and Learning
- Cultivated peer connections within an interdisciplinary cohort of Columbia graduate students committed to advancing teaching practices

PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Act Two: Black Life Through Biopolitics, Necropolitics, and Afrophobia" 2025

Invited panelist at the 2025 American Association for the History of Medicine Conference, Boston, MA.

"Viral Hierarchies or Vaccine Olympics: The Role of Deservingness in Biomedical Innovation" 2025

Presented working paper at the 2025 Revisiting Biomedical Conference. Yale University.

“ <i>Poor, Alien, Sinner: Xenophobia and anti-Blackness in the Early Science on HIV/AIDS</i> ” Presented working paper at the 2024 American Sociological Association Conference, Montréal, Canada.	2024
“ <i>Viral Hierarchies or Vaccine Olympics: The Role of Deservingness in Vaccine Gaps and HAART</i> ” Presented working paper at the Comparative Historical Sociology Mini-Conference, Montréal, Canada.	2024
“ <i>Hidden in Plain Sight: Examining Xenophobic Anti-Blackness in the Scientific Literature on HIV/AIDS, 1981-1991.</i> ” Presented dissertation research at the 2023 Social Science History Association Meeting, Washington, D.C.	2023
“ <i>Analyzing the Color of Knowledge: Blackness in Scholarly Journals, 1900-2020.</i> ” Presented working paper at the 53 rd Annual Conference of the Association of Black Sociologists, Philadelphia, PA.	2023
“ <i>Race, Desire, and Victimhood in Sexual Violence.</i> ” Keynote Speaker —Sexual Violence Awareness Month. Resources for Sexual Violence Prevention, University of Chicago.	2021
“ <i>(Up)Rooting Myths: Exploring the Sociohistorical Origins of Written Ideas of Black Sexual Deviance.</i> ” Presented research proposal at the Gender, Sexuality, and Culture Workshop. Department of Sociology, Columbia University.	2020

INVITED TALKS

“ <i>Race, Desire, and Victimhood in Sexual Violence.</i> ” Keynote Speaker —Sexual Violence Awareness Month. Resources for Sexual Violence Prevention, University of Chicago.	2021
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SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Student Workers of Columbia/Health Care Working Group, Allocator	2021-2023
Student Health Advisory Committee, Member	2021-2022
Sexual Violence Response, Columbia University, Facilitator/Peer Educator	2018-2020
American Sociological Association, Member	2018-
Association of Black Sociologists, Member	2023-
Social Science History Association, Member	2023-
American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities, Member	2025-
American Association for the History of Medicine, Member	2025-

LANGUAGES

English: Native | French: Proficient | STATA: Proficient | Yoruba: Intermediate

REFERENCES

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