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EDUCATION

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D. in Sociology

December 2016

Area of Concentration: Race and Urban Studies

Research Focus: Black American Resilience and Resistance to the White Racial Frame

Dissertation Title: "An Imperfect and Incomplete Quest for Freedom: An Extended Case Study of Black American Counter-Framing and Resistance Strategies"

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Rosalind Chou

The University of California at Irvine, Irvine, CA

M.A.S. in Criminology, Law, and Society

June 2010

Capstone Paper: "A Social Constructionist Perspective on Gangs and Gang Membership"

Honors: Graduated "with honors"

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

B.F.A. in Studio Art

May 2005

Areas of Concentration: Photography

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race, Ethnicity, Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality, Criminology, Social Justice, Resistance Strategies, Gender, Education, and Culture

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Doctoral Researcher

April 2015 – December 2016

Conducted an extended case study on the experiences and backgrounds of Black men who are career artists in Atlanta to examine the ways in which they navigate and resist systems of oppression.

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Graduate Research Assistant – GSU Public Housing Study

August 2011-May 2013

Worked with a team of research assistants, alongside Dr. Deirdre Oakley, Dr. Erin Ruel, and Dr. Lesley Reid. Responsible for data collection and analysis on a federally funded, longitudinal research project examining the impact of Atlanta's Public Housing relocation program.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Visiting Lecturer – Department of Sociology

August 2016-Present

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Adjunct Professor – Department of Sociology

June 2013-May 2016

Undergraduate Courses Designed and Facilitated:

Crime and Punishment

Wealth, Power, and Inequality

Deviant Behavior

Introduction to Sociology

Social Change and the Future

Race and Ethnic Relations

Introduction to Social Problems

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Social Shutter, Atlanta, GA

Regular Contributor, Managing Editor

2010-2013

Regularly contribute stories and photographs to Social Shutter, an online visual sociology blog, as well as recruit contributors and manage submissions.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Iuvara, a. *An Imperfect and Incomplete Quest for Liberation: An Extended Case Study of Black American Counter-Framing and Resistance Strategies*. Manuscript in Preparation.

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Feminist Women's Health Center, Atlanta, GA

Workshop Facilitator – Errin J. Vuley Leadership Fellows Program
"Identifying, Honoring, and Supporting Everyday Acts of Resistance"

2017

Georgia State University Athletic Department, Atlanta, GA

Panelist – Summer Bridge Program
"Student-Athlete Academic Readiness"

2017

Georgia State University Multicultural Center, Atlanta, GA

Panelist – Women's History Month Program
"Today We Need..."

2017

Georgia State University Multicultural Center, Atlanta, GA

Panelist – Class/Clash Series
"Incarceration and Social Class"

2017

WRAS FM 88.5, Album 88 Radio Station, Atlanta, GA

Special Guest – The Wave, Radio Show

2016

<p>"Episode 59: Police Brutality"</p> <p>"Episode 37: The Prison-Industrial Complex"</p> <p><i>Zeta Phi Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Atlanta, GA</i></p> <p>Guest Speaker – Delta Week</p> <p>"Make Your Way to the Top: The Racialized Wealth Gap in the U.S."</p>	2016
<p><i>Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA</i></p> <p>Guest Lecturer – Introduction to Sociology, Dr. Mindy Stompler</p> <p>"Introduction to Documentary Photography as Visual Sociology and Photographic Ethics"</p>	2014
<p><i>Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA</i></p> <p>Guest Lecturer – Research Methods, Dr. Deirdre Oakley</p> <p>"Visual Sociology as an Alternative Research Method"</p>	2013
<p><i>Mississippi Department of Education, Jackson, MS</i></p> <p>Breakout Session Leader – Office of Dropout Prevention Fall Conference</p> <p>"If Only You'd Use Your Powers for Good:' Why Investing Time In Your 'Problem Students' Is Important"</p>	2011
<p><i>Project Safe Neighborhood, Orange County, NC</i></p> <p>Community Representative and Speaker</p>	2010

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

<p><i>Renovation Church, Atlanta, GA</i></p> <p>Consultant – Youth Programs</p> <p>Observe children's church classrooms and provide input on classroom management; also provide input on breaking down cultural, class, and race barriers between church staff and children attending services.</p>	2012
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RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<p><i>Dashboard, Atlanta, GA</i></p> <p>Project Manager – PaperFrank's Solo Exhibition, "Blossom"</p> <p>Worked alongside visual artist PaperFrank toward the successful completion of his largest solo show to-date. Duties included: develop project schedule and budget, ensure that necessary supplies and assistants were available as needed, assist in garnering financial support through sponsors, and manage and maintain quality of works produced.</p>	2015
<p><i>Emory University Art and Social Engagement Project, Atlanta, GA</i></p> <p>Co-Facilitator – PaperFrank and ForeverFamily</p> <p>Co-Facilitated discussions among ForeverFamily youth regarding ways in which structural-level inequality impacts their individual lives with visual artist PaperFrank; assisted in supervising youth as they co-created a group art project reflecting on the impact that structural inequality had on their lives.</p>	2013

Mattie C. Stewart Foundation, Birmingham, AL

Presenter – Choice Bus

2010-2011

Lead presentations on the Choice Bus, an interactive dropout prevention tool for students in 6th-10th grades; coordinated with school officials to ensure proper program facilitation according to the program design.

Easter Seals UCP, Durham, NC

Associate Professional – TransAcct Team

2008-2009

Assisted individuals placed on the TransAcct Team (specifically for young adults with mental illnesses and frequent court involvement/unstable home life/other challenging life circumstances) in achieving the goals outlined in their Person-Centered Plan, including but not limited to: obtaining and maintaining employment, furthering education, managing mental-health related symptoms, and accessing community resources; participated in creation and evaluation of personal goals outlined in clients' Person-Centered Plans; and completed daily progress notes documenting individual progress towards goals.

Ray of Hope Day Treatment Program, Raleigh, NC

Instructor – Pre-Adult Group

2006-2008

Developed skill- and social-based objectives as well as overall daily schedule structure for teens with behavioral and situational challenges.

Longview Public Separate School, Raleigh, NC

Teaching Assistant – Various Courses

2006-2007

Collaborated on curriculum, assisted teachers within this public separate school for primarily BED students in behavior modification, provided tutoring services.

North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Butner, NC

Youth Counselor – C. A. Dillon Youth Development Center

2005-2006

Provide direct care for incarcerated male youths; transport youths to and from school, meals, and other activities; planned extracurricular activities for youths to participate in during free time; and implemented therapeutic environment system, including rewards for positive behaviors and consequences for negative behaviors.

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

Leaving 99, Durham, NC

Founding Board Member, Volunteer Mentor

2008-2012

Perform all duties as board member, including attending all meetings and functions, participating in fundraising events and activities, and assisting in planning all activities. Additionally, provide consulting services for program planning regarding transitional reentry services for young men returning to the community from prison. As a mentor, duties include maintaining contact with and providing mentoring services for up to seven individuals who are

involved in the criminal justice system in some capacity, whether through incarceration or probation/parole.

Federal Bureau of Prisons, Federal Correctional Institution II, Butner, NC

Volunteer

2010

Volunteer as needed for events such as reentry fairs, mock job interviews, and provide consulting services regarding implementing inmate-to-inmate mentoring program.

Hip Hop Haven, Raleigh, NC

Volunteer Instructor – Graffiti

2007-2009

Designed and implemented graffiti course on a volunteer basis for local nonprofit serving at-risk youth.

MEMBERSHIPS

- National Criminal Justice Honor Society
- International Visual Sociology Association

TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Mental Health First Aid for Higher Education

REFERENCES

Dr. Rosalind Chou

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