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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2009- Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Connecticut College, New London, CT.
Associate Faculty, Gender and Women's Studies

2004-2009 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL.

EDUCATION *(by year conferred)*

2004 PhD, Sociology, The University of Georgia

2000 M.A., Sociology, The University of Georgia

1998 B.A., Sociology, Seton Hall University
Minor: Spanish
* Graduated Magna Cum Laude in top 3% of the class.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Race, Class, and Gender
Marriage and the Family
Social Psychology

COURSES TAUGHT *(* Indicates split-level courses with both undergraduate and graduate students.)*

Introduction to Sociology
Ethnic and Race Relations *
Marriage and the Family
Sex, Gender and the Social Order *
Sociology of African American Society
Sociology of Inequality *
Race, Gender, and the Mass Media *
Social and Cultural Change
Black and White Racial Identity *
Middle-Class Minorities

PUBLICATIONS

Books (both under contract)

Harris, Cherise A. *The Cosby Cohort: Race, Class, and Identity among Second Generation Middle-Class Blacks*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. (Full manuscript currently undergoing revisions. To be submitted September 2012.)

McClure, Stephanie and Cherise A. Harris. *What White People Think They Know (and Many People of Color Aren't Totally Clear on Either): Questioning Conventional Wisdom about Race in the U.S.* Sage Publications. (To be submitted August 2013.)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Harris, Cherise A. and Keisha Edwards Tassie. 2012. "The Cinematic Incarnation of Frazier's *Black Bourgeoisie*: Tyler Perry's Black Middle-Class." *Journal of African American Studies* 16, 2: 321-344.

Harris, Cherise A. and Nikki Khanna. 2010. "Black Is, Black Ain't: Biracials, Middle-Class Blacks, and the Social Construction of Blackness." *Sociological Spectrum* 30: 1-32.

Khanna, Nikki and Cherise A. Harris. 2009. "Teaching Race as a Social Construct: Two Interactive Class Exercises." *Teaching Sociology* 37, 4: 369-378.

Harris, Cherise. 2002. "Who Supports Welfare Reform and Why." *Race, Gender, and Class* 9, 1: 96-121.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Harris, Cherise A. (Forthcoming in 2014). "I'm Not Racist—Some of My Best Friends Are ...: Enlightened Exceptionalism and Individual Attitudes." In *What White People Think They Know (and Many People of Color Aren't Totally Clear on Either): Questioning Conventional Wisdom about Race in the U.S.*, edited by Stephanie McClure and Cherise A. Harris, Sage Publications.

Harris, Cherise A. and Kerry Ann Rockquemore. 2010. "Multicultural Perspectives of Self and Racial/ Ethnic Identity." Pp. 243-278 in *Adolescence: Development During a Global Era*, edited by Margaret Beale Spencer, Dena Phillips Swanson, and Malik C. Edwards.

Harris, Cherise. 2005. "Crossing Legs and Opening Doors (An Exercise in Gender Socialization)." Pp. 6-8 in *Teaching Sociological Concepts and the Sociology of Gender. Second Edition*. Marybeth C. Stalp and Julie Childers (Eds.). Washington D.C.: American Sociological Association.

Articles in Progress

Harris, Cherise A. "A Black Feminist Approach to Examining the Fertility Journeys of Single Black Middle Class Women." Article to be submitted June 2012 to *Gender & Society*.

Khanna, Nikki and Cherise A. Harris. "Using McIntosh's 'White Privilege' for Teaching Representations of Race on Primetime Television." Article to be submitted August 2012 to *Teaching Sociology*.

Grant Proposal in Progress

Harris, Cherise A. and Dawne M. Mouzon. "Understanding Alternative Family Formations among Black Middle-Class Women." National Science Foundation (Division of Sociology, PD 98-1331). Proposal to be submitted January 15, 2013. Currently undergoing IRB approval.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Professional Conferences

- 2011 Harris, Cherise A. "The Consequences of Black Exceptionalism: When You Don't Get to Be Just a Kid." The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2010 Harris, Cherise A. and Keisha Edwards Tassie. "Tyler Perry's Black Middle Class." The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2010 Harris, Cherise A. and Keisha Edwards Tassie. "Tyler Perry's Depiction of Middle-Class Blacks: A Sociological Perspective." The Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2009 Harris, Cherise A. and Nikki Khanna. "Black Is, Black Ain't: Biracials, Middle-Class Blacks, and the Meaning of 'The Black Community.'" The Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.
- 2008 Harris, Cherise A. "Is Cultural Capital Always Positive?: Black Middle-Class Children and the Weight of Assimilation." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, Virginia.
- 2007 Harris, Cherise A. "The Blessing and the Burden: Black Middle-Class Children Climbing the Ladder of Upward Mobility." The Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2006 Dalmage, Heather M., Cherise A. Harris, and DaShelle T. Frazier. "Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Citizenship, Class and Sexual Orientation (GRECCSO): Intersecting Locations of Privilege, Power and Domination." The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2006 Harris, Cherise. "Having Privilege and Finding a Place: Racial Identity Development Among Black Middle-Class Children." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.

- 2003 Harris, Cherise. "Oreo Trauma: Race, Class, and Identity Among the New Black Middle Class." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2000 Harris, Cherise. "Work Requirements and Time Limits: Understanding Public Support for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families." The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Washington, D.C.
- 2000 Harris, Cherise. "Explaining TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Policy: A Black Feminist Approach to Understanding the Meaning of Work." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1999 Khanna, Nikki D., Cherise Harris, and Rana Cullers. "Attitudes Toward Interracial Dating." The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, Illinois.

Invited Lectures and Engagements

- 2012 **Invited Panelist**, "Serving Strategically and the Art of Saying 'No.'" March 22, *The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society*. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2012 **Invited Panelist**, "Defining on Our Own Terms: Perceptions of Masculinity and Femininity in the Black Community." February 18, *17th Annual Black Solidarity Conference*, Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut.
- 2011 **Featured Speaker**, "Race, Class, and Gender Dysfunction in Tyler Perry's Black Middle-Class." February 22, Connecticut College (Gender Grubs Series). New London, Connecticut.
- 2009 **Keynote Speaker**, "The Love and Trouble Tradition: Black Male-Female Relationships." February 26, Loyola University- Chicago. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2008 **Keynote Speaker**, "The Love and Trouble Tradition: Black Male-Female Relationships." November 12, Roosevelt University Black Student Union, "Black Love Week," Chicago, Illinois.
- 2008 **Talk Show Panelist**, *Perspective*. Topic: "The Role of Race in Politics." Show aired: October 19, My50Chicago, Channel 8. Taped in Chicago, Illinois.
- 2008 **Conference Guest Speaker**, *Engage: Civic Education and Action Training Conference*. Session entitled, "Minorities Disengaged: Minorities and their Significance in the Presidential Election." Sponsored by Illinois Campus

Compact and the McCormick Foundation. September 5, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois.

- 2007 **Guest Speaker**, "Sister to Sister: A Discussion about the Relations between Women of Different Ethnic Backgrounds." September 27, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2007 **Featured Speaker**, "Exploring the Marriage Squeeze: What Will Black Middle-Class Women Do?" December 19, Roosevelt University Faculty Research Presentation, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2007 **Keynote Speaker**, "The History of Black Male-Female Relationships." February 1, University of Georgia and Georgia Institute of Technology Alumni Event, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2003 **Featured Speaker**, "Somebody a Black Kid Could Hang Out With: Animated Children's Programs featuring African-American Characters." February 5, Peabody Awards Screening, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the College or University

- 2012- Present **Member**, Center for Teaching and Learning Organizing Committee, Connecticut College.
- 2010- Present **Member**, Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Board, Connecticut College.
- 2010- 2011 **Member**, Institutional Review Board, Connecticut College.
- 2010- Present **Auntie**, S.H.E. (Share, Hear, and Empower) Program, Connecticut College.
- 2009- Present **Steering Committee Member**, Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE), Connecticut College.
- 2009- Present **Steering Committee Member**, Africana Studies, Connecticut College.
- 2010-2012 **Invited Participant**, Posse Retreat, Connecticut College.
- 2011 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) workshop, "Choosing and Applying to Graduate School," May 19, Connecticut College.
- 2011 **Invited Guest Speaker**, FYS 141A course, "Who Are You? Identity in Literature and Culture" (taught by Michael Reder, English), May 4, Connecticut College. Gave lecture on Toni Morrison's, *The Bluest Eye*.

- 2011 **Participant**, Women's Day Celebration, sponsored by Gender and Women's Studies (GWS), March 7, Connecticut College.
- 2011 **Invited Panelist**, "Black Education in America," February 16, Connecticut College.
- 2010 **Participant and Faculty Chaperone**, Chicago TRIP for Architecture 325: Gender in Architecture (Faculty Sponsor: Abigail Van Slyck), Oct. 7-10, Connecticut College.
- 2010 **Invited Workshop Panelist**, "Connecticut College Students' Attitudes about Discussion: Implications for Critical Thinking and Diversity," May 25, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Connecticut College.
- 2009 **Invited Workshop Panelist**, "When Intent is Irrelevant: Racial 'Microaggressions' in the Classroom," Nov. 6, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Connecticut College.
- 2006- 2009 **Member**, Curriculum Committee, Roosevelt University.
- 2006- 2009 **Co-coordinator and Panelist**, Roosevelt University's Annual Ph. D Workshop.
* Workshop explains to students how to find and apply to a doctoral program.
- 2005- 2009 **Advisor**, Black Student Union, Roosevelt University.
- 2005- 2009 **Affiliated Faculty**, Women's and Gender Studies, Roosevelt University.
- 2004- 2009 **Advisory Board Member**, The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation, Roosevelt University.
- 2007 **Invited Speaker**, Social Justice Forum, Roosevelt University.
- 2005 **Contributor**, Chicago Tribune article, "Girl Guides: It's Sister's Day When We Pause to Honor Our Closest Advisers." Article by Priya Laroia Valenti, Aug. 7.
- 2003 **Teaching Assistant Trainer**, Teaching and Lab Assistant Orientation, University of Georgia.

Service to the Department

Honor's Theses (Connecticut College)

Chair, Sarah Murphy, "Minority And Disadvantaged Youth In Swimming Programs: A Case Study in the Life Skills Learned Through Sport and a

Call to Action to Extend Access to 'Country Club Sports' to All Youth."
Independent Study, Department of Sociology.

Master's Theses (Roosevelt University)

- 2007- 2008 **Chair**, Katherine Barker, "Gender and the Media: Hillary Clinton and the 2008 Presidential Election." M.A. Thesis, Sociology.
Chair, Keith Jones, "I Only Date Guys That Look Like Me: Race and Sexuality in the LGBT Community." M.A. Thesis, Sociology.
Chair, Yolanda Yvette Branham, "Romantic Partner Selection among Biracial Women." M.A. Thesis, Women's Studies.
Chair, Shannon Hackett, "Veronica Mars: A New Representation of Heroism in the Third Wave Era." M.A. Thesis, Women's Studies.
Chair, D. Jonelle Geib, "Portrayals of Teenage Girls in 1980's Sitcoms." M.A. Thesis, Women's Studies.
Reader, Dana Clark, "Third-Wave Feminism in *Sex and the City*." M.A. Thesis, Women's Studies.

Service to the Discipline

- 2012- Present **Reviewer**, *American Sociological Review*
- 2011- Present **Reviewer**, *The DuBois Review*
- 2009- Present **Reviewer**, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*.
- 2007- 2008 **Member of Planning Committee**, 2008 Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society in Richmond, VA. **Co-organized** session (with Dawne Mouzon, Rutgers University) entitled, "Trends and Dynamics in Families of Color."

AWARDS, FUNDING, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2012 **Recipient**, The Helen Mulvey Faculty Award (for excellence in teaching), \$2000 in research funding, Connecticut College.
- 2012 **Recipient**, Research Matters Grant, \$2000. Connecticut College.
- 2009- 2011 **Recipient**, R. F. Johnson Faculty Development Fund and Hodgkin Untenured Faculty Development Fund. (Fall and Spring semesters). Connecticut College.
- 2009 **Recipient**, Advisor of the Year for Black Student Union, Roosevelt University.
- 2008 **Nominee**, Advisor of the Year for Black Student Union, Roosevelt University.
- 2006-2007 **Fellow**, Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation, Roosevelt University. Selected to direct speaker series in conjunction with the Department of Sociology. Four colloquia given this year by Aldon Morris, Larry Bennett, Mary Pattillo (McCoy), and Dorothy Roberts.

- 2003- 2004 **Graduate School Dissertation Completion Assistantship**, University of Georgia. Competitive university-wide fellowship awarding \$15,000.
- 2003- 2004 **Teaching Assistant Mentor**, University of Georgia. Competitive university-wide fellowship awarding \$1000.
- 2003 **Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**, University of Georgia.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (*Past and Present*)

American Association of University Professors
American Sociological Association (Sections: Race, Class, and Gender; Teaching and Training)
Association of Black Sociologists
Faculty Success Program (Sponsored by the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity)
Midwest Sociological Society
National Council of Negro Women
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Southern Sociological Society

REFERENCES

Dr. David L. Brunsmad, Professor of Sociology and Black Studies

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