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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024-Present	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis
2023-2024	Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis

Visiting Positions:

Spring 2026	Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology and Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative, UC Berkeley
2025-2026	Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam
2025-2026	Guest Researcher, Ethnology and Oral Culture Research Group, Meertens Institute

EDUCATION

2023	PhD Sociology, Northwestern University o With certificate in African American and Diaspora Studies
2020	MA Sociology, Northwestern University
2015	MSc Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam
2013	BSc Human Geography, University of Amsterdam

AREAS of INTEREST

Race; Space; Politics; Culture; Historical Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Planson, Sonia, and Yannick Coenders. 2027. "[Assimilationism and the Denial of everyday Racism.](#)" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* [online first].

Coenders, Yannick. 2024. "[Colonial Recursion: State Categories of Race and the Emergence of the Non-Western Allochthone.](#)" *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* 12(4): 698–729.

- o Winner of the 2022 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

Balkenhol, Markus, and Yannick Coenders. 2021. "[Metahistory as Diaspora Practice: Mobilising the Dutch Black Radical Tradition.](#)" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 47(18): 4256–68.

Chauvin, Sébastien, Yannick Coenders, and Timo Koren. 2018. "[Never Having Been Racist: Explaining the Blackness of Blackface in the Netherlands.](#)" *Public Culture* 30(3): 509–26.

Coenders, Yannick, and Sébastien Chauvin. 2017. "[Race and the Pitfalls of Emotional Democracy: Primary Schools and the Critique of Black Pete in the Netherlands.](#)" *Antipode* 49(5): 1244–62.

Book Chapters

Coenders, Yannick and Sonia Planson. 2026. "Racialized Assimilationism, Cultural Citizenship, and Migrants' Self-Denial of Racist Experience." In *Citizenship in Nativist Times*, edited by Menno Hurenkamp and Tamar de Waal. Leuven: Leuven University Press

Book Reviews

Coenders, Yannick. 2022. "Black Masculinity: A sobering Assessment." (Review of *A Man Among Other Men: The Crisis of Black Masculinity in Racial Capitalism* by Jordanna Matlon) *Perspectives a Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section* 44(1): 19–22.

Coenders, Yannick. 2016. "Historiseren, Relaties Leggen en Taboes Doorbreken." (Review of *Dutch Racism* by eds. Philomena Essed and Isabel Hoving) *Sociologie* 12(2): 231–236. [In Dutch]

Other

Coenders, Yannick. 2022. "Solving the West." *Trajectories: Newsletter of the ASA Comparative and Historical Sociology Section*, 33(1): 26–28.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Coenders, Yannick. "Dispersal: Governing Against the Ghetto in Post-World War II Europe" [Book manuscript, Advance Contract w/ University of Chicago Press]

Coenders, Yannick. "White Vigilantism and the Mechanics of White appeasement: On the Political Power of Race Riots." [Revise and Resubmit]

Coenders, Yannick. "Integration and the Limits of Antidiscrimination."

AWARDS, GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS

2026	Small Grant, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity, Washington University in St. Louis
2025-2026	ACLS Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies.
2026	Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis (declined)
2025	Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity, Washington University in St. Louis (declined)
2023	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard University (declined)
2022	Best Graduate Student Paper, Global and Transnational Sociology section ASA
2021	Sociology Fieldwork Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
2021	AANS Research Scholarship, American Association for Netherlandic Studies
2020	Buffett Dissertation Research Travel Award. Buffett Institute for Global affairs, Northwestern University
2020	DRRC Grant. Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

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| 2018 | Alumni Funds for Second Year Paper Research. Department of Sociology, Northwestern University |
| 2017 | Mellon Cluster Fellowship Research Grant: Comparative Race and Diaspora Cluster, Northwestern University |
| 2016 | Junior Teacher Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam |

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

- “Mr. Parchment’s Conspicuous Blackness: Dispersal in Birmingham”
Black Geographies Lab and Center for Critical Urban Studies, UC Santa Cruz (2026)
- “Nativist Violence and the State: Understanding White Appeasement”
Political Sociology Program Group, University of Amsterdam (2026)
Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley (2025)
- “From Racial Vigilantism to White Appeasement.”
Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis (2022)
Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Denver (2022)
Department of Sociology, Colorado State University (2022)
Department of Sociology, Colorado College (2022)
Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College (2022)

Conference

- “Dispersal: Governing against the Ghetto Since WWII” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta (2026)
- “The Fable of US Race Exports and the Ghetto’s Return to Europe, 1950-1970.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (2025)
- “Understanding State Responses to Collective Nativist Violence: White Appeasement in Rotterdam, 1972.” International Sociological Association, Forum of Sociology, Rabat (2025)
- “Colonialisms’ Spatiality: Urban Sociology and the Geopolitics of Race.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto (2024)
- “Assimilationism and the Logic of Everyday Racism” (with Sonia Planson). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal (2024)
- “Dispersal in Birmingham: Contradictions of Antidiscrimination and Assimilation.” Annual Conference of Europeanists, Lyon (2024)
- “White Appeasement: Theorizing Government Responses to Racial Vigilantism in Liberal Democracies.” International Studies Association, Early Career Workshop, San Francisco (2024)
- “Dispersal: Integration and the Contradictions of anti-Discrimination in Birmingham, 1969-1976.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (2023)

“White Vigilantism and the Introduction of Migrant Dispersal Policies in Rotterdam: The Afrikaanderwijk Riots, 1972.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (2022)

“Racist Mob Violence and the Mechanics of White Appeasement in Rotterdam, 1972.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles (2022)

“Colonial Recursion: State Categories of Race and the Emergence of the non-Western Allochthone.” CHS Section ASA Mini-Conference, Los Angeles (2022)

“The Colonial Durability of Racial Categories: A History of the Dutch ‘Allochthone’.” European Social Science History Conference, Virtual (2021)

“Inventing ‘Allochtonen’: the Colonial Management of Postcolonial Migrants in the Netherlands.” Annual Conference of Europeanists, Madrid (2019)

“The Recurrent Return of Antiracism - Black Movements in the Netherlands” Annual Conference of Europeanists, Chicago (2018)

“Innocent Colors and Multicultural Horses.” Migration and Refugees Today: Giving History its Place in Debates and Research, Budapest (2016)

Other

“Solving the West.” Solving Empire Symposium, Northwestern University (2021)

“Never Having been Racist.” Symbolic Boundaries workshop, University of Amsterdam (2017)

“Disconnecting Uncomfortable Pasts: Explaining the Blackness of Blackface in the Dutch Sinterklaas Tradition.” Workshop: Giving History its Place in Migration and Refugee Debates and Research, Paris (2015)

Organized Panels

“Black Self-Determination: Histories of Practice and Vision” Social Science History Association Annual Conference (2023)

Panelists: Ricarda Hammer, UC-Berkeley; Luna Vincent, Northwestern University; Khemani Gibson, Brooklyn College; Christopher Montague, Northwestern University

“Power and Normativity in Society and History III: (Re)organizing Racial States” Social Science History Association Annual Conference (2023)

Panelists: Owen Brown, Scripps College; Sherilyn Deen, University of Amsterdam; Chelsea Schields, UC-Irvine; Yannick Coenders, Washington University in St. Louis

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Washington University in St. Louis

“Social Theory” (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2026)

School of the Art Institute Chicago

“Against Race” (Spring 2020)

University of Amsterdam

“Sociology as a Craft I” (Fall 2016)

“Sociology as a Craft II” (Fall 2016)

Mentorship and Advising

Washington University in St. Louis

Graduate Student Advising:

Dissertation Committee Member:

Ella Siegrist (Ongoing), Molly Schneider (Ongoing), Asha Larson-Baldwin (Ongoing)

Master Thesis Committee Member:

Tyrell Spencer (Ongoing), Asha Larson-Baldwin (2026)

Qualifying Exam:

Asha Larson-Baldwin (2026)

Undergraduate Student Advising:

Capstone paper:

River Alsalihi (Ongoing), Mihret Asfaw (2005)

University of Amsterdam

Mentor:

First Year Sociology Majors (2016, 2017)

SERVICE

Peer Reviews

American Journal of Cultural Sociology; Ethnic and Racial Studies; International Sociology; Social Problems; Sociology Lens; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Oxford University Press; University of Toronto Press

External

American Sociological Association

- Comparative-Historical Sociology's Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award, Chair (2026)
- Community and Urban Sociology Section's Jane Addams Article Award, Committee Member (2026)
- Co-organizer, Comparative and Historical Sociology mini-conference, Chicago (2025)
- Global and Transnational Sociology best Graduate Student Paper Award, Committee Member (2023)

University

Washington University in St. Louis

Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2024-2025, 2026-)

Co-founder and organizer of Race, Space, Place workshop (2024-2025, 2026-)

St. Louis Project Committee (2024-2025)

Northwestern University

Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2019-2021)

University of Amsterdam

Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2016-2017)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; International Sociological Association; Social Science History Association