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EDUCATION

Washington University-St. Louis, MO

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, August 2023-Present

Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity Graduate Student Affiliate

Advisor: Cynthia Feliciano, Professor of Sociology

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Master of Arts, Social Sciences, Concentration, Sociology, August 2022

Thesis: “Structural Violence and Blackness: Exploring the Ethno-Racial Identities of African Immigrants in the U.S.”

Advisor: Joyce Bell, Associate Professor of Sociology

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Minor in Philosophy, (Honors), May 2020

Navarro College, Corsicana, TX

Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice (Honors), May 2018

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration; Integration; Black/African Immigrants; Social Demography; Ethno-Racial Identities; Mixed-Methods; Theory

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth, **Iteoluwakiishi Arigbabu**, Alisa Rogers, Sarah Valdez, and Elizabeth Roberto. “Neighborhood (de) stigmatization and (non-) performativity among immigrant and native-born Swedish residents.” *Identities* (2025): 1-22.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- **Master’s Thesis:**
 - Working title: “Race and Selective Migration: Ethnoracial Differences in High-Status Occupational Representation Among Second-Generation Black Africans and Afro-Caribbeans”
 - *Committee Members: Cynthia Feliciano (chair), Ariela Schachter, and Margot Moinester*

COLLABORATIONS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Washington University-St. Louis, MO

Research Collaboration

- Collaborating with Professor Sam Kye on a project exploring how current methods of measuring neighborhood change may have underestimated the persistence of hypersegregated Black neighborhoods, particularly in the context of demographic trends like gentrification and immigrant population growth.
- Contributing to developing, analyzing, and writing a co-authored paper for future academic publication.

Graduate Student Research Assistant

- Helping Professor Adia Wingfield with qualitative interview design, data collection, and transcription
- Maintaining organized research records and ensuring the confidentiality of participant data
- Assisting with coding and thematic analysis of interview data for research projects

Research Collaboration/Graduate Student Research Assistant

- Helping Professor Ariela Schachter with the [Moving Stories Project](#) in the development of a web-based app to collect and share migration narratives.

- Contributing to developing, analyzing, and writing a co-authored paper(s) for future academic publication with Professor Schacter and Selin Toprakkiran based on project findings.

Graduate Student Research Assistant

- Assisting Professor Cynthia Feliciano with analysis of *Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Survey (CILS)* data, organizing and transferring coded qualitative data.
- Ensuring data integrity and consistency while proofreading and formatting research materials to align with project guidelines.

Mentored Research Collaboration,

- Collaborated with Professor Elizabeth Korver-Glenn on a project that examines housing disparities among Immigrant and Native-Born Swedish Residents.
- Worked with Professor Elizabeth Korver-Glenn and Professor Sofia Locklear on their project, which examines housing disparities among the Native population in the United States.
- Coded and analyzed transcripts in Dedoose for the research project.

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, October 2019 – July 2021

- Assisted Professor Theresa Morris in collecting data for a large-scale research project.
- Data from the hospital’s database was transcribed and coded into Excel for the research project.
- Compiled peer-reviewed journal articles about labor and pain.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Washington University-St. Louis, MO

Mentored Teaching Experience, Fall 2024

Course: Sociology 106: Social Problems and Social Issues

Professor Assisted: Dr. Sam Kye

Mentored Teaching Experience, Spring 2025

Course: Sociology 3001: Social Theory

Professor Assisted: Dr. Yannick Coenders

Mentored Teaching Experience, Fall 2025

Course: Sociology 2070: Families and Social Inequality

Professor Assisted: Dr. Patrick Ishizuka

HONORS & AWARDS

Department of Sociology Internal Funding, Washington University in St. Louis (\$995), 2024

Quadrangle Scholar Research Award, University of Chicago (\$40,000 – 2/3 Tuition), 2021-2022

Director’s Fund for Applied Research, University of Chicago (\$3,000), 2021-2022

Bouchet Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Yale University, Summer 2020

Dean’s Honor Roll, Texas A&M University, 2019

Distinguished Student, Texas A&M University, 2019

Dean’s List, Navarro College, 2017-2018

Most Outstanding Female Recipient, Navarro College, 2018

Top Dawg Recipient, Navarro College, 2018

State Vice President Representative Award, Texas Junior College Student Government Association, 2018

THANK YOU, Award, Texas Junior College Student Government Association, 2018

President’s List, Navarro College, 2017

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Graduate Student Association Representative, Washington University-St. Louis, 2023-2024

Speech and Debate, Texas A&M University, 2018-2020

Pre-Law Society, Texas A&M University, 2018-2020
Sociology Student Association, Texas A&M University, 2018-2020
Volunteer, Texas A&M Disability Services, 2018-2019
State Vice President Representative, Texas Junior College Student Government Association, 2017-2018
State Vice President / Chapter Vice President, Texas Junior College Student Government Association, 2017-2018
Texas Junior College Student Government Association, Navarro College, 2016-2018
IMPACT Coalition, Navarro College, 2016-2018
Navarro College Beau Camp Leader, 2017

SKILLS

Technical and Research Tools

- Stata (logit/probit models; descriptive & multivariate analysis; survey data work)
- Dedoose (qualitative coding, codebook development, data export & integration)
- MAXQDA (thematic coding and qualitative data management)
- Microsoft Excel (data cleaning, dataset restructuring, qualitative-to-quantitative data integration)

Methodological Skills

- Mixed-methods research
- (Qualitative) Survey analysis
- Quantitative analysis
- Qualitative data analysis and coding
- Longitudinal data analysis

Languages:

- Yoruba (Native)
- English (Primary)

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Legal Assistant / Law Clerk,

- Flanigan Law Firm, College Station, TX, January 2019 – May 2019
- Corsicana District Attorney's Office, TX, 2017-2018