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EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

May 2017

Dissertation: "Legacies of Slavery: An Analysis of the Dimensions of Slavery's Post-Emancipation Effects"

Duke University, Durham, NC

Master of Arts in Sociology

May 2015

The University of Mississippi, University, MS

Master of Arts in Sociology

May 2012

Thesis: "King of the Hill's Souphanousiphones, The New Model Minority, and The Subversive Model Minority"

The University of Mississippi, University, MS

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; Emphasis in African-American Studies, Minors in Journalism and English

May 2010

Sally McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College

Thesis: "Blacking Up Critical Whiteness: Dave Chappelle as a Race Theorist"

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

August 2017

Assistant Professor of Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

IN PROGRESS

Reece, Robert L. *Revise and Resubmit.* "The Future of American Blackness: On Colorism and Racial Reorganization." *Review of Black Political Economy.*

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING

Reece, Robert L. Accepted for Publication. "Freedom to Resist: The Story of John Henry Sylvester and Strike City, Mississippi." *Journal of Mississippi History.*

Reece, Robert L. 2020. "The Gender of Colorism: Understanding the Intersection of Skin Tone and Gender Inequality." *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy.*

Reece, Robert L. 2019. "Coloring Racial Fluidity: How Skin Tone Shapes Multiracial Adolescents' Racial Identity Changes." *Race and Social Problems.*

Reece, Robert L. 2019. "Whitewashing Slavery: Legacy of Slavery and White Social Outcomes" *Social Problems*

Reece, Robert L. 2018. "Color Crit: Critical Race Theory and the Historical Maintenance and Future of Colorism in the United States." *Journal of Black Studies*

Reece, Robert L. 2018. "Coloring Weight Stigma: On Race, Colorism, Weight Stigma, and the Failure of Additive Intersectionality." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

Reece, Robert L. 2018. "Genesis of U.S. Colorism and Skin Tone Stratification: Slavery, Freedom, and Mulatto-Black Occupational Inequality in the Late 19th Century." *Review of Black Political Economy*

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O'Connell, Heather A. and **Robert L. Reece**. 2018. "Quantitative Studies of Place and Spatial Regression Analysis: A Study of the Legacy of Slavery in the U.S. South." *Sage Research Methods Cases*.

Reece, Robert L. and Maggie Hardy. 2017. "Moving beyond metrics: a primer for hiring and promoting a diverse workforce in entomology and other natural sciences." *Annals of the Entomological Society of America*

Reece, Robert L. and Aisha A. Upton. 2017. "How Skin Tone Shapes Civic Engagement Among Black Americans." *Color Struck: How Race and Complexion Matter in the "Color-Blind" Era*

Reece, Robert L. and Heather A. O'Connell. 2015. "How the Legacy of Slavery and Racial Composition Shape Public School Enrollment in the American South." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

Reece, Robert L. 2015. "What Are You Mixed With?: An Analysis of Perceived Attractiveness, Skin Tone, and Mixed Raciality." *Review of Black Political Economy*.

Reece, Robert. 2015 "The Plight of the Black Belle Knox: Race, College, Web Cam Models, and the Internet." *Porn Studies*

Reece, Robert L. 2014. "Blackening Up Critical Whiteness: Dave Chappelle as a Race Theorist." Pp. 69-90 in *(Re)positioning Race: Prophetic Research in a Post-Racial Obama Era* edited by S. Barnes, Z. Robinson, and E. Wright III. New York: SUNY Press.

Reece, Robert. 2014. "Sex as Subversion: The Ethnosexual Protestor and the Ethnosexual Defender" Pp. 105-116 in *Routledge International Handbook of Race Class and Gender* edited by S. Jackson. New York: Routledge.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

"The Past is the Past? How Slavery Still Benefits White Americans." 2019. *Works in Progress*

"Halfway Home: The Black Academic and the Struggle for Belonging." 2018. *Inside Higher Ed*

"Debunking the Mobility Myth." 2018. *Teaching Tolerance*

"Fighting Fat Stigma With Science." 2017. *Teaching Tolerance*

"How Trump's latest affirmative action move uses the Asian 'model minority' as a prop." 2017. *Vox*

"The failure of the Democratic Party." 2016. *Scalawag Magazine*

"The news comes differently to me." 2016. *Scalawag Magazine*

"How Saying You're Multiracial Changes the Way People See You." 2016. *The Conversation*

"Segregation Forever?" 2016. *Teaching Tolerance*

"A Stubborn Gap." 2016. *Rooflines*

"How slavery still shapes racial inequality." 2015. *Scalawag Magazine*

"How My Social Justice Failed My Family." 2013. *The Society Pages*

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2016-2017 American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program - \$18,000

2016-2017 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship – Honorable Mention

2016-2017 Society for the Study of Social Problems Racial and Ethnic Minority Scholarship – Honorable Mention

2016 Eastern Sociological Society Charles V. Willie Minority Graduate Student Award

2015 Mid-South Sociological Association Graduate Student Paper Competition – 1st Place

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2015-2016 Ottis Green Fellowship, Duke University – \$22,030

2015-2016 Kenan Institute for Ethics Fellowship, Duke University – \$3,000

2015-2016 Society for the Study of Social Problems Racial and Ethnic Minority Scholarship – Honorable Mention

2015 Women Studies Department Race and Gender Award, Duke University – \$250

2015 Jaffrey Fellowship, Duke University – \$6000

2014 Association of Black Sociologists Graduate Student Paper Competition – 3rd Place

2014-2015 PhD Lab in Digital Knowledge scholar, Duke University

2014-2015 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship – Honorable Mention

2014 Jaffrey Fellowship, Duke University – \$6000

2013 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University – \$5500

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course: **Racial and Ethnic Relations** – Summer '20

Course: **Introduction to the Study of Society** – Fall '17; Spring '18; Spring '19, Summer '19, Fall '19, Spring '20, Fall '20

Course: **Masculinity in America** – Spring 2015

Course: **Independent Study: Race and Comic Books** – Spring 2015

Guest Lectures:

- **Working with Geographical Data** in Sociological Methods – Fall 2018
- **Masculinity and Feminism** in Global Men and Masculinities – Fall 2015
- **Blackness in Puerto Rico** in Comparative Racial and Ethnic Stratification – Spring 2013
- **Race and Comic Books** in Sociology of Media – Fall 2013

“Teaching Sociology” Seminar 2012

- Semester long seminar in which we extensively discussed teaching pedagogy, developed a full course syllabus, gave an in-class practice lecture, and developed a teaching philosophy

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2017 American Sociological Association Conference – “Passing Color, Passing Wealth? Marriage Selection and Color Advantage in the 19th Century.”

2017 New Directions in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Conference – “Passing Color, Passing Wealth? Marriage Selection and Color Advantage in the 19th Century.”

2016 Southern Sociological Society Conference – “Legacies of Slavery: Racial Transition Points and Racial Wealth Inequality.”

2015 Mid-South Sociological Association Conference – “Legacies of Slavery: Racial Transition Points and Racial Wealth Inequality.”

2014 Association of Black Sociologists Conference – “Black Cam Models and Racialized Marketing”

2014 Southern Sociological Society Conference – “How the Legacy of Slavery and Racial Composition Shape School Segregation: Private Schools and White Flight in the American South”

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2013 Association of Black Sociologists Conference – “Legacy of Slavery, Racial Threat, and Public School Segregation in the American South”

2012 Association of Black Sociologists Conference – “Sex as Subversion: The Ethnosexual Protestor and The Ethnosexual Defender”

2012 Association of Black Sociologists Conference – “The Black Ghetto as a Supervillain in Mainstream Comic Books”

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE

American Sociological Association

Association of Black Sociologists

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Southern Sociological Association

Eastern Sociological Association

Editorial Board: *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*

Reviewer: *American Sociological Review, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Review of Black Political Economy, Black Studies Journal, Social Forces, Deviant Behavior*

OTHER TALKS

Coloring Weight Stigma: On Race, Colorism, Weight Stigma, and the Failure of Additive Theory – University of Amsterdam, January 2021

Coloring Weight Stigma: On Race, Colorism, Weight Stigma, and the Failure of Additive Theory – University of Texas at Austin, Population Research Center, January 2020

Our Past is Our Present: The Legacies of Slavery and School Segregation – University of Mississippi, Slavery Research Group, October 2017

Coloring Weight Stigma: On Race, Colorism, Weight Stigma, and the Failure of Additive Intersectionality – University of Texas at Austin, Race and Ethnicity Research Group, October 2017

Sex as Subversion: The Ethnosexual Protestor and the Ethnosexual Defender – Global Inequality Research Initiative, Duke University, October 2014

Center for Multicultural Affairs Down to Earth Lunch Edition, Duke University, November 2014

OTHER EXPERIENCE

500 Pens

February 2017 – December 2017

Advisory Board

- Pitch story ideas for assignment to writers
- Offer advice on and assist with planning of the new directions of the project

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Scalawag Magazine, Durham, NC

February 2015 – March 2018

Editorial Team, Business Analyst

- Solicit articles and work with authors to develop ideas and meet deadlines
- Prepare monthly analytical reports on social media activity, page views, and subscription rates
- Collaborate with team members to make decisions related to spending, revenue, and distribution

Frontline Solutions International, Durham, NC

September 2012 – August 2013, March 2016 – January 2017

Researcher

- Prepare research reports to guide strategic interventions by organizations
- Identify major stakeholders in local communities