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## EDUCATION

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**Duke University, Durham, NC**

*Doctor of Philosophy* in Sociology

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

**May 2017**

**Duke University, Durham, NC**

*Master of Arts* in Sociology

**May 2015**

**The University of Mississippi, University, MS**

*Master of Arts* in Sociology

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

**May 2012**

**The University of Mississippi, University, MS**

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

Sally McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College

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

**May 2010**

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## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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**University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX**

*Assistant Professor of Sociology*

**August 2017**

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### IN PROGRESS

**Reece, Robert L.** Under Review. "Sizing up Mental Health: The role of race, body size, sexual orientation in experiencing depressive symptoms." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

**Reece, Robert L.** Under Review. "The Missing Social Movement: Colorism in Black America." *Interface*.

**Reece, Robert L.** Under Review. "Sizing up Mental Health: The role of race, body size, sexual orientation in experiencing depressive symptoms."

### PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING

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

**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*

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**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*

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. "Blacking 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.

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## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

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"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*

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## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Course: **Race, Science, and Race Science** – Spring '21

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

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

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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”

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”

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## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE**

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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*

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## **OTHER TALKS**

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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

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## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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### **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

### **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