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Department of African and African Diaspora Studies
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, 2004
M.A., University of Pennsylvania, 2003
M.D.A, Western Michigan University, 2001
B.A. Honors, University of Sierra Leone, 1998

CURRENT POSITIONS

University of Texas at Austin

Professor of African and African Diaspora Studies: 2020 -
Fellow of the Bobby and Sherri Patton Endowment
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis
Faculty Research Associate, Population Research Center
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Sociology

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Pennsylvania State University

Professor of Sociology, Demography, and African Studies: 2019 to 2020
Interim Director, Africana Research Center: January to June 2020
Director, Undergraduate Program in Sociology: 2018 to 2020
Faculty Associate, Global and International Studies program: 2015 to 2020
Faculty Associate, Population Research Institute: 2007 to 2020
Associate Professor of Sociology, Demography, and African Studies: 2013 to 2019
Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies and Sociology: 2007 to 2013

Harvard University

Research Fellow, Harvard Initiative for Global Health/Center for Population and Development Studies:
2005 to 2007
David Bell Research Fellow, Center for Population and Development Studies: 2004 to 2005

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Migration, Race and Ethnicity, Children and Families, Labor, Poverty, Development, Global Health,
Africa.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, 2021-2023
Ray Lombra Award for Distinction in the Social Sciences, Pennsylvania State University, 2019.
Co-winner, 2019 World Society Foundation Research Paper Award.

Co-winner, 2018 Outstanding Book Award, American Sociological Association (Peace, War, and Social Conflict section).

Honorable Mention, Early Career Award, American Sociological Association (REM section): 2014

Young Scholar, Foundation for Child Development: 2012 to 2014

Fellow, Rock Ethics Institute, Pennsylvania State University: 2009

Roy C Buck Award for Outstanding Scholarly Publication by a Junior Faculty member, College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University: 2009

Outstanding Publication Award to a Junior Scholar, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota, 2008

David Bell Fellowship, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies; 2004

Population Policy Communication Fellow, Population Reference Bureau; 2003

Fogarty Institute Fellow, University of Pennsylvania: 2002

Mellon Foundation Fellow, University of Pennsylvania: 2001

Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society: 2001

EDITORIAL SERVICE

Board Member, *American Behavioral Scientist*, 2020 to present

Board Member, *International Migration Review*, 2018 to present

Deputy Editor, *Demography*, 2016 to 2019

Africa Section Editor, *Encyclopedia of Migration*, Springer Publishers, 2010 to 2017

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Thomas, K.J.A. 2019. *Global Epidemics, Local Implications: African Immigrants and the Ebola Crisis in Dallas*. Baltimore; Johns Hopkins University Press.

Book Authority - 2020: Ranked among the best 18 Ebola books of all time.

Business Insider - 2020: Among 7 books recommended by experts for understanding pandemics.

Media coverage: Author interviews – *National Public Radio*, NPR (KERA Dallas); *WORT FM* (Madison, WI); *Folha de S.Paulo* (Brazil); *Christian Science Monitor* (South Africa).

Other coverage: *Albany Times-Union*, *Alton Telegraph*, *Connecticut Post*, *Danbury News Times*, *Darien News*, *Fairfield Citizen*, *Greater New Milford Spectrum*, *Greenwich Time*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Idaho Press-Tribune*, *Laredo Morning Times*, *Medical Express*, *National Interest*, *New Haven Register*, *Stamford Advocate*, *San Antonio Express – News*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Santa Ynez Valley News*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *The Wilton Bulletin*, *The World News*, *Urban Faith*, *Yahoo News*, and *Zenith News*.

Thomas, K.J.A. 2017. *Contract Workers, Risk, and the War in Iraq: Sierra Leonean Labor Migrants at US Military Bases*. Montreal; McGill-Queens University Press.

Co-winner, 2018 Outstanding Book Award, American Sociological Association's Peace, War, and Social Conflict section

Thomas, K.J.A. 2014. *Diverse Pathways: Race and the Socioeconomic Incorporation of Black, White, and Arab-origin Africans in the US*. Lansing; Michigan State University Press.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Thomas, K.J.A. and Lonobile, C. 2021. "Parental STEM credentials and children's schooling progress in immigrant and U.S. born families". *Social Science Research*
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102601>

Thomas, K.J.A. and Larsen-Gibby, A. 2021. "Racial family configurations and inequalities in private school enrollment among adopted children", *Journal of Family Issues*,
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X211018251>

Larsen-Gibby, A., Winkle, J.S, and Thomas, K.J.A. 2021. "Adoption status and parental investments: A within-sibling approach". *Journal of Child and Family Studies*. 30, 1776-1790

Thomas, K.J.A. 2020. "Child deaths in the past, their consequences in the present, and mortality conditions in sub-Saharan Africa", *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 117 (9) 4453-4455.

Tesfai, R. and Thomas, K.J.A. 2020. "Dimensions of Inequality: Black Immigrants' Occupational Segregation in the United States", *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. 6(1) 1-21

Thomas, K.J.A. and Larsen-Gibby, A. 2019. "Adoption status and disparities in the familial configurations of children", *Journal of Family Issues*. 40 (4): 464-487

Thomas, K.J.A. 2019. "Parental influence and private school enrollment among children in blended families" *Social Science Research*. 79:247-257

Larsen-Gibby, A. and Thomas, K.J.A. 2019. "Adoption: A Strategy to Fulfill Sex Preferences of U.S. Parents" *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 81(2): 531-541

Thomas, K.J.A. and Tesfai, R. 2019. "Race, ethnicity, and the political incorporation of Black immigrants: An examination of evidence from Presidential Elections Won by Barack Obama" *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. 20 (1): 101-120

Romo, H., Thomas, K.J.A., and Garcia, E. 2018 "Changing Demographics of Dual Language Learners and English Language Learners: Implications for School Success" *Social Policy Report* 31(2) 1-34

Revised version of National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (2017) "The Demography of the English Learner Population" in *Promoting the Educational Success of Children and Youth Learning English: Promising Futures*. pp. 63-105. Washington, DC. National Academies Press.

Thomas, K.J.A. 2018. "Racial identity and the political ideologies of Afro-Caribbean immigrants", *Review of Black Political Economy* 45(1) 22-39

Thomas, K.J.A. 2018 "Race, generational status, and the dynamics of first marriage transitions among Black immigrants in the U.S." *Journal of Family Issues* 39(5) 1258-1280

Thomas, K.J.A. and Inkpen, C. 2017 "Foreign student migration to the US: pathways of entry, demographic antecedents, and origin-country contexts", *International Migration Review*, 51(3) 789-820

Thomas, K.J.A. 2016. “Highly-skilled emigration from Africa to the US: Exit mechanisms, demographic determinants, and the role of socioeconomic trends”, *Population Research and Policy Review*, 35(6): 825-849

Thomas, K.J.A. 2016. “Adoption, foreign-born status, and children’s progress in school”, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 78(1): 75-90.

Thomas, K.J.A. and Tucker, C. 2015. “Child poverty during the years of the Great Recession: An analysis of racial differences among immigrants and US natives”, *Race and Social Problems* 7(4): 300-314

Thomas, K.J.A. 2015 “Occupational stratification, job mismatches, and child poverty: understanding the disadvantage of Black immigrants” *Social Science Research*, 50: 203-2016

Smith-Greenaway, E., and Thomas, K.J.A. 2014: “Exploring child mortality risks associated with diverse patterns of maternal migration in Haiti”, *Population Research and Policy Review*, 33(6): 873-895

Thomas, K.J.A. and Inkpen, C. 2013, “Migration dynamics, entrepreneurship, and African development: Lessons from Malawi”, *International Migration Review*, 47(4): 844-873

Thomas, K.J.A. 2012 “Migration processes, family contexts, and schooling dropout among Black youth”; *Demography*, 49(2): 477-498

Thomas, K.J.A. 2012 “Race and enrollment disparities among the children of immigrants: An examination of differences between the children of Black and White Africans”; *International Migration Review*. 26(1), 37-60.

Thomas, K.J.A. 2012 “Migration, household configurations, and the well-being of adolescent orphans in Rwanda”, *Population Research and Policy Review*, 31(4): 587-607

Thomas, Kevin J.A. and Logan, B.I. 2012 “Female African Migration to the US and its policy implications”, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 46(2): 87-107

Logan, B I and Thomas, K.J.A 2012: “The US Diversity Visa Program and the Transfer of Skills from Africa”; *International Migration*. 50(2): 1-19

Thomas, K.J.A: 2012 “The human capital characteristics and household living standards of returning international migrants in Eastern and Southern Africa”, *International Migration*, 50(4): 85-106

Winner, Outstanding Publication Award to a Junior Scholar, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota, 2008

Thomas, K.J.A. 2011 “Familial influences on child poverty in Black immigrant, US-born Black, and non-Black Immigrant Families”, *Demography* 48(2): 437-460

Landale, N., Thomas, K.J.A., and Van Hook, J 2011 “The living arrangements of the children of immigrants”, *Future of Children*, 21(1): 43-70

Thomas, K.J.A. 2011 “Sociodemographic determinants of language transitions among the children of French and Spanish-Caribbean immigrants in the US”, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 37(4): 543-559

Thomas, K.J.A 2010 “Household context, generational status, and English proficiency among the children of African Immigrants in the US”, *International Migration Review*, 44(10): 142-172

Thomas, K.J.A. 2010 “Racial and ethnic differences in education-occupation mismatch status in South Africa and the United States”, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 11: 383-401

Thomas, K.J.A. 2010 “Family contexts and schooling disruption among orphans in post-genocide Rwanda”, *Population Research and Policy Review*, 29(6): 819-842

Thomas, K.J.A 2009 "Parental characteristics and the schooling progress of Black immigrant and native-born children", *Demography* 46(3): 513- 534

Winner of Roy C Buck Award for outstanding scholarly publication by a junior faculty member, College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University

Thomas, K.J.A 2008: “Return Migration in Africa and the relationship between educational attainment and labor market success: Evidence from Uganda”, *International Migration Review*, 43(3) 652-674

Stevens, G., Dias R.H., Thomas, K.J.A, Rivera, J.A, Carvalho, N.,Barquera,S. Hill, K., Ezzati, M. 2008. “Characterizing the Epidemiological Transition in Mexico: National and Subnational Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors” *PLoS Medicine* 5(6): 900-910

Hill, K. , K.J. Thomas , C. AbouZhar , N. Walker , L. Say , M. Inoue and E. Suzuki (2007). "Estimates of Maternal Mortality Worldwide between 1990 and 2005", *Lancet* 370(9595) 1311-1319

Thomas, K.J.A. 2007: “Child mortality and Socioeconomic Status: Differences among immigrants and the native-born in South Africa”, *International Migration Review*, 41(1) 40-74

Madhavan, S and Thomas, K.J.A 2005: “Early Childbearing and Schooling: New Evidence from South Africa”, *Comparative Education Review*, 49(4) 452-467, Special Edition on Education and Public Health.

Thomas, K.J.A 2004: “Disability among the children of migrants in South Africa”, *African Population Studies* 19(2) *Sup. B.* 139-164

Thomas, K.J.A 2002: “Development Projects and Involuntary Population Displacement in Africa: Assessing the World Bank’s mitigation strategies” *Population Research and Policy Review*, 21(4): 339-349.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Thomas, K.J.A., forthcoming. “Field of Study, Education-Occupation Matching, and Earnings among Highly Skilled African Immigrants in the U.S. Labor Market”, in *Economic Migration to the United States*, Zhou, Min and Mamud, H (Eds.), Center for Regional and International Studies, Georgetown University, Qatar

Thomas, K.J.A. 2020. “Xenophobia puts us all at greater risk of the getting the coronavirus: Outdated prejudice and a new Pandemic”, *Migration Update*, Center for Migration Studies.

Thomas, K.J.A. 2020. “Fighting coronavirus fear with empathy: Lessons learned from how Africans got blamed for Ebola. *The Conversation*. February 6th, 2020

Thomas, K.J.A. 2019. "America's first Ebola outbreak and the response towards African immigrants in Dallas", *Johns Hopkins University Press Blog*

Thomas, K. J. *Forthcoming*, "How do Chinese and other Asian immigrants fare in the South African Labor Market? An examination of inequalities in employment using data from South Africa" in *Past, Present and Future of African-Asian Relations*, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, World Society Studies.

Thomas, K. J. 2016. "The Adjustment and Development of African American Males: Conceptual Frameworks and Emerging Research Opportunities". In *Boys and Men in African American Families* (pp. 33-39). Springer International Publishing.

Thomas, K. J. A. 2012. *A demographic profile of Black Caribbean immigrants in the US*, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, DC, 1-26

Zuberi, T., and Thomas, K. J. A., 2012. "Demographic projections, the environment, and food security in sub-Saharan Africa", United Nations Development Program working paper, WP 2012-001

Thomas, K. J.A. and Zuberi, T. 2012. "Demographic change, the IMPACT model, and food security in sub-Saharan Africa", United Nations Development Program working paper, WP 2012-003

Wilson, K.B., and Thomas, K.J.A. (Eds.) 2009 *Expanding what we know through research across the African Diaspora*, Africana Research Center, Pennsylvania State University / Tasora Books, pp. 1 to 234.

RESEARCH GRANTS

"Resilience, Recovery, and the Wellbeing of Ebola Survivors in West Africa", Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2021 to 2013, \$200,000 (Role: P.I).

"Race, community resilience, and health care utilization among immigrants in Dallas", College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University, 2015 to 2016, \$7,500 (Role: P.I.)

"Race, immigrant incorporation, and responses to the Ebola threat in Black immigrant communities in Dallas", Africana Research Center, Pennsylvania State University, 2015-2016, \$4,000 (Role: P.I.)

"Immigration, minority status, and transitions to post-secondary schooling", Social Science Research Institute (SSRI), Pennsylvania State University, 2015 to 2016, \$7,500 (Role: P.I.)

"Parental education-occupation mismatch status and child poverty in Black immigrant families". Foundation for Child Development, 2012 to 2014, \$150,000 (Role: P.I)

"Exploring the educational experiences of Black immigrant college students," Social Science Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University, Universities and Colleges, 2010-2011, \$5,700 (Role: Investigator)

"Unpacking the moral dimensions of the brain drain in the African Free Trade area", 2010. Rock Ethics Institute, \$ 4,500, (Role: Co-P.I.)

Grant for the incorporation of ethical principles in Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America course; 2010, Rock Ethics Institute, \$ 4,500, (Role: P.I.)

“The educational and linguistic outcomes of the children of African immigrants in the US” Russell Sage Foundation, 2008-2010, \$ 21,867, (Role: PI)

“The dynamics of poverty among the children of Black immigrants in the US”, Young Investigator Development Grant, University of Kentucky Poverty Center, 2008-2009, \$7,500, (Role: P.I.)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Thomas, K.J.A., 2021. “Black immigrants, their families, and their children”, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Michigan State University.

Thomas, K.J.A. 2019. “How do Chinese and other Asian immigrants do in the South African Labor Market?” International Conference on the Past, Present and Future of African-Asian Relations, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

Thomas, K.J.A. and Inkpen, C. 2016 “Foreign student migration to the US: pathways of entry, demographic antecedents, and origin-country contexts”, Demography colloquium, University of California, Berkeley.

Thomas, K.J.A. 2017. “Parental human-capital, low skilled jobs, and racial disparities in child poverty in immigrant families”, Center on the Study of Race and Social Problems, University of Pittsburgh

Thomas, K.J.A. and Inkpen, C. 2016 “Foreign student migration to the US: pathways of entry, demographic antecedents, and origin-country contexts”, Demography colloquium, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania

Thomas, K.J.A. 2015 “White African immigrants in the U.S. and the Changing Face of the New African Diaspora”, ASWAD conference, Charlotte, North Carolina

Thomas, K.J.A. 2014 “Immigration, language origins, and the linguistic assimilation of Black immigrant youth”. Symposium on Race, Poverty, and Change in America, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania

Thomas, K.J.A., 2014: “Black immigrants, Education-Occupation mismatches, and the poverty outcomes of their children”, Duke University Population Research Institute (DUPRI).

Thomas, K.J.A., 2012: “Black immigrants, their children, and their families”, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

Thomas, K.J.A., 2012: “The new immigrant paradox: Highly-skilled Black immigrants, occupational mismatches, and the economic disadvantage of Black children in immigrant families”, Department of Sociology Colloquium Series; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Thomas, K.J.A., 2012: “Highly-skilled Black immigrants in low-skilled jobs: Implications for child poverty disparities in immigrant families”, Department of Africana Studies and the Maryland Population Center, University of Maryland.

Thomas, K.J.A. 2012: “Why are trends in African migration to the US increasing”, Immigration and Poverty conference, University of California Davis.

Thomas, K.J.A. 2012, "Migration processes, family contexts, and schooling dropout among Black youth", Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Rice University.

Thomas, K. J., Zuberi, T. 2011 "Demographic Change, the Impact Model, and Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa," African economic conference, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Thomas, K.J.A., 2010 "Migration processes, family contexts, and schooling dropout among Black youths", Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University.

Thomas, K.J.A 2009 "The human capital characteristics and household living standards of returning international migrants in Eastern and Southern Africa", Minnesota Population Center Colloquium Series, University of Minnesota.

Thomas, K.J.A 2009 "What can census data tell us about the language assimilation of the children of African immigrants in the US?", Diaspora and Language conference organized by the Migration Studies Project and the Center for Language Acquisition of the Pennsylvania State University.

Thomas, K.J.A 2009 "Family contexts and schooling disparities between the children of immigrant and US-born Blacks", Center for Human Development and Family Research in Diverse Contexts, Pennsylvania State University.

Thomas, K.J.A 2008 "Consequences of urban resettlement among populations displaced by conflicts in Africa: Evidence from Sierra Leone", Invited presentation at the Annual meeting for the Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, Tennessee.

Thomas, K.J.A 2005: "The birth outcomes of migrants in South Africa: What role does socioeconomic status play? Inter-University Committee on International Migration Seminar, Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT), April 2005.

OTHER CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Inkpen, C. and Thomas, K.J.A. 2013 "Return migration and attitudes towards contraception", Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.

Zuberi, T., and Thomas, K. J. A., 2012. "Demographic projections, the environment, and food security in sub-Saharan Africa", Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America.

Thomas, K. J.A. and Zuberi, T. 2012. "Demographic change, the IMPACT model, and food security in sub-Saharan Africa", Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America.

Thomas, K.J.A., 2010 "Migration, household contexts, and the well-being of orphans in post-genocide Rwanda", ISA World Congress of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden

Thomas, K.J.A. 2009 "How do family contexts affect child poverty among young children with Black immigrant, US-born Black, and non-Black immigrant parents?", University of Kentucky Poverty Center.

Thomas, K.J.A. 2009: "How do household contexts and generational status affect the English language proficiency of the children of African migrants in the US?" Diasporas, Migration, and Identities: Crossing Borders, New Directions conference, Center for Research on Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Multiculturalism (CRONEM) at the University of Surrey, United Kingdom.

Thomas, K.J.A 2008 Racial identity and the mismatch between education and occupation among immigrants: A comparison of the United States and South Africa, Brown Bag Series of the Africana Research Center, Pennsylvania State University.

Thomas, K.J.A 2008 “Urban population growth and the prospects for achieving UN Millennium Development Goals in the developing world” Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts.

Thomas, K.J.A 2007 “Who brings in more skills?: The Human Capital Characteristics of Returning Migrants and Immigrants in Eastern and Southern Africa” Paper presented at the Fifth African Population Conference, Arusha Tanzania, 10-14 December 2007.

Thomas, K.J.A and Hill K 2007 “What can census data tell us about adult mortality in Lesotho and Botswana?” Paper presented at the Fifth African Population Conference, Arusha Tanzania, 10-14 December 2007.

Thomas, K.J.A and Hill K 2007 “Evaluating the Performance of Death Distribution Methods for Estimating Death Registration Completeness: Applications to Data from High-Income Countries”. Paper presented at the 2007 meeting of the Population Association of America in New York.

Thomas, K.J.A., Hill K, Stanton C, Choy Y, 2006: “Maternal Mortality In Developing Countries: Signs of Limited Progress” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, November 2006.

Thomas, K.J.A 2006: “Sex disparities in childhood growth and nutrition: The influence of child mortality and socioeconomic conditions” Brown Bag presentation, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, May 2006.

Thomas, K.J.A 2006: “Recent child bearing and the search for employment: How do migrants differ?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, California, April 2006.

Thomas, K.J.A 2005: “Socioeconomic status and racial disparities in child mortality in South Africa”, Paper presented at the annual Fellows Forum, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, May 2005.

Zuberi T and Thomas, K.J.A 2005: “How do Migrants Fare in the Southern African Migration System?” Paper presented at the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) conference, Tours, France.

Thomas, K.J.A 2004: “Disability and school enrollment among the children of migrants in South Africa”, Paper prepared for the Population Policy Communication Fellowship Program of the Population Reference Bureau.

Thomas, K.J.A 2003: “The Dynamics of Internal Displacement and Urban Encampment in Sierra Leone” Paper presented at the seminar on the Demography of Conflict and Violence organized by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), Thorbjørnrud, Norway, November 2003.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Member, Executive Committee, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies, UT Austin, 2020/2021

Member, Awards, Committee, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies, UT Austin, 2020/2021

Chair, Search Committee (Race search), Department of Sociology, 2018/19

Member, Teaching Faculty Committee, Global and International Studies Program, 2018/19

Member, Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology, 2018/19.

Chair, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, 2018/19

Chair, Teaching Faculty Promotion Committee, African Studies Program, 2018/19.

Member, Bylaws Review Committee, African Studies Program, 2018/19.

Member, Global and International Studies Program Advisory Board, 2017 to present

Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Director of African Studies Program, 2016 – 2017

Chair, De Jong Memorial Lecture Committee, Department of Sociology, 2014-2015

Chair, Underrepresented Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, 2013-2014

Chair, Faculty Search Committee, African Studies Program, 2013 – 2014

Member, Colloquium Committee, Sociology department, 2013 - Present

Member, Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology, 2011-2013

Member, Minority Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, 2010-

Member, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology 2010-

Member, Department Head Search Committee, Dept. of African and African American Studies 2010

Member, Planning Committee, DeJong Lecture in Social Demography, Department of Sociology

Member, Doctoral Program Proposal Committee, African and African American Studies, 2008 to 2010

Member, Advisory Committee, Dept. of African and African American Studies, 2008 to 2010

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member, International Programs and Studies Committee, UT-Austin, 2021-2024

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Schreyer Honors College, 2019 to 2021

Member, Immediate Tenure Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2019 to present

Member, African Studies Program Review Committee, College of Liberal Arts 2014 to 2015

Member, Global Studies Program Review Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2014

Member, Advisory Board, Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University, 2013 to 2015

Member, Advisory Board, Africana Research Center, Pennsylvania State University, 2012 to 2015

Member, Pennsylvania State University's Presidential Task Force on Child Maltreatment, 2012

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, College of the Liberal Arts, 2010 to 2012

Honors Advisor, Shreyer Honors College, Pennsylvania State University, 2009 to present

Faculty Research Advisor for the McNair Scholars Program, Summer 2008, Summer 2010

Member, Seed Grant Review Committee, Center for Family Research in Diverse Contexts 2010

Speaker on *How to present papers at conferences* at the annual achievement conference of the Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity, Spring 2008

SERVICE ON PH.D DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

- 2021/Present. Ricardo Lowe, Applied Demography, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2021/Present. Christopher Ndubizu, African and African Diaspora Studies, UT-Austin (Member)
- 2021/Present. Meredith Bouvier, Education Policy Studies, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2019/Present. Sara Francisco, Sociology, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2018/Present. Annie Holmes, Higher Education, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2018/2019. Talia Carroll, Higher Education, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2017/Present. Sarah Fry, Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2016/Present. Chiau-Wen Jang; Curriculum and Instruction, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2016/2017. Chris Culver, Political Science and African Studies, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2015/2016. Emma Boyle, Political Science and African Studies, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2015/2017. Christopher Inkpen; Sociology, Pennsylvania State University (Co-Chair)
- 2015/2016. Yeris Mayol Garcia; Sociology, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2014/2016. Beatrice Abeiro; Health Policy and Demography, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2014/ 2015. Lauren Bachan; Sociology and Demography, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
2013. Natasha Wilson; Special Education, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2012/14. Emily Smith-Greenway; Sociology and Demography, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2011/13. Jessica Heckert; Human Development, Family Studies, and Demography, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2010/12. Michael Parks; Sociology, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2010/12. David Perez; Higher Education, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2009/11. Raymond Tutu; Geography, Pennsylvania State University (Member)

SERVICE ON MASTERS THESIS COMMITTEES

2016. Emnet Fikru; Sociology, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
2014. Yeris Mayol Garcia; Sociology, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
2013. Christopher Inkpen; Sociology, Pennsylvania State University (Member)
- 2011/12 Lauren Bachan; Sociology, Pennsylvania State University (Member)

UNDERGRDUATE HONORS THESES SUPERVISED

2012. Matt Jewitt, Sociology, Pennsylvania State University
2016. Jiwon Lee, Sociology, Pennsylvania State University.

MCNAIR SCHOLARS SUPERVISED

2010. Rafiat Adebawale, Pennsylvania State University
2008. Danielle Forbes, Pennsylvania State University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Organizing Committee, 2022 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America
 Session Organizer, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, 2020/2021
 Member, Sociology Advisory Panel at the National Science Foundation (NSF), 2020/2021
 Discussant, De Jong Memorial Lecture in Social Demography, Pennsylvania State University, 2020
 Member, Outstanding Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association, PWSC section, 2018/19
 Member, National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement (DDRI) award review panel. 2018 -
 Member, Panel on Fostering the Development and Educational Success of Young English Language Learners and Dual Language Learners, National Academy of Sciences, 2015 – 2016
 Member, Panel on the Integration of Immigrants, National Academy of Sciences, 2014 – 2015
 Member Dorothy Thomas Award Committee, Population Association of America, 2012-2015
 Member, Organizing Committee, 2014 PAA annual conference, 2013
 Expert witness, San Francisco Immigration Court, CA, 2013
 Session organizer, 2014 PAA annual conference, 2013
 Ad hoc member Social Sciences and Population Studies Study Section (NICHD), 2013
 Discussant: Urbanization and child health disparities, PAA annual conference, 2013
 Discussant: Educational outcomes of immigrants, PAA annual conference, 2011

Manuscript Reviewer

African Population Studies; Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science; American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review; Children and Youth Services Review; Demographic Research; Demography; Development Studies Research; Ethnic and Racial Studies; European Sociological Review; International Migration; GeoJournal; International Migration Review; Journal of Family Issues; Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health. Journal of International Migration and Integration; Journal of Marriage and Family; Learning and Individual Differences; Oxford University Press; Population Research and Policy Review; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Race and Social Problems; Routledge Press; Rural Sociology; Social Problems; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Social Science and Medicine; Sociological Forum; Sociological Perspectives; Urban Studies; Urban Education; World Politics.

Grant Reviewer

2017: Borders, Trade, and Immigration Institute, University of Houston
 2017: U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation.
 2011: Russell Sage Foundation - Immigration Program
 2012: WOTRO Science for Global Development – Migration, Development, and Conflict Program

Tenure/Promotion Reviewer

Dennison University, NYU Abu-Dhabi, Seton Hall University, University of Cincinnati, University of Pennsylvania.

Consulting Activities

2011: Migration Policy Institute, Washington, DC.
 2011: United Nations Development Program
 2007: The World Bank: Health, Nutrition, and Population Division
 2006-07: United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Division of Evaluation Policy and Planning

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

African Studies Association

Population Association of America

Union for African Population Studies

International Sociological Association

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population