

# DeAnna Y. Smith

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2023 (expected)

B.A., *cum laude*, Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2016

Visiting Student in Sociology, University of London, January – June 2015

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Theory, Race and Ethnicity, Gender, Sex and Power, Family Violence, Inequality

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Best Thesis Award, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University	2016
Global Scholar Award, University of London	2016
Brady Scholars Program in Ethics and Civic Life, Northwestern University	2013 – 2016
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship (MMUF), Northwestern University	2014 – 2016
Highly Commended, Undergraduate Awards, Dublin, Ireland	2015
Weinberg School of Arts and Sciences Research Travel Grant (\$1,000), Northwestern University	2015
Academic Year Undergraduate Research Grant (\$500), Northwestern University	2015
Center for Global Engagement Fellowship, Northwestern University	2013 – 2014

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

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Research Assistant and Team Lead for Drs. Miriam Sherin and Elizabeth Dyer, Northwestern University School of Education and Social Policy.	2014 – 2016
Summer Research Fellow under Dr. Karrie Snyder, Northwestern University Department of Sociology. Project: “Beyond the Second-Wave: Intersectionality in Gender-Neutral Parenting Advice.”	2015
Summer Research Fellow for Northwestern University’s Summer Research Opportunities Program. Project: “Black Secular Perspectives.”	2014
Development and Donor Research Intern for the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR).	2013 – 2014

## PUBLICATIONS

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Smith, DeAnna Y. (2016). “Alternative Modernities: Rethinking Africa outside Eurocentric Discourses of Modernization.” *Eleven: Berkeley Undergraduate Journal of Sociology*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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*Alternative Modernities.* (April 2016). Paper presentation at the Stanford Undergraduate Research Association (SURA) Conference, Stanford University.

*How I know my Daughter is a Boy.* (February 2016). Presentation at the Mellon Mays Regional Conference, Northwestern University.

*Let's Think about Africa.* (November 2015). Presentation at the Undergraduate Awards Summit, Dublin, Ireland.

*Beyond the Second-Wave: Intersectionality in Gender-Neutral Parenting Advice.* (August 2015). Keynote at the Summer Research Opportunity Program Symposium, Northwestern University.

*Parenting on the Front Stage: A Dramaturgical Analysis of Parenting in the Public Sphere.* (November 2014). Paper presented at the Mellon Mays Regional Conference, University of Chicago.

*Painting Black Secular Narratives: Identity Formation and Blackness.* (October 2014). Presentation at the Black Doctoral Network Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

*Black Secular Perspectives.* (August 2014). Poster presentation at the Summer Research Opportunity Program Symposium, Northwestern University.

## **COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

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**Organizing Volunteer**, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Help organize civil-disobedience actions, plan marches, and run voter registration

**Co-Founder**, NviteU: A Peer Engagement and Inclusion Initiative  
Partnered with two community organizations and 15 student organizations to create a sustainable initiative aimed at including young people with cognitive disabilities living in and around Evanston in Northwestern campus activities

**Delegate**, Northwestern University Conference for Human Rights  
Invited to participate in international conference exploring the intersection of business ethics and human rights alongside scholars, activists, and policy makers

**Site Leader**, Habitat for Humanity  
Organized a week-long service project building homes for underserved families in South Carolina during spring break

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## REFERENCES

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