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KARA ALEXIS YOUNG

Education PhD University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, Expected May 2017
Dissertation: “Gut Feelings: The Emotions of Food Inequality”
Committee: Sandra Smith (Chair), Raka Ray, Michael Buraway, Tianna Paschel
Exam Fields: Theory (Raka Ray), Race (Sandra Smith), Gender (Barrie Thorne)

MA University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 2010

BA Brown University, Sociology, Cum Laude with High Honors, 2006

Research Interests Health & inequality, sociology of food, race and ethnicity, gender, sociology of emotions, social theory, in-depth interviewing, ethnography.

Publications *Peer-Reviewed*

Smith, Sandra and **Kara Young** (Forthcoming). “Want, Need, Fit: Logics of Assistance and the Job Matching Process.” *Work and Occupations*.

Revise and Resubmit

“Gut Feelings: The Emotions of Food Choice in One Oakland Neighborhood.” *Advances in Medical Sociology*.

Manuscripts In Progress

“The Moral Economy of Eating” *In Progress*.

“Entrepreneurs and Intellectuals: How Men of Color Create Rap Music to Become Valued Masculine Subjects” *In Progress*.

Awards 2016 Lowenthal Graduate Student Paper Prize for “The Moral Economy of Eating,” Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

2011 Distinction in qualifying examination, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

- 2010 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2006 Susan Clover Rosenberger Prize for Excellence in Empirical Research, for senior honors thesis *As Nasty As They Wanna Be: Commercial Rap Music and the Black Female Body*, Department of Sociology, Brown University
- Fellowships** 2017 Lowenthal Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- 2016 SMART Graduate Mentorship Program, University of California, Berkeley
- 2015-2016 Equity and Inclusion Graduate Student Fellow, Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley
- 2015-2016 Blumer Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- 2015-2016 Ford Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention
- 2014-2015 Berkeley Connect Mentorship Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (*2014-2015 academic year*)
- 2014 Berkeley Connect Mentorship Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (*Spring 2014*)
- 2013-2015 Graduate Fellows Training Program, Center for Research on Social Change, University of California, Berkeley
- 2014 Graduate Student Small Grant, Center for Race and Gender, University of California, Berkeley
- 2013 Berkeley Social Justice Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- 2013 Graduate Division Summer Research Grant, University of California, Berkeley
- 2009 National Science Foundation Graduate Mentored Research Award, University of California, Berkeley

2007-2009 Chancellor's Predoctoral Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley
Diversity Initiative for Graduate Study in the Social Sciences (UC-DIGSSS)

Teaching

University of California Berkeley, Sole Instructor

Food and Inequality in America (Upcoming in Spring 2017)
Writing For Sociology (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013)

University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Student Instructor

Advanced Study in Social Theory, Professor Michael Burawoy (Fall 2016)
Pedagogy of Teaching, Professor Thomas Gold (Fall 2015)
Classical Sociological Theory, Professor Marion Fourcade (Spring 2011)
Race and Ethnic Relations, Professor Cybelle Fox (Fall 2010)
Sociology of Gender, Professor Raka Ray (Spring 2010)
Introduction to Sociology, Professor Sandra Smith (Fall 2009)
Communication for Leaders, Haas School of Business (Summer and Fall 2014)

University of California, Berkeley, Reader/Grader

Sociology of Gender, Jill Bakehorn, Summer 2014

Other Teaching Experience

Introduction to Sociology, Cal Preparatory High School, Berkeley, CA (Fall 2011)
LitHop: Hip Hop, Literary Analysis, and Music Theory, Prison University Project,
San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, CA (Spring 2010)

Presentations

"Feminisms and Food." Guest in the course "Sustenance and Sustainability" taught by
Kathryn de Master, Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management,
University of California, Berkeley, November 2016. (*Invited*)

"Reimagining Food Access: How Race and Class Shape Grocery Store Preferences." *Society
for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*, Seattle Washington, August 2016.

"The Moral Economy of Eating." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Seattle
Washington, August 2016.

"The Moral Economy of Eating." *Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Meeting*,
Toronto, June 2016.

"Building Equitable, Inclusive, and Diverse Food Systems on College Campuses: Lessons
from UC Berkeley." *Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Meeting*, Toronto,
June 2016.

"The Moral Economy of Eating." Center for Race and Gender, University of California,
Berkeley, April 2016. (*Invited*)

- “The Moral Economy of Eating.” Eastern Sociological Association Mini Conference on the Sociology of Food, Boston, March 2016. *(Invited)*
- “Emotions, Food Choice and Inequality.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, August 2015.
- Expert Panelist, Food Access and Security Summit, Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence, University of California, Berkeley, October 2015. *(Invited)*
- “Strategies for Organizing Empirical Evidence.” Panelist, Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis Course, University of California, Berkeley, February 2015. *(Invited)*
- “Dirt Out There or Dirt In Here? Food, Contamination and Emotions.” Presented at the conference *Production to Picture to Personhood: Food, Representation and Identity in Contemporary American Cultures*, hosted by the Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley, October 2014 *(Invited)*
- “Eating, Class, and Control: The Emotions of Food Choice in One Oakland Neighborhood.” *Center for Research on Social Change*, Berkeley, CA, May 2014.
- “Entrepreneurs and Intellectuals: How Men of Color Create Rap Music to Become Valued Masculine Subjects.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York City, August 2013.
- “Gut Feelings: The Emotions of Food Inequality.” Guest Lecturer, California Institute for Integral Studies, San Francisco, June 2013. *(Invited)*
- “Entrepreneurs and Intellectuals: How Men of Color Create Rap Music to Become Valued Masculine Subjects.” *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, March 2013.
- “The ‘You’ in your Research.” Panelist, Summer Research Opportunity Program, Graduate Diversity Program/Division of Equity & Inclusion, UC Berkeley, July 2012. *(Invited)*
- “Managing Power Dynamics and Diversity in the Classroom.” Sociology Teacher Training Course, University of California, Berkeley, October 2010. *(Invited)*
- “Graduate Student Panel.” Panelist, McNair Scholars Summer Program, University of California, Berkeley, July 2010. *(Invited)*
- “Getting Into Graduate School.” Panelist, Summer Research Opportunity Program, Graduate Diversity Program/Division of Equity & Inclusion, University of California, Berkeley, July 2010. *(Invited)*
- “Institutional vs. Individual Racism: Lessons from the UC Berkeley Republican Bake Sale.” Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Sociology, Mills College, November 2010. *(Invited)*
- “The Scattered Members of the Poet: The Culture of Production and the Production of

Cultural Products by Hip Hop Artists in the San Francisco/East Bay Area.” Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, May 2009.

“The Scattered Members of the Poet: The Culture of Production and the Production of Cultural Products by Hip Hop Artists in the San Francisco/East Bay Area.” Drake Forum, Department of African American Studies, University of California, Berkeley, May 2009.

“Gender Stratification.” Guest Lecturer for “Introduction to Sociology” with Sandra Smith, Prison University Project. San Quentin State Prison, April 2009. (*Invited*)

“Drop It Like Its Hot: A Brief History of Hip Hop and its Gendered Discourse.” *Project on Men and Gender*, Center for Women, Case Western Reserve University, March 2008. (*Invited*)

Related Professional Experience

Food Policy Research Intern, Community Food and Justice Coalition, Oakland, California, April 2013 – September 2013.

Graduate Student Researcher, “Why Blacks Help Less,” Professor Sandra Smith Lead Investigator, UC Berkeley, July 2012 – December 2012.

Coordinator, Graduate Women’s Project, Graduate Assembly, UC Berkeley, October 2008 – August 2011.

Graduate Student Researcher, “Do Blacks Help Less?: Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Risks and Costs of Providing Job-Finding Assistance,” Professor Sandra Smith Lead Investigator, UC Berkeley, January 2008 – October 2009.

Member, The Race Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2007 – 2009.

Research Assistant, “Multi-City Social Service Provider Survey Project,” Professor Scott Allard Lead Investigator, Taubman Center for Public Policy, Brown University, June 2004 – May 2006.

Research Intern, The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, August 2003 – September 2003.

Service

Organizing Committee and Co-Moderator, Community Forum on Black Liberation and the Food Movement, Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley, October 31, 2016 (*Upcoming*).

Invited Moderator and Discussant, Panel on Equity and Inclusion in the Food System, Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley.

Advisory Board, Building Equitable and Inclusive Food System at UC Berkeley, Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley, 2016-17.

Organizing Committee, Equity and Diversity Training for Graduate Student Instructors, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, September 29, 2015.

Organizing Committee, *Decolonizing Foodways Conference*, Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley, October 1, 2015.

Invited Graduate Student Participant, Sustainable Food Transitions Faculty Workshop lead by Olivier De Shutter, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Fall 2013.

Media

"Getting Real about Race, Class and Food Consumption," Featured Guest, Racist Sandwich Podcast, Portland, OR, December 2016 (*upcoming*).

"Can America Learn to Love Misshapen Vegetables?" Expert Respondent, *The Atlantic*, July 1, 2014, <http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2014/07/can-america-learn-to-love-misshapen-veggies/373793/>

"Who's That Girl?: A Look At Women of Color and Hip Hop," Expert Respondent, Documentary directed by Nuala Cabral.

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
International Sociological Association
Association for the Study of Food and Society