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EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley*
- 2020 – 2026 **Ph.D.**, Sociology
In Progress **M.A.**, Sociology
In Progress **Graduate Certificate**, Teaching and Learning in Higher Education
2022 **Graduate Certificate**, Applied Data Science
- Cornell University*
- 2020 **B.S. (Distinction in Research)**, Development Sociology, Global & Public Health Sciences
Minors: Inequality Studies – Health Equity Track, Demography, Public Service Studies, International Development Studies, Science Communication & Public Engagement, Environment & Sustainability, Biological Sciences, Law & Society
Thesis: “Black Students in the Ivy League: Evidence of the Double Consciousness”
- *Best Honors Thesis, Center for the Study of Inequality*

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- University of California, Berkeley*
- 2021 – Research Grant Trainee, Berkeley Institute for Data Science
2021 – Affiliated Graduate Student, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues
2021 – Affiliated Graduate Student, Berkeley Center for Social Medicine
2021 – Affiliated Graduate Student, Berkeley Center for Ethnographic Research

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Health, Demography, Immigration, Globalization, Race/Ethnicity, Education, Nutrition, Development

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Migration one
Black Students in the Ivy League: Evidence of the Double Consciousness
Diets one

POLICY PAPERS

Benjamin N. Fields. 2019. “Traditional Diets to be Preserved: Fighting the Neo-Liberal Colonization of Food and Subsequent Health.” Public Policy in Africa Initiative.

- Republished by foodlog.nl

Stacey Blansky and Benjamin Fields. 2019. “Civil Society Organizations in Zambia: An Analysis of External Funding.” Occasional Papers, Southern African Institute for Policy and Research.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Nyamekye Asare, Benjamin Fields, and Tanita Lewis. 2021. “Stratification Economics.” Exploring Economics.

PUBLIC WRITING

Benjamin N. Fields. “The Forgotten Theory: Du Bois and the Existence of the Double Consciousness.” *Black Wall Street Times*, 17 July 2020. Op-ed.

Benjamin N. Fields. “Sorry College, You Should Be Coronavirus’s Unsuspecting Outlet.” *Black Wall Street Times*, 2 July 2020. Op-ed.

Benjamin N. Fields. “Segregation – a badly politicized term; has Black America changed its stance?” *Black Wall Street Times*, 26 June 2020. Op-ed.

Benjamin N. Fields. “Summer Contribution, the Elephant on the Bursar.” *Cornell Daily Sun*, 7 April 2020. Op-ed.

Benjamin N. Fields. “Sorry, We Have to Defy Capitalism to Install the Most Equitable Grading System.” *Cornell Daily Sun*, 3 April 2020. Op-ed.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2021 University of California, Berkeley
2nd Place, Berkeley Food Institute Food Justice Writing Contest

2020 *Cornell University*
Campus Involvement Award, Department of Development Sociology

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

2022 Semi-Finalist, RWJF Health Policy Research Scholars
2022 Summer Institute for Computational Social Science Host Location Grant (\$12,920)
2021 Afrotech Scholarship (\$350)
2021 Summer Institute for Computational Social Science Research Grant (\$1,049)

University of California, Berkeley

2021-2023 Computational Social Sciences Training Program, National Institutes of Health
2020-2025 Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship
2020-2024 Department Grant, Department of Sociology

Cornell University

2019 Southeast Asia Program Engaged Travel Grant, Southeast Asia Program
2019 CALS Alumni Association Grant
2019 Community-Engaged Student Travel Grant, Engaged Cornell
2019 Community-Engaged Student Travel Grant, Engaged Cornell
2019 Student Travel Grant, Office of Global Learning
2019 Conference Opportunity Attendance Grant for the 8th Annual ASA Sociology of Development Conference, Polson Institute for Global Development

CONFERENCE TALKS, INVITED TALKS, AND LECTURES

2021 *The Future of Global Migration*
Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (Government Department), United Kingdom

2021 *Transformed Diets and their Social Consequences for Black Populations*
Biomigrations: Food Sovereignty, Security, and Justice in the Americas Conference, University of California, Berkeley

- 2020 *Untapped Potential: The Future of Health in Africa*
2020 GITEX Conference, Africa Investment Forum, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2019 *Black Students in the Ivy League: Evidence of the Double Consciousness*
Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2019 *Civil Society Organizations in Zambia: An Analysis of External Funding in a Volatile Market*
Grant Proposal Workshop, Zambian Governance Foundation, Lusaka, Zambia

TEACHING

- Fall 2023 *Reader*
Economy and Society, University of California, Berkeley
- Spring 2023 *Reader*
Sports as a Social Institution, University of California, Berkeley
- Spring 2023 *Invited Instructor*
Global Population, Health, and Environment, University of California, Davis
- Summer 2022 *Lead Organizer*
Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Public Policy in Africa Initiative, Douala, Cameroon
- Spring 2022 *Invited Instructor*
Global Population, Health, and Environment, University of California, Davis
- Spring 2022 *Graduate Student Instructor*
Evaluation of Evidence, University of California, Berkeley
- Spring 2021 *Invited Instructor*
Global Population, Health, and Environment, University of California, Davis
- Summer 2021 *Graduate Student Instructor*
Environmental Health and Development, University of California, Berkeley

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Selection Committees:**
- 2023 Leadership in Graduate Diversity Award, University of California, Berkeley
- 2022 Leadership in Graduate Diversity Award, University of California, Berkeley
- 2021 – 2023 CEE Program Selection Committee, IREX
- 2020 – 2021 Student Reviewer: *Rapid Reviews: COVID-19*
- Conference Planning:**
- 2021 Student Leadership Conference, University College of Technology – Sarawak | Cornell University

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/OUTREACH

- External*
- 2021 Mentor Matching Engine, Illinois Science and Technology Institute
- The Black Economists Network*
- 2021 Graduate Applications Webinar (with the Sadie Collective)
- University of California, Berkeley*
- 2023 – 2024 GiGS Mentor
- 2021 – 2022 Firebaugh Scholars Mentor
- 2021 – 2022 GiGS Mentor
- 2020 – 2021 Mentor, AASD Mentoring Program
- 2020 – 2021 Mentor, Honors Thesis Mentoring Program, Department of Sociology
- 2020 – 2021 Splash at Berkeley
- 2020 – 2021 Path to the Professoriate Program
- 2020 – 2021 American Cultures Engaged Scholarship Program
- 2020 Graduate Application Hackathon Mentor
- Cornell University*
- 2019 – 2020 Kessler Presidential Scholars Mentor, Office of the Dean of Students
- 2019 – 2020 Student Advisor, Division of Nutritional Sciences
- 2019 – 2020 Discussion Group Leader, English Language Support Office
- 2019 – 2020 Political Action Committee, Black Students United
- 2019 – 2020 Received the *Certificate in Engaged Leadership*, Engaged Cornell

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICES

- 2021 – 2022 President, Black Graduate Students Association, University of California, Berkeley

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – 2022 Social Sciences Matrix Research Team Program, UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix
- 2021 Research Assistantship with Armando Lara-Millan, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley

TRAINING

- 2021 Joining the Big Data Revolution, Institute for Research on Innovation and Science
- 2021 SICSS Howard-Mathematica
- 2021 Berkeley Workshop in Formal Demography

SKILLS

Language: French (Intermediate)

Statistical Software: SPSS, R, Stata, Python (NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Black Economists Network
- Development Studies Association
- American Sociological Association
- Population Association of America

REFERENCES

Available upon request.