

Blythe George (Yurok Tribe)

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D. in Sociology & Social Policy, Harvard University. Dissertation Title: *“Tribal Lands, Tribal Men, and Tribal Responsibilities: World Renewal Fathers with Criminal Records and Their Perceptions of Work and Fatherhood On and Off-Reservation.”*
- 2016 M.A. in Sociology, Harvard University. Qualifying Paper Title: *““Them old guys... they knew what to do”: Examining the Impact of Industry Collapse on Two Tribal Reservations.”*
- 2012 B.A. in Sociology, Cum Laude with Honors, Dartmouth College. Senior Fellow Thesis with Honors: *Improving Native American Academic Performance: Lessons Learned in the Context of California*, Cumulative GPA 3.77/4.00, Major GPA 3.9/4.0.
Awards: Native American Writing Prize, Ralph P. Holben Sociology Prize.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mass incarceration & prisoner reentry; unemployment; tribal communities; qualitative methods; database creation & management; Indigenous Studies; concentrated disadvantage; stratification; rural poverty; social policy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 (Accepted) Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Merced.
Incoming faculty for July 2021 to Sociology with an affiliation with the Critical Race and Ethnic Studies interdisciplinary program.
- 2020- Present Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, Berkeley.
Working under the mentorship of Profs. Sandra Smith and David Harding to expand my existing research as well as revise my dissertation into a book manuscript and multiple journal articles.

- 2014- 2016 Research Assistant for Dr. Kathryn Edin and Dr. Stefanie Deluca, Johns Hopkins University Sociology Department.
- 2012- 2013 Data & Research Consultant Humboldt County Office of Education, produced the *2012-13 NEST P-16 Regional Data Report* for the Native Education Support Team: A P-16 Council

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- 2017 George, Blythe. "Bringing Back A Piece of the Sky." Chapter 2 of *I Am Where I Come From: Native American College Students and Graduates Tell Their Life Stories*. Ed. Andrew Garrod, Robert Kilkenny, and Melanie Benson Taylor. Ithaca, NY: Cornell UP, 2017. Pgs. 36-51.

Book Reviews in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 2019 George, Blythe. Book Review of "We Are Dancing For You: Native Feminisms & The Revitalization of Women's Coming-of-Age Ceremonies by Cutcha Risling Baldy (2018)." Published in *International Journal of Human Rights Education Special Issue: Indigenous Women and Research: Global Conversations on Indigeneity, Rights, and Education*. 2019.

Essays

- 2020 George, Blythe. "Prisoner Reentry in Native American Communities Offers Lessons of Resilience and Nationwide Policy Solutions." Published in *Vision 2020: Evidence for a Stronger Economy*, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Washington, D.C. 2020. Pg 179- 187.

Reports

- 2020 George, Blythe, Annita Lucchesi, Abby Abinanti, Angi Cavaliere, Michaela Madrid, and Aryn Fisher. "*To' kee skuy' soo ney-wo-chek' - I Will See You Again In a Good Way: A Year 1 Project Report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit People of Northern California.*" 2020.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- 2018- Present *Driver's License Checks as a Form of Employer Stigma*
Up to 60% of tribal men with criminal records seeking work lack a driver's license and experience this personal characteristic as a direct constraint to their job search outcomes. Further research will determine how employers use driver's license checks as an additional screening mechanism in the hiring process.

- 2016- Present *Far North Tribal Offender Database*
 A confidential database for twelve tribal nations in Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, and Siskiyou counties of northern California, using tribal enrollment and county jail records to track tribal members who are incarcerated in local jurisdictions. This pilot database will serve as a template for a statewide database and notification system.
- 2014- Present *Tribal Prisoner Reentry: Trends Amongst Female Offenders*
 Women represent three out of every ten Yurok offenders, compared to 10% nationally, and this project analyzes how the experiences of incarceration and reentry differs for female offenders from that of their male peers.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2020 Commencement Marshall, Harvard University
- 2020 Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley
- 2018 Database Creation Grant, Washington Center for Equitable Growth
- 2018 MMUF Travel & Research Grant, The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
- 2018 Cobell Graduate Student Summer Fellowship, Indigenous Education, Inc.
- 2018 Sequoyah Graduate Scholarship, Association for American Indian Affairs
- 2018 Proposal Writing and Dissertation Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives
- 2018 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award, National Science Foundation Sociology Program
- 2017 Nation Building Fellowship, Harvard University Native American Program
- 2016 Doctoral Grant, Washington Center for Equitable Growth
- 2016 Doctoral Grant, Program in Criminal Justice Policy & Management, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2014- 2015 Predoctoral Research Development Grant, Social Science Research Council
- 2014-18 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation
- 2013-19 Ashford Family Endowed Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2012 Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers Associate Program, Phillips Academy- Andover
- 2011-16 Beinecke Scholarship, Class of 2011, Sperry Foundation
- 2010-12 Undergraduate Fellowship, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship
- 2008-12 Gates Millennium Scholarship, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Conceptions of Work and ‘the Body’: Implications for the Labor Market Preferences of World Renewal Men with Criminal Records.” Sociology Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Berkeley.

- 2020 “Conceptions of Work and ‘the Body’: Implications for the Labor Market Preferences of World Renewal Men with Criminal Records.” *Two Feathers Native American Family Services Virtual Speaker Series*.
- 2019 “Jobbing It” On & Off-Reservation: How Tribal Fathers with Criminal Records Find Work, American Sociological Association’s 2019 Annual Meeting, Race, Gender, and Class Section Refereed Roundtables, Invited.
- 2019 Tribal Lands, Tribal Men, Tribal Responsibilities: How Fathers with Criminal Records Find Work On and Off-Reservation, Mahindra Humanities Center, Native Cultures Seminar.
- 2018 Tribal Research for Tribal Justice: Community-Based Participatory Research in Yurok Country, Yurok Tribal Court & Justice Center, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development’s Honoring Nations Site Visit.
- 2016 “Those Jobs Ain’t Coming Back”: The Consequences of an Industry Collapse on Two Tribal Reservations, National Congress of American Indians, Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum at the 2016 Mid-Year Conference in Spokane, WA, Invited Panel Presentation: Stewarding Strong Economic Climates.
- 2016 “Those Jobs Ain’t Coming Back”: Connecting Industry Collapse, Indigenous Masculinity, & Rural Drug Use on Two Tribal Reservations, Harvard University Sociology Department, Mixed Methods Workshop.
- 2015 Extending Concentrated Disadvantage Outside of the City: Joblessness and Its Consequences on Two Tribal Reservations, Harvard University Sociology Department, Urban Social Processes Workshop.
- 2014 Improving Native American Academic Performance: Lessons Learned in the Context of California, 12th Annual Alumni of Color Conference, Panel Presentation: Stories, Movements, and Hope: Indigenous Populations and Educational Justice, Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2016 *The Pursuit of Community in America*, Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Professor: Matthew Kaliner, Q-score: 4.33/5
- Fall 2015 *Media & Popular Culture*, Teaching Fellow, Harvard University. Professor: Matthew Kaliner, Q-score: 4.59/5, Certificate of Excellence in Teaching.
- 2016-17 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Graduate Student Mentor, Harvard University, student completed thesis with honors.

2012-13

Guidance Counselor & Graduator Cohort Advisor, Klamath River Early College of the Redwoods, Klamath, CA.

CLASSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Advanced Qualitative Methods: Interviews & Ethnography
Criminology
Design of Social Research
Deviance and Social Control
From Scratch: Community Database Creation & Management
Indigenous Sociology
Introduction to Qualitative Methods
Introduction to Sociology
Media and Popular Culture
Poverty and Inequality
The Pursuit of Community in America
Race and Ethnicity
Social Networks
Social Stratification
Sociology of Education
Sociology of Work

SERVICE

2018- 2020 Coordinator, Out-of-Town-Graduate Students Advising & Writing Group, Harvard University

2016- Present Data Consultant, Yurok Justice Center & Tribal Court

2015-2016 Graduate Student Social Coordinator, Sociology Department, Harvard University

2014- Present Manuscript Review, Sociological Forum

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	Native	Native	Native
French	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Yurok	Novice	Novice	Novice

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software

MAXQDA Qualitative Data Analysis
Atlas.ti Qualitative Data Analysis
Microsoft Excel
Stata Quantitative Data Analysis
ArcGIS Mapping

Ability

Advanced
Advanced
Advanced
Proficient
Proficient

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems

REFERENCES

William Julius Wilson- Primary Advisor and Dissertation Committee Chair
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Kathryn Edin- Secondary Advisor, Princeton University
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Megan Comfort- Dissertation Committee Member, Research Triangle Institute
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Mario Small- Dissertation Committee Member
mariosmall@fas.harvard.edu

Judge Abby Abinanti- Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribal Court
aabinanti@gmail.com