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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2023-present    Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- 2021-2023      Postdoctoral Fellow, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

## EDUCATION

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- 2021            **Brown University**  
Ph.D. in Sociology  
Dissertation: “Citizenship and Colonial Difference: The Racial Politics of Rights and Rule across the Black Atlantic”  
  
*\*Winner 2022 American Sociological Association Best Dissertation Award*
- 2014            **Brown University**  
M.A. in Sociology
- 2011            **School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London**  
Graduate Diploma in Economics, *Distinction*
- 2010            **University of Cambridge**  
B.A. in Social & Political Sciences

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Global and Transnational Sociology, Sociology of Race & Ethnicity, Political Sociology, Historical Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Colonialism & Postcolonialism, Social Theory

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

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### Peer-reviewed Articles:

- 2024            **Hammer, Ricarda** and José Itzigsohn. “Rethinking Historical Sociology: Learning from W.E.B. Du Bois and the Black Radical Tradition,” *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1742058X24000110> 
- 2022            **Hammer, Ricarda** and Tina M. Park. “The Ghost in the Algorithm: Racial Colonial Capitalism and the Digital Age,” *Political Power and Social Theory* 38: 221-249.   
*\* 2022 Honorable Mention American Sociological Association Science, Knowledge & Technology Section Star-Nelkin Best Paper Award*

- 2020 **Hammer, Ricarda.** “Decolonizing the Civil Sphere: The Politics of Difference, Imperial Erasures, and Theorizing from History,” *Sociological Theory* 38(2): 101-121 [↗](#)
- 2019 **Hammer, Ricarda** and Alexandre I.R. White. “Towards a Sociology of Colonial Subjectivity: Political Agency in Haiti and Liberia,” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 5(2): 215-228. [↗](#)  
 \* 2018 American Sociological Association Political Economy and the World-System Terence K. Hopkins Best Graduate Student Paper Award  
 \* 2018 American Sociological Association Peace, War and Social Conflict Section Elise Boulding Best Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2018 **Hammer, Ricarda.** “Bringing the Global Home: Students Research Local Areas through Postcolonial Perspectives,” *Teaching Sociology* 46(2): 135-147. [↗](#)
- 2017 **Hammer, Ricarda.** “Epistemic Ruptures: History, Practice and the Anticolonial Imagination,” *Political Power and Social Theory* 32: 153-180. [↗](#)

### Essays, Book Chapters & Book Reviews:

- Forthcoming **Hammer, Ricarda.** “Postcolonialism,” *Routledge Resources Online: Race and Racism*.
- 2023 **Hammer, Ricarda.** Book review for “Rituals, Runaways, and the Haitian Revolution: Collective Action in the African Diaspora,” *British Journal of Sociology*, 6 April 2023. [↗](#)
- 2023 **Hammer, Ricarda.** “Between Stuart Hall and Cedric Robinson: Capturing Imaginaries of Racial Capitalism,” Review Symposium for Jordanna Matlon “A Man among Other Men,” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 9(2): 225-250. [↗](#)
- 2022 **Hammer, Ricarda.** “Occlusions of Racecraft: Capitalism, Empire, and the Democracy Debate Revisited,” *Democracy and Autocracy*, 20(3):21-25, Published by Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (WCED), University of Michigan, December 2022.
- 2021 **Hammer, Ricarda.** “Rethinking the Political Community: Violence and the Colonial Making of the Modern Nation State,” Review for Mahmood Mamdani “Neither Settler nor Native: The Making and Unmaking of Permanent Minorities,” *European Journal of Sociology*, 62(3): 536-544. [↗](#)

### Other Work:

- 2020 **Hammer, Ricarda.** “Decolonizing Theory: An Interview,” *Perspectives: Theory Section Newsletter*, 42(2): 15-17. [↗](#)
- 2020 **Hammer, Ricarda.** “Thinking with Stuart Hall,” *Give Theory a Chance Podcast*, Spring 2020. [↗](#)
- 2019 **Hammer, Ricarda.** “We who? Colonialism, Silences in our Narrative of Self and the Anticolonial Imagination,” *PEWS Newsletter*, 2(Spring): 11-18. [↗](#)
- 2017 **Hammer, Ricarda** and Alexandre White. “Decolonizing the Social: A Junior Scholars’ Workshop”, *Perspectives: Theory Section Newsletter*, 39(1): 24-27. [↗](#)

2015 Bustos, Camila, **Ricarda Hammer**, Chris Kelly, Michael Murphy, Apollonya Porcelli. "Raising the Curtain on Pseudoscientific Racism", *Brown Daily Herald*, 30 October 2015.

### Book Projects in Preparation:

Advance Contract **Hammer, Ricarda**, José Itzigsohn and Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz (Eds.). "Upending the Color Line: Towards a Du Boisian Sociological Methodology." Duke University Press.

Advance Contract Edwards, Zophia, **Ricarda Hammer** and José Itzigsohn. "Towards a Decolonial Sociology." NYU Press.

In Preparation **Hammer, Ricarda**. "Citizenship and Colonial Difference: Rights and Race across the Black Atlantic" (single-authored book)

### FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

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2024 Anticolonial Lab, Global Democracy Commons, UC Berkeley, \$50,000

2024 Matrix Faculty Fellowship, UC Berkeley

2023 University of Michigan Postdoctoral Association Travel Fund, \$500

2022 American Sociological Association Best Dissertation Award

2022 Honorable Mention American Sociological Association Science, Knowledge & Technology Section Star-Nelkin Best Paper Award

2020 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency Travel Grant, \$1100

2018 American Sociological Association PEWS Section Terence K. Hopkins Best Graduate Student Paper Award

2018 American Sociological Association Peace, War and Social Conflict Section Elise Boulding Best Graduate Student Paper Award

2017-2018 Brown University Interdisciplinary Opportunity Fellowship, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice (CSSJ), \$25,500

2017-2019 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award, \$11,997

2016-2017 Brown University International Humanities Travel Award, \$5,000

2016-2017 Brown University Dissertation Fellowship

2016 Joukowsky Summer Grant, \$1,500

2015-2016 Mellon Graduate Student Workshop, \$5,500

2013-2015 Graduate Program in Development Fellowship, \$22,500

2015 Joukowsky Summer Grant, \$2,000

2013-2014	Pembroke Center Graduate Fellow, \$1,000
2012	Joukowsky Summer Grant, \$2,500
2012	GPD Fieldwork Grant, \$2,500
2011	SOAS Graduate Diploma in Economics Prize for Outstanding Performance
2007-2010	Cambridge European Trust Scholarship

#### INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

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2024	Learning from the Black Radical Tradition: Rethinking Historical Sociology's Theories, Methodologies and Archives, <b>Northwestern University, Evanston, USA</b>
2024	From Tutelage to Suppression: A Du Boisian Theory of Self-Government, <b>Northwestern University, Evanston, USA</b>
2023	Une Colonie Commercial...: Thinking Political Economy from Haiti, <b>Political Economy Rebooted, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, USA</b>
2023	A Conversation on Freedom with Orlando Patterson, Social Science Matrix, <b>UC Berkeley, Berkeley, USA</b>
2023	From Tutelage to Suppression: A Du Boisian Theory of Democratization, Culture & Politics Workshop, <b>UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, USA</b>
2023	The Racial Politics of Citizenship, <b>WCED Lecture Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA</b>
2021	Recognition and Redistribution: Departmentalization and Anticolonial Imaginaries from Martinique, <b>University of Chicago, Chicago, USA</b>
2021	Discipline and Tutelage: How Liberal Democratization Reconstituted Race, UT Social Research Workshop, <b>University of Tennessee-Knoxville</b> [online]
2021	Predicaments of Citizenship: Racecraft, Colonialism, and the Making of Political Modernity, <b>University of Chicago</b> [online]
2021	The Unthinkable Revolution: Haiti and the Struggle against Racialized Modernity, <b>American University</b> [online]
2019	Thinking against Empire and Cultivating an Anticolonial Imagination, <b>Du Boisian Scholar National Convening, Providence, USA</b>
2018	How to Mentor the Next Generation of Du Boisian Sociologists, <b>Du Boisian Scholar Network Conference, Evanston, USA</b>
2018	Liberalism and the Colonial Construction of Difference in the British Empire: The Jamaican Morant Bay Rebellion Debate and its Implications, <b>Harvard University, Cambridge, USA</b>

- 2018 Local-Global Afterlives: Thinking through the Legacies of the Slave Trade in Rhode Island, **Providence College, Providence, USA**
- 2017 Civil Construction: Colonial Histories and the Civil Sphere in France, **Constellations of Empire, Nationalism and Revolution in 1917 and 2017, Brown University, Providence, USA**
- 2017 Global Rhode Island: How Rhode Island became involved in the Business of Slavery, **Providence College, Providence, USA**

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023 Debt as Racialized Punishment, **Social Science History Association Conference, Washington D.C., USA**
- 2023 The Racial Politics of Citizenship, Anticolonial Imaginaries and the Struggle for the Human, **Social Science History Association Conference, Washington D.C., USA**
- 2023 Global Approaches to Race: Dialogues on Racism and Colonialism, **American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, USA**
- 2023 Anticolonial and Abolitionist Sociologies, **American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, USA**
- 2023 The Racial Politics of Citizenship, Anticolonial Imaginaries and the Struggle for the Human, **British Sociological Association Conference, Manchester, UK**
- 2023 Thinking from Haiti: Second Sight and Knowing the World from the Margins, **Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Baltimore, USA**
- 2022 Thinking from Haiti: Second Sight and Knowing the World from the Margins, **Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, USA**
- 2022 The Haitian Revolution and the Struggle for the Human in Racial Capitalism, **American Sociological Association Conference, Los Angeles, USA**
- 2022 Decolonization Beyond Political Independence: Departmentalization, the Politics of Articulation, and Anticolonial Imaginaries from Martinique, **ASA Comparative-Historical Mini-Conference, Los Angeles, USA**
- 2021 Producing Racial Difference: Liberal Democracy and the question of “Black Freedom” after Racial Slavery, **Social Science History Association Conference [online]**
- 2021 Thinking from the Caribbean: Racialized Modernity, Historicity, Relationality,” **Social Science History Association Conference [online]**
- 2021 Sylvia Wynter and Sociology: On Colonial Modernity, Race, and the Overrepresentation of Man, **American Sociological Association Conference [online]**
- 2021 The Haitian Revolution, Black Freedom, and the Pitfalls of National Independence, **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands [online]**

- 2020 Discipline and Tutelage: How Modern Rights Made Race, **American Sociological Association Conference** [online]
- 2020 Thinking with W.E.B. Du Bois: Commodifying Labor and the Global Veil from Slavery to the Digital Age, **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics** [online] (with Tina Park)
- 2020 From Colonial Subject to Immigrant: Nation-Making, Claudia Jones and the Coloniality of Rights, **Racism, Immigration and Citizenship Conference, Johns Hopkins University, USA** [cancelled]
- 2019 Decolonizing Citizenship, **Decolonizing Political Concepts Conference, University of Aberdeen, UK**
- 2019 The Coloniality of Rights: The Cultural Politics of the Rights-bearing Individual, the Citizen and Colonial Technologies of Rule, **American Sociological Association Conference, New York, USA**
- 2019 Rethinking Subjectivity, Complicity and Sociology through Stuart Hall and James Baldwin, **American Sociological Association Conference, New York, USA**
- 2018 Seeing like a Colonial State and Failures of Recognition, **Social Science History Association Conference, Phoenix, USA**
- 2018 Decolonizing the Civil Sphere, **Social Science History Association Conference, Phoenix, USA**
- 2018 Decolonizing the Nation: Race, Twoness, and Re-Imagining the Community, **American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, USA**
- 2018 Racializing Welfare: Constructing the Black Worker in Colonial Jamaica, **American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, USA**
- 2017 Temporality, Tutelage and the Politics of Difference, **Social Science History Association Conference, Montreal, Canada**
- 2017 Black Revolutions, Black Republics: Global Political Imaginaries, **Social Science History Association Conference, Montreal, Canada** (with Alexandre White)
- 2017 Decolonizing the Civil Sphere: Race, Colonial Difference and Claims for Inclusion in France, **ASA Junior Theorists Symposium, Montreal, Canada**
- 2017 Displacement and Race-Making in the British West Indies, **American Sociological Association Conference, Montreal, Canada**
- 2017 Black Revolutions, Black Republics: Inventing the Political in Haiti and Liberia, **American Sociological Association Conference, Montreal, Canada** (with Alexandre White)
- 2017 Revolutions of Colonial Subjects: Struggles for Freedom in Haiti and Liberia, **Decolonizing the Social Conference, Boston University, Boston, USA** (with Alexandre White)

- 2017 Black Revolutions, Black Republics: Resistance in Haiti and Liberia, **Social Theory Forum, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, USA** (with Alexandre White)
- 2016 The Public Sphere in Global Context: Civil Codes and Encounters with Empire, **Workshop on The International Origins of Theory, London School of Economics, London, UK**
- 2016 Civil Codes, Encounters with Empire and the Possibilities of Connected Sociologies, **Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, USA**
- 2016 Establishing Sovereignty: Dispossession, Slavery and Plantation Labor in the Americas, **Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, USA** (with Michael Murphy)
- 2015 Global Sociology and the Challenge of Difference: Empire, Nation and the Colonial Difference, **Social Science History Association Conference, Baltimore, USA**
- 2015 Learning to Listen: Colonial Modernity and its Epistemic Effects, **Decolonizing Europe Summer School, Amsterdam, Netherlands** (group presentation)
- 2015 Silences in History: A Cosmopolitan Genealogy of Political Modernity, **ASA Comparative-Historical Mini-Conference, Chicago, USA**

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2023 Advanced Contemporary Social Theory (SOC202B), UC Berkeley, **Course Instructor**
- 2023 Sociological Theory II (SOC 102) UC Berkeley, **Course Instructor**
- 2019 Thinking Globally: Colonialism and the Making of the Modern World, Brown University, Summer Pre-College Program, **Course Instructor**
- 2016 Global Sociology: Capitalism, Colonialism and the Making of the Modern World, Brown University, **Course Instructor**
- 2013 Social Theory: Understanding Everyday Life, Brown University, Summer Pre-College Program, **Course Instructor**

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2024 Best Graduate Student Award Committee, ASA Global and Transnational Section, **Committee Chair**
- 2024 Sociological Theory, **Editorial Board Member**
- 2024 British Journal of Sociology, **Editorial Board Member**
- 2023 Author Meets Critics, Alexandre White “Epidemic Orientalism,” **Panel Organizer**
- 2023 Social Science History Association, **Executive Committee Member**
- 2023 The Du Boisian Challenge and the Future of the Social Sciences, UC Berkeley, **Conference Organizer**

- 2023 Making Space: Thinking Against the Grain in Historical Sociology, Comparative Historical Mini-Conference, **Conference Organizer**
- 2023 Racial Capitalism and Emancipation, American Sociological Association, **Panel Organizer**
- 2023 Solidarity: Diaspora Activism & Struggles Across Borders, GATS Virtual Conversations, **Panel Organizer**
- 2022 Reverberations of Empire: Histories, Legacies & Lineages, **SSHA Program Committee Member**
- 2022 Anticolonial Imaginaries and the Politics of Decolonization, Social Science History Association, **Panel Organizer**
- 2022 New Research in Comparative Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association Conference, **Discussant**
- 2022 Empire, Colonialism, and Anticolonial Struggles, American Sociological Association Conference, **Panel Organizer**
- 2022 Best Graduate Student Award Committee, ASA Global and Transnational Section, **Committee Chair**
- 2021 Democratic Ceilings Roundtable, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, **Discussant**
- 2021-2024 ASA Global and Transnational Section, **Council Member**
- 2020 Nation & Nationalism, ASA Conference, **Panel Chair & Discussant**
- 2020 ASA Global and Transnational Section, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, **Committee Member**
- 2019-2023 Empire and its Legacies, Research Cluster, ASA Global and Transnational Section, **Research Cluster Leader**
- 2019-2020 ASA Global and Transnational Section, **Student Representative**
- 2019-2021 Studies in Comparative International Development (SCID), Brown University, **Managing Editor**
- 2019 Second National Convening of Du Boisian Scholar Network, Brown University, **Conference Organizer**
- 2018 Comparative Historical and Global Sociology Mentoring Event, ASA Conference, **Workshop Organizer**
- 2017-2019 The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of the Modern World, Director Stanley Nelson, **PBS Documentary Film Researcher**
- 2017 Decolonizing the Social - A Junior Scholar Conference, Boston University, **Conference Organizer**



- 2017 The Wretched of the Earth: Revolution, Resistance and Social Change from a Postcolonial Perspective, SSHA Conference, **Panel Organizer**
- 2016-2019 Du Boisian Collective, Brown University, **Founding Member**
- 2015-2016 Silences in History: Modernity, Empire and the Colonial Difference, Mellon Graduate Student Workshop, Brown University, **Workshop Founder**
- 2013-2018 Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI), Brown University, **Graduate Coordinator**
- 2015 ASA Sociology of Development Section Conference, Brown University, **Conference Coordinator**
- 2015 What is to be Done? The State of Development Research, ASA Sociology of Development Section Conference, Brown University, **Panel Organizer**

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

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| American Sociological Association (ASA)   | International Sociological Association (ISA) |
| Social Science History Association (SSHA) | Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA)    |

#### **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

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| <b>English</b> (Fluent) | <b>Spanish</b> (Proficient)  | <b>Farsi</b> (Beginner) |
| <b>German</b> (Native)  | <b>French</b> (Intermediate) |                         |