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## EDUCATION

- 2024 PhD, Department of Sociology – University of California, Berkeley  
*Dissertation Title:* TBD  
*Committee:* TBD
- 2022 MA, Department of Sociology – University of California, Berkeley  
*Thesis Title:* Spit Happens: Pandemic Policing and the Weaponization Hypothesis  
*Committee:* Tianna S. Paschel (Advisor) and Osagie K. Obasogie (Second Reader)
- 2018 B.A. (Special Honors), Department of Sociology – University of Texas at Austin  
Bridging Disciplines Research Certificate: Human Rights and Social Justice

## HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2022 Graduate Fellows Program, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, University of California, Berkeley
- 2021, 2022 Graduate Studies Enhancement (GSE) Grant, Mellon Mays Graduate Initiative Program, Social Science Research Council
- 2021-22 Black Graduate Collective Development Fellowship, Office for Graduate Diversity, University of California, Berkeley
- 2021-22 Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship, Berkeley Law School, University of California, Berkeley
- 2020-23 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation
- 2018-20 Berkeley Graduate Research Fellowship, Berkeley Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley
- 2018 Barbara Harlow Human Rights and Social Justice Scholarship, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, University of Texas at Austin
- 2017 Princeton Summer Undergraduate Research Experience Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2017 Undergraduate Competitive Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2017 Rapoport-King Honors Thesis Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2017 Alpha Kappa Delta—Sociological Honors Society
- 2017 Undergraduate Research Grant, College of Undergraduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2017-18 Department of Sociology Honors Program, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2017-18 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin

- 2016-18 Henry Benjamin Decherd and Isabelle Thomason Decherd Scholarship, Texas Exes, University of Texas at Austin
- 2016-18 Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
- 2016 Undergraduate Research Grant, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2016 African Diaspora in the Americas Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2016 Black Diaspora in Rio de Janeiro Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2015-18 Rapoport Service Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Policing | Surveillance and Technology | Race and Inequality | Political Sociology | Urban Sociology | Ethnography | Interview Methods | Archival Methods

## DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022-23 *Tennessee v. Garner* Research Project, *PI: Osagie Obasogie, JD, PhD*
  - Consolidating crowd sourced data on police-related deaths from the ‘Fatal Encounters’ database to produce the actual number of cases that can be coded and assessed under the *Garner* standard when addressing instances of police use of force.
  - Collecting archival data on the Supreme Court of the United States as it pertains to the *Tennessee v. Garner* case
- 2021-22 Domestic Politics, Foreign Surveillance: Chinese Dataveillance in the Global South, Social Science Matrix, *PI: Seyi Olojo*
  - Reviewed literature on surveillance and the Global South to understand the influence of Chinese technology companies and its implications for global (re)distributions of power and influence.
- 2020-21 Scaling Undergraduate Research Through Tiered Mentoring, *PI: David J. Harding*
  - Constructed longitudinal, three-stage survey instruments to measure the effectiveness of a tiered social science research mentoring program on undergraduates’ interest in pursuing social science graduate degrees.
  - Coded and organized emergent survey themes to quantify program changes in respondents’ attitudes over time and draw on respondent reflections to further triangulate program effectiveness for presentation to the University of California Office of the President.
- 2018-19 UCNETS: UC Berkeley Social Networks Research Group, *PI: Claude Fischer, PhD*
  - Coded and reconciled a three-wave panel study data of older respondents and how their social networks change over time amidst life circumstances like aging and illness.
- 2018 Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, Texas Law School, *Advisor: Karen Engle, JD*

- Drafted Human Rights Commentary on Brazilian activist Marielle Franco’ death and police brutality in Brazil (<https://law.utexas.edu/humanrights/projects/marielle-franco-and-the-brazilian-necropolis-assassination-and-after-lives/>).
- 2017 Leadership Alliance—Princeton Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (PSURE), Advisor: *Miguel Centeno, PhD*
- Conducted a comparative literature analysis on the role of surveillance in Brazilian criminal justice practices and anti-black violence.
- 2016 African Diaspora in the Americas Study Abroad Program, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Advisor: *João H. Costa Vargas, PhD*
- Ethnographically documented the role of Black motherhood and opposition to state violence in Afro-Brazilian movements across Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, Brazil

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Fischer, Claude and Xavier Durham. 2021. “Forms of Group Involvement: Alternatives to the Standard Question.” *Sociological Perspectives*. 1 – 23.
- 2019 Durham, Xavier. 2019. “Marielle Franco and the Brazilian Necropolis: Assassination and Afterlives.” *Raport Center for Human Rights and Justice: Human Rights Commentary*. June 4, 2019 (<https://law.utexas.edu/humanrights/projects/marielle-franco-and-the-brazilian-necropolis-assassination-and-after-lives/>).
- 2018 Durham, Xavier. 2018. “The Anti-Black Pendulum: The Racial Limitations of Foucault’s Panopticism and Penal Reform in Brazil.” *The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal 2018*. 16 – 20.
- 2018 Durham, Xavier. 2018. “Racialized Surveillance, Policing, and Social Control in Brazil.” *Texas Undergraduate Research Journal*. 17(1): 1 – 13.

## INVITED LECTURES

- 2022 Panelist, “Spit Happens: Pandemic Policing and the Weaponization Hypothesis,” Creating Connections Consortium (C3) Summit, Virtual
- 2021 Roundtable Participant, “Things no one told me about graduate school,” Creating Connections Consortium (C3) Summit, Virtual

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “Public Perceptions, Private Police: A Case Study of Institutional and Non-Institutional Responses to Security Demand,” Global Meeting on Law and Society, Lisbon, PT.
- 2020 “Private Police and the Delegated Security State,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA (Virtual).
- 2019 “Black Mirrors, Black Windows: an invitation to reflexivity on epistemological approaches to surveillance processes and technology,” Eyes on Surveillance: (In)security in Everyday Life, Baltimore, MD
- 2018 “Violence on the Market: Race and the Privatization of Police and Surveillance Technology in Urban Brazil,” Social Science Research Council Summer Mellon Conference, New York, NY
- 2018 “Policing and Race: Criminal Justice Surveillance in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil,” Black Communities, A Conference for Collaboration, Durham, NC
- 2017 “Surveillance and Incarceration: The Genesis of Racialized Policing in Brazil,” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program 2017 Southeast Regional Conference, Austin, TX

- 2017 “The Casa de Correção: Racial Violence and Control in Brazil,” National Diversity in STEM Conference, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2017 “The Anti-Black Assemblage: Racialized Surveillance, Policing and Social Control in Brazil,” Leadership Alliance National Symposium, Hartford, CT
- 2017 “Insecurity, Policing, and Social Control in Brazil,” College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Reception, Austin, TX
- 2017 “Insecurity, Policing, and Social Control in Brazil,” College of Liberal Arts Honors Poster Presentation, Austin, TX

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2020 – 2023 University of California, Berkeley – Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, *Writing Coordinator*  
Organizing and facilitating both group and individual writing workshops for undergraduate Mellon Fellows aimed at improving technical proficiency and research articulation.
- 2016-17 Alternative Breaks, *Trip Leader*  
Facilitated a 6-week intersectional curriculum through the lens of service-oriented pedagogy in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

- 2020 – 2021 University of California, Berkeley – Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program in Sociology, *Graduate Student Mentor*  
Mentored undergraduate research clusters on developing and executing original Sociological research design alongside faculty sponsor, David J. Harding.
- 2020 - 2022 University of California, Berkeley – Berkeley Sociology Summer Research Scholars Program, *Associate Director*  
Work with Summer fellows to create original research proposals/projects, resolve ongoing project issues alongside participating faculty members and graduate students, and facilitate workshops on professional development, skill building, and graduate school preparation.
- 2020 - 2023 University of California, Berkeley – Nav2Cal, *Application Support Leader*  
Oversee undergraduate application support arm of the Nav2Cal program with the goal of increasing the proportion of low-income, Black and Latinx high school students from Richmond, CA within the upcoming cohort of UC Berkeley undergraduate students.
- 2020 - 2023 University of California, Berkeley – NavCal, *Application Mentor*  
Advise underrepresented and non-traditional undergraduate students on career and funding applications with an emphasis on writing clarity and narrative composition.
- 2019-2020 University of Texas at Austin – Bridging Disciplines Program, *Alumni Mentor*  
Guided undergraduate students on their current research aims and post-university education trajectories, including graduate/professional school and entry-level career opportunities.
- 2018-2023 University of California, Berkeley – Department of Sociology, *Honors Thesis Mentor*  
Advise current undergraduate student on departmental honors thesis project from developing a research question to feasible goal setting for gathering data and completing the project in a timely manner as laid out by the Honors program instructor.
- 2016-2017 University of Texas at Austin – Division for Diversity and Community Engagement, *Gateway Mentor*  
Facilitated weekly cohort meetings for first-year undergraduate student that covered Gateway program requirements and addressed structural issues unique to first-generation students.
- 2015 University of Texas at Austin – New Student Services, *Orientation Advisor*  
Coordinated orientation events for incoming undergraduate class of 2019 including one-on-

one degree advising, promoting diversity and inclusivity, and directing students to comprehensive financial, mental health, and housing resources.

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2021-22 University of California, Berkeley – Office of the Chancellor, *Independent Advisory Board on Police Accountability and Community Safety*
- 2021-23 University of California, Berkeley – Department of Sociology, *Community Building Fellow*
- 2018-21 University of California, Berkeley – Department of Sociology, *Graduate Assembly Delegate*
- 2018-22 University of California, Berkeley – Sociologists of Color and Allies, *Lead Organizer*
- 2016-17 University of Texas at Austin – Sociology in Action, *President*
- 2016-17 University of Texas at Austin – Sociological Insight, *Editorial Board Member*

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2022-23 Law and Society Association (LSA)
- 2020-23 Institute for the Study of Societal Issues (ISSI), University of California, Berkeley
- 2017-23 American Sociological Association (ASA)