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Current Research

Boston University- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fellow and Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology September 2013-Present

My current research sits at the intersections of the sociology of race, postcolonial theory and medical sociology. My work aims to critically interrogate the mechanisms through which racialised knowledge and logics are operationalized and reproduced within the field of medicine and global discourses surrounding epidemic spread and disease prevention.

Key theoretical frames of focus

- Biopolitics
- Sociology of Race
- Post-Colonial Theory
- Medical Sociology
- Gender, Sexuality and Queer Theory

Key methodological techniques

- Content and Discourse analysis
- Multivariate analysis
- Ethnographic analysis

Education

M.Sc. The London School of Economics and Political Science- London, United Kingdom October 2011- August 2012

- Graduated with Merit, Master of Science in Sociology- Race, Ethnicity and Post-Colonial Studies
- Received Distinction for Dissertation titled "Apartheid through Disease: a multi-sectoral analysis of systemic inequality caused by the co-infection of Tuberculosis and HIV in South Africa".
- Examines the relationships between Colonial oppression, biopower, and systemic race and class inequalities in South Africa. Contrasts the technologies of Apartheid with the effects of HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis to form a new dynamic of racialised oppression.
- Submitted for publication under the title: *Alterity by Disease: the Reestablishment of bio-racial separation in South Africa through HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis Co-infection*

B.A. Amherst College- Amherst, Massachusetts September 2006- May 2010

Graduated Cum Laude from Amherst College, Class of 2010: Bachelor of Arts in Black Studies

- Black Studies with a focus on Sub-Saharan African Economic Development.
- Completed Honor's Thesis titled "Decolonizing Aid: Microfinance, Economic Freedom and Post-Colonial Identity in Africa".
- Examined the failings of traditional aid programs to meet their goals, and analyzed the reasons for potential systemic failure within the microfinance sector.

University of Cape Town- Cape Town, South Africa July 2008- November 2008

- Visiting student for a term at the University of Cape Town in the Humanities faculty.
- Studied the role of local government in economic development within South African townships, the effect of globalization on economic development, and post-colonial theory.

Conference Papers

- White, A. (2014). "Burdened with a Second Sight: Double Consciousness and the Social Construction of HIV+ Experience". American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Medical Sociology Section. (August 2014).
- White, A. (2014). "Racial Ideology and Alterity at the Level of Common Sense: Hegemonic Formation During the 1901 Cape Town Plague Epidemic". Alterity 2014 Conference. University of Genoa (July 29-31 2014).
- White, A. (2014) "Racial Ideology at the Level of Common Sense: Hegemonic formation and Ideology During the 1901 Cape Town Plague Epidemic". Race Ethnicity and Post-Colonial Studies PhD. Symposium 2014. London School of Economics and Political Science
- White, A. (2014) "Constructing a Social Imaginary through the Opinions of the Roberts Court". Gender and Identity in the Age Of Obama Conference. Northeastern University.
- White, A. (2014). "Engaging A Black Atlantic Futurity: Exploring Double Consciousness within the frame of HIV/AIDS." 2014 ESA Graduate Conference. Currents of the Black Atlantic: On the Genealogies and Futures of Diasporatic Inquiry. City University of New York Graduate Center

Guest Lectures

- White, A. (2014). Envisioning a Queer Futurity: Radical Queer Politics at the Intersections of Marginalized Experience. Introduction to Queer Studies: Smith College.
- White, A. (2014). "HIV/AIDS in Poetry and Theatre during the 1980's." The Gay 80's: Smith College

Workshops

Archives of the Non-Racial. Johannesburg Workshop of Theory and Criticism. University of Witwatersrand. June 29-July 11.

- Participated in a two week mobile workshop across South Africa and Swaziland, engaging and collaborating with speakers such as:
 - Ahmed Kathrada, Ackbar Abbas, Xolela Mangcu, Ruha Benjamin, Keith Breckenridge, Mwelela Cele, Sharad Chari, Angela Davis, Gina Dent, Philomena Essed, David Theo Goldberg, Siba Grovogui, Ghassan Hage, Salah Hassan, Mlungisi Dlamini, Bronwyn Law-Viljoen, Richard Quaz Roodt, Premesh Lalu, Achille Mbembe, Dilip Menon, Neo Muyanga, Kelly Gillespie, Deborah Thomas, Francoise Verges, Michael Keith, Alex Lichtenstein, Roberta Estrela D'Alva, and Ntone Edjabe.
- The Workshop engaged conversations that explored the histories and legacies of racisms in the sites visited and contextualized these histories in relation to broader conversations about the post-, non-, and anti-racisms across relational global contexts.

Fellowships and Awards

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship (2013-2016)

- Nominated by Boston University Department of Admissions
- Fellowship for beginning graduate students in any department or school of the University who are committed to the principles espoused by Dr. King

Experience

Project Officer- Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance August 2012-September 2013

P.R.I.M.E. Finance stands for the Panel of Recognised International Market Experts in Finance, an innovative collaboration launched in January 2012. The project was established to help resolve, and to assist judicial systems in the resolution of disputes concerning complex financial transactions. P.R.I.M.E. Finance has the support of key international regulatory bodies and is complementary to the on-going financial market regulatory reform process. As project officer I was responsible for organizing and implementing projects in the three key areas of operation within P.R.I.M.E. Finance:

1. Dispute resolution services, including arbitration, mediation and the provision expert opinions, determinations and risk assessment
2. Judicial training and education of judges in the developing world on the complex financial disputes pertaining to derivatives
3. The compilation of a central database of international precedents and source materials

Field and Policy Director- Mike Williams for Congress (D) April 2011- September 2011

Responsible for co-managing 4 full time staff and a volunteer team responsible for outreach to the voting public.

- Authored the campaign's field strategy, which endeavored to contact 70,000 voters by May 2012.
- Recruited over 150 volunteers for the campaign.
- Raised over 1/3rd of the total funds for the 1st reporting quarter of the campaign through contacts and events created and managed by myself.
- Responsible for planning events for the campaign, and performing advance work for events.
- Organized several fundraisers in both London and New York, and performed advanced work for an event in Los Angeles.
- Acted as speechwriter, authoring the candidates announcement address. I also authored much of the candidate's policy, specifically regarding job creation, and the environment.
- Left the campaign to pursue a Master's Degree at the London School of Economics.

Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Kudu Microfinance Development Fund June 2007-June 2010

Founded an organization devoted to fostering economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa through Microcredit. The goal of the organization was to develop the microfinance community in Africa through the provision of loans, capital support and consulting to high-potential Microcredit institutions so they can achieve scale, and support their respective communities.

- Research Analyst- Generation Investment Management June 2007- August 2007
- Responsible for analyzing and incorporating sustainability and extra-financial issues into the asset management model.
- Presented a report on the potential effects of national and international climate policies on greenhouse gas emissions, and the investment opportunities arising from a green economy.
- Worked directly with Vice-President Al Gore, David Blood and others.

Skills

Experienced Speech Writer, Researcher, and Public Speaker. I am proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint as well As Adobe Photoshop Illustrator, InDesign, and STATA 12.

Notable and International experience and exposure:

- Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1988-1993
- Johannesburg, South Africa, 1993/ Cape Town, South Africa, 2008
- Moscow, Russian Federation, 1994-1999
- London, United Kingdom, 1999-2006, 2011-2012
- Amherst, Massachusetts, 2006-2010
- The Hague, the Netherlands 2012-2013