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Academic Positions

East Carolina University

Assistant Professor, Sociology
2023 – Present

Education

North Carolina State University

PhD, Sociology, expected 2023

Dissertation Title: This Ain't Your Grandparents' Civil Rights Movement? Intersectionality, Ideology, and Cultural Consequences in Black Resistance

Dissertation Committee: Kim Ebert (chair), Maxine S. Thompson (vice chair), Michael Schwalbe, and Kenneth (Andy) T. Andrews

North Carolina State University

MS, Sociology, 2015

Thesis Title: Colorism Across Families: Skin Tone and Children's Perceived Relationship Closeness with Parents

Thesis Committee: Maxine S. Thompson (chair), Kim Ebert, and Steve McDonald

Fayetteville State University

BA, Honors in Sociology, *Magna cum Laude*, 2012

Certification in Professional Writing

Areas of Interest and Specialization

- Race, Class, and Gender Inequality
- Social Change and Social Movements
- Food and Environmental Inequality
- Qualitative Methodology
- Community Engaged Research
- Social Stratification
- Professional Writing

Publications

Chaniqua D. Simpson. Avery Walter. Kim Ebert. 2021. "Brainwashing for the Right Reasons with the Right Message": Ideology and Political Subjectivity in Black Organizing." *Mobilization: an International Quarterly* 26(4): 401-420.

Anderson, Keith A., **Chaniqua D. Simpson**, and Lynette G. Fisher. 2012. "The Ability of Public Library Staff to Help Homeless People in the United States: Exploring Relationships, Roles, and Potential." *Journal of Poverty and Social Justice* 20(2): 177-190.

Articles in Progress

Chaniqua D. Simpson. "Our Revolutionary Anchor: Black Feminist Theory and Constructive Resistance in the Movement for Black Lives."

Chaniqua D. Simpson. "The Good, the Bad, the Unhealthy: Low Income African American Mothers' Negotiation of Soul Food and Dietary Health Information."

Honors and Awards

- From Theory to Nia (Purpose) Award, African American Cultural Center, NC State University, 2022
- Awardee, \$20,000, Black Voices for Black Justice Award, blackvoices.org
- Augustus M. Witherspoon Graduate Scholarship, \$1,500, Black Alumni Society, NC State University, 2020 (*renewable*)
- Graduate Student Impact Award, African American Cultural Center, NC State University, 2019
- From Theory to Nia (Purpose) Award, African American Cultural Center, NC State University, 2019
- Finalist – Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Center for Engaged Scholarship, 2019
- Minority Fellowship Program (MFP), \$18,000, American Sociological Association, 2019-2020
- Scholar in Residence, \$1,500 (research funds), African American Cultural Center, NC State University, 2019
- Stellar Student Speaker Series, NC State Libraries, 2018
- Sage Teaching and Innovations & Professional Development Award, \$600 (*training and travel award*), American Sociological Association, 2018
- Electoral Justice Project Fellowship, \$35,000, Movement for Black Lives, June-November 2018 (*see service to the community for more information*)
- Chow-Green Dissertation Scholarship, \$15,000, Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), 2017-2018
- Service Work Award, NCSU Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2018, 2017, 2016 & 2015
- Diversity Graduate Assistance Grant, \$1,150, NC State University Graduate School, 2017
- Diversity Enhancement Award, \$2,000, UNC, 2016
- Diversity Enhancement Award, \$3,000, UNC, 2013, 2015
- Chancellor's Scholars Program, \$12,000, Fayetteville State University, 2008-2012
- Honors in the Major, Fayetteville State University, 2010-2012
- McNair Scholar, \$3,000, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, Fayetteville State University, 2010-2012
- Paper Award Winner, \$200, Fayetteville State University TRiO Day Conference, 2012
- Scholarship Recipient, \$5,000, DACOR Bacon House, 2012
- SROP Scholar, \$4,000, The Ohio State University, Summer Research Opportunities Program, 2011
- Presidential Scholarship for HBCU Students, tuition reimbursement - \$3,000, Educational Testing Services (ETS), 2011
- Chancellor's Special Talent Scholarship, \$2,000, Fayetteville State University, 2010

Teaching

Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Public Health 622 - Food Systems, Policy, and Public Health
Campbell University

Graduate course designed for students in Campbell University's Master of Public Health program. This course introduces students to the United States food system and key food policies and focuses particularly on food equity, and the role of public health practitioners in contributing to food and health equity in communities.

Spring 2019

SOC 295 - Race in America
North Carolina State University

Co-created course designed as an introduction course for sociology majors and non-majors interested in Race in America.

2017-2018

Instructor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, North Carolina State University

- Undergraduate 300-level Race and Ethnic Relations course (30 students/semester).

2014-2015

Research Methods Lab Instructor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, North Carolina State University

- Taught two labs (40 students each) using hands-on training in statistical packaging (SPSS and Stata) and qualitative data analysis and methods (NVivo, content analysis, fieldwork).
- Created assignments and exams that assess students formulate and develop a social science research paper which utilizes either qualitative or quantitative methodology

2013-2014

Distance Education Grader, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, North Carolina State University

- Graded online assignments and facilitated online group discussions for Sociology of the Family (SOC 205) and Technology in Society and Culture (SOC/ANT 261)

2012-2014

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, North Carolina State University

- Worked as a teaching assistant for Principles of Sociology (SOC 202), Jobs and Work (SOC 205), Theories of Social Interactions (SOC 401), Racism in the U.S. (SOC 405), and Environmental Sociology (SOC 450).
- Responsibilities included: lecturing, grading, conducting group discussions, and creating assignments, group activities, test questions.

Research Projects

2014-2018

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, North Carolina State University

Project: Emotion Management by African American Consumers

Principle Investigators: Martha Crowley (PI) and Stacy De Coster (co-PI)

Information and Responsibilities:

- Research project funded by American Sociological Association's Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline
- *Interview Construction:* Aided in the creation and development of interview guide to be administered to poor, working, middle, and upper middle-class Black Americans in the community

- *Recruiting and Interviewing:* Identified potential research participants and conducted 15 out of 40 planned interviews to understand how Black consumers experience and respond to microaggressions as they engage in consumer activities

2013-2017

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, North Carolina State University

Project: Voices into Action: The Families, Food, and Health Project (VIA)

Principle Investigators: Sarah Bowen (PI) and Sinikka Elliott (co-PI)

Information and Responsibilities:

- Five-year, multi-method USDA funded research on childhood obesity, food deserts, and low-income families
- *Qualitative Coding:* Qualitative coding of over 75 interview transcripts using NVivo.
- *Interviewing Caregivers:* Conducting interviews with low-income mothers about their experiences with planning, shopping, and preparing food, their health, and their children's well-being.
- *Interviewing Children:* Conduct interviews with children from low-income homes about their experiences with food insecurity and hunger.
- *Ethnographic Fieldwork:* Conduct and lead ethnographic fieldwork with four low-income families (14 observations totaling 263 hours).
- *Quality Control:* Compare interview transcripts with audio recordings for quality assurance.
- *Survey Administration:* Participate in the development and editing of survey instrument and administered over 45 survey interviews to low-income mothers in local area.
- *Research Project/Development:* Analyzed data on Soul Food and Health, currently working on a manuscript

2011-2012

Research Assistant, Department of Social Work, The Ohio State University

Project: Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP); The Ability of Public Library Staff to Help Homeless People in the United States: Exploring Relationships, Roles, and Potential

Principle Investigator: Keith A. Anderson (PI)

Information and Responsibilities:

- *Research/Project Development:* Developed and conducted exploratory research on the relationship between homeless library patrons and library staff including, conducting preliminary research, identifying relevant academic and public literatures, and writing/editing literature review for final paper.
- *Survey Administration:* Created and edited survey questions, performed background research, and mailed surveys out to libraries throughout Ohio.
- *Data Analysis:* performed analysis of project using SPSS
- *Professional Development:* Participated in Professional Development course (Summer 2011) aimed at preparing underrepresented students for graduate school

2010-2011

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Fayetteville State University

Project: McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program; Fayetteville Fort-Bragg: Relationships, Strain, and the Balance of Power

Principle Investigator: Heather Griffiths

Information and Responsibilities:

- *Research/Project Development:* Worked independently to develop research study on a zoning, housing, and school interactions between the Fayetteville, Fort Bragg area.
- *Data Collection:* Collected and content analyzed 300 newspaper articles to further understand the relationships between the communities; identified 10 key informants and conducted interviews with five.

Diversity and Inclusion Work

September 2020-June 2021

Program Coordinator

Women's Center

North Carolina State University

Position Objective: Create and develop programs for Awareness Events, Educational Programming, Individual Consultation and Referral, Student Development Initiatives, and Community Outreach

Programs include: Women's Herstory Month Programming, Black History Month Events

2018-2020

Graduate Program Assistant

Women's Center

North Carolina State University

Position Objective: Approach higher education, student affairs with a social justice and intersectional lens to create programs that seek to help students engage in critical discourse and reflection to advocate for themselves on campus and in their personal lives. Responsibilities: Create, maintain, promote, and facilitate programs related to feminist theory and intersectionality. Position also includes managing social media, volunteer coordination, and day-to-day engagement with students.

Presentations

Academic Conference Presentations

Chaniqua D. Simpson. "Not Your Docile Negroes: Reclaiming and Radicalizing Black Resistance." *Third SDSU Conference on Nonviolence and Social Change: Illiberal Democracies East and West*, 2019.

Crowley, Martha, Stacy De Coster, Taurean Brown, and **Chaniqua Simpson.** 2018. "You Feel Almost Like You're Less Than Human: Emotion Management by African American Consumers." *American Sociological Association*, 2018.

Chaniqua D. Simpson. "(Bringing) Women and LGBT Persons (Back) into Black Resistance." *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, 2017.

Chaniqua D. Simpson, Sarah K. Bowen, and Sinikka G. Elliott. "The Good, the Bad, the Unhealthy: Low Income African American Mothers' Negotiation of Soul Food and Dietary Health Information." *Southern Sociological Society*, 2015.

Chaniqua D. Simpson. "Colorism Across Families: Skin Tone and Children's Perceived Relationship Closeness with Parents." *NC State Graduate Student Research Symposium*, 2015.

Chaniqua D. Simpson, Kurkessa Springs, and Heather Griffiths. "Fayetteville - Fort Bragg: Relationships, Strain, and the Balance of Power." *Southern Sociological Society*, 2012.

- Preliminary findings presented in 2010 at *The 6th Annual State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium*

Keith A. Anderson, **Chaniqua D. Simpson,** Lynette G. Fisher. "The Ability of Public Library Staff to Help Homeless People in the United States: Exploring Relationships, Roles, and Potential." *The 7th Annual State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (SNCURS)*, 2011.

- Preliminary findings presented in 2011 at *The Ohio State University's Summer Research Opportunities*

Program Closing Symposium

Invited Talks and Workshops

Keynote Speaker, “Liberation in Struggle.” *High Point University Women and Gender Studies Graduation Symposium*, 2019.

Plenary Panelist, “Preparing for our Future: Community Engagement and Scholar Activism.” *Sociologists for Women in Society*, 2019.

Co-Facilitator, Workshop and Discussion - “Scholar Activism: Community Engaged Research for Graduate Students and Faculty” with Austin Johnson, *Sociologists for Women in Society*, 2019.

Keynote speaker, Stellar Student Series Fall 2018, *NC State University*, 2018

Panelist, “Mass Incarceration in the Land of the Free.” *NC State University*, 2017.

Keynote Speaker, Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program’s Graduate Recognition Ceremony, *Fayetteville State University*, 2014.

Presenter, “Racialization of Food: Race, Ethnicity, and Access to Healthy Foods in Minority Communities.” *Educational Testing Services 2011-2012 Presidential Scholarship for HBCU Students*, 2012.

Panelist, 2nd Annual TRiO Day Celebration, *Fayetteville State University*, 2012.

Service Work

Service to the Community

2016-Present

Black Youth Project 100, Durham NC Chapter

- Member of organizing committee and political education committee
- Political Education co-chair (2018 to 2019)
- Former Historian (2017-2018)

May 2018-December 2018

Campaign Director, Movement for Black Lives (M4BL): Electoral Justice Project, Raleigh, NC

- Selected as an inaugural member in the Electoral Justice League Fellowship; awarded \$35,000 for this position
- Served as a campaign director and lead organizer for a local housing campaign in Raleigh/Wake County, NC
- Campaign sought to create and build community coalitions to tackle the issue of housing inequality in Raleigh, particularly around evictions.
- Campaign brought together community and others to engage in conversation around eviction and housing inequality in Raleigh
- Supporting local efforts of the Raleigh Fair Housing Board, Citizen Advisory Boards, and District meetings
- Currently working with local researchers, legal experts, and community organizers to create a plan for an eviction diversion program in Wake County, NC

2015-2018

Board of Directors, Boston Urban Music Project (BUMP): The Triangle, Durham NC

- Non-profit organization designated to promote resilience, creativity, and excellence among community youth through cultural awareness, musical training in African Diasporic music and musical cultures and through mentoring
- Responsibilities include: promoting organization to the local community, attending quarterly board meetings, program development, fundraising, and marketing

Community Service

- MLK Day of Service at Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh NC 2015
- September 11th Day of Service at Crossroads Ministries Thrift Store, Raleigh NC 2014
- Delivery Driver, Meals on Wheels, Raleigh NC Summer 2014/2015
- Reading Tutor and Mentor, YMCA Afterschool Reading/Mentoring Program, Raleigh NC 2012, 2013
- Mentor and Tutor, Cross-Creek Early College High School, Fayetteville, NC 2009, 2012

Service to the Department/University

- Lead Graduate Professional Skills Collaborative, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, North Carolina State University, 2016-Present
- Member, Professional Development Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association, NC State University, 2015-2017
- Cohort Representative, Graduate Student Advisory Board, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2015-2017
- Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology & Anthropology Hiring Committee for Tenure Track Position in Race and/or Immigration, NC State University, 2016
- Vice President, NC State University's Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2013-2015

Skills and Training

- NVivo for Mac and Windows
- Professional (Business, Technical, Creative, and Content) Writing
- Stata
- SPSS
- R
- Momentum Organizing Training
- Black Organizing for Leadership & Dignity (BOLD) Amandla Leadership Fundamentals
- Digital Organizing

Professional Memberships

- Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honors Society, 2011-Present
- SWS, Sociologists for Women in Society, 2017-Present
- SSSP, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2017-Present

- Session memberships: Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Conflict, Social Action, and Change
- ASA, American Sociological Association, 2015-Present
 - Section memberships: Collective Behavior and Social Movements; Teaching & Learning; and Race and Ethnic Minorities.