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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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- PhD. Sociology, 2014, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- M.A. Sociology, 2006, Vanderbilt University
- B.A. Sociology, 2004, Hampton University  
CIEE Language and Society Program, 2003, Universidad de Sevilla (Spain)  
John Kenneth Galbraith Scholars Program, 2002, Harvard University

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### EMPLOYMENT

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- 2017-present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Alabama-Huntsville
- 2014-2017 Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

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### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Race/Ethnicity, Critical Mixed Race Studies, Social Psychology, Identity, Perception, Research Methods, Qualitative Methods, Gender, Sexuality, Intersectionality, Sociological Theory

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### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2018 Sims, Jennifer Patrice. “‘It represents me:’ Tattooing mixed-race identity.” *Sociological Spectrum* (<https://doi.org/10.1080/02732173.2018.1478351>).
- 2018 Sims, Jennifer Patrice and Remi Joseph-Salisbury. “‘We were all just the black kids:’ Black mixed-race men and the importance of adolescent peer groups for identity development” *Social Currents* (<https://doi.org/10.1177/2329496518797840>).
- 2016 Sims, Jennifer Patrice. “Reevaluation of the influence of appearance and reflected appraisals for mixed-race identity: The role of consistent inconsistent racial perception.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 2 (4): 569-583.
- 2012 Sims, Jennifer Patrice. “Beautiful Stereotypes: The Relationship between Physical Attractiveness and Mixed Race Identity.” *Identities* 19 (1): 61-80.

## **Edited Volume**

- 2012 Sims, Jenn (ed.). *The Sociology of Harry Potter: 22 Enchanting Essays on the Wizarding World*. Hamden, CT: Zossima Press.

## **Book Chapters**

- 2017 Sims, Jennifer Patrice. "An open letter to the black woman in the front row." Pp. 49-51 in *Stories From the Front of the Room: How Higher Education Faculty of Color Overcome Challenges and Thrive in the Academy*, edited by M. Harris et al., Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2012 Sims, Jenn. "Why a Sociology of Harry Potter?" Pp 1-7 in *The Sociology of Harry Potter: 22 Enchanting Essays on the Wizarding World*, edited by J. Sims, Hamden, CT: Zossima Press.
- 2012 Marisć, Jelina and Jenn Sims. "I can teach you how to bottle fame, brew glory, and even stopper death: Pedagogy of the Half-blood Prince." Pp 46-57 in *The Sociology of Harry Potter: 22 Enchanting Essays on the Wizarding World*, edited by J. Sims, Hamden, CT: Zossima Press.
- 2012 Sims, Jenn. "Or dear Bellatrix, who likes to play with her food before she eats it: Why We Need Death Eaters." Pp 58-67 in *The Sociology of Harry Potter: 22 Enchanting Essays on the Wizarding World*, edited by J. Sims, Hamden, CT: Zossima Press.
- 2012 Sims, Jenn. "Wanagoballwitme? Inter 'Racial' Dating at Hogwarts." Pp 164-171 in *The Sociology of Harry Potter: 22 Enchanting Essays on the Wizarding World*, edited by J. Sims, Hamden, CT: Zossima Press.

## **Article under review**

Sims, Jennifer Patrice, Whitney Laster Pirtle, and Iris Johnson-Arnold. "Doing Hair, Doing Race: The influence of hairstyle on racial perception across the US."

## **Book in preparation**

Sims, Jennifer Patrice and Chinelo Njaka. *Mixed Race in the US and UK: Comparing the Past, Present, and Future* (Under contract with Emerald Publishing)

## **Articles in preparation**

Sims, Jennifer Patrice and Matthew Ahlfs. "'The study of race?'" Exploring the effects of racial priming during lecture at PWIs."

Sims, Jennifer Patrice. "As I've gotten older, I've kind of kept it real:" Mixed-Race identity changes over the life course."

## Invited Book Review

Review of *Politics Beyond Black and White: Biracial Identity and Attitudes in America* by Lauren D. Davenport. *American Journal of Sociology* (forthcoming vol. 125, no. 5, March 2020)

## Public Sociology

- 2018 Sims, Jennifer P. "Good People" *The Christian Recorder* (27 August)
- 2018 Sims, Jennifer P. "No Socialization" *The Christian Recorder* (29 January)
- 2017 Sims, Jennifer P. "The Importance of Missing Toys" *The Christian Recorder* (09 Dec) (<http://www.thechristianrecorder.com/the-importance-of-missing-toys/>)
- 2017 Sims, Jennifer P. "The Persistence of Love." *The Christian Recorder* (10 July) (<http://www.thechristianrecorder.com/the-persistence-of-love/>)
- 2017 Sims, Jennifer P. "Thy Muslim Neighbor." *The Christian Recorder* (19 March) (<http://www.thechristianrecorder.com/thy-muslim-neighbor/>)
- 2017 Sims, Jennifer P. "Getting Stoned." *The Christian Recorder* (30 January)
- 2016 Sims, Jennifer Patrice. "Calls for Respect Following the Election Misguided." *Racism Review* (<http://www.racismreview.com/blog/2016/11/19/calls-respect-unity-following-election-misguided/>)
- 2016 Sims, Jennifer P. "Looking like a Christian." *The Christian Recorder* (7 Nov) (<http://www.thechristianrecorder.com/looking-like-a-christian/>)
- 2016 Sims, Jennifer Patrice. "The Reality of Imaginary Whiteness." *African American Intellectual History Society* (<http://www.aaihs.org/the-reality-of-imaginary-whiteness/>)
- 2016 Sims, Jennifer Patrice. "Next Step for Beyoncé." *Racism Review* (<http://www.racismreview.com/blog/2016/02/12/next-step-beyonce/>)
- 2016 Sims, Jennifer Patrice and Vanisha Renee Pierce. "Black Twitter, White Tears." *Racism Review* (<http://www.racismreview.com/blog/2016/01/14/black-twitter-white-tears/>)
- 2012 Sims, Jenn. "Where are you from? A tale of three cities." *People In Harmony Newsletter*, Issue 56, pages 8-11.

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**INTERNAL GRANTS**

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- 2018 Collaborative Learning Fellow Award (\$1500), University of Alabama in Huntsville
- 2017 Faculty and Instructional Academic Staff Professional Development Grant (\$1000), University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- 2016 Year of Brazil Activity Grant (\$3000), University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- 2015 Faculty and Instructional Academic Staff Professional Development Grant (\$1300), University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- 2014 Conference Travel Grant (\$200), Department of Sociology, UW-Madison
- 2012 Conference Travel Grant (\$1000), Department of Sociology, Minority Retention and Recruitment Committee, UW-Madison
- 2012 Conference Travel Grant (\$200), Office of the Vice Provost for Diversity and Climate, UW-Madison
- 2011 Research Grant (\$200), Department of Sociology, UW-Madison

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**PRESENTATIONS**

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**Academic Conferences**

- 2018 “‘As I’ve gotten older, I’ve kind of kept it real.’ Theorizing about mixed-race identity change over the life course.” Research presentation at the Southern Sociological Society Conference, April 6, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2018 “‘The study of race?’ The effects of racial priming during methodological instruction at PWIs.” Paper presentation (with Matthew Ahlfs) at the Southern Sociological Society Conference, April 5, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2018 “‘We’re all just the black kids:’ Black mixed-race men and the importance of black male peer groups for identity development.” Paper presentation (with Remi Joseph-Salisbury) at the Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, March, College Park, Maryland
- 2017 “‘Getting to the Root of Race: Results from a social experiment on the impact of hair style on racial perception.’” Research presentation (with Whitney Laster-Pirtle) at the Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, 24 February, Los Angeles, California
- 2015 “‘Getting to the Root of Racial Perception. Literally.’” Research presentation at the Black Studies Association Conference, 30 October, Birmingham, England

- 2015 “Reevaluation of the influence of phenotype and reflected appraisals for mixed race identity.” Paper presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, 22 August, Chicago, Illinois
- 2015 “‘They can never really figure it out.’ The social significance of everyday encounters with racial ambiguity.” Paper accepted for presentation at the British Sociological Association Annual Conference, 17 April, Glasgow, Scotland (unable to attend)
- 2014 “What about the children? A new twist on an old question.” Research presentation at the Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, 13 November, Chicago, Illinois
- 2013 “‘I love a bit of Snoop as much as the next man.’ Exploring the Influence of Hip Hop on Mixed Race Racial Identity.” Research presentation at the Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Symposium on Critical Mixed Race Studies, 18 May, Leeds, England
- 2012 “Ink Racing: Mixed Race Britons use of Tattooing as Racial Identity Management.” Research presentation at the British Sociological Association Annual Conference, 12 April, Leeds, England
- 2011 “Doing Race: Physical Appearance, Identity and the Micro-Politics of Racial Ambiguity.” Research presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, 20 August, Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2006 “Check All That Apply: The Effective Strategies of the Multiracial Movement.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists 18 August, Montreal, Canada
- 2005 “Are You Mixed? Exploring Bi- and Multiracial Identity.” Paper presented at the Graduate Conference on Race, Nationality, and Identity, 26 February, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

#### **University Sponsored Events (invited)**

- 2018 Speaker, “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Leaving Academia When the Rainbow Is Enuf.” University of Cincinnati Black Faculty Association 2017-2018 Lecture Series, 19 February
- 2017 Panelist, Harry Potter and the Pop Culture Conference, DePaul University, 6 May (unable to attend)
- 2016 Featured Speaker, “Harry Potter and the Promise of Sociology.” Edinboro University, Edinboro Potterfest, 21 September (Paper published in Event Proceedings: <http://potterfest.cs.edinboro.edu/MoreInformation.html>)

- 2016 Panelist, Teaching Race Workshop Series, UW-Madison Sociology Department, 29 April
- 2016 Speaker, “No. You’re White: The Social Construction of Race.” UW-River Falls Diversity and Inclusivity Speaker and Discussion Series, 26 April
- 2015 Speaker, Last Lecture/ Meal of the Month Speaker Series, UW-River Falls Newman Club, 17 November
- 2014 Panelist, “Untangling the politics of Black hair: ‘Just hair’ or a social justice issue?” Birmingham City University, 16 October
- 2009 Presenter, “Current Trends in Multiracial Research.” UW-Madison Sociology Department Race and Ethnicity Training Seminar, 14 September

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## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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### **Interviews (invited)**

- 2015 Interview, “Pew: Multiracial Americans Now Make Up 7% Of Population.” Wisconsin Public Radio, *Central Time* with Veronica Rueckert and Rob Ferrett, 11 June (<http://www.wpr.org/pew-multiracial-americans-now-make-7-population>)
- 2014 Interview, “Multi-Racial In Wisconsin...And The ‘What Are You?’ Question.” Wisconsin Public Radio, *Central Time* with Veronica Rueckert and Rob Ferrett, 2 June (<http://www.wpr.org/multiracial-wisconsin-and-what-are-you-question>)

### **Featured Story**

- 2016 Hudson, Abbey (Editor). “Potterfest 2016 keynote speaker to present lecture on Wednesday night.” *Edinboro News Journal*, Vol. 3, No. 4, 16 September

### **Quotes**

- 2017 Zamudio-Suaréz, Fernanda. “How a group of instructors is standing up to the right-wing outrage machine.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 13 September ([http://www.chronicle.com/article/How-a-Group-of-Instructors-Is/241192?cid=wcontentlist\\_hp\\_latest](http://www.chronicle.com/article/How-a-Group-of-Instructors-Is/241192?cid=wcontentlist_hp_latest))

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**TEACHING**

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**University of Alabama-Huntsville (2017-present)**

Introduction to Sociology  
Race and Ethnicity

Sociology of Sexuality  
Qualitative Research Methods

**University of Wisconsin-River Falls (2014-2017)**

Introduction to Sociology  
Research Methods  
Theories of Sociology  
Social Psychology

Sociology of Diversity  
Human Sexuality  
Sexuality over the Life Course  
Readings and Independent Study

**University of Wisconsin-Madison (2012-2014)**

Problems of American Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Awards: University Housing Honored Instructor (Spring 2013 & Fall 2013)  
Chi Omega Sorority Influential Instructor Honoree (Spring 2014)

**Nashville State Technical Community College (Spring 2007)**

Introduction to Sociology

**Volunteer State Community College (Spring 2007)**

Introduction to Sociology

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**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH**

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Outside Reader, "Patterns of Multiracial Identity and Colorblindness: A Function of Hypodescent and Reflected Appraisal." Mariya Khan. BA (Hons) Sociology, 2016, Hamline University

Supervisor, "Knowledge of racial injustices in medicine and research does not deter potential participants in research." Luke Loegering. BA (Hons) Biology, 2014, UW-Madison

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**ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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Data Analyst, STEM Career Exploration Pilot Program, Tennessee State University, Spring 2018

Research Assistant to Dr. Tova Walsh, UW-Madison, Summer 2014

International Advisor, International Programs, Wisconsin School of Business, 2008-2011

Office Supervisor /Administrative Assistant, School of Graduate Studies and Research, Tennessee State University, 2007-2008

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## **SERVICE**

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### **Discipline**

Referee, *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* (2), *Ethnic & Racial Studies* (1), *Identities* (1), *Sociology of Education* (1), *Sociological Focus* (1), *SAGE Open* (1)  
Session Chair, Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, 2017  
Member, Association of Black Sociologists Conference Planning Committee, 2015  
Session Organizer, Association of Black Sociologists Conference, 2015

### **University**

Member, EU GDPR compliance working group, UAH, 2018-present  
Member, Women and Gender Studies Program Advisory Committee, UAH CAHS, 2018-2020  
Interim Faculty Advisor, Black Student Union, UW-River Falls, 2016-2017  
Event Organizer, Year of Brazil Guest Speaker Presentation, UW-River Falls, 2016  
Judge, Sigma Lambda Gamma Miss Cultura Scholarship Pageant, UW-Madison, 2013  
Volunteer Research Assistant to Dr. Ann Marie Flores, Meharry Medical College, 2005-2006

### **Department**

Social Media Coordinator, Sociology Department, Univ. of Alabama in Huntsville, 2018-present  
Committee Member, Sociology Department Hospitality Committee, UW-Madison, 2011-2013  
Coordinator, Sociology Graduate Mentor Program, UW-Madison, 2012-2013  
Committee Member, Sociology Graduate Mentor Program, UW-Madison, 2009-2012  
Committee Member, Sociology Department Curriculum Committee, UW-Madison, 2009-2011

### **Community**

Volunteer Head Coach, Girls on the Run of Dane Co. (Taft St. Team), Madison, WI, 2011- 2014  
Volunteer, Women's Track and Field Team, Vanderbilt University, 2005-2006  
Volunteer Assistant Coach, Music City Summer Track Club, Nashville, TN, 2001 & 2003

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Association of Black Sociologists  
American Sociological Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Critical Mixed Race Studies Association