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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- 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

EMPLOYMENT

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

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2020 **Sims, Jennifer Patrice** and Chinelo L. Njaka. *Mixed-Race in the US and UK: Comparing the Past, Present, and Future*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.
- Winner of the 2020 Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award from the Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2012 **Sims, Jenn** (ed.). *The Sociology of Harry Potter: 22 Enchanting Essays on the Wizarding World*. Hamden, CT: Zossima Press.

Journal Articles

- 2021 **Sims, Jennifer Patrice** and Cassandra Nolen. "I wouldn't trust the parents to 'do no harm' to a queer kid: Rethinking parental permission requirements for youth participation in social science research." *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics*, 16 (1-2): 35-45.

- 2020 **Sims, Jennifer Patrice**, Whitney Laster Pirtle, and Iris Johnson-Arnold. "Doing Hair, Doing Race: The influence of hairstyle on racial perception across the US." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 43 (12): 2099-2119.
- 2020 Buggs, Shantel Gabrieal, **Jennifer Patrice Sims**, and Rory Kramer. "Rejecting White Distraction: A Critique of the White Logic and White Methods in Academic Publishing." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 43 (8): 1384-1392.
- 2019 **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* 6 (1): 51-66.
- 2018 **Sims, Jennifer Patrice**. "'It represents me': Tattooing mixed-race identity." *Sociological Spectrum* 38 (4): 243-255.
- 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.

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*, 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*, 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*, 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*, edited by J. Sims, Hamden, CT: Zossima Press.

Book Review

- 2019 **Sims, Jennifer Patrice**. Review of *Politics Beyond Black and White: Biracial Identity and Attitudes in America* by Lauren D. Davenport. *American Journal of Sociology* 125 (3): 857-859.

Book chapter under contract

Sims, Jennifer Patrice. “When the Subaltern Speak Parseltongue: Orientalism, racial representation, and Claudia Kim as Nagini.” in *Harry Potter: Race, Justice, and Difference*, edited by Sarah Park and Ebony Thomas, The University of Mississippi Press.

Manuscripts under review

Sims, Jennifer Patrice, Alex Haynes, and Candice Lanius. “How we see race: Using eye tracking to explore racial perception.”

Sims, Jennifer Patrice. “Lights, Camera, Observe: Using film clips to teach ethnographic research skills.”

Gaither, Sarah and **Jennifer Patrice Sims.** “‘Mixed’ Methods, Disciplines, and Approaches to Studying Multiraciality.”

Manuscripts in preparation

Sims, Jennifer Patrice. “Many vs Two-Thirds: Diverging traditions in qualitative sociological writing”

Laster Pirtle, Whitney, **Jennifer Patrice Sims,** and Iris Johnson-Arnold. “Texturizing Color: Exploring the impact of interactions between skin color and hair texture on racial perception.”

Sims, Jennifer Patrice, Ryan Connors, and Candice Lanius. “The Physiology of Sociology: Biometric responses to sociological content.”

Public Sociology

Psychology Today

2019 Gaither, Sarah and **Jennifer Patrice Sims.** “Meghan Markle and Prince Harry: An African Journey: Mixed reactions highlight mixed-race issues in the US and UK.” (18 Nov) [<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/different-identities-different-perspectives/201911/examining-meghan-markle-and-prince-harry>]

Racism Review

2016 **Sims, Jennifer Patrice.** “Calls for Respect Following the Election Misguided.” (19 Nov) [<http://www.racismreview.com/blog/2016/11/19/calls-respect-unity-following-election-misguided/>]

2016 **Sims, Jennifer Patrice.** “Next Step for Beyoncé.” (12 Feb) [<http://www.racismreview.com/blog/2016/02/12/next-step-beyonce/>]

2016 **Sims, Jennifer Patrice** and Vanisha Renee Pierce. "Black Twitter, White Tears." (14 Jan) [<http://www.racismreview.com/blog/2016/01/14/black-twitter-white-tears/>]

African American Intellectual History Society

2016 **Sims, Jennifer Patrice**. "The Reality of Imaginary Whiteness." (24 July) [<http://www.aaihs.org/the-reality-of-imaginary-whiteness/>]

The A.M.E. Church Review

2017 **Sims, Jennifer Patrice**. Review of *Between Sisters: Emancipatory Hope Out of Tragic Relationships* by Evelyn L. Parker. Vol. CXXXIII No. 3, pages 83-87.

The Christian Recorder (* indicates available at www.thechristianrecorder.com)

- 2020 **Sims, Jennifer**. "Shaking the Dust Off Our Feet." (19 Dec)*
- 2020 **Sims, Jennifer**. "Historical Comparisons at Home and Abroad." (7 Sept)*
- 2020 **Sims, Jennifer**. "The Gospel According to Meghan." (28 Feb)*
- 2019 **Sims, Jennifer**. "When Churches Burn." (May)
- 2019 **Sims, Jennifer**. "Happy Valentine's Day." (Feb)
- 2018 **Sims, Jennifer**. "O Ye of Little Faith." (22 Dec)*
- 2018 **Sims, Jennifer**. "Good People." (27 Aug)
- 2018 **Sims, Jennifer**. "No Socialization." (29 Jan)
- 2017 **Sims, Jennifer**. "The Importance of Missing Toys." (10 Dec)*
- 2017 **Sims, Jennifer**. "The Persistence of Love." (10 July)*
- 2017 **Sims, Jennifer**. "Thy Muslim Neighbor." (19 March)*
- 2017 **Sims, Jennifer**. "Getting Stoned." (30 Jan)
- 2016 **Sims, Jennifer**. "Looking like a Christian." (7 Nov)*

Community Newsletter

2012 **Sims, Jenn**. "Where are you from? A tale of three cities." *People In Harmony Newsletter*, Issue 56, pages 8-11.

EXTERNAL GRANT

FLAMENet mini-grant (#1827160)

"Effect of Targeted Intervention on Student Performance, Perceived Competence, and Sense of Belonging in General Chemistry I Course"

PIs: Sharifa Love-Rutledge, UAH; Michelle Green, UAH; **Jennifer Patrice Sims**, UAH

\$4000 (February 2021 - September 2022)

INTERNAL GRANTS

New Faculty Research Grant

“How we see race: Using eye tracking technology to explore racial perception.” \$3125.
University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2018

Collaborative Learning Fellow Award

“Qualitative Content Analysis Practicum.” \$1500.
University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2018

Research Grant

“Doing Race: Physical Appearance, Identity and the Micro-Politics of Racial Ambiguity.” \$200.
Department of Sociology, UW-Madison, 2011

PRESENTATIONS

Sponsored Events (invited)

- 2021 Panelist. “Teaching Emancipatory Sociology: How to Involve Undergraduate Students in Social Transformation.” American Sociological Association Conference, 6-10 August
- 2021 Participant. “Anti-Racist, Anti-Oppression, Decolonized Research Methodology Curriculum Design Working Conference.” Funded by the American Educational Research Association and sponsored by Boston University. June through September
- 2021 Speaker. “Black, British Asian, Mixed-Race, or Jedi: Mixed-Race Identity in the US and UK.” Mixed Googlers, Google, 9 June
- 2021 Speaker. “Book Talk: Mixed-Race in the US and UK.” Critical Mixed Race Studies Association, 6 May
- 2021 Speaker. “Increasing inclusivity in the classroom: Lessons and strategies from sociological research on social perception.” Spring 2021 Faculty Development Workshops, Tennessee State University, 26 March
- 2021 Panelist. “Race-Based Hair Discrimination in the Workplace: An Interdisciplinary Discussion.” The Washington DC Bar Association, 4 Feb
- 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
- 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

Academic Conferences

- 2020 “How We See Race: Using Eye-tracking Technology to Explore Racial Perception” Poster presentation (with Alex Haynes) at the Mid-South Sociological Association Conference, Oct 16, Virtual
- 2020 “‘I wouldn’t trust the parents to ‘do no harm’ to a queer kid:’ Rethinking parental permission requirements for youth participation in social science research.” Paper presentation (with Cassandra Nolen) at the Mid-South Sociological Association Conference, Oct 15, Virtual
- 2019 “Decentering heteronormativity in CMRS.” Research presentation at the Southern Sociological Society Conference, April 12, Buckhead, Georgia
- 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, 2 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

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Television

- 2021 “Harry and Meghan Interview.” BBC World News, live broadcast, 9 March [recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A23_7HaxCew]
- 2020 “COVID-19 Creates Virtual Relationships.” WHNT News 19 Huntsville, pre-recorded, 15 May [<https://whnt.com/news/coronavirus/covid-19-creates-virtual-relationships/>]

Video

- 2021 "Meghan Markle interview: African-American women react." BBC News-US & Canada, 11 March 2021 [<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-us-canada-56355705>]

Podcast

- 2020 “Mixed Race in the UK and USA.” *Arcana Imperii* with Arianna Roberts and Gabrielle Roberts, 19 July [<https://arcanaimperii.podbean.com/e/mixed-race-in-the-uk-and-usa/>]

2020 “Episode 5- Chats with Professors & How COVID-19 Affects the Economy and Dating.” *Charge Up Charge On* with Jay Johnson, 11 May

Radio

2015 Radio. “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 Radio. “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]

Print

2021 Hatzipanagos, Rachel. “Meghan and Harry’s interview confirmed that royal status is no shield from the paper bag test.” *The Washington Post*, 9 March [https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/03/08/meghan-harrys-interview-confirmed-that-royal-status-is-no-shield-racism/?utm_campaign=wp_about_us&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_aboutus]

2021 Pelletiere, Nicole. “Teachers change lessons for students after deadly US Capitol siege.” *ABC’s Good Morning America*, 7 Jan [https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/family/story/teachers-change-lessons-students-deadly-us-capitol-siege-75110818]

2020 Phruksachart, Melissa. “The Literature of White Liberalism,” *The Boston Review*, 21 August [http://bostonreview.net/race/melissa-phruksachart-literature-white-liberalism]

2020 Supiano, Beckie. “When Students Resist Learning About Racism.” *Teaching*, a weekly newsletter from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 23 July [https://www.chronicle.com/newsletter/teaching/2020-07-23/]

2020 Hatzipanagos, Rachel. “Royalty, social class could not shield Meghan from racism in Britain.” *The Washington Post*, 16 Jan [https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/01/16/meghan-obama-class-race/]

2019 Pettit, Emma. “‘You Have to Provide Evidence’: A Journal Article on Black Lives Matter Draws Scholarly Fire.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 30 July [https://www.chronicle.com/article/You-Have-to-Provide/246819]

2019 Latson, Jennifer. “A Different Mix: The Biracial Advantage.” *Psychology Today*, 7 May [https://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/articles/201905/the-biracial-advantage]

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 [https://www.chronicle.com/article/How-a-Group-of-Instructors-Is/241192]

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

TEACHING

University of Alabama-Huntsville (2017-present)

Introduction to Sociology	Race and Ethnicity
Research Methods	Sociology of Sexuality
Qualitative Research Methods	Readings and Individual Research

University of Wisconsin-River Falls (2014-2017)

Introduction to Sociology	Sociology of Diversity
Research Methods	Human Sexuality
Theories of Sociology	Sexuality over the Life Course
Social Psychology	Readings and Independent Study

University of Wisconsin-Madison (2012-2014)

Sociology of Race & Ethnicity in the United States

Nashville State and Volunteer State Community Colleges (Spring 2007)

Introduction to Sociology

TEACHING AWARDS

- 2021 Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award, Southern Sociological Society
- 2014 Influential Instructor Recognition, Chi Omega Sorority, UW-Madison
- 2013 Honored Instructor Recognition, University Housing, UW-Madison

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

Thesis Committee Member. “‘I woke up to the world’: Politicizing Blackness and Multiracial Identity Through Activism.” Angelica Loblack. MA, Sociology, 2020, Univ. of South Florida

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

Faculty Mentor. Research and Creative Experience for Undergraduates Summer Program. Cassandra Nolen, 2020, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Faculty Mentor. Research and Creative Experience for Undergraduates Summer Program. Alex Haynes, 2019, University of Alabama in Huntsville

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

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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

SERVICE

Discipline

Referee, *Ethnic & Racial Studies* (4), *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* (4), *Social Psychology Quarterly* (2), *Identities* (2), *American Sociological Review* (1), *European Journal of Social Psychology* (1), *Social Problems* (1), *Social Identities* (1), *Identity* (1), *Sociology of Education* (1), *SAGE Open* (1), *Sociological Focus* (1), *Sociological Spectrum* (1), *Journal of Cosmetic Dermatology* (1), *Journal of Language, Identity & Education* (1), *Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women’s and Gender Studies* (1), *Research on Diversity in Youth Literature* (1), *PLoS ONE* (1)

Guest Co-Editor, Special Issue on Multiracial Identities and Experiences, *Social Sciences*, 2021

Member, Nominations Committee, Mid-South Sociological Association, 2021

Session Organizer, Southern Sociological Society Conference, 2019, 2021

Session Chair, Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, 2017

Member, Conference Planning Committee, Association of Black Sociologists, 2015

Session Organizer, Association of Black Sociologists Conference, 2015

University

Speaker, “Organizing for the semester.” UAH Alabama LSAMP, 22 July & 17 Jan 2020

Member, Title VII Diversity Advisory Committee, UAH, 2019-2024

Member, EU GDPR Compliance Committee, UAH, 2018-present

Member, Women and Gender Studies Program Advisory Committee, UAH CAHS, 2018-2021

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, UAH, 2018-present
Search Committee Member, Sociology Department, UAH, 2018; 2019; 2021
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

Member, Board of Directors, Girls on the Run of North Alabama, 2019-2021
Volunteer Head Coach, Girls on the Run of Dane Co. Wisconsin (Taft St. Team), 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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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