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### EDUCATION

Columbia University in the City of New York, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York, NY	
Ph.D. in Sociology	2016
Master of Philosophy in Sociology	2012
Master of Arts in Sociology	2011
Pace University, School of Education, New York, NY	
Master of Science for Teachers in Childhood Education	2007
New York University, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York, NY	
Master of Public Administration in Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy	2004
Howard University, College of Arts and Sciences, Washington, DC	
B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Dual Major: Economics and Afro-American Studies	2001

### CURRENT FACULTY APPOINTMENT

Tenure-Track Mellon Assistant Professor in Global Racial Justice, Rutgers University-Newark, Newark, New Jersey. Joint appointment in the Departments of Sociology/Anthropology and Africana Studies; Core faculty of the Global Urban Studies/Urban Systems, PhD program; Affiliated faculty with the American Studies program

### TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

urban and spatial sociology; race and ethnicity; the African diaspora; Latin American/Latinx identity politics; Black geographies; economic sociology and the social construction of value; cultural and cognitive sociology; visual culture; ethnographic and visual methods

### PUBLICATIONS

#### BOOKS

Valle, M.M. *Battling for Worth: Race, Recognition and Urban Change on Colombia's Caribbean Coast*. Book manuscript in progress. Under contract with Oxford University Press (Global and Comparative Ethnography Series).

#### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Valle, M.M. (2022). Aping Blackness: Reading and evaluating racialized images in Cartagena, Colombia. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 8(1), 176–196. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23326492211057827>

Valle, M.M. (2021). Globalizing the sociology of gentrification. Special Issue: Global South (invited). *City & Community*, 20(1), 59-70. <https://DOI:10.1111/cico.12507>

Valle, M.M. (2019). Burlesquing blackness: Racial significations in Carnival and the carnivalesque on Colombia's Caribbean Coast. *Public Culture*, 31(1), 5-20. <https://doi.org/10.1215/08992363-7181814>

Valle, M.M. (January 2017 online, June 2018 print). The discursive detachment of race from gentrification in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 41(7), 1235-1254.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01419870.2016.1274419>

- Republication with new commentary (3 pages)
  - Valle, M.M. (2023). The discursive detachment of race from gentrification in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. In L. Lees, T. Slater, and E. Wyly (Eds.), *The Planetary Gentrification Reader* (pp. 66-81). New York: Routledge Press.

Valle, M.M. (2014). Afro-descendant migrants in Santiago, Chile: Stigma processes and rhetorical resistance. *Revista de Trabajo Social de la Escuela de Trabajo Social de la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*, 87, 3-18. (Also published in Spanish as: Impugnando el estigma: migrantes afro-descendientes en Santiago de Chile)

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Valle, M.M. (2013). Afro-Latina/o Authors. In C. M. Tatum (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Latino Culture: From calaveras to Quinceañeras* (pp. 527- 536). Santa Barbara, California: Greenwood Press.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Valle, M.M. Decoding Race, Racialization and Racism: Making meaning through interviews, photo-elicitation, and visual resonance. (Under Review- *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*)

## WEB-BASED PUBLICATIONS

Valle, M.M. (2017). Revealing the ruse: Shifting the narrative of colorblind urbanism. "Spotlight on Race, Justice and the City." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.  
<https://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/race-justice-and-the-city/revealing-the-ruse-shifting-the-narrative-of-colorblind-urbanism/>

Wenzel, A., Nadler, A., **Valle, M.M.**, & Hill, M.L. (2018, June 12). 'A journalist should step correct': Building trust in local news. *Columbia Journalism Review*. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> authors are alphabetical. Contributed 40% of data collection and 30% of writing)  
[https://www.cjr.org/tow\\_center/a-journalist-should-step-correct-building-trust-in-local-news.php](https://www.cjr.org/tow_center/a-journalist-should-step-correct-building-trust-in-local-news.php)

Wenzel, A., Nadler, A., **Valle, M.M.**, & Hill, M.L. (2018, March 26). Listening is not enough: Mistrust and local news in urban and suburban Philly. *Columbia Journalism Review*. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> authors are alphabetical. Contributed 40% of data collection and 30% of writing)  
[https://www.cjr.org/tow\\_center\\_reports/mistrust-and-local-news-urban-and-suburban-philly.php](https://www.cjr.org/tow_center_reports/mistrust-and-local-news-urban-and-suburban-philly.php)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

### EXTERNAL AWARDS

2022 Princeton-Mellon Fellowship in Architecture, Urbanism, and the Humanities

2020 The Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation (now The Institute for Citizens & Scholars) Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty

2018 The American Association of University Women (AAUW) American Postdoctoral Fellowship – Alternate

2017 Tow Center Fellow, Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Columbia University Journalism School  
2015 Antipode International Conference of Critical Geography (ICCG) Fee Waiver Grant  
2015 Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation Fellowship- Honorable Mention  
2014 International Sociological Association World Congress American Sociological Association Travel Support Grant  
2014 Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation Fellowship – Honorable Mention  
2013-2014 Fulbright U.S. Student Award Recipient to Colombia  
2012 Association of Black Sociologists Annual Graduate Student Paper Competition, Second Place  
2011 Ford Foundation Diversity Predoctoral Fellowship – Alternate-Honorable Mention  
2009 Ford Foundation Diversity Predoctoral Fellowship – Alternate-Honorable Mention

#### INTERNAL AWARDS

2022-2027 Mellon Assistant Professorship in Global Racial Justice, Inaugural Term Chair, Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice- Rutgers University  
2021 Rutgers University Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Advocacy (IDEA) Innovation Grant  
2020, 2018 Rutgers University Research Council Grant  
2019 Rutgers University Global Urban Studies Academic Travel and Research Award  
2019 Rutgers University Lumina Fund for Racial Justice and Equity Course Development Grant  
2018 Rutgers University Latino Studies Faculty & Graduate Student Grant  
2012, 2011 Columbia University Institute for Latin American Studies Summer Field Research Grant  
2011, 2010 Columbia University Cornerhouse Travel Fund Award  
2009-2016 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellow, Department of Sociology, Columbia University

#### INVITED TALKS

2023, October 27. Featured guest speaker, “Fireside Chat: ‘Gentrification: A Planetary Conversation’.” Gentrification & Displacement: What Can We Do About It? An International Dialogue. Boston University.

2023, April 13. Featured guest speaker, “Negative Space: Street vendors, regional stigma, and the symbolic value of race in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.” Urban Studies Speaker Series. The Urban Studies Institute. Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.

2023, February 14. Presenter, “Stigma, public space, and the symbolic value of race in Cartagena, Colombia.” Princeton-Mellon Research Forum on the Urban Environment. Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

2023, February 9. Featured guest speaker, “Globalizing Gentrification: Lessons from Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.” Global Black Cities Lecture Series. Center for Global Black Studies. University of Miami, Miami, Florida.

2019, April 4-6. Presenter, “A Battle of Worths: Symbolic boundaries, blackness and notions of progress in Cartagena, Colombia.” Forced Displacements in the Americas Workshop. Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies’ Sawyer Seminar on Race and Indigeneity in the Americas. Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

2019, March 13-15. Presenter, “Aping Blackness: The Latin American Racial Frame, visual resonance, and the politics of signification in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.” Centre on the Dynamics of Ethnicity

(CoDE): Early Career Researcher workshop – Investigating Institutional Ethnic Inequalities: An international perspective. The University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom.

2018, November 10. Moderator, “Pero, Like, Let’s Talk about Colorism in the Latino Community.” Newark Public Library.

2018, October 1. Featured guest speaker, “Displacement, Dispossession and Black Diasporic Politics.” The Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute of Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.

2018, June 18-19. Plenary speaker, “Racism, the City and the State at 25,” with Drs. Michael Keith, Karim Murji, Mary Pattillo, Karla-Maria Perez Blanco and Abdoumalig Simone. Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS) International Conference 2018: Racial Displacements- Peripheries, Camps, Resistance. University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, United Kingdom.

2018, April 7. Presenter, “Displacement, Dispossession and Black Diasporic Politics.” Panel: “Building Movements in Fractured Times.” 22nd Annual Students and Alumni of Color (SAOC) Symposium at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

2017, May 28. Presenter, “Black Lives Matter.” B-Fest. Athens, Greece.

2015, March 2. Moderator, “Race Matters: A Multicultural Perspective on the Construct of Race.” The Center for Ethnic, Racial and Religious Understanding (CERRU). Queens College, Queens, New York.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

2021, August 9. Panel Moderator, “Special Session: Threats and Attacks in the Age of Trumpism, White Supremacy and Open Carry,” American Sociological Association Virtual Meeting.

2020, August. Presenter, “Racial Worth and Dispossession in the Global South,” Panel: A Global Urban Sociology of Evictions and Displacement, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, with Drs. Matthew Desmond, Zachary Levenson, Liza Weinstein, and Hae Yeon Choo. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

2020, February 29. Presenter, “The Sociology of Gentrification in and of the Global South,” Session: Topics in Development and Globalization, Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.

2019, November 7-10. Presenter, “Negative Space: Regional stigma, street vendors, and the symbolic value of race in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.” Panel Title: Race and Gender in Public Space. American Studies Association. Honolulu, Hawai’i.

2019, August 9. Presenter, “Reconceptualizing the Sociology of Gentrification in and of the Global South.” Panel: Gentrification and Racial Inequality. American Sociological Association, Community and Urban Sociology Section 2019 Preconference on Inequalities and Social Justice in the 21st Century City. NYU Robert F. Wagner School for Public Service, New York, NY.

2019, June 27-28. Presenter, “A Battle of Worths: Symbolic boundaries, Blackness and notions of progress in Cartagena, Colombia.” Panel: The Politics of Racialisation in the Black Atlantic. Racialisation and Publicness in Africa and the African Diaspora. The University of Oxford, Oxford, England, United Kingdom.

2019, June 20-22. Presenter, "Aping Blackness: The Latin American Racial Frame, visual resonance, and the politics of signification in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia." Panel: Global Urban Innovations and Insights. 2019 International Visual Sociology Association Annual Conference. Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY.

2019, May 23. Presenter, "Aping Blackness: The Latin American Racial Frame, visual resonance, and the politics of signification in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia." Panel: Scopic Regimes & Performance. Visual Culture Studies Section, Pre-Latin American Studies Association Workshop: The Black Image in 19th Century Latin America. Sheraton Boston Hotel. Boston, MA.

2018, October 19-20. Presenter, "A Battle of Worths: Symbolic boundaries, Blackness and notions of progress in Cartagena, Colombia." Session: Race and Land. 25th Annual Critical Geography Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

2018, June 18-19. Presenter, "White Walls: Symbolic boundaries, community conflict and notions of progress in Cartagena, Colombia." Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS) International Conference 2018: Racial Displacements- Peripheries, Camps, Resistance. University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, United Kingdom.

2018, April 10-14. Presenter, "A Battle of Worths: Symbolic boundaries, Blackness and Gentrification in Cartagena, Colombia." Session: How Racism Takes Place: New Narratives of Race, Place and Geography, Session I, organized by the AAG Black Geographies Specialty Group, The American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana.

2018, March 22-24. Presenter, "Festive Fictions: A Photo-Elicitation Study of Blackness, Ritual and Recognition in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia." Panel: Hidden in Plain Site: Race, Space and the Memorialization of Black Bodies. Black Portraiture[S] IV: THE COLOR OF SILENCE. The W.E.B. DuBois Research Institute at the Hutchins Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

2017, August 14. Presenter, "A Battle of Worths: Symbolic boundaries, community conflict and notions of progress." Section on Latino/a Sociology. Latinas/os and Gentrification. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Quebec, Montreal, Canada.

2016, Oct 6. Presenter, "(Mis) Recognition: Race, representation and ritual in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia." Session: Latino/a Identity and Belonging. 42rd Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists. Memphis, Tennessee.

2015, July 27. Presenter, "Racing Space: The politics of race, gentrification and respectability in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia." Session: Housing, Gentrification and Social Transformation in Times of Crisis. 7th International Conference of Critical Geography (ICCG). Ramallah, Palestine.

2015, February 27. Presenter, "If These Walls Could Talk: Boundaries, conflict and urban change in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia." Session: Gentrification and Public Space. Eastern Sociological Society. New York, New York.

2014, July 13-19. Paper Distribution, "Contesting Stigma: Afro-Descendant Migrants in Santiago, Chile." Session: New Inequality and Social Exclusion. XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology. Yokohama, Japan.

2014, July 6. Presenter, "The Body and the Barrio: Race, space and representation in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia." University of Vienna: Marie Jahoda Summer School of Sociology. Vienna, Austria.

2014, April 25. Presenter, "The Body and the Barrio: Race, space and representation in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. Final presentation of Fulbright US Student Award Research Grantees to Colombia. Bogotá, Colombia.

2014, April 30. Presenter, "El Cuerpo y El Barrio: Raza, espacio y representación en Cartagena de Indias, Colombia" (The Body and the Barrio: Race, space and representation in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia presented in Spanish). Lecture series for the master's program in El Laboratorio Iberoamericano de Investigación e Innovación en Cultura y Desarrollo en La Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar (The Latin American Laboratory for Research and Innovation in Culture and Development) at La Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar. Cartagena, Colombia.

2013, August 8-10. Presenter, "Contesting Stigma: Afro-descendant Migrants in Santiago, Chile." 43rd Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Social (In-)Justice and Health Disparities: A Continuing Saga. New York City.

2013, May 13. Presenter, "Inmigrantes Afrodescendientes en Santiago, Chile" (Afro-descendant Immigrants in Santiago, Chile). Department of Sociology, Universidad Alberto Hurtado. Santiago, Chile.

2012, March 22-25. Presenter, "La Lucha Afro: A Relational Approach to Afro-Colombian Social Movement Organizations." 3rd International Conference of Afro Latin American Studies. Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2011, December 1-3. Presenter, "La Lucha Afro: A Relational Approach to Afro-Colombian Social Movement Organizations." 27th Annual Symposium on African American Culture and Philosophy- Afro-Latin America: Rethinking, Identity, Politics and Culture. Purdue University. West Lafayette, Indiana.

2011, November 3-5. Panel Chair and Moderator, "Filling the Gaps: Youth and Education," Afro-Latin@s Now- Strategies for Visibility and Action Conference, sponsored by the arolatin@ forum.

## **UNIVERSITY, CAMPUS, OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS**

2023, May 25. Presenter, "Negative Space: Street vendors, regional stigma, and the symbolic value of race in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia." Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice- Rutgers University, "Coffee Talk." Virtual.

2022, April 11. "Worth of a Nation: Moving from the Loathed to the Loved." Insurgent Intersections Works-in-Progress Series: Roots of Global Anti-Blackness. Department of Africana Studies- Rutgers University, New Brunswick. (Cancelled for health reasons)

2017, November 1. Presenter, "A Battle of Worths: Symbolic boundaries, community conflict and notions of progress." Rutgers University-Newark, Division of Global Affairs (DGA) Colloquium. Newark, NJ.

2017, October 5-7. Presenter, "A Battle of Worths: Symbolic boundaries, community conflict and notions of progress." Framing the Value of Diversity & Inclusion in Higher Education: Setting the Research Agenda. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, College Avenue Student Center, New Brunswick, NJ.

2017, September 23. Panelist, “Narratives of Immigration & AfroLatinidad after Charlottesville.” Rutgers University-Newark’s Latin@ Studies Working Group. Newark, NJ.

2014, November 10. Presenter, “If These Walls Could Talk: Community, conflict and urban change in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.” Dissertation Development Seminar: Race, Ethnicity and Migration Workshop. Center for the Study of Ethnicity & Race and Department of Sociology, Columbia University. New York, New York.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs 2023-2023  
Princeton-Mellon Visiting Research Scholar/Visiting Assistant Professor  
Teach a multidisciplinary course related to architecture, urbanism, policy, and the humanities, in addition to my primary activity of writing and research, and my regular contributions to program events.

afrolatin@ forum 2017-2019  
Researcher  
Designed collaborative survey-based research to test how to accurately measure the Afro-Latinx population and paint a more vivid picture of their experiences. Conducted pilot project in Brooklyn and the Bronx, NY.

Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Columbia University Journalism School 2017-2018  
Tow Center Fellow- Philadelphia Media Ecologies Project  
Participated in a collaborative research study that explored how residents negotiate trust with news outlets and other communication resources, the reasons underlying mistrust, and how they adapt their communication ecologies when facing a deficit of trust.

Rutgers University-Newark, Newark, New Jersey, USA  
Postdoctoral Fellow 2016-2017  
Prepared academic journal articles for publication and gave public presentations based upon dissertation research.

University of Cartagena/ Technological University of Bolívar, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia  
Fulbright Visiting Scholar 2013-2014  
Conducted ethnographic dissertation research using race, class, community and the body to explore how symbolic boundaries translate into spatial and social boundaries in a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood.

Alberto Hurtado University- Department of Sociology, Santiago, Chile  
Visiting Scholar 2013  
Conducted 48 interviews for an exploratory research project on the experiences of Afro-descendant immigrants living in Santiago, Chile.

Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP), New York, New York, USA  
Research Assistant 2010-2011  
Conducted spatial analyses and mapping using Geographical Information Systems for project on public housing and healthy eating in Chicago.

New York University Metropolitan Center for Urban Education, New York, New York, USA  
 Research Assistant 2008  
 Analyzed an aspect of the organizational culture of achievement within single-sex schools for the Black and Latino Male Schools Intervention Study (BLMSIS) under the direction of Dr. Pedro Noguera.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs  
 Princeton-Mellon/Princeton School of Public and International Affairs Fellow  
 Race, Ethnicity, Space & Place: Exclusion, confinement & transformation (RESPECT) 2023

Rutgers University-Newark, Departments of Sociology/Anthropology and African American/African Studies  
 Newark, New Jersey  
 Tenure-Track Assistant Professor 2017-present  
 Race and Ethnicity in Multicultural Societies- undergraduate (FA17, SP18, FA18, SP19, FA19, SP20, FA21, SP22)  
 Race and Ethnicity in Latin America and the Caribbean- undergraduate (FA17-Intensive Writing, FA18, FA19, FA21)  
 Race, Ethnicity, Space & Place: Exclusion, confinement & transformation (RESPECT)- undergraduate (SP18, SP20, SP22)  
 Race, Ethnicity, Space & Place: Exclusion, confinement & transformation (RESPECT)- Ph.D. seminar (SP19)

Columbia University, Department of Sociology, New York, New York  
 Graduate Teaching Fellow 2010-2016  
 The Changing American Family with Professor Angela Aidala (Fall 2010, 2011)  
 Elites in Democratic America with Professor Shamus Khan (Spring 2011)  
 Introduction to the Social World with Professor Gil Eyal (Spring 2012)  
 Culture, Consumption and Markets with Professor Frederick Wherry (Fall 2012)  
 Introduction to the Social World with Professor Shamus Khan (Spring 2015)  
 Senior Seminar with Professor Adam Reich (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

New York City Teaching Fellows/ NYC Department of Education, New York, New York  
 21st Century Community Learning Center Community School District 1 Project Director  
 Fifth through Seventh Grade Special Education Teacher 2005-2009

Newark Public Schools, Newark, New Jersey  
 Substitute Teacher/ Disabled Pre-School Summer School Teacher 2003-2004

AmeriCorps- YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 Community Projects Coordinator 2001-2002

## DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Thayane Brêtas de Araujo – Rutgers University-Newark, Global Urban Studies Program  
 Ana Sandoval- Rutgers University-Newark, American Studies



## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

2020-2023 American Sociological Association- Community and Urban Sociology Section Council Member  
2020-2023 American Sociological Association- Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Nominations Committee Member  
2022-2024 Editorial Board, *City & Community* (Journal sponsored by the American Sociological Association)  
Ad hoc reviewer for: *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*; *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *City & Community*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR)*; *American Ethnologist*; *Transforming Anthropology*; *Latino Studies*; *Chicana/Latina Studies: The Journal of Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio*

## **DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Faculty Advisory Board, The Office of Global Initiatives & Experiential Learning, Rutgers University-Newark  
Global Initiatives Committee, Rutgers University-Newark  
Sociology/Anthropology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Rutgers University-Newark  
Comparative Gentrification Working Group, Rutgers University-Newark  
Economic Justice Working Group, Rutgers University-Newark  
Race and Public Space Working Group, New York University, Institute for Public Knowledge  
Faculty advisor for the student organization at Rutgers University-Newark, Pretty Educated Young Thriving Womyn  
Black Portraiture[s] VII Conference Advisory Board- Rutgers University-Newark  
Insurgent Intersections: Combating Global Anti-Blackness- Works-in-progress workshop series- Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Rutgers University-Newark, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Latinx Studies Cluster Hiring Committee  
Honors Living-Learning Community at Rutgers University-Newark (HLLC) Evaluator for large group and personal interviews

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/OUTREACH**

Afro-Latin@ Forum Executive Board Member  
Black Latinas Know Collective Founding Member

## **RELEVANT NON-ACADEMIC WORK**

Abyssinian Development Corporation, New York, NY	
Director of Public Policy- Department of Strategic Planning	2004-2005
United Neighborhood Houses, New York, NY	
Program Evaluation Intern	2004
Manhattan Borough President's Office, New York, NY	
Graduate Housing Policy Intern – Office of Land Use, Planning & Development	2003
Human Rights Watch- Africa Division, Washington, DC	
Intern	2001

Manna Community Development Corporation, Washington, DC Intern	1999
People's Involvement Corporation (PIC), Washington, DC Intern	1999

## OTHER RELEVANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

2018, July 15-18. The University of Manchester Summer Institute in Urban Studies (SIUS 2018), National University of Singapore (NUS). Organized by the Global Urban Studies research cluster in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at NUS and the Manchester Urban Institute.

2015, August-September. RC21 of the International Sociology Association Summer School on Comparative Urban Studies, Urbino, Italy. 17-day summer school focused on the interaction of theory and methodology in the study of the city.

2014, July. The University of Vienna Marie Jahoda Summer School of Sociology, Vienna, Austria. 5-day summer school focused on "urban public spaces."

2010, May- July. Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Course: The Construction of the Afro-Puerto Rican Subject in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

2001, June- July. Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, Bahia, Brasil. Courses: Portuguese and Afro-Brazilian culture and history.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association	International Sociological Association
Association of Black Sociologists	Association of American Geographers
Latin American Studies Association	American Studies Association
Sociologists for Women in Society	International Visual Sociology Association
Eastern Sociological Society	

## LANGUAGES

Spanish- Professional working proficiency  
Portuguese- Limited working proficiency

## LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

New York State Initial Teaching Dual Certificate: Childhood Generalist (Grades 1-6)/ Childhood Students w/ Disabilities (Grades 1-6)