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EDUCATION

The Graduate Center, The City University of New York New York, NY
Ph.d program in Sociology (Certificate in Africana Studies)

Columbia University, New York, NY
B.A. in Psychology, May 2005

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

SSRC-Mellon Mays Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, 2008-2009
SSRC-Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, 2007-2008
SSRC-Mellon-Mays Graduate Initiatives Fellowship Program, 2005-Present
Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Columbia University, 2003-2005
Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Summer Research Grant, 2004, 2005.
Ronald E. McNair Fellowship, Columbia University, 2004-2005
John F. Kluge Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University, 2004.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Afro-Caribbean Immigration & Experience; Race and Ethnic Relations; Ethnic Identity;
Black Popular Culture, Qualitative Methods.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pace University, New York, NY
Adjunct Lecturer, Fall 2008
Teaching the course “Introduction to Sociology.” Designed course structure, syllabus,
and requirements; lecture and administer all grades.

City College-The City University of New York, New York, NY
Adjunct Lecturer, Spring 2008
Created and taught the course “West Indians in America.” Designed course structure,
syllabus, and requirements; lectured and administered all grades.

City College-The City University of New York, New York, NY
Adjunct Lecturer, Fall 2007
Created and taught the course “Black Popular Culture.” Designed course structure,
syllabus, and requirements; lectured and administered all grades.

Columbia University, New York, NY

Teaching Assistant, 2004

Assisted Professor Carl Hart in his course “Drugs and Behavior.” Held weekly office hours; led monthly review sessions; graded all exams and quizzes.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Rice University, Houston, TX

Research Assistant/Qualitative Interviewer, 2007-Present

Assist Professors Elaine Howard Ecklund and Michael Emerson of Rice University with research project on civic and religious life among 1st and 2nd generation immigrants and native-born citizens; interview Afro-Caribbean and African American respondents and religious organizations; create report of field/interview notes.

Research Foundation of City University of New York, New York, NY

Research Assistant, January 2007-May 2007

Assisted Professor Erica Chito-Childs of Hunter College with research projects, including current project on West Indian nannies in Riverdale, NY; performed literature searches; read and summarized research-related materials and articles; wrote literature review for IRB proposal.

Columbia University, New York, NY

Mellon-Mays Summer Fellow, Kluge Fellow, 2004

Researched the relationship between race, crime, and news coverage; closely examined and analyzed the representation of Blacks and Whites on local television news.

Columbia University, New York, NY

McNair Fellow, 2004

Researched the representation of Blacks in Black sitcoms; focused on the content and character representation in three Black sitcoms from the 1970s and three current Black sitcoms from the 2000s.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Tavernier, LaToya A. (2008). The Stigma of Blackness: Antihaitianism in the Dominican Republic. *Socialism and Democracy*, 22 (13), 96-104.

Chito Childs, Erica, Laudone, Stephanie, & Tavernier, LaToya. (Forthcoming).

“Revisiting Black Sexualities in Families: Problems, Puzzles, and Prospects” in Barnes, Sandra (ed) *Black Sexualities: Probing Powers, Passions, Practices, and Policies*. New Jersey: Rutgers University Press.

“The Stigma of Blackness: Haitians, Dominicans, and Antihaitianismo in the Dominican Republic.” Paper presented at 15th Annual Eyes on the Mosaic Conference, hosted by Minority Graduate Students Association of University of Chicago. Chicago, IL, May

2008. And, presented at the Association of Black Sociologist 38rd Annual Conference. Boston, MA, July 2008.

“A Thin Line Between Love and Hate: Negotiating an Afro-Caribbean Identity in Black America.” (Featured Panelist) Panel talk prepared for “Ethnic Identity Formation in the African Diaspora Panel,” sponsored by the Center for African Education at Teacher’s College, Columbia University. New York, NY, March 2008.

“Sex, Sea, Sand, and Sun: Representation of the Caribbean Image in American Film.” Paper presented at the Association of Black Sociologists 37th Annual Conference. New York, NY, August 2007. And, presented at the SSRC-Mellon Mays 2007 Summer Conference. New York, NY, June 2007.

“Overrepresentation of Blacks in Local Television News of Violent Crimes.” Paper presented at the Annual John F. Kluge Research Symposium. New York, NY, September 2004.

MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Association of Black Sociologists
Awards and Admission Committee, Sociology Dept., CUNY-Graduate Center
American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Caribbean Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Basic reading competence in Spanish.