

RACIAL & ETHNIC MINORITIES DIVISION

Society for the Study of Social Problems

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M. Scott Brauer / Redux

THE SOCIOLOGICAL REIMAGINATION

From Moments to Momentum

Dear DREM members,

We hope everyone is keeping as well as possible and finding sources of health, strength and ease. We feel fortunate enough to have served as co-chairs for the Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (DREM) within SSSP. Our background in organizing and movement-building informs not just our scholarship, but a broader commitment to community. We both recognize that a movement cycle has many moments. Particularly when it comes to issues of race and racism, we see many people who participate in moments of uprising but who move into disillusionment. In our experiences, we understand why that is but we also implore you to consider where we can consistently show up for one another to defend Critical Race Theory, to fight for the safety and well-being of front-line workers, and toward a world with real safety.

WORDS FOR THE WISE

"To die for the revolution is a one-shot deal. To live for the revolution means taking on the more difficult commitment of changing our day-to-day life patterns."—Frances M. Beale

Shared by Anthony James Williams



@DaveStroup / Twitter

We encourage you to consider what it means to be beholden to one another rather than the systems of power and domination we are seeking to dismantle and destroy. Perhaps being beholden to one another requires solidarity. What does “solidarity” mean or look like to you? The words of Aboriginal elder, Lilla Watson might serve as a template for solidarity: “If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.” Watson reminds us that solidarity is not charity, nor reciprocity. To “help” requires you to place yourself in a dominant position over those “in need.” But, you cannot pity another and remain in solidarity with that person. Similarly, you cannot establish conditions or criteria for receiving aid or support. That is charity, not solidarity. Solidarity is not reciprocity. Solidarity must be unconditional (without conditions). You provide support because you recognize your liberation is inextricably bound up with others. You give without expecting anything in return other than a sense that you are modeling a praxis of care, mutual aid, and transformative justice required to create a more just and sustainable world. Watson’s quote exemplifies the shift from moment to momentum. Solidarity exceeds the conceptual capacity of a single moment. Imagine how silly it would sound if we remixed the old trade union anthem, “Solidarity Forever” to “Solidarity For Today.” The union would probably not be all that strong.

Though solidarity is unconditional, it is not devoid of accountability. So as we consider what it means to be in relation, rather than in competition to one another, we must recognize that racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, anti-blackness, whiteness, and settler colonial logics do not disappear in organizing spaces. Hence, if we are truly committed to moving from moment to momentum it is imperative that we not reproduce the

same kinds of harm we are opposed to. This is easier said than done, especially in a place as predatory and callous as the university. Moving from moments to momentum requires a sustained commitment to being accountable to ourselves and others. This might require a significant amount of unlearning as the academy privileges the possessive individual over the collective. So when the university asks us to be the “exceptional _____,” we recognize this as yet another ploy to celebrate special moments, while precluding momentum.

But organizing, solidarity and momentum are not solo struggles. We don't go at anti-oppressive work alone. Rather, such work is most effective when done with others. So we invite you to join us by exercising your sociological imagination and considering how to make something as “familiar” as the standard operating procedures of the university not just “strange,” but obsolete. It is no longer sufficient to be in and not of the academy. For those who remain in the university, we must begin to consider what it means to be in and against.



This might require us to not privilege the university as the gatekeeper of knowledge and primary site of knowledge production. It might look like recognizing the bidirectional teaching-learning relationship between the university and the communities from which knowledges are extracted and exploited.

Hence, being in and against might look like the production of less “public sociology,” and more counterpublic sociology - that is a public that does not represent other academics and milquetoast media outlets. Contingents of this counter-public may not have extra initials behind their name, but because they are directly impacted by the structural violence sociologists claim to study, they are uniquely positioned to engage in a radical praxis towards transformative change. Unlike “public sociology,” a counter-public sociology refuses to work within the parameters of state protocols of oppression. A counter-public sociology does not seek to expand state power. Instead, it seeks to dismantle it. Finally, a counter-public sociology seeks not to affirm the university, but to insist that this current academic enterprise remains untenable. In short, being in and against, requires a politics of refusal - a refusal to not be beholden to the same systems of power and domination that we are committed to dismantling.



Paul Sancya / AP

We invite you to continue your path of learning & reflection with us during the 2022 meetings. We look forward to reconnecting with some of you, although we recognize that the pandemic has fundamentally changed how we engage with conferences. If anything, we look forward to celebrating your triumphs—big and small and to holding space for each other in these uncertain times.

In Solidarity,

The 2021-2022 DREM Team



Co-Chair | **Felicia Arriaga**

Assistant Professor
Appalachian State University



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BUSINESS ITEMS

2022 Session Organizers & Presiders

We are looking for presiders and organizers for our 2022 sessions. Organizers tend to read abstracts/papers and make decisions on the panel/dialogue participants. Please email Felicia (arriagafa@appstate.edu) and Rahsaan (rmahadeo@providence.edu) if you'd like to volunteer.

Session Title: Reproductive Justice: Race, Intersectionality, and Health Session Type: Regular Panel Co-Sponsors: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Sport, Leisure, and the Body; and Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Co-Organizers: Meghan Daniel and Ginger Berndt	PRESIDER
Session Title: 50th “Anniversary” of the Racist War on Drugs Session Type: Critical Dialogue Co-Sponsors: Drinking and Drugs Division Co-Organizers: Steve Lankenau and Avelardo Valdez	PRESIDER
Session Title: Educational policy and the role of sociology, criminology, and criminal justice departments in the production of social control. Session Type: Critical Dialogue Co-Sponsors: Crime & Juvenile Delinquency	PRESIDER ORGANIZER
Session Title: “Nothing About Us Without Us”: Intersections of Disability, Race & Ethnicity Session Type: Regular Panel Co-Sponsors: Disability Section Organizer: Rahsaan Mahadeo	PRESIDER ORGANIZER
Session Title: [TBD] Invited Session to discuss experiences with the carceral state Session Type: TBD Organizer: Rahsaan Mahadeo	PRESIDER ORGANIZER
Session Title: Understanding Racism - Theories of Oppression and Discrimination by hephzibah v. strmic-pawl Session Type: Author Meets Critics [TBD]	PRESIDER ORGANIZER

Session Title: Cross-racial and Cross-movement Solidarities

Session Type: Regular Panel

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Session Title: We Do This 'Till We Free Us

Session Type: Critical Dialogue

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Session Title: I Don't Like the Blues: Race, Place, & The Backbeat of Black Life by Brian Foster

Session Type: Author Meets Critics [TBD]

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Session Title: Critical Race Theory

Session Type: Critical Dialogue

ORGANIZER
PRESIDER



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2022 ANNUAL MEETING

August 5-7, 2022

Omni Los Angeles Hotel at
California Plaza

Los Angeles, CA

REGISTER TODAY

2022 Nominations & Awards

Please submit your nominations for the DREM division Co-Chair by April 15, 2022! This is a two-year position. For more on the roles and responsibilities, please visit this [link](#). You must be a current member of the division to serve in this position.

KIMBERLÉ CRENSHAW OUTSTANDING ARTICLE AWARD

The [Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division](#) is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2022 Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award. This award recognizes the author(s) of the best research article in the study of race and ethnicity published in the past three years (2018-2022 for this year's award). We are especially interested in articles written from a critical race studies lens. The nomination letter should be no more than 3 pages and should explain the scholarly significance and innovations of the research article. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the award, although they will not be required to present a paper at the 2021 Annual Meeting. The winner will be announced in early summer 2022. Winner(s) will be recognized at the DREM business meeting and receive a certificate of recognition. To nominate a journal article, please e-mail the following: 1) a copy of the article, 2) a nomination letter, and 3) contact information for the nominee(s) (including e-mail) to the Co-Chair of the division @arriagafa@appstate.edu. Nominations must be received no later than April 15, 2022. **Additional information via [link](#).**

EDUARDO BONILLA-SILVA OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD

The [Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division](#) is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2022 Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award. The award honors the significant theoretical and empirical contributions of Eduardo Bonilla-Silva to the understanding of contemporary race and racism. We are interested in any books that address issues of race or racism. We are especially interested in books that make an attempt to eradicate contemporary racism, either in the U.S. or on a global scale. Books must have been published within 3 years of the meetings (2018-2021) for this year's award). Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the award, although they will not be required to present the work at the 2022 Annual Meeting. The winner will be announced in early summer 2022. Winner(s) will be recognized at our DREM business meeting and receive a certificate of recognition. Nominees should first send a letter with full publication information and a paragraph outlining the reasons for their nomination to the Co-Chair of the division @arriagafa@appstate.edu. All nominating correspondence should include "Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Award Nomination" in the e-mail subject heading. Once your nomination letter has been received, the Award Committee Chair will confirm the mailing addresses to which copies of the book should be sent directly. Nominations must be received no later than April 15, 2022. **Additional information via [link](#).**



Apply by April 15

Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award. Nomination deadline April 15. The Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award is for the best paper on Women and Social Justice and is awarded with a stipend of \$500. Additional information available [here](#).

Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award. Nomination deadline April 15. The Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award is for an outstanding faculty member who has exercised an extensive leadership role within the SSSP and other professional societies and within the larger community and is awarded with a stipend of \$500. Additional information available [here](#).

Joseph B. Gittler Award. Nomination deadline April 15. The Joseph B. Gittler Award is made to a SSSP member in recognition of their significant scholarly achievements contributing to the ethical resolution of social problems and is awarded with a stipend of \$500. Additional information available [here](#).

Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award. Nomination deadline April 15. The Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award is awarded to an outstanding faculty member or community activist. The award recipient will receive a plaque and three of the award recipient's mentees will receive a one-year SSSP membership as well as annual meeting registration fees for the year the award is presented. Additional information available [here](#).

Lee Founders Award. Nomination deadline April 15. The Lee Founders Award is made to an active SSSP member in recognition of significant lifetime achievements demonstrating a devotion to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanist tradition of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee. The award carries a stipend of \$500. Additional information available [here](#).

Apply by May 20

Social Problems invites submissions for a special issue, **The Racism of Omission**, aimed at inverting the logic of studying racism as solely an intentional (or explicit) act of exclusion and instead examining racism as an act of omission or choosing not to act or acting in a racially habituated fashion without thought or explicit intent.

The deadline for submitting papers is May 20. Please submit papers through the [online submission portal](#) and choose “Racism of Omission” at “step 6” of the submission process. Click [here](#) for more information.

Apply by June 15

Call for Nominations for the 2023 General Election. Nomination deadline June 15. Nominations are open for candidates to run in the 2023 General Election. Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for one of these offices by completing an [online nomination form](#). All nominees must be a current member in order to be considered.

Apply by June 30

Sign up for the **SSSP Mentoring Program**. Application deadline June 30. The Mentoring Program is designed to facilitate interaction between members of SSSP who wish to be paired with a mentor or mentee. The primary objective of this program is to facilitate connections between mentors and mentees for at least 1-year (summer 2022-summer 2023). To become a mentor or mentee, complete the appropriate [application form](#).

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

**Kimberly Martinez Phillips | Memorial University
Newfoundland and Labrador** I am currently conducting interviews for my dissertation on single, never-married, childfree women of color. Please contact me at www.ichoosefeminism.com if you are interested in participating.

Save the date!

DREM Annual Business Meeting Goes Virtual



The division voted to have a virtual division meeting before the 2022 SSSP Annual in-person meeting. We will follow up but this is tentatively taking place the week of July 25th.

PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA APPEARANCES, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Matthew Fowle | University of Washington Recently Published Report:

[The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Low-Income Tenants' Housing Security in Washington State](#). Recent Media Appearance: [Even with the eviction moratorium, landlords continued to find ways to kick renters out](#) - The Conversation.

Jennifer (Jenni) Mueller | Skidmore College Recently Published Article:

Mueller, Jennifer C. and DyAnna K. Washington. 2021. "[Anticipating White Futures: The Ends-Based Orientation of White Thinking](#)." Symbolic Interaction 45(1).

Paulina d. C. Inara Rodis | University of Pennsylvania Recently Published Articles:

Inara Rodis, Paulina d. C. 2021. "[Let's \(Re\)Tweet about Racism and Sexism: Responses to Cyber Aggression toward Black and Asian Women](#)." Information, Communication & Society 24(14).

Lizette G Solorzano | University of Southern California Recently Published Articles:

Solorzano, L. G. 2021. '[We are not the people they think we are](#)': First-Generation Undocumented Immigrant Belonging and Legal Consciousness in the Wake of Deferred Action for Parents of Americans. Ethnicities 22(1). Solorzano, L., Ruiz, P. 2021. [Saving DACA, healing ourselves: Aggressions and healing experiences during the course of DACA activism in Washington, DC](#). Latino Studies 19(2).

Dr. Luiz Valério P. Trindade | Independent Researcher Recently Published Articles:

Trindade, L.V.P. 2020. '[My hair, my crown](#)'. [Examining black Brazilian women's anti-racist discursive strategies on social media](#). Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies 45(3). Trindade, L.V.P. 2019. [Disparagement humour and gendered racism on social media in Brazil](#). Ethnic and Racial Studies 43(15). Recently Published Book Chapter: Trindade, L.V.P. 2020. Mídias sociais e a naturalização de discursos racistas no Brasil [Social media and the naturalisation of racist discourses in Brazil] in Silva, T. (Ed.) [Comunidades, Algoritmos e Ativismos Digitais: Olhares Afrodiaspóricos](#). 1st ed. São Paulo, SP: Literarua, 27-42. Recent Media Appearance: Trindade, L.V.P. 2021. Podcast Interview. New Books Network. 02 July. Available from: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/no-laughing-matter-race-joking-and-resistance-in-brazilian-social-media>.

hephzibah strmic-pawl | Manhattanville College Recent Appointment: Editor, Humanity and Society.

Maria Duenas | University of California, Merced Recently Published Works: Duenas, Maria D. 2021. "[How to Teach Engaging Discussion Sections as a Teaching Assistant](#)." Get a Life, PhD Blog, February 24, 2021.

Kyla Walters | Sonoma State University Recently Book Chapter: "[Retail Work, Race, and Aesthetic Labor](#)." Pp. 326-335 in The Routledge Companion to Beauty Politics, edited by Maxine Leeds Craig. 2021. New York: Routledge.

Anthony James Williams | UCLA Recently Published Articles: Williams, Anthony James. 2021. "[The Need for Interdisciplinary Approaches to Criminal \(in\)Justice](#)." Symbolic Interaction 44(4). Williams, Anthony James. 2022. "[Wayward in Sociology?](#)" Contexts 19(4).

Adia Harvey Wingfield | Washington University in St. Louis Recently Published Articles: Wingfield, Adia Harvey. 2021. "[The \(Un\)Managed Heart: Racial Contours of Emotion Work in Gendered Occupations](#)." Annual Review of Sociology 47(1). Recently Published Report: "[Short Term Strategies for Addressing the Impacts of the COVID 19 Pandemic on Women's Workforce Participation](#)" for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Announcement: National Science Foundation. PI, "Millennials and Corporate Diversity Practices." 2021-2023. Award #2045154, \$180,000.

Freedeen Blume Oeur | Tufts University Recently Published Article: Blume Oeur, Freedeen (guest editor). 2021. "[The Children of the Sun: Celebrating the One Hundred-Year Anniversary of The Brownies' Book](#)." Special Issue of The Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth. 14(3).

Jennifer Cossyleon | Community Change Recently Published Article: Rosen, Eva, Philip M. E. Garboden, and Jennifer E. Cossyleon. 2021. "[Racial Discrimination in Housing: How Landlords Use Algorithms and Home Visits to Screen Tenants](#)." American Sociological Review 86(5).

Megan Underhill | University of North Carolina Asheville Recently Published Article: Underhill, Megan R. and Lauren Simms. "[Parents of the White Awakening](#)." 2022. Contexts. 21(1).

David G. Embrick | University of Connecticut Recent Media Appearance: "[What is Critical Race Theory-And Why Is it Important to Understand?](#)" March 7, 2022. Reader's Digest. Recent Appointments: New Director (since August 2021) of the Sustainable Global Cities Initiative, University of Connecticut Hartford.

Karina Santellano | University of Southern California Recent Published Articles:

Santellano, Karina. 2022. "[Pandemic Fieldwork: Navigating Personal Grief and Practicing Researcher Flexibility](#)." *Latino Studies*.

Jason Smith Recent Promotions: Consultant, National Market Research Team at Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States.

Vanessa Gonlin | University of Georgia Recently Published Articles: strmic-pawl, hephzibah

v., Vanessa Gonlin, and Steve Garner. 2021. "[Color in Context: Three Angles on Contemporary Colorism](#)." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 7(3). Recently Published Reports: Gonlin, Vanessa. 2021. "[Proposed Language to Use When Talking About Race: What You Wanted To Know But Didn't Want To Ask](#)." The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Leadership, Equity, and Justice.

Janet Garcia-Hallett | University of New Haven Recently Published Articles: Garcia-Hallett,

J., & Christian, J. 2021. "[Gender and \(Fictive\) Family in a Women's Post-Incarceration Mentoring Program](#). *British Journal of Criminology*." *The British Journal of Criminology*.

Watoii Rabii | Oakland University Recently Published Articles: Rabii, Watoii. 2021. "[One of the Good Ones: Rhetorical Maneuvers of Whiteness](#)." *Critical Sociology*.

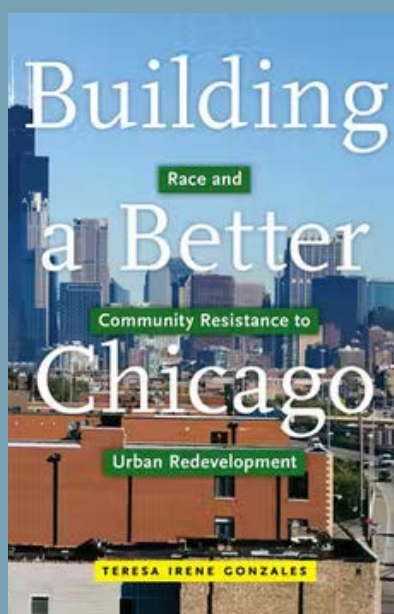
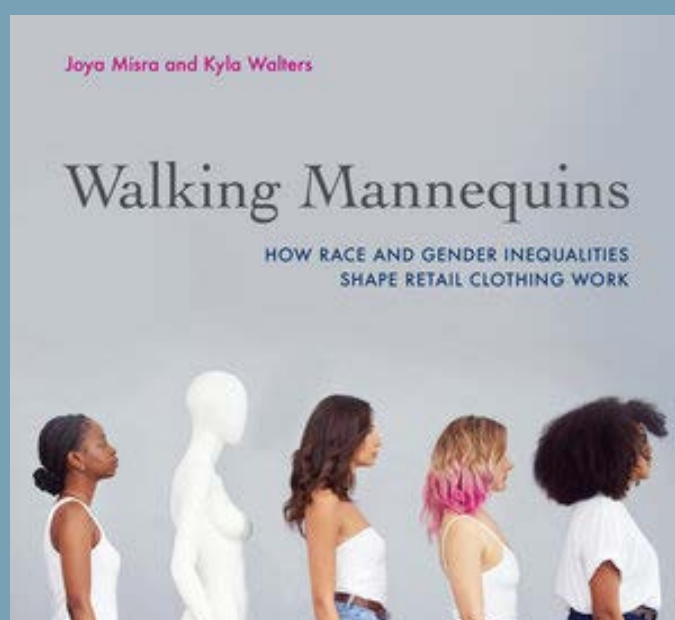
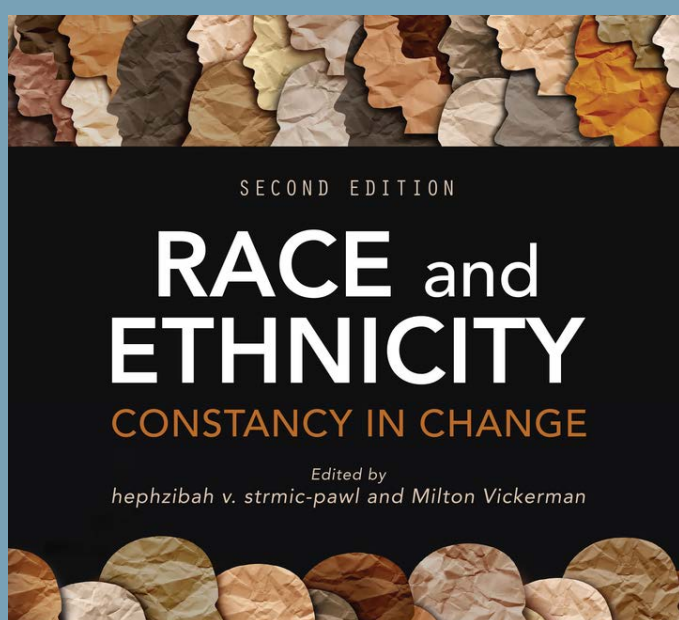
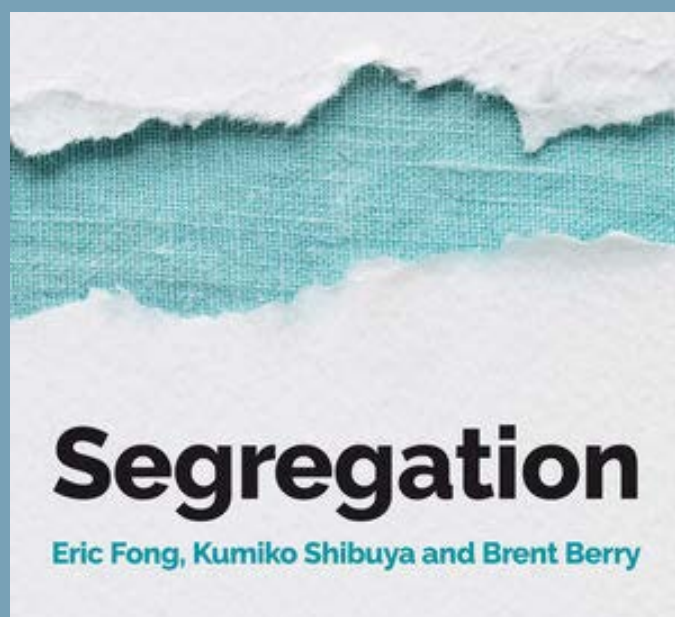
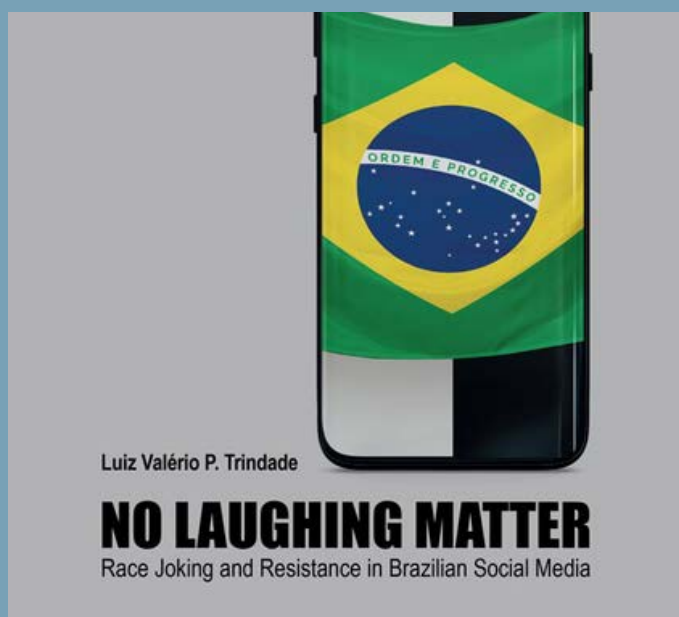
Dr. Luiz Valério P. Trindade | Independent Researcher Recently Published Book: [No laughing matter: Race Joking and Resistance in Brazilian social media](#). 2020. Vernon Press.

Teresa Irene Gonzales | University of Massachusetts Lowell Recently Published Book: [Building a Better Chicago: Race & Community Resistance to Urban Redevelopment](#). 2021. NYU Press.

hephzibah strmic-pawl | Manhattanville College Recently Published Book: [Race and Ethnicity: Constancy in Change](#), 2nd Edition. 2022. Cognella.

Kyla Walters | Sonoma State University Recently Published Book: [Walking Mannequins: How Race and Gender Inequality Shape Retail Clothing Work](#) (co-authored with Joya Misra). 2022. University of California Press.

Eric Fong | University of Toronto Recently Published Book: [Segregation](#) (co-authored with Kumiko Shibuya & Brent Barry). 2022. Polity Press.



RECENT BOOKS

UPLIFTING THOUGHTS & VICTORIES

What was a challenge your overcame during the pandemic?

Make space for joy in your day,
however big or small it may be.

Jennifer (Jenni) Mueller

Skidmore College

Active learning is possible no matter which modality our classes take. Lately I've enjoyed lively discussions using activities peppered with simple prompts and "2-minute brainstorms" to provide students space to think and write, similar to an in-person think-pair-share activity. I've learned it's best practice to say the prompt twice and post it in the Zoom chat.

Lizette G Solorzano

University of Southern California

The best advice given to me during this season was to take small steps and take them one at a time; to celebrate those small victories that nobody sees, yet are forming not only my scholarship, but also my character.

Lizette G Solorzano

University of Southern California

Overcame? Few. Worked on?
Self love!

Anthony James Williams

UCLA

I wrote my dissertation with a toddler at home during a global pandemic!

Lizette G Solorzano

University of Southern California



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"If you are silent about your pain, they'll kill you and say you enjoyed it." - Zora Neale Hurston

Kimberly Martinez Phillips

Memorial University Newfoundland and Labrador