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EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D. in Sociology
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2015 M.A. in Sociology
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2012 B.S. in Psychology and B.A. in German
University of Georgia, Honors Program
Magna Cum Laude with High Honors

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

intersectionality, digital sociology, race/ethnicity, gender, and social movements.

PUBLICATIONS

- Brown, Melissa.** 2019. Book review. *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 1-4.
- Brown, Melissa.** 2018. "Her father tried to explain to her the numbers..." *Nothing to Lose But Our Chains: Black Voices on Activism, Resistance, and Love* edited by White, Marvin K. Justice Matters Press: San Francisco, CA.
- Brown, Melissa.** 2017. "The Sociology of Antiracism in Black and White." *Sociology Compass* 11(2): 1-11.
- Brown, Melissa, Ray Rashawn, Summers Ed, and Fraistat Neil.** 2017. "#Sayhername: A Case Study of Intersectional Social Media Activism." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40(11):1831-46.
- Ray, Rashawn, Melissa Brown, Neil Fraistat, and Edward Summers.** 2016. "Ferguson and the Death of Michael Brown on Twitter: #Blacklivesmatter, #Tcot, and the Evolution of Collective Identities." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40(11):1797-1813.
- Brown, Melissa.** 2017. "Black Feminism and Social Justice Movements." *How the Obama Presidency Changed the Political Landscape* edited by Walker, Larry J., F. Erik Brooks, and Ramon Goings. Praeger: Santa Barba, CA.

Brown, Melissa. 2017. "Race and social media." & "Race and masculinity" *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, 2nd edition edited by G. Ritzer.

Brown, Melissa. 2016. "Social Media and Activism against Racial Inequality." *People of Color in the United States: Contemporary Issues in Education, Work, Communities, Health, and Immigration* edited by Kofi Lomotey, Pamela Braboy Jackson, Muna Adem, Paulina X. Ruf, Valire Carr Copeland, Alvaro Huerta, Norma Iglesias-Prieto, and Donathan L. Brown. Greenwood: Westport, Connecticut.

Laybourn, W.M., **Brown, Melissa**, and Ray, R.(forthcoming). "ATLiens: OutKast and the Presentation of Regional Masculinities." *OutKasted Conversations: OutKast and the Hip Hop South*.

RESEARCH BRIEFS & PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

Brown, M. 2018. "#SayHerName: A Case Study of Intersectional Social Media Activism." *Contexts Magazine*.

Brown, M. 2016. "Drop-outs vs. hold-outs." *Contexts Magazine*. pp. 5.

Brown, M. 2016. "Contexts Quicklit: Digital sociology" *Contexts Blog*. (<https://contexts.org/blog/contexts-quicklit-digital-sociology/>)

Brown, M. 2015. "Flash-mob Movements." *Contexts Magazine*. pp. 6.

Brown, M. 2015. "Neoliberal mothering." *Contexts Magazine*. pp.5.

Brown, M. 2015. "Terrified." *Contexts Magazine*. pp.5.

Brown, M. 2015. "Protest works" *Contexts Blog* (<https://contexts.org/articles/protest-works/>)

Brown, M. 2015. "Academic terms on the rise in google-land." *Contexts Blog*. (<http://contexts.org/blog/academic-terms/>).

Brown, M. 2015. "Quicklit: Whiteness in the us." *Contexts Blog* (<http://contexts.org/blog/quicklit-whiteness-in-the-us/>).

Brown, M. 2016. "Research Brief: Collateral Damage to Health from Invasive Police Encounters in New York City." (<http://www.racismreview.com/blog/2016/09/05/research-brief-collateral-damage-health-invasive-police-encounters-new-york-city/>)

Brown, M. 2016. "Research Brief: Reframing Race and Policing as a Public Health Issue" (<http://www.racismreview.com/blog/2016/07/18/research-brief-race-policing-public-health/>)

POSITIONS HELD

2019 - Present	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University
2017- 2018	Strategic Research Intern, Policy, Research, and International, AARP
2017- 2019	Research Assistant, African American History, Culture and Digital Humanities, University of Maryland, College Park
2015 – 2018	Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
2015 – 2016	Research Assistant, Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, Uniformed Services University of Health Science
2015	Research Assistant, Research Policy, AERA
2013	Research Assistant, Minority Affairs and Research on the Discipline and Profession, ASA
2010	Research Assistant, The Leadership Alliance, Mind, Culture, & Society Lab, Department of Psychology, Stanford University
2009 – 2012	Research Assistant & Center of Undergraduate Research Opportunities Summer Fellow, Culture, Diversity & Intergroup Relations Lab, Department of Psychology, University of Georgia

TEACHING POSITIONS

2019	Instructor, Black Middle Class, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
2018	Instructor, Social Movements, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
2016	Co-Instructor, Black Social Movements, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
2016	Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Gender, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park

2015 Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Race, Department of Sociology,
University of Maryland, College Park

2013 - 2015 Teaching Assistant, Human Societies, Department of Sociology,
University of Maryland, College Park

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018 BSOS Dean's Research Initiative, College of Behavioral and Social
Sciences, University of Maryland

2016 William H. Form Summer Research Fellowship, Department of
Sociology, University of Maryland

Pepsi Enhancement Fund (in conjunction with Critical Race
Initiative)

2nd Place in Oral Presentation on Policy, Graduate Research
Appreciation Day

2012 Diversity Fund Undergraduate Registration Award, Society of
Personality and Social Psychologists

2011 Best Undergraduate Research Poster, Society of Southeastern Social
Psychologists

Judge Horace B. Russell Prize for Best Undergraduate Paper in
Psychology, University of Georgia.

2008 National Achievement Scholarship

University of Georgia One Scholarship

Atlanta Jamaica Association Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2018 Brown, M. "The Jezebel Speaks: Black Women's Erotic Labor in the Digital
Age." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
Philadelphia, PA. August.

Brown, M. "Mercator of the Trap: Black Orality and the Naming of Place."
Global Digital Humanities Symposium. East Lansing, MI. March.

- Brown, M. "Mercator of the Trap: Black Orality and the Naming of Place." Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD. February.
- Brown, M. "The Jezebel Speaks: Black Women's Erotic Labor in the Digital Age." Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD. February.
- 2017 Brown, M. "Trapped in the Matrix: An Analysis of Intersectional Social Media Activism." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal. August.
- Brown, M. "Student Forum Workshop. Teaching In Our Contemporary Moment." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal. August.
- Brown, M. "Trapped in the Matrix: An Intersectional Analysis of Social Network Sites Activism." Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA. February.
- 2016 Brown, M. "Student Forum Workshop Session. Building a Career Network: A Student's Guide to Networking at Conferences and Beyond." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle. August.
- Brown, M. "#BlackLivesMatter: The Evolution of Social Media Identity." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle. August.
- Brown, M. "#BlackLivesMatter: The Evolution of Social Media Identity." Digital Blackness Conference. Rutgers University, April.
- Brown, M. "Trapped in the Matrix: Intersectionality in Social Media Activism" Graduate Research Appreciation Day. University of Maryland College Park, April.
- Brown, M. "#BlackLivesMatter: The Evolution of Social Media Identity." Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA, March.
- 2015 Brown, M. "My Mother's Child: Family Structure, Race, Class and Adulthood Socioeconomic Outcomes." University of Maryland College Park, April.
- 2012 Brown, M., Goren, M. J., & Plaut, V. C. "Black Stereotypes in Reality Television and the Reinforcement of Prejudiced Attitudes." Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, January.
- 2011 Brown, M., Goren, M. J., & Plaut, V. C. "Black Stereotypes in Reality Television and the Reinforcement of Prejudiced Attitudes." Annual Meeting

of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Johnson City, TN, October.

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 “Black Digital Studies in the Twenty-First Century Academy” Race, Technology, and 21st Century Inequality. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA. August.
- 2017 “Supporting Research: Digital Black Culture Archives for the Humanities and Social Sciences” Digital Blackness in the Archive: A Documenting the Now Symposium. Ferguson, MO. December.
- “Theory, Ethics, Social Media.” *Five College Blended Learning Initiative*. Amherst, MA, August.
- “Intersectionality and Critical Race Theory: A Dialogue.” Parren J. Mitchell Symposium. University of Maryland, April.
- “Black Cyberfeminism.” Oshkosh Women’s Center. February.
- 2016 “A Brief History of Black Feminism.” Maryland Humanities. Baltimore, July.
- “The Power of Narrative in the Virtual Public Square.” Baltimore Stories: Narratives and The Life of An American City. Baltimore, June.
- 2015 “Black Lives Matter: The Evolution of a Social Media Identity.” Phillip Merrill College of Journalism Colloquium. University of Maryland, College Park, MD, October.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Departmental Service—University of Maryland

- 2013 – 2018 Black Feminist Thoughts Series, Co-Coordinator
Critical Race Writing Workshop, Co-Coordinator
Social media coordinator, Critical Race Initiative
- 2015 – 2016 Graduate student team member and writer, *Contexts Magazine*
- 2014 – 2015 Website representative, Graduate Student Forum

Extramural Service

Present	Member, American Sociological Association
2015 - 2017	Editorial Board Member, <i>Issues in Race & Society</i> , Association of Black Sociologists
	Member, Eastern Sociological Society
2011 - 2014	Member, Society of Social and Personality Psychologists
	Member, Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists
2008 - 2012	Abeneefoo Kuo Honor Society

REFERENCES

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Rashawn Ray, PhD, rjray@umd.edu

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