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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017- Present Chair, Department of Sociology
- 2013- Present Associate Professor of Sociology  
Connecticut College, New London, CT.  
\*Associated Faculty, Gender and Women's Studies  
\*Associated Faculty, Africana Studies  
\*Associated Faculty, American Studies
- 2009- 2012 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Connecticut College, New London, CT.  
\*Associated Faculty, Gender and Women's Studies
- 2004-2009 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL.

### EDUCATION *(by year conferred)*

- 2004 PhD, Sociology, The University of Georgia
- 2000 M.A., Sociology, The University of Georgia
- 1998 B.A., Sociology, Seton Hall University  
Minor: Spanish  
\* Graduated Magna Cum Laude

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Race, Class, and Gender  
Marriage and the Family  
Social Psychology

### COURSES TAUGHT *(\* Indicates split-level course with undergraduate and graduate students.)*

Ethnic and Race Relations \*  
Race, Gender, and the Mass Media \*  
Sociology of Racial Identity \*  
Sociology of Inequality \*  
Middle-Class Minorities  
Introduction to Sociology  
Marriage and the Family  
Sex, Gender and the Social Order \*

Sociology of African American Society  
Social and Cultural Change

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Books***

McClure, Stephanie and Cherise A. Harris (eds). 2018. *Getting Real About Race* (Second Edition). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

McClure, Stephanie and Cherise A. Harris (eds). 2015. *Getting Real About Race: Hoodies, Mascots, Model Minorities, and Other Conversations* (First Edition). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Harris, Cherise A. 2013. *The Cosby Cohort: Blessings and Burdens of Growing Up Black Middle Class*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

### ***Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles***

Harris, Cherise A. and Kristie A. Ford. Forthcoming. "‘Where’s Your Man?’: Intersectionality in the Adoption Stories of Two Black, Single Female Sociologists." *Michigan Family Review*.

Khanna, Nikki and Cherise A. Harris. 2015. "A Rebuttal to Jack Niemonen’s ‘Wither the White Working Class?’" *Teaching Sociology* 43, 3: 242-245.

Khanna, Nikki and Cherise A. Harris. 2015. "Discovering Race in a ‘Post-Racial’ World: Teaching Race through Primetime Television." *Teaching Sociology* 43, 1: 39-45.

Harris, Cherise A. and Keisha Edwards Tassie. 2012. "The Cinematic Incarnation of Frazier’s *Black Bourgeoisie*: Tyler Perry’s Black Middle-Class." *Journal of African American Studies* 16, 2: 321-344.

Harris, Cherise A. and Nikki Khanna. 2010. "Black Is, Black Ain’t: Biracials, Middle-Class Blacks, and the Social Construction of Blackness." *Sociological Spectrum* 30: 1-32.

Khanna, Nikki and Cherise A. Harris. 2009. "Teaching Race as a Social Construct: Two Interactive Class Exercises." *Teaching Sociology* 37, 4: 369-378.

Harris, Cherise. 2002. "Who Supports Welfare Reform and Why." *Race, Gender, and Class* 9, 1: 96-121.

### ***Book Chapters***

Harris, Cherise A. 2018. "'I’m Not Racist—Some of My Best Friends Are ...': Debunking the Friends Defense and Revisiting Allyship in the Post-Obama Era." In *Getting Real About Race* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), edited by Stephanie McClure and Cherise A. Harris, Sage Publications.

Harris, Cherise A. 2018 (2015). "'I’m Not Racist—Some of My Best Friends Are ...': The Shift from Being a ‘Friend’ to Becoming an Ally." Pp. 281-294 in *Getting Real About Race*:

*Hoodies, Mascots, Model Minorities, and Other Conversations*, edited by Stephanie McClure and Cherise A. Harris, Sage Publications.

Harris, Cherise A. and Stephanie McClure. 2015. "But My Mother Says It's Rude To Talk about Race!": How and Why We Need to Discuss Race in the United States." Pp. 3-14 in *Getting Real About Race: Hoodies, Mascots, Model Minorities, and Other Conversations*, edited by Stephanie McClure and Cherise A. Harris, Sage Publications.

Harris, Cherise A. and Kerry Ann Rockquemore. 2010. "Multicultural Perspectives of Self and Racial/ Ethnic Identity." Pp. 243-278 in *Adolescence: Development During a Global Era*, edited by Margaret Beale Spencer, Dena Phillips Swanson, and Malik C. Edwards.

Harris, Cherise. 2005. "Crossing Legs and Opening Doors (An Exercise in Gender Socialization)." Pp. 6-8 in *Teaching Sociological Concepts and the Sociology of Gender. Second Edition*. Marybeth C. Stalp and Julie Childers (Eds.). Washington D.C.: American Sociological Association. Noted as "one of the top 50 most downloaded resources of the Teaching Resources and Innovations Library of Sociology [TRAILS] for 2010-2011."

#### ***Online Published Materials***

Harris, Cherise A. 2012. "The Chronicle of Higher Ed's Naomi Schaefer Riley: Tyranny of White Privilege." *Racism Review* (May 7). [www.racismreview.com](http://www.racismreview.com). (Site averages 200,000 separate viewers per month.)

#### ***Articles in Progress***

Harris, Cherise A. "The Reproductive Implications of the Marriage Squeeze on Single, Heterosexual, Black Middle-Class Women." To be submitted to *Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships*.

Harris, Cherise A. "Simple Chart, Complex Lessons: A 'Periodic Table' for Teaching Inequality." To be submitted to *Teaching Sociology*.

Harris, Cherise A. "Racial, Post-Racial, and Transracial Narratives in NBC's *This Is Us*." To be submitted to *Journal of Popular Film & Television*.

### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

#### ***Professional Conferences***

2016 Harris, Cherise A. and Kristie A. Ford. "Intersectionality in the Adoption Stories of Two Black, Single, Female Sociologists." The Adoption Initiative Conference, Montclair, New Jersey.

2015 Harris, Cherise A. and Kristie A. Ford. "Intersectionality in the Adoption Stories of Two Black, Single, Female Sociologists." The Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, New York.

2015 Mouzon, Dawne M. and Cherise A. Harris. "Race and Social Class Differences in Women's Perceived Marital and Motherhood Opportunities." The

Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, New York.

- 2013 Harris, Cherise A. "The Reproductive Implications of the Marriage Squeeze for Single, Heterosexual, Black Middle Class Women." The Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2013 Khanna, Nikki and Cherise A. Harris. "Teaching White Privilege Through an Analysis of Primetime Television." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2011 Harris, Cherise A. "The Consequences of Black Exceptionalism: When You Don't Get to Be Just a Kid." The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2010 Harris, Cherise A. and Keisha Edwards Tassie. Tyler Perry's Black Middle Class." The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2010 Harris, Cherise A. and Keisha Edwards Tassie. "Tyler Perry's Depiction of Middle-Class Blacks: A Sociological Perspective." The Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2009 Harris, Cherise A. and Nikki Khanna. "Black Is, Black Ain't: Biracials, Middle-Class Blacks, and the Meaning of 'The Black Community.'" The Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.
- 2008 Harris, Cherise A. "Is Cultural Capital Always Positive?: Black Middle-Class Children and the Weight of Assimilation." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, Virginia.
- 2007 Harris, Cherise A. "The Blessing and the Burden: Black Middle-Class Children Climbing the Ladder of Upward Mobility." The Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2006 Dalmage, Heather M., Cherise A. Harris, and DaShelle T. Frazier. "Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Citizenship, Class and Sexual Orientation (GRECCSO): Intersecting Locations of Privilege, Power and Domination." The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2006 Harris, Cherise. "Having Privilege and Finding a Place: Racial Identity Development Among Black Middle-Class Children." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.

- 2003 Harris, Cherise. "Oreo Trauma: Race, Class, and Identity Among the New Black Middle Class." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2000 Harris, Cherise. "Work Requirements and Time Limits: Understanding Public Support for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families." The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Washington, D.C.
- 2000 Harris, Cherise. "Explaining TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Policy: A Black Feminist Approach to Understanding the Meaning of Work." The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1999 Khanna, Nikki D., Cherise Harris, and Rana Cullers. "Attitudes Toward Interracial Dating." The Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, Illinois.

***Invited Lectures and Engagements***

- 2017 **Invited Lecturer**, "Understanding Power and Privilege in Early Childhood Education (or How Not to Lose Business, Your Job, or Damage a Child Because You Said Something Dumb)." January 16, Carelot Children's Centers. Norwich, CT.
- 2013 **Keynote Speaker**, "This Ain't *The Cosby Show*: What it *Really* Means to Grow Up Black Middle Class." April 19, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociological Honor Society Induction Ceremony, The University of Vermont. Burlington, VT.
- 2012 **Invited Panelist**, "Serving Strategically and the Art of Saying 'No.'" March 22, *The Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society*. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2012 **Invited Panelist**, "Defining on Our Own Terms: Perceptions of Masculinity and Femininity in the Black Community." February 18, *17<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Solidarity Conference*, Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut.
- 2011 **Featured Speaker**, "Race, Class, and Gender Dysfunction in Tyler Perry's Black Middle-Class." February 22, Connecticut College (Gender Grubs Series). New London, Connecticut.
- 2009 **Keynote Speaker**, "The Love and Trouble Tradition: Black Male-Female Relationships." February 26, Loyola University- Chicago. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2008 **Keynote Speaker**, "The Love and Trouble Tradition: Black Male-Female Relationships." November 12, Roosevelt University Black Student Union, "Black Love Week," Chicago, Illinois.

- 2008 **Talk Show Panelist**, *Perspective*. Topic: "The Role of Race in Politics." Show aired: October 19, My50Chicago, Channel 8. Taped in Chicago, Illinois.
- 2008 **Conference Guest Speaker**, *Engage: Civic Education and Action Training Conference*. Session entitled, "Minorities Disengaged: Minorities and their Significance in the Presidential Election." Sponsored by Illinois Campus Compact and the McCormick Foundation. September 5, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2007 **Guest Speaker**, "Sister to Sister: A Discussion about the Relations between Women of Different Ethnic Backgrounds." September 27, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2007 **Featured Speaker**, "Exploring the Marriage Squeeze: What Will Black Middle-Class Women Do?" December 19, Roosevelt University Faculty Research Presentation, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2007 **Keynote Speaker**, "The History of Black Male-Female Relationships." February 1, University of Georgia and Georgia Institute of Technology Alumni Event, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2003 **Featured Speaker**, "Somebody a Black Kid Could Hang Out With: Animated Children's Programs featuring African-American Characters." February 5, Peabody Awards Screening, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### *Service to the College or University*

- 2017- present **Task Force Member for Faculty Bias Policies**, Office of the Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion, Connecticut College.
- 2016- present **Residential Education Fellows (REF) Program**, Office of the Dean of the College.
- 2009- present **Steering Committee Member**, Africana Studies, Connecticut College.
- 2016-2017 **External Review Report**, Department of Sociology, Connecticut College.
- 2017 **Search Committee**, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, Department Head Hire (Professor), Connecticut College.
- 2016 **Search Committee**, Department of Sociology and Environmental Studies, Joint Hire (Assistant Professor), Connecticut College.
- 2014- 2016 **Co-Faculty Coordinator**, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) Program, Connecticut College.

- 2015 **Invited Speaker**, "Minding the Gap: Collective Space and Racial Separation (A Conversation with Professor Cherise Harris)," November 17, Connecticut College.
- 2015 **Invited Speaker**, "The Cosby Controversy: No Joke," November 11, Connecticut College.
- 2015 **Keynote Address**, "Dr. Harris' Practical Tips for Conn Success," August 27, Genesis Luncheon, Connecticut College.
- 2010- 2014 **Auntie**, S.H.E. (Share, Hear, and Empower) Program, Connecticut College.
- 2010- 2014 **Member**, Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) Advisory Board, Connecticut College.
- 2009- 2014 **Steering Committee Member**, Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE), Connecticut College.
- Fellow, 2013-2014.
- 2012- 2013 **Member**, Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) Organizing Committee, Connecticut College.
- 2010-2013 **Invited Participant**, Posse Retreat, Connecticut College.
- 2010- 2011 **Member**, Institutional Review Board (IRB), Connecticut College.
- 2013 **Invited Panelist**, "Dealing with Editors," March 6, Connecticut College, Research Matters series.
- 2012 **Invited Panelist**, "What If the Secret of Success Was Failure?," October 31, Connecticut College, Residential Education Fellows (REF) Program.
- 2011 **Invited Panelist**, "Time Management: Developing Accountability in your Research Program," October 28, Connecticut College, Research Matters series.
- 2011 **Invited Panelist**, "Reflections on Rejection: How to Cope with Failure, Critique, and Exclusion," October 18, Connecticut College, Residential Education Fellows (REF) Program.
- 2011 **Featured Speaker**, Campus Discussion on *The Help*, October 4, Connecticut College Women's Center.
- 2011 **Invited Guest Speaker**, "Choosing and Applying to Graduate School," May 19, Connecticut College, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) workshop.

- 2011 **Invited Guest Speaker**, "Who Are You? Identity in Literature and Culture" (taught by Michael Reder, English), May 4, Connecticut College, FYS 141A course. Gave lecture on Toni Morrison's, *The Bluest Eye*.
- 2011 **Participant**, Women's Day Celebration, March 7, Connecticut College, sponsored by Gender and Women's Studies (GWS).
- 2011 **Invited Panelist**, "Black Education in America," February 16, Connecticut College.
- 2010 **Participant and Faculty Chaperone**, Chicago TRIP for Architecture 325: Gender in Architecture (Faculty Sponsor: Abigail Van Slyck), Oct. 7-10, Connecticut College. TRIP included a Chicago-area Conn alumni and parents reception where I represented the Conn faculty.
- 2010 **Invited Panelist**, "Connecticut College Students' Attitudes about Discussion: Implications for Critical Thinking and Diversity," May 25, Connecticut College, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL).
- 2009 **Invited Panelist**, "When Intent is Irrelevant: Racial 'Microaggressions' in the Classroom," November 6, Connecticut College, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL).
- 2006- 2009 **Member**, Curriculum Committee, Roosevelt University.
- 2006- 2009 **Co-coordinator and Panelist**, Roosevelt University's Annual Ph. D Workshop. Workshop explains to students how to find and apply to a doctoral program.
- 2005- 2009 **Advisor**, Black Student Union, Roosevelt University.
- 2005- 2009 **Affiliated Faculty**, Women's and Gender Studies, Roosevelt University.
- 2004- 2009 **Advisory Board Member**, The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation, Roosevelt University.
- 2005 **Contributor**, Chicago Tribune article, "Girl Guides: It's Sister's Day When We Pause to Honor Our Closest Advisers, " August 7, article written by Priya Laroia Valenti.
- 2003 **Teaching Assistant Mentor**, Teaching and Lab Assistant Orientation, University of Georgia.

***Service to the Department***

Honor's Theses (Connecticut College)

- 2015 **Reader**, Jessica (Jesse) Kannam, "Impact of Community Organizations on Racial Equality in Boston Schools." American Studies Program.



Independent Studies (Connecticut College)

2010 **Chair**, Sarah Murphy, "Minority And Disadvantaged Youth In Swimming Programs: A Case Study in the Life Skills Learned Through Sport and a Call to Action to Extend Access to 'Country Club Sports' to All Youth." Department of Sociology.

Master's Theses (Roosevelt University)

2007- 2008 **Chair**, Katherine Barker, "Gender and the Media: Hillary Clinton and the 2008 Presidential Election." M.A. Thesis, Sociology.  
**Chair**, Keith Jones, "I Only Date Guys That Look Like Me: Race and Sexuality in the LGBT Community." M.A. Thesis, Sociology.  
**Chair**, Yolanda Yvette Branham, "Romantic Partner Selection among Biracial Women." M.A. Thesis, Women's Studies.  
**Chair**, Shannon Hackett, "Veronica Mars: A New Representation of Heroism in the Third Wave Era." M.A. Thesis, Women's Studies.  
**Chair**, D. Jonelle Geib, "Portrayals of Teenage Girls in 1980's Sitcoms." M.A. Thesis, Women's Studies.  
**Reader**, Dana Clark, "Third-Wave Feminism in *Sex and the City*." M.A. Thesis, Women's Studies.

***Service to the Discipline***

2016- Present **Editorial Board**, *Teaching Sociology*

2015 **Session Co-Organizer** (with Dawne M. Mouzon), "Examining Reproductive Choices: Black Middle-Class Women, Single and Living Alone (SALA)." Session for the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, New York.

2015- Present **Reviewer**, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

2014- Present **Reviewer**, *Gender & Society*

2014- Present **Reviewer**, *Women's Reproductive Health*

2013- Present **Reviewer**, *The Sociological Quarterly*

2012- Present **Reviewer**, *American Sociological Review*

2011- Present **Reviewer**, *The DuBois Review*

2009- Present **Reviewer**, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*.

2007- 2008 **Member of Planning Committee**, 2008 Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society in Richmond, VA. **Co-organized** session (with Dawne Mouzon, Rutgers University), "Trends and Dynamics in Families of Color."

**AWARDS, FUNDING, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2013            **Fellow**, Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE). AY 2013-2014
- 2012            **Recipient**, The Helen Mulvey Faculty Award (for excellence in teaching), \$2000 in research funding, Connecticut College.
- 2012            **Recipient**, Research Matters Grant, \$2000, Connecticut College.
- 2009- 2012    **Recipient**, R. F. Johnson Faculty Development Fund and Hodgkin Untenured Faculty Development Fund. (Fall and Spring semesters), Connecticut College.
- 2009            **Recipient**, Advisor of the Year for Black Student Union, Roosevelt University.
- 2006-2007    **Fellow**, Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation, Roosevelt University. Selected to direct speaker series in conjunction with the Department of Sociology. Four colloquia given this year by Aldon Morris, Larry Bennett, Mary Pattillo (McCoy), and Dorothy Roberts.
- 2003- 2004    **Graduate School Dissertation Completion Assistantship**, University of Georgia. Competitive university-wide fellowship awarding \$15,000.
- 2003- 2004    **Teaching Assistant Mentor**, University of Georgia. Competitive university-wide fellowship awarding \$1000.
- 2003            **Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**, University of Georgia.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS** (*Past and Present*)

American Association of University Professors  
American Sociological Association (Sections: Race and Ethnicity; Race, Class, and Gender; Teaching and Training)  
Association of Black Sociologists  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Faculty Success Program (Sponsor: National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity)  
Midwest Sociological Society  
National Council of Negro Women  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Southern Sociological Society

## REFERENCES

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**Dr. David L. Brunsmad, Professor of  
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