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EDUCATION

- 2016 – Present Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology
Anticipated Graduation Date – May 2019
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2015 M.A. in Sociology
Graduation Date – May 2015
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2012 B.S. in Psychology and B.A. in German
Graduation Date – May 2008
Magna cum laude with High Honors
University of Georgia, Honors Program

POSITIONS HELD

- 2017- present University of Maryland, College Park
Research Assistant, African American History, Culture and Digital Humanities (AADHUM)
- 2015 – present University of Maryland, College Park
Research Assistant, Department of Sociology
- 2015 – 2016 Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine
Research Assistant, Department of Medicine
Uniformed Services University of Health Science
- 2015 Harvard EdLabs
College Coach, McKinley Technical High School
- 2015 American Educational Research Association
Research Assistant, Research & Research Policy
- 2013-2015 University of Maryland, College Park
Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology
- 2013-2014 University of Maryland, College Park
Mentor, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences
- 2013 American Sociological Association Executive Office
Research Assistant, Minority Affairs and Research on the Discipline and Profession
- 2011 University of Georgia
Center of Undergraduate Research Opportunities Summer Fellow
Department of Psychology
- 2010 Stanford University, The Leadership Alliance
Research Assistant, Mind, Culture, & Society Lab
Department of Psychology
- 2009-2012 University of Georgia

Research Assistant, Culture, Diversity & Intergroup Relations Lab
Department of Psychology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social media, collective identities, social movements, social problems, social stratification, sociology of gender, sociology of race, intersectionality, social psychology.

COURSES TAUGHT

Teaching Assistant: Human societies; Sociology of Race; Sociology of Gender; Black Social Movements

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2016 William H. Form Summer Research Fellowship
- 2016 Pepsi Enhancement Fund (in conjunction with Critical Race Initiative)
- 2016 2nd Place in Oral Presentation on Policy
Graduate Research Appreciation Day. University of Maryland.
- 2012 Diversity Fund Undergraduate Registration Award.
Society of Personality and Social Psychologists.
- 2011 Best Undergraduate Research Poster.
Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists.
- 2011 Judge Horace B. Russell Prize for Best Undergraduate Paper in Psychology.
University of Georgia.
- 2008 University of Georgia One Scholarship
- 2008 Atlanta Jamaica Association Scholarship
- 2008 National Achievement Scholarship
- 2008 National Merit Scholarship Corporation

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- Brown, M. (2017). "The Sociology of Antiracism in Black and White."
Sociology Compass 11(2): 1-11.
- Brown M, R. Ray, E. Summers, and N. Fraistat. (forthcoming) "Trapped in the Matrix: An analysis of intersectional social media activism. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- R. Ray, M. Brown, E. Summers, and N. Fraistat. (forthcoming) "'Ferguson and the Death of Michael Brown on Twitter: #BlackLivesMatter, #TCOT, and The Evolution of Collective Identities" *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

Chapters

- Brown, M. (forthcoming). "Black Feminism and Social Justice Movements."
How the Obama Presidency Changed the Political Landscape.
- Laybourn, W.M., Brown, M., and Ray, R. (forthcoming). "ATLiens: OutKast and the

Presentation of Regional Masculinities." *OutKasted Conversations: OutKast and the Hip Hop South*.

Encyclopedia Entries

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

Magazine Articles

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

Blogs and Media

- 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/>)
- Brown, M. 2016. "How My Black Father Taught me to be a Feminist." *The Huffington Post*. (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/melissa-brown/black-feminist-fatherhood_b_10561040.html)
- Brown, M. 2016. "The key piece on missing from police reform conversations." (<http://www.gradient.is/the-key-piece-missing-from-police-reform-conversations/>)
- Brown, M. 2016. "'Lemonade' is a womanist manifesto." *Revelist*. (<http://www.revelist.com/real-talk/lemonade-womanism-essay/1978>)
- Brown, M. 2016. "Contexts Quicklit: Digital sociology" *Contexts Blog*. (<https://contexts.org/blog/contexts-quicklit-digital-sociology/>)
- 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/](http://contexts.org/blog/quicklit-whiteness-in-the-us/)).

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

- 2017 Collins, P.H., B. Dill, C. Steele, J. Bickerstaff and Brown, M. "Intersectionality and Critical Race Theory: A Dialogue." Parren J. Mitchell Symposium. University of Maryland, April.
- 2017 Brown, M. "Conferencing and Networking." University of Maryland. March.
- 2017 Brown, M. "Black Cyberfeminism." Oshkosh Women's Center. February.
- 2017 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 "Student Forum Workshop Session. Building a Career Network: A Student's Guide to Networking at Conferences and Beyond"
Seattle, August.
- 2016 Brown, M. "#BlackLivesMatter: The Evolution of Social Media Identity." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
Seattle, August.
- 2016 Brown, M. "A Brief History of Black Feminism." Maryland Humanities.
Baltimore, July.
- 2016 Brown, M. "The Power of Narrative in the Virtual Public Square."
Baltimore Stories: Narratives and The Life of An American City.
Baltimore, June.
- 2016 Brown, M. "#BlackLivesMatter: The Evolution of Social Media Identity."
Digital Blackness Conference. Rutgers University, April.
- 2016 Brown, M. "Trapped in the Matrix: Intersectionality in Social Media Activism"
Graduate Research Appreciation Day.
University of Maryland College Park, April.
- 2016 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.
- 2015 Brown, M. "Black Lives Matter: The Evolution of a Social Media Identity."
Phillip Merrill College of Journalism Colloquium. University of Maryland,
College Park, MD, October.
- 2012 Brown, M., Goren, M. J., Plaut, V. C., & Thomas, K. M. "Black stereotypes in reality television and the reinforcement of prejudiced attitudes." Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium, Athens, GA, 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.

- 2011 Brown, M., Goren, M. J., Plaut, V. C., & Ratti, H. "Black stereotypes in reality television and the reinforcement of prejudiced attitudes." Annual University of Georgia Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium, Athens, GA, March.
- 2011 Brown, M., Goren, M. J., Plaut, V. C., & Ratti, H. "Black stereotypes in reality television and the reinforcement of prejudiced attitudes." Annual University of Georgia Convention of the Behavioral Sciences, Athens, GA, March.
- 2010 Brown, M., Fu, A.S., & Markus, H.R. "Culture and the Conception of Failure." Annual Meeting of the Leadership Alliance Summer Research. Early Identification Program, East Brunswick, New Jersey, August.
- 2010 Brown, M., Goren, M. J., & Plaut, V. C. "Colorblind theory and diversity attitudes." Annual University of Georgia Convention of the Behavioral Sciences, Athens, GA, March.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Departmental Service—University of Maryland

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

University and College Service - University of Maryland

- 2014 – 2015 Social media coordinator, University of Maryland Dining Services

Extramural Service

- Member: American Sociological Association (2013 to present)
- Eastern Sociological Society (2015 to present)
- Society of Social and Personality Psychologists (2011 to 2014)
- Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists (2011 to 2014)
- Abeneefoo Kuo Honor Society (2008 to 2012)