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EDUCATION

2017	B.A., Sociology University of Maryland—College Park College Park, MD
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Racial Disparities in Health	Social Demography
Racial and Ethnic Inequality	Health Policy

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Bijou, Christina. **Skin Color, Discrimination, and Mental Health among African Americans and Caribbean Americans**

Balasca, Coralia and Christina Bijou. **Lingering Questions: Race, Health, and the Role of NGOs in Ohio.**

REPORTS

Balasca, Coralia, Christina Bijou, and Davon Norris. 2018. “Mental Health, Addiction, and Trauma: Stigma, Studies, & Statistics” Report prepared for the PEER Center. Columbus, OH.	April 2018
Norris, Davon, Coralia Balasca, and Christina Bijou. 2018. “Addressing Community Opposition: Strategies to Combat NIMBYism” Report prepared for the PEER Center. Columbus, OH.	April 2018

PANELS & PRESENTATIONS

Balasca, Coralia and Christina Bijou. “Lingering Questions: Race, Health, and the Role of NGOs in Ohio” The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Austin, TX.	April 2019
Bijou, Christina. “The Middle Class of Color: Colorism in the Middle Class” The End of the World as We Know It?, 87th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.	February 2017
Bijou, Christina. “Single Adults Living Alone (SALA) in the Black Middle Class; Colorism in the Middle Class” #BlackSociologyMatters: Scholarship and Activism in Response to Injustice, 46th Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Memphis, TN.	October 2016

RESEARCH, SERVICE, & INTERNSHIPS**PEER CENTER, VOLUNTEER/RESEARCHER | Columbus, OH****February 2018-Present***Christina Bijou, Coralia Balasca, & Davon Norris | NIMBYism & Community Outreach*

The PEER Center is a Columbus-based mental health wellness center that focuses on promoting improving mental health within local communities by providing social, material, and nutritional help to those in need.

- Collaborated with PEER Center leaders to develop and reach organizational goals
- Researched techniques for combating community-level pushback (NIMBYism) to improve outreach
- Researched community-level needs to improve community support
- Compiled and presented relevant statistics on addiction and mental wellness in Ohio

WORKING CLASS INTELLECTUALS PODCAST SHOW, MEDIA**July 2016-May 2017****PRODUCTION LEAD | College Park, MD***Dr. Joseph Richardson | African American Studies Department*

This show actively works to spread knowledge about the working-class experience through different mediums and to a wider audience

- Handled logistical concerns, including scheduling and coordinating featured guests
- Assisted in the creation of marketing tools
- Secured venues for the show's taping
- Assisted Dr. Richardson in getting his show started through planning and coordination

THE CRITICAL RACE INITIATIVE, RESEARCH ASSISTANT | College Park, MD Summer**May 2016-May 2017***Dr. Kris Marsh | Single and Living Alone (SALAs) in the Black Middle Class*

This study is an original data collection effort that analyzes the wealth, health, neighborhood choices, and dating practices of Single and Living Alone Adults (SALAs) in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

- Collected original data as part of a larger and ongoing research project
- Conducted face-to-face interviews and distributed surveys to respondents
- Transcribed and coded interviews for reoccurring themes
- Analyzed and interpreted survey data using SPSS
- Created a poster presentation reporting the results of the study

Dr. Rashawn Ray & Dr. Kris Marsh | Implicit Bias and Policing Practices

This study investigates implicit bias among police officers in Prince George's County and assesses their opinions of policing and body-worn cameras ahead of new policy changes.

- Facilitated retention and ensured participation
- Conducted in-depth interviews with police officers
- Assisted with the collection and security of data

Dr. Rashawn Ray | Structure and Culture: Media Representations of Black Boys' Educational Outcomes

This study examines how the mainstream media frames the educational outcomes of African American boys.

- Coded newspaper articles from the top twenty newspaper in the nation
- Organized data into variable categories using excel
- Analyzed data in STATA and conducted quantitative analyses
- Presented findings to a team of researchers
- Produced honors thesis based on study findings

SUMMER RESEARCH INITIATIVE, SCHOLAR | College Park, MD**Summer 2016***Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) | College of Behavioral and Social Sciences*

This is a highly competitive and intensive research program that prepares participants for graduate school through a combination of hands on experience and professional seminars.

- Developed research project on the Black middle class—*The Black Middle Class and Colorism*
- Presented research project at program reception
- Attended professional development seminars
- Participated in a three-course workshop on R Studio

CHILDREN OF COLOR LAB, RESEARCH ASSISTANT | College Park, MD**October 2015-May 2016***Dr. Sophie Aiyer | African American Studies Department*

This is a qualitative study exploring the connection between socioemotional development and the prevalence of delinquency in African American male adolescents.

- Collaborated with a team of assistants to investigate factors contributing to adolescent delinquency
- Compiled relevant literature and created literature reviews on delinquency and childhood development
- Coded and analyzed data from interview transcripts
- Identified and interpreted patterns and relationships among coded variables

AWARDS

Undergraduate Researcher of the Year, 2017 Undergraduate Researcher of the Year Competition, University of Maryland College Park (Winner)

April 2017

“Women in the Workforce: The View of Women as Domestically Oriented” 2016 Undergraduate Paper Competition, Association of Black Sociologists (Winner, 1st place).

September 2016

Dean’s List, University of Maryland College Park

Fall 2015-Spring 2017**DEPARTMENTAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Session Chair. **“Racial Inequality in the United States”** The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Austin, TX.

April 2019

Committee Member. Sociology Graduate Student Association: Mentoring Committee, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.

March 2018-

Volunteer. **“Pushing the Boundaries of Population Health Science: Social Inequalities, Biological Processes, and Policy Implications”** The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences. Washington, DC.

October 2018

Committee Member. Sociology Graduate Student Association: Office Committee, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.

Sep. 2017-**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Sociological Association
- Population Association of America
- Association of Black Sociologists