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EDUCATION:

2019

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Ph.D., Sociology

Dissertation: "Power, Privilege, and Peril: Governing in a Suburban Majority Black and Middle-Class County—a Regional Perspective"

Dissertation committee: Chenoa Flippen (chair), Dorothy Roberts, Karyn Lacy, and Daniel Gillion

2015

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

M.A., Sociology

Thesis: "Black-White Racial Stratification among Neighborhoods: Parenting Effects in the Cleveland, Ohio, Metropolitan Area"

2006

University of Texas-Austin, Austin, Texas

M.A. Public Policy, Barbara Jordan Fellow

Thesis: "Charter Schools: Are They Effective at Closing the Black-White Academic Achievement Gap?"

2004

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia

B.A., Government, Sharpe Community Service Fellow

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Race/racism, Black middle class, suburbs, metropolitan areas, political economy, social policy, fiscal policy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2019- Assistant Professor, Sociology Department and Urban Studies Program, Barnard College-Columbia University

2006-2013 Presidential Management Fellow and Legislative Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the United States President

PUBLICATIONS:

Simms, Angela. 2021. "Black Jurisdictions and Budget Constraints: How Fiscal Footing Shapes Fighting COVID-19." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, forthcoming.

Simms, Angela. 2019. "The 'Veil' of Racial Segregation in the 21st Century: The Suburban Black Middle Class, Public Schools, and Pursuit of Racial Equity." *Phylon* 56(1): 81-110.

Simms, Angela and Elizabeth Talbert. "Racial Residential Segregation and School Choice: How a Market-Based Policy for K-12 School Access Creates a 'Parenting Tax' for Black Parents." *Phylon* 56(1): 33-57.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW:

Simms, Angela. "The Suburban Black Middle Class and Public Schools: Promise Amidst Fiscal Precarity. Russell Sage Foundation (selected to submit to special issue)

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Simms, Angela. *The Suburban Black Middle-Class: Promise amidst Fiscal Precarity*, book project

Simms, Angela and Ankit Rastogi. "Whites' Resource Hoarding in Metropolitan Areas: Measuring the 'Relative Regional Burden' Black Jurisdictions Bear," being prepared for *City & Community*

Simms, Angela. "The Black Middle Class and the Weights of Linked Fate in the Age of Neoliberalism," being prepared for *Social Forces*

PRESENTATIONS:**2020**

"Whites' Resource Hoarding in Metropolitan Areas: Measuring the 'Relative Regional Burden' Black Jurisdictions Bear." Presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Session on "Urban Issues: Inequality, Institutions, and Place," August 9

"Methods for Doing Policy-related Research." Presented at Inequality and Policy Online Workshop, Columbia Population Research Center, April 3

2019

"The 'Color Line' in the 21st Century: Pursuing Social Justice Despite Persistent White Resistance to Integration." Presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August

"Power, Privilege, and Peril: The Suburban Black Middle Class, and Metropolitan Area Inequities." Presented at Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting, August

2018

"Power, Privilege, and Peril: Governing in a Majority Black and Middle-Class County." Presented in University of Pennsylvania Urban Studies Graduate Student-Faculty Colloquium Series, November

"Power, Privilege, and Peril: Governing in a Majority Black and Middle-Class County." Presented at Metropolitan Policy Center, American University, September

"Competing for a Slice of the Pie: Fiscal Politics in a Majority Black and Majority Middle Class Suburban County." Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August

"Racial Residential Segregation and School Choice: How a Market-Based Policy for K-12 School Access Creates a 'Parenting Tax' for Black Parents." Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August

"Power, Privilege, and Peril: Class Politics in a Majority Black and Middle-Class Suburb." Presented at University of Pennsylvania Fels Policy Research Initiative Doctoral Student Seminar Series, March

"Can We Move on Up Together?: The Constraints Black Policy Officials Face as They Pursue Economic Development and Socio-Economic Inclusion in a Suburban County." Presented at Symposium Examining Race and Economic Inequality on the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of W.E.B. Du Bois and the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Clark Atlanta University, February

"Sankofa and Pan African Solidarity: The Political Conditions Necessary for Unity." Presented at 60th

Anniversary of the All African People's Conference, 1958-2018, Lincoln University, January

2017

“School Choice, Neoliberalism, and Racial Inequality: How Black and White Parents Manage Schooling in the Cleveland, Ohio, Metropolitan Area.” Presented at Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Cluster at the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, April

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

2018

University of California, Berkeley, Center for Engaged Scholarship, Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention

University of Pennsylvania, School of Arts and Sciences, Dissertation Completion Fellowship

University of Pennsylvania, Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship

2017

University of Pennsylvania, Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship

University of Pennsylvania, School of Arts and Sciences, Dissertation Research Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

American Sociological Association; Sections on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Community and Urban Sociology, and Political Sociology

Association of Black Sociologists

Association for Public Policy and Management

Earth Institute, Environmental Justice and Climate Justice Cities Network, Columbia University

Eastern Sociological Society

Columbia Population Research Center

National Center for Professional Development and Diversity

The Du Boisian Scholar Network

COURSES TAUGHT:

Undergraduate

Race, Ethnicity & Society (lecture)

Metropolitics of Race and Place (lecture)

Suburbs, Racism, and the U.S. Opportunity Structure (seminar)

Advanced Topics in Race and Ethnicity (seminar)

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING:

Thesis Advisor

Brianna Sturkey (2019-2020)

Sociology Major Advisor

Amber Chong

Edidiong Emily Ndiokho

Catherine Todd

Saraly Vargas

SERVICE:**Barnard College****2021**

Committee member, Urban Studies Program, Faculty Search Committee (environmental justice)

Committee member, Undesign the Redline project showing racism's effects on New York City's political economy

Committee member, Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), Selection Committee for Robin Williams Lecturer

Panel Organizer, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, "The Suburban Black Middle Class in Metropolitan Area Context"

Committee member, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Program Committee

2020

Moderator, 2020 Cooper-Walsh Colloquium: "The Impact of the Financial Crisis on Urban Environments: Past, Present, and Future," Fordham University, October 16

Interviewer, "ThirdSpace@," Barnard virtual community for community safety, economic security, and access to education, September 15

University of Pennsylvania

Executive committee member, Fontaine Society for Under-represented Doctoral Students, 2013-2018

Mentor, Nana Adjeiwaa-Manu, 2017-present

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Workshop facilitator, "Why Does 'Blackness' Matter?": The Socio-historical Context of Racism in America," for civic organizations and academic institutions, July 2020-present

Workshop facilitator, "Race in the Black Atlantic," Pan-African Connections, 2016 to 2018

High school mentor, Jubilee Housing Teen Program, Washington, D.C., 2008 to 2012

MEDIA:

2020

Quoted in “Blackfishing, Influencers and Cancel Culture: A Tangled Web,” by Jill Donato, *Huffington Post*, August 20

2019

Co-authored op-ed “Trump’s Shutdown Will Hit Black Americans the Hardest,” *Huffington Post*, January 4

Interviewed on “Monday Morning QB,” WPFW-FM, Washington, D.C., regarding effects of December 2018-January 2019 federal government shutdown on Black Americans, January 14