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Curriculum Vitae  
(May 2021)

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology. University of Minnesota (April 2021)

Dissertation: *Roses and Revolution: Black Sororities' Responses to the Black Feminist Movement 1968-1980.*

Graduate Instructor

Research Assistantship with American Mosaic Project

Ph.D. Candidate. Sociology. University of Pittsburgh (2012-2015)

K. Leroy Irvis Fellow

Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellow

Ph.D. certificate in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

M.A., Sociology, June 2012. Ohio University

M.A. Thesis: *To Serve All Mankind: How Women in Graduate Chapters of a Black Greek Letter Organization Sorority Balance Work, Family, and Civic Engagement*

B.A., African American Studies, June 2010. Ohio University

Minor: Sociology

### PUBLICATIONS

2020. Squires, Catherine and Aisha A. Upton. "Redesigning a Pocket Monument: A Reparative Reading of the 2016 \$20 Bill Controversy." *Racialized Media is Designed, Delivered, and Decoded*. Ed. Emma Lesser and Matthew Hughey. New York University Press

2018. Squires, Catherine and **Aisha A. Upton**. "The Color of Money, or, How to Redesign a 'Monument in Your Pocket'" at *Humanity and Society*.

2017. **Upton, Aisha A.** and Joyce M. Bell "Women's Activism in the Civil Rights Movement." For *the Oxford Handbook of U.S. Women's Social Movement Activism*. Edited by Holly McCammon, Lee Ann Banaszak, Verta Taylor, and Jo Reger.

2017. **Upton, Aisha A.** and R.L. Reece "How Skin Tone Shapes Civic Engagement Among Black Americans." *Color Struck: How Race and Complexion Matter in the "Color-Blind"*

*Era*. Edited by Lori Latrice Martin, Hayward Derrick Horton, Cedric Herring, Verna M. Keith, and Melvin Thomas.

### *Forthcoming*

2020. Upton, Aisha A. and Jalia Joseph. "Exploring the Black Feminist Imagination." *Black Feminist Sociology*. Ed. Whitney Pirtle and Zakiya Luna.

Upton, Aisha A. "Black Fraternities and Sororities Social Activism." *African American Activism and Political Engagement: An Encyclopedia of Empowerment*. Ed. Angela Jones.

### *Under Review*

Upton, Aisha. "Black Sororities Interactions with the Black Feminist Movement: Respectability and Interstitial Politics" Under review at *Mobilization*.

Upton, Aisha A. "'Enhancing Human Dignity Here and Around the World': The Black Sorority As International Uplift Movement." Under Review at *Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism*.

### *In Preparation*

Joseph Jalia L. and Aisha A. Upton. "Through the Critical Race Looking Glass: Prioritizing Race in Social Movement Literature." *The Racial Structure of Sociological Thought*. Ed. Jennifer C. Mueller and Victor Ray. Book manuscript in preparation, full manuscript invited for submission to university press fall 2019.

Upton, Aisha A. "Wherever Pressure is Needed: The National Council of Negro Women and Civil Rights Activism"

Upton, Aisha A. "Black Voluntary Associations and the Complexity of Black Civic Engagement." In preparation for submission to peer reviewed journal.

Upton, Aisha "Jackie, I love you...but I need you to stop talking about race: Youtube Beauty Vloggers and Race."

### *Book Reviews*

2018. Upton, Aisha A. "The Earth, the City, and the Hidden Narrative of Race." *Humanity and Society*.

2019. Upton, Aisha A. "Heroic women of the Black freedom struggle review essay." *The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics, and Culture*.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Black Sororities Interactions with the Black Feminist Movement” at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York. 2019.

“New Findings on Rates and Determinants of Black Volunteering” at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. 2018.

“Jackie, I love you but...I need You to Stop Talking About Race: Beauty Vloggers and Race” at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal. 2017.

“Extraordinary Activism in 140 Characters: Black Women and Bridge Leadership in the #BlackLivesMatter Movement” at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, 2016.

“The Revolution Will be Tweeted. An Examination of Bridge Leadership on Twitter.” at Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting. Chicago. 2015.

“A Black Sorority’s Responses to the Black Feminist Movement” at Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Chicago. 2015

“The Sociology of Black Civic Engagement” at Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting. Charlotte. 2014.

“Another Shift: How Members of a Black Greek Letter Organization Sorority Balance Work, Family and Civic Engagement” Roundtable session at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, 2013.

“BGLO Sororities and Counterhegemonic Community Work” at Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting. New York. 2013.

“How Women in Graduate Chapters Balance Work, Family, and Civic Engagement” at North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh. 2012.

“To Serve All Mankind: How Women in Graduate Chapters Balance Work, Family, and Civic Engagement” at Ohio University Department of Sociology and Anthropology Brownbag for second year Graduate Cohort. Athens. 2011.

“Community Organizing and Nation Building Black Greek Letter Organizations at a Historically and Predominately White Institution” at the International Conference of Qualitative Inquiry. Champaign-Urbana. 2011.

## **AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Society for the Study of Social Problems Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship: Honorable Mention. 2016

Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, University of Minnesota 2016

Sociology Department Fellowship, University of Minnesota 2015

Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2015

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Diversity Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2015

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Travel Grant, University of Pittsburgh 2015

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Diversity Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2014

Elizabeth Baranger Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Pittsburgh 2013-2014

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Diversity Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2013

Enhanced K. Leroy Irvis Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2012-2013

Ohio University Research and Creativity Expo First Place Prize, Ohio University 2012

Beyond Confinement Research and Creative Activity First Place Prize, Ohio University 2009

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### Instructor:

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Macalester College. 2020.

Progress and Identity: Race Gender and Social Movements, Macalester College. 2020.

Foundations of Critical Race Theory, St. Catherine University. 2020.

Comparative Historical Methods, Macalester College. 2019

Social Movements, Macalester College. 2019

Sociology of Sexuality, Macalester College. 2019

Principles and Concepts of Sociology, St. Catherine University. 2019

Social Theory, St. Catherine University. 2019

Qualitative Methods, St. Catherine University. 2019.

Afrofuturism: Decolonizing the Imagination, St. Catherine University. 2019.

Social Theory, St. Catherine University. 2018.

Challenging Oppressions. St. Catherine University. 2018.

Women's Issues, Global Perspectives. St. Catherine University. 2018.

Principles and Concepts of Sociology, St. Catherine University. 2018.

Race, Class, and Gender. University of Minnesota. 2018.

Sociology of Sexuality. University of Minnesota 2017.

Progress and Identity: Race, Gender, and Social Movements, Macalester College 2017

Sexuality, Macalester College 2016  
Race, Class, Gender, University of Minnesota 2016  
Social Theory, University of Pittsburgh 2015  
Race, Gender, and Development, University of Pittsburgh 2014-2015  
Sociology of Gender, University of Pittsburgh 2014

Teaching Assistant:

Race, Class, Gender, University of Minnesota 2018  
American Race Relations, University of Minnesota 2017  
Introduction to Sociology, University of Pittsburgh 2013-2014  
Black Media, Ohio University 2010-2011

Related Teaching Experience:

Co-advising of Senior Honors Thesis: Co-advised senior student, Jade Richardson on her senior honors thesis *Perceptions and Uses of 'Nigger' and 'Nigga' Among Black College Students*. University of Pittsburgh, 2014.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE**

Professional Affiliations:

American Sociological Association  
Association of Black Sociologists  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Midwest Sociological Society

Professional Service:

Graduate Student Representative. American Sociological Association Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity.

Organizer. American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities. 2017.

Roundtable Organizer. American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities 2016

Graduate Student Representative. American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities 2015

Program Committee. American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities 2015

University:

President. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Organization, University of Pittsburgh 2014-2015

Department of Sociology Postdoctoral Fellowship selection committee. University of Pittsburgh, 2015

Member. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Council (2012-2015)  
Member. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Organization  
(2013-2014)  
Member. Sociology Graduate Student Organization (2013-2015)

### **SELECTED PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Blogger and Curator of the “Race” page for *The Society Pages* (2015)

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
YWCA Young Leaders Board Member, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh.  
Membership Chair 2013-2015