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## EDUCATION

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- PhD** University of California, Berkeley, CA. Sociology, 2008.  
**MA** University of California, Berkeley, CA. Sociology, 2004.  
**BA** Spelman College, Atlanta, GA. Sociology and Anthropology, 2001, *summa cum laude*.

## POSITIONS

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**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ. Department of African American Studies.

Associate Professor. Sept 2017 – present.

Assistant Professor. Aug 2014 – Aug 2017.

Faculty Affiliate: Program in the History of Science; Center for Health and Wellbeing;  
Department of Sociology; Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies;  
Program in Global Health and Health Policy (Executive Committee Member).

**Institute for Advanced Study**, Princeton, NJ.

Member. School of Social Science. Sept 2016 – July 2017.

**University of Witwatersrand**, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Honorary Research Affiliate. Centre for Indian Studies in Africa. Sept 2014 – present.

**Boston University**, Boston, MA.

Assistant Professor. Sociology and African American Studies. July 2010 – June 2014.  
Faculty Affiliate: History & Philosophy of Science; African Studies; American Studies.

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA.

Visiting Faculty Fellow. Program on Science, Technology, & Society. Sept '12 – May '13.

**University of California**, Los Angeles, CA.

Postdoctoral Fellow. Center for Society and Genetics. Sept 2008 – Sept 2010.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

Benjamin, Ruha. 2013. *People's Science: Bodies & Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier*. Stanford University Press.

Select Reviews: American Journal of Sociology; British Journal for the History of Science; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; New Genetics and Society; Humanity and Society; Contemporary Sociology.

Benjamin, Ruha. *Race After Technology*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press (under contract).

### Edited Volume

Benjamin, Ruha, ed. *Captivating Technology: Reimagining Race, Resistance and Carceral Technoscience*, Durham, NC: Duke University Press (under contract).

### Refereed Articles

Benjamin, Ruha. 2018. Cultura Obscura: Race, Power, and 'Culture Talk' in the Health Sciences. *American Journal of Law and Medicine*, Invited special issue, edited by Bridges, Keel, and Obasogie. In-press.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2018. Prophets and Profits of Racial Science. *Kalfou: A Journal of Comparative and Relational Ethnic Studies*, Invited special issue, edited by Keel and Lipsitz. In-press.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2016. Catching Our Breath: Critical Race STS and the Carceral Imagination. *Engaging Science, Technology and Society*, Vol. 2: 145-156.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2016. Informed Refusal: Toward a Justice-based Bioethics. *Science, Technology, and Human Values*, Vol. 4, Issue 6: 967-990.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2016. Racial Fictions, Biological Facts: Expanding the Sociological Imagination through Speculative Methods. *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* Vol. 2, Issue 2: 1-28.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2015. The Emperor's New Genes: Science, Public Policy, and the Allure of Objectivity. *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Vol. 661: 130-142.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2014. Race for Cures: Rethinking the Racial Logics of 'Trust' in Biomedicine. *Sociology Compass*, Vol. 8, Issue 6: 755-769.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2011. Organized Ambivalence: When Stem Cell Research & Sickle Cell Disease Converge. *Ethnicity & Health*, Vol. 16, Issue 4-5: 447-463.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2009. A Lab of Their Own: Genomic Sovereignty as Postcolonial Science Policy. *Policy & Society*, Vol. 28, Issue 4: 341-355.

### Refereed Chapters

Benjamin, Ruha. and Leslie Hinkson. 2017. What do we owe each other? Moral Debts and Racial Distrust in Experimental Stem Cell Science. Ch 6 in *Subprime Health: Debt and Race in U.S. Medicine*, Ehlers and Hinkson, eds. University of Minnesota Press.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2015. Racial Destiny or Dexterity? The Global Circulation of Genomics as an Empowerment Idiom, Ch10 in *Reimagining Biomedicalization, Pharmaceuticals, and Genetics: Old Critiques and New Engagements*. Susan E. Bell and Anne Figert, eds. Routledge.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2012. Organized Ambivalence: When Stem Cell Research & Sickle Cell Disease Converge, in *Genetics & Global Public Health: Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia*, Simon Dyson & Karl Atkin, eds. Routledge.

### **Essays and Reviews**

Benjamin, Ruha. 2016. Innovating Inequity: If Race is a Technology, Postracialism is the Genius Bar. Review of *Are We All Postracial Yet?* by David T. Goldberg, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* Vol. 39, Issue 13: 1-8.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2016. Designer and Discarded Genomes: An Experiment with Speculative Methods Over Time. *e-flux*, invited special issue, edited by Beatriz Colomina & Mark Wigley, online: <http://www.e-flux.com/architecture/superhumanity/66875>

Benjamin, Ruha and Ian McGonigle. 2016. Molecularization of Identity: Science and Subjectivity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. *Genetics Research*, Vol. 98, Issue 12: 1-5.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2016. Review of *Body and Soul: The Black Panther Party and the Fight Against Medical Discrimination* by Alondra Nelson. *Humanity & Society* Vol. 40, Issue 2: 204-206.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2016. Interrogating Equity: A Disability Justice Approach to Human Gene Editing. National Academies of Science, *Issues in Science and Technology* Vol. 32, Issue 3: 51-54.

Benjamin, Ruha. 2014. Conjuring Differences, Concealing Inequality. Review of *Racecraft: The Soul of Inequality in America* by Karen Fields and Barbara Fields. *Theory & Society* Vol. 43, Issue 6: 683-688.

### **In-preparation**

Benjamin, Ruha. *The Emperor's New Genes*. Book manuscript.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & GRANTS**

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Princeton University President's Award for Distinguished Teaching, 2017.

Princeton University Bicentennial Preceptorship, Endowed Award for Junior Faculty, 2017.

Institute for Advanced Study Sabbatical Fellowship, 2016-17.

Center for Health and Wellbeing Summer Mini-Research Grant (\$6,373), 2016.

Princeton Council on Science and Technology Documentary Film Mini-Grant (\$3,000), 2016.

Princeton University Lewis Center for the Arts Symposium Grant (\$45,000) 2015-16.

Princeton University David A. Gardner '69 Magic Project Grant (\$35,500) 2015-16.

American Council for Learned Societies Sabbatical Fellowship, 2012-13.

National Science Foundation, Graduate Student Fellowship, 2004-07.

California Institute for Regenerative Medicine Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2006-07.

Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Diversity Graduate Fellowship, 2002-05.

## TEACHING

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### Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

Political Bodies: The Social Anatomy of Power and Difference, ongoing.

Black to the Future: Science, Fiction, and Society, ongoing.

Race is Socially Constructed: *Now What?*, ongoing.

### Boston University, Boston, MA.

Technology, Policy, and Society (Fall 2013 w/ Prof. Charles DeLisi, Biomedical Engineering)

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (Fall 2010)

Science, Race, and Society (Fall 2010 - Fall 2012)

Race, Ethnic, and Minority Relations, Spring 2011 - Spring 2014

### University of California, Los Angeles, CA.

Race, Science, and Citizenship. Sociology and Society & Genetics (Spring 2009)

Political Sociology of Science. Public Policy and Society & Genetics (Spring 2010; co-instructor)

Center for Society & Genetics Undergrad Research Opportunity (Sept '09 - June '10; advisor)

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited talks

#### 2018—

UC San Diego Science Studies Program Graduate Student Choice Speaker | San Diego, CA, 5/30.

UC San Diego Ethnic Studies and Sociology, Invited speaker | San Diego, CA, 5/31.

Virginia Tech, *TechnoLogics: Power and Resistance* Conference, Invited keynote | Roanoke, VI, 5/4.

Cooperative Association for Special Education, Invited keynote | DuPage, IL. 3/2.

Association for Independent Schools of New England, Invited keynote | Beverly, MA, 1/24.

Creating Balance in an Unjust World Conference on Mathematics Education and Social Justice, “Decolonizing STEAMM Education”, Invited keynote | San Francisco, CA 1/13.

#### 2017—

New York State Association for Computers and Technology in Education, Invited keynote | Albany, NY, 12/1.

Rowland Foundation Annual Conference, Invited keynote | Burlington, VT, 10/26.

Massachusetts Computer Using Educators Annual Meeting, Invited keynote | Foxboro, MA, 10/25.

Northwest Association for Independent Schools Annual Conference, Invited keynote | Tacoma, WA, 10/13.

53rd Annual Nobel Conference, Gustavus Aldophus College, “Reproductive Technologies: How Far Can We Go?” Invited Lecture, “Informed Refusal: Towards a Justice-based Bioethics.” | Saint Peter, MN, 10/3.

University of Pennsylvania Annenberg School for Communication, Invited speaker | Philadelphia, PA, 9/8.

Society for the Social Studies of Science “Engaged STS” Plenary Session, Invited panelist | Boston, MA, 9/1.

American Sociological Association, Invited panel. “Designer and Discarded Genomes: Experimenting with Speculative Methods and Imaginative Sociology” | Montreal, Canada, 8/12.

Rosemont College Ethics and Emerging Medical Technologies Symposium, Invited speaker, “Informed Refusal: Towards a Justice-based Bioethics.” | Rosemont, PA, 4/21.

American University of Cairo “Beyond Buzzwords: Innovation, Inequality, and Imagination in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Research Week Keynote Speaker | Cairo, Egypt, 4/6.

Georgia Institute of Technology “Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation After the Genome” Symposium with Alondra Nelson, Invited speaker | Atlanta, GA, 4/4.

Johns Hopkins University Berman Institute of Bioethics, Invited lecture. “Informed Refusal: Towards a Justice-based Bioethics.” | Baltimore, MD, 3/27.

American Society of Association Executives, Invited speaker | Orlando, FL, 3/6.

MobilizeGreen Annual Conference, Invited keynote, “Beyond Buzzwords: Innovation, Inequality, and Imagination in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” | Oakland, CA, 3/2.

New York University National Student Affairs Conference, Invited keynote, “Getting to the Heart of Higher Education.” | New York, NY, 2/17.

US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Invited speaker, “Rethinking Racism: Apples, Orchards, and Planting Seeds of Change.” | Robbinsville, NJ, 2/15.

Boston University School of Law “Critical Race Theory and the Health Sciences”, Invited panelist, “Cultura Obscure: Race, Power and ‘Culture Talk’ in the Health Sciences” | Boston, MA 1/20.

## **2016—**

Yale University Department of Sociology Colloquium, Invited lecture, “Race for Cures: Rethinking the Racial Logics of ‘Difference’ in the Life Sciences.” | New Haven, CT, 12/7.

Columbia University *Precision Medicine: Ethics, Politics, & Culture* Seminar, Invited lecture. “Can the Subaltern Genome Code? Innovation & Equity in the Era of Precision Medicine.” | NYC, 11/12.

UCLA *In the Interests of Justice: Bringing Theory into Practice* Colloquium, Invited lecture, “The Emperor’s New Genes: Race, Science, Justice, and the Allure of Objectivity.” | LA, CA, 10/27.

University of Minnesota *Inst for Advanced Study*, Invited keynote, “Can the Subaltern Genome Code? Envisioning Innovation & Equity in an Era of Personalized Medicine.” | Minneapolis, MN, 9/29.

University of Pennsylvania *Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy*, Invited lecture. “Informed Refusal: Towards a Justice-based Bioethics.” | Philadelphia, PA, 9/20.

Brandeis University *Health: Science, Society, and Policy Program* and *African and Afro-American Studies* Colloquium, Invited lecture. “The Emperor’s New Genes...” | Waltham, MA, 9/13.

American Sociological Association Thematic Session, “Science, Movements, and Social Inequality,” Invited panelist. | Seattle, WA, 8/22.

International Society for Technology and Education, Invited keynote. “Playing the Game or Hacking the System?” | Denver, CO 6/28.

University of Toronto *Wilson Centre Brian D. Hodges Symposium*, Invited keynote. “Envisioning Innovation & Equity in an Era of Personalized Medicine.” | Toronto, 5/26.

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Invited keynote. “The Emperor’s New Genes: Race, Science, Justice, and the Allure of Objectivity.” | Princeton, NJ 4/15.

Yale University *Science, Race, & Social Justice Distinguished Lecture Series*, Invited lecture. “The Emperor’s New Genes: Race, Science, Justice, & the Allure of Objectivity.” | New Haven, CT, 4/5.

National Patient-Centered Clinical Trial Research Network *Building Public Trustworthiness Meeting*, Invited keynote. “Culturing Trustworthiness.” | Washington DC, 3/28.

University of Pennsylvania Anthropology Colloquium, Invited lecture. “Black Extinction...and Regeneration: An ethnography of the future.” | Philadelphia, PA, 3/14.

Rutgers University Mark Conference, Invited lecture. “Playing the Game or Hacking the System? Empowering Students as Agents of Change.” | New Brunswick, NJ 3/5.

National Association of Independent Schools, Invited keynote. “Women in Technology: Playing the Game or Hacking the System?” | San Francisco, CA, 2/26.

## 2015—

National Academies of Science *International Summit on Human Gene Editing*, Invited panelist. “Interrogating Equity in Human Genetic Engineering.” | Washington DC, 12/3.

American Anthropological Association *Executive Session*, Invited panelist. “Informed Refusal: Salvaging the Capacity to Talk Back.” | Denver, CO 11/21.

Columbia University *Alternative Ethnographies Seminar*, Invited lecture. “Writing the Future: Reimagining Race, Science, and Subjectivity in 2064.” | New York, NY 11/6.

Association for Independent Schools in New England, Invited keynote. “Race Unplugged: Moving Beyond Media Sound Bites.” | Chelmsford, MA, 11/2.

Drexel University *Center for Science, Tech & Society Colloquium*, Invited lecture. “Star Trek Meets the Black Panthers: Experimenting with STS In & Outside the Academy.” | Philadelphia, PA, 10/29.

Rutgers University *Institute for Health, Health Care Policy & Aging Research Colloquium*, Invited lecture. “Innovation, Health Equity, and the Sociological Imagination.” | New Brunswick, NJ 10/15.

Johns Hopkins University *Henrietta Lacks Memorial Lecture*, Invited Keynote. | Baltimore, MD, 10/10.

European Students’ Conference on *Science or Fiction? Imagine the Future of Medicine*, Invited keynote. “Back to the Future: What are we forgetting as medicine moves forward?” | Berlin, Germany, 9/24.

Pan European Healthcare Summit, Invited keynote. “Envisioning Equity & Innovation in an Era of Personalized Medicine.” | Dublin, Ireland, 9/22.

25th Anniversary of Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section Conference, Invited plenary. “Catching Our Breath: SKAT and the Carceral Imagination.” | Chicago, IL, 8/21.

Emory University *Biotech and the Ethical Imagination: A Global Summit*, Distinguished faculty speaker, “Alienating Ethics.” | Atlanta, GA, 5/18.

National Endowment for the Humanities *Justice, Ethics, and Public Life Series*, Invited speaker. “Justice, Ethics, and Public Life.” | Princeton, NJ, 5/12.

University of California Santa Cruz *Science and Justice Center*, Invited speaker. “People’s Science: Bodies and Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier.” | Santa Cruz, CA, 5/6.

Princeton University Graduate Studies, Invited panelist. “BlkStudiesDigitalAge: Race, Digital Media, and Social Networks.” | Princeton, NJ 4/20.

College of New Jersey African American Studies, Invited lecture. “Discriminatory Design: Whose Future Are We Designing?” | Ewing, NJ, 4/9.

Eastern Sociological Association *Presidential Panel*, Invited panelist. “Current Debates Over Race, DNA, and Genetics.” | New York, NY, 2/28.

Eastern Sociological Association *Author Meets Critics*, Invited panelist. “Inequality in the Promised Land: Race, Resources, and Suburban Schooling” by L’Heureux Lewis-McCoy | NYC, 2/27.

Princeton Program on History of Science *Histories of the Future* Workshop, Invited panelist. “Black to the Future: Rethinking Race, Science, and Subjectivity.” | Princeton, NJ, 2/6 - 2/7.

TEDx, Invited speaker. “From Park Bench to Lab Bench: Whose Future Are We Designing?” | Baltimore, MD, 1/29.

Emory University *Center for Ethics*, Invited lecture. “Race for Cures: On the Racial Politics of ‘Difference’ in the Life Sciences.” | Atlanta, GA, 1/27.

**2014—**

MIT *Science, Technology, and Society* colloquium, Invited speaker. “Racial Destiny or Dexterity? The Global Circulation of Genomics as an Empowerment Idiom.” | Cambridge, MA, 12/8.

University of Pennsylvania *Program on Race, Science, and Society*, Invited speaker. “The Emperor’s New Genes: Mapping and Marketing Populations in a Global Context.” | Philadelphia, PA 10/29.

American Sociological Association *Critical Sociology Mini-Conference*, Session on Racism & Capitalism, Invited panelist. “The Post-Postracial Ethic & the Spirit of Biocapitalism.” | San Francisco, CA 8/18.

University of California Berkeley School of Law *Celebration of Troy Duster*, Invited panelist. “Front Door to Social Change.” | Berkeley, CA 8/15.

UC Humanities Research Inst & Wits Institute for Social & Economic Research *Archives of the Non-Racial* Workshop, Invited speaker. “Can the Subaltern Genome Code?” | Johannesburg, SA 6/30.

PBS and NOVA *Education Science Café*, Invited speaker. “People’s Science: Bodies and Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier.” | Cambridge, MA, 5/20.

National Human Genome Research Institute and Brooklyn Public Library, Invited panelist. “Sankofa Science: On the Legacy of Ms. Henrietta Lacks.” | Brooklyn, NY, 5/17.

15th Annual Conference for Undergrad Research & Creative Expression, Invited keynote. “Forgetting to Remember: When Too Much Data & Too Little Reflection Mix?” | Reading, PA 4/26.

Harvard University *Science, Identity & Ethnicity: States and Citizens in Global Knowledge Regimes*, Invited panelist. “Can the Subaltern Genome Code?” | Cambridge, MA 4/25.

Tufts University *Barack Obama and Democracy Annual Conference*, Invited keynote. “I Have a Nightmare: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Punishment.” | Medford, MA 4/18.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Graduate Women Annual Conference. Invited keynote. “Playing the Game or Hacking the System?” | Cambridge, MA, 4/17.

University of Vermont, Invited speaker. “Science as Storytelling: Culturing Race, Power, and Biology in the Petri Dish.” | Burlington, VT, 4/2.

Boston University *Discoveries Lecture Series*, Invited speaker. “People’s Science: Bodies and Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier.” | Boston, MA, 3/25.

University of Wisconsin *Contemporary Issues Lecture Series*, Invited speaker. “Race Unplugged: Beyond Sound Bites of Pundits, Politicians, and Pop Culture.” | Whitewater, WI, 3/10.

## 2013—

UC Irvine *Science & Its Publics: Emergent Forms of Public Engagement*, Invited panelist. “Civic & Cellular Potentiality: Biological Citizens & Defectors on the Stem Cell Frontier.” | Irvine, CA, 10/8.

University of Pretoria *Institute for Cellular and Molecular Medicine*, Invited speaker. “People’s Science: Bodies and Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier.” | Pretoria, South Africa, 9/13.

UCLA Institute for Society and Genetics Commencement Address, Invited speaker. “Biopolitical Citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” | Los Angeles, CA, 6/15.

Law and Society Annual Meeting *Author Meets Reader*, Invited panelist. “Race in a Bottle: The Story of BiDiI and Racialized Medicine in a Post-Genomic Age” by Jonathan Kahn. | Boston, MA, 6/1.

Texas A&M University *Reconsidering Race: Cross Disciplinary & Interdisciplinary Approaches*, Invited panelist. “Recasting Race, Provincializing Science.” | College Station, TX, 5/3.

Spelman College *Phi Beta Kappa Induction Ceremony*, Invited speaker. “Playing the Game or Hacking the System?” | Atlanta, GA, 4/27.

Boston University African Studies *Walter Rodney Lecture Series*, Invited speaker. “Sankofa Science: social histories, medical futures, & public participation on the stem cell frontier.” | Boston, 4/22.

University of California San Francisco *Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Invited Speaker. “People’s Science: Bodies and Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier.” | San Francisco, CA, 4/8.

Eastern Sociological Association *Author Meets Critics*, Invited panelist. “Body and Soul: The Black Panther Party and the Fight Against Medical Discrimination.” | Boston, MA, 3/23.

San Francisco State University *Health Equity Institute*, Invited speaker. “People’s Science: Bodies and Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier.” | San Francisco, CA, 3/18.

GA Tech *School of History, Technology & Society*, Invited speaker. “Sankofa Science: social histories, medical futures & public participation on the stem cell frontier.” | Atlanta, GA, 2/25.

Witwatersrand University *Institute for Social and Economic Research Public Symposium*, Invited panelist. “New Directions in Critical Race Theory.” | Johannesburg, South Africa, 2/8.

Nanyang Technological University *Biology, medicine, and race beyond the genome*, Invited panelist, “Racial Past as Postgenomics Prelude.” | Singapore, 1/17.

Association of American Law Schools *The Genes Speak: Reifying Race, Gender & Sex in the New Biopolitics*, Invited panelist. “Whose Body? What Rights? Struggles on the stem cell frontier.” | New Orleans, LA, 1/3.

## 2012—



American Sociological Association *Author Meets Critics*, Invited panelist. “Contested Reproduction: Genetic Technologies, Religion, and Public Debate” by John H. Evans. | Denver, CO, August.

WGBH and New Repertory Theatre *Spotlight Symposium Series*, Invited panelist. “Exploring David Mamet’s Comedy Race.” | Watertown, MA. 10/21.

UCLA *Biohistories: Biological Markers and Human Population in Historical Context*, Invited speaker. “Los más europeos: on persistence of whiteness in population genomics?” | LA, CA, May.

Harvard University *Program on Science, Technology and Society*, Invited panelist. “Architectures for Life” Science and Democracy Symposium. | Cambridge, MA, April.

## **2011—**

University of Amsterdam Conference on *Race/Whiteness in Comparative Perspective*, Invited panelist. “White Codes: Mapping Biological Race in the Postcolony.” | Amsterdam, Netherlands, Dec.

Center for Genetics and Society *Tarrytown Meetings*, Invited panelist. “Provincializing Science: Genomic Sovereignty & Mapping & Marketing of Ethnoracial Diversity.” | Tarrytown, NY, July.

Center for Genetics and Society *Tarrytown Meetings*, Invited panelist. “The Emperor’s New Drugs: Ethnic Niche Markets and Genomic Sovereignty After BiDil.” | Tarrytown, NY, July.

University of Warwick *Research Symposia on Postcolonial Cosmopolitanisms*, Invited panelist. “Provincializing Science: Racial Thought and Human Difference.” | Coventry, UK, May.

Harvard University *Program on Science, Technology and Society*, Invited speaker. “A Lab of Their Own: Genomic Sovereignty as Postcolonial Science Policy?” | Cambridge, MA, April.

Brown University *Race and Genomics Lecture Series*, Invited speaker. “Race for Cures: Mapping & Marketing Ethnoracial Diversity.” | Providence, RI, April.

## **2010—**

BU Colloquium for the History and Philosophy of Science, *Alfred I. Tauber Forum on Race Debate in Public Health Genomics*, Invited speaker. “Ethnic Drugs as Public Health?” | Boston, MA, Nov.

## **Scholarly conferences and other presenting roles**

### **2017—**

Labyrinth Books, *Fugitive Science* by Britt Rusert, Invited discussant | Princeton, NJ, May 3.

Princeton StudioLab *Rethinking Mass Incarceration Design Challenge* Speaker | Princeton, NJ, April 25.

Princeton University *African American Studies Graduate Student Conference* “The Mourning After: A Dreamer’s Guide to Staying Woke”, Invited keynote | Princeton, NJ, April 19.

*Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting* “‘Fixing’ the Future: Race, Technoscience, and the Carceral Imagination,” Panel organizer and presenter | Philadelphia, PA, Feb 25.

*Modern Language Association* “Candid Conversations”, Invited panelist | Philadelphia, PA, Jan 8.

### **2016—**

Institute for Advanced Study Fellows Talk, “The Emperor’s New Genes: Science, Race, Policy, and the Allure of Objectivity” | Princeton, NJ, Oct. 17.

Institute for Advanced Study Conversations, “Are Robots Racist?” | Princeton, NJ, Oct. 13.

Princeton University Center for Health and Wellbeing Mini-Conference. “The Emperor’s New Genes: Race, Science, Policy, and the Allure of Objectivity”, Invited participant | Princeton, NJ, Oct. 14.

American Sociological Association Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section “Science at the Margins” session, Invited presider | Seattle, WA, Aug 21.

Harvard University *Program on Science, Technology and Society*, Speaker. “Gene-editing or Shredding? A Disability Justice Approach to Imagining and Engineering Humanity” | Cambridge, MA, 4/29.

Harvard University *Program on Science, Technology and Society*, Conference co-organizer, discussant. “Molecularization of Identity: Science & Subjectivity in the 21st Cent.” | Cambridge, MA, 4/29-30.

Princeton University *Inequality Science Lecture Series*, Invited moderator. | Princeton, NJ, 4/20.

Columbia University *Graduate Student Conference*, Invited discussant. “Expertise from Margin to Center: Science, Politics, and Democracy.” | New York, NY, 4/15.

### **2015—**

25th Anniversary of Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section Conference, Session chairperson. “The Biopolitics of Genetics.” | Chicago, IL, 8/21.

Wenner-Gren Foundation *Workshop on Capacity Building*, Invited participant. “Hope and Insufficiency: Capacity Building in Ethnographic Comparison.” | Copenhagen, Denmark, 5/20-22.

UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Invited panelist. “Race, Gender, and Navigating the Academy.” | Berkeley, CA, 5/8.

Essex County College *Speculative Humanities: From Steampunk to Afrofuturism*, panelist. “Ferguson is the Future: Putting the Sociological Imagination to Work through Speculative Arts.” | Newark NJ, 5/11.

### **2014—**

National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, panelist. “Biopolitics versus Bioethics: On the Politics of Refusal.” | San Juan, Puerto Rico, 11/13.

University of Michigan *Institute for Research on Women and Gender* workshop, Invited participant. “Feminist Postcolonial Science and Technology Studies” | Ann Arbor, MI, 10/2-5.

Boston University Congressman Chaka Fattah Visit, Invited speaker, “Rethinking Innovation, Ethics, and Equity.” | Boston, MA, 4/24.

### **2013—**

American Studies Association *Life and Debt: Race, the American Healthcare System, & Race-Based Medicine*, Panelist. “People’s Science and ‘Race for Cures’ on the Stem Cell Frontier.” | Washington DC, 11/20.

Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, Panelist. “Can the Subaltern Genome Code? A Hacker’s Guide to South African Biopolitics.” | San Diego, CA, 10/11.

Wellcome Trust and University of Pretoria *Exploring the concept of genomic sovereignty with the San community of southern Africa*. Invited speaker. | Kimberley, South Africa, 9/8-10.

American Sociology Association *Sociology of Race/Ethnicity in the Era of Racial Genomics* session, Panelist. “Race, Genomics, and the Global South.” | NY, NY, 8/12.

Simmons College *Race, Education, Democracy, and STEM* Film screening and panel, Co-organizer and Panelist. | Boston, MA, 7/11.

Harvard University *Science and Democracy Network Annual Meeting*, Panelist. “Provincializing Science: Genomic Sovereignty and the Mapping and Marketing of Populations.” | Cambridge, MA, 6/30.

Law and Society Annual Meeting *Race, Science, and Law*, panelist. “People’s Science: Bodies, Rights and the ‘Race for Cures’ on the Stem Cell Frontier.” | Boston, MA, 5/31.

American Council for Learned Societies Annual Meeting, Invited speaker. “Provincializing Science: Mapping and Marketing Ethnoracial Diversity in the Genomic Age.” | Baltimore, MD, 5/10.

University of California Berkeley *A New Development?* Symposium, panelist. “Provincializing Science: Genomic Sovereignty and the Mapping and Marketing of Populations.” | Berkeley, CA, 4/5.

UC Berkeley Center for Race and Gender *Speculative Visions of Race, Technology, Science, and Survival*, panelist. “People’s Science: Bodies and Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier.” | Berkeley, CA, 3/15.

Boston University *African American Studies Program*, Panelist. “One Drop Rule: Colorism and Black Consciousness.” | Boston, MA, March.

## **2012—**

University of Maryland *Francis King Carey School of Law*, Invited discussant. “Drafting a Biopolitical Constitution Roundtable.” | Baltimore, MD, Nov.

Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, panelist. “Sankofa Science: a new-old toolkit for designing participatory science.” | Copenhagen, Denmark, 10/20.

American Sociological Association Medical Sociology Regular Session, Panel moderator | Denver, CO, Aug.

Boston University *African American Studies Program*, Organizer and moderator. “Black Power Mixtape 1967-75” film screening | Boston, MA. Feb.

## **2011—**

Occupy Boston, Student-organized faculty teach-in panelist, Boston University | Boston, MA. Nov.

Education Under Fire, film screening panel moderator, Boston University | Boston, MA. Nov.

Biopolitical Imagination: Mapping the Future of Medicine on the History of Race”, Co-organizer and speaker. Boston University African American Studies Annual Symposium | Boston, MA. Feb.

## **2010—**

Harvard University *Undergraduate Research Symposium*, Invited discussant. “Ethical Itineraries of Science and Medicine: Culture & Technology in a Global World.” | Cambridge, MA. Dec.

American Sociological Association *Science, Knowledge & Technology Session*, Panelist. “Ambivalence-in-Action: Racial & Gendered Genealogies of Stem Cell Recruitment & Resistance.” | Atlanta, Aug.

American Sociological Association *Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities*, Invited discussant. “Race, Genetics, and the Genome Project.” | Atlanta, GA. Aug.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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### *American Sociological Association*

Elected Council Member, *Science, Knowledge, and Technology* Section (2015 -‘18)

Committee Chair, *Science, Knowledge, and Technology* Section Graduate Paper Prize (2016 -‘18)

Session Co-organizer, *Medical Sociology Session on Global & Translational Health* (‘14 -‘15)

Committee Member, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section Oliver Cromwell Cox Article (2013)  
Committee Member, Science, Knowledge, and Technology (SKAT) Section Merton Book (2013)  
Committee Member, Medical Sociology Section Roberta Simmons Dissertation Award (2013)  
Committee Member, ASA Taskforce on Social Media (2013)  
Session Organizer, Regular Session on Medical Sociology (2012)

*Berkshire Conference of Women Historians*

Invited Program Co-chair, Section on Women, Science, and Gender (2014-2017).

*Grant Review*

National Science Foundation Peer Review Grant Panelist and Ad-hoc Proposal Reviewer  
Economic and Social Research Council Ad-hoc Proposal Reviewer  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Ad-hoc Proposal Reviewer

*Book Manuscript Ad-hoc Reviewer*

Columbia University Press; Routledge Press;

*Journal Manuscript Review*

Sociological Theory; Social Science and Medicine; Sociological Quarterly; Science as Culture;  
Biosocieties; Sociology; The Black Scholar; New Genetics and Society, PLOS Biology; Journal of  
Health Care for the Poor and Underserved; Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience; Engaging  
Science, Technology, and Society.

*Editorial Board Member*

NYU "Biopolitics" Book Series; "Decolonial Options for the Social Sciences" Book Series.

**Princeton University Service**

**2016-2017** (on leave)

Freshman Scholars Institute Summer Speaker Series, July 19.  
Summer President's Advisory Council Session Facilitator, Feb 3.

**2015 - 2016**

Council on Teaching and Learning (two-year term)  
Faculty Committee on Committees (four-year term)  
Center for Digital Humanities Executive Committee (four-year term)  
Pan-African Graduation Presenter, May 29.  
Princeton Women's Mentoring Program Banquet Keynote Address, May 3.  
Senior Thesis Advisor: Dashaya Foreman '16 (WWS), Sophia Toles '16 (WWS)  
Mellon Mays Undergrad Advisor: Sahand Rahbar '17 (History), Briana Payton '17 (Sociology)  
Princeton Council of the Humanities Magic Fund Information Session Panelist, Nov 30.  
Survive, Rise, and Thrive Graduate Women of Color Lunch Workshop, Facilitator, Oct. 23  
Ferguson is the Future: Speculative Arts & Social Justice Symposium Organizer, Sept 12-14.

**2014 - 2015**

Senior Thesis: Sarah Yerima '15 (Sociology), 2<sup>nd</sup> reader  
Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR), Advisory Board, April 2015-ongoing.  
Ivy Club Conversation on Race, Facilitator, April 27.

Princeton Preview Faculty Panel, April 13.  
Wilson College “Race is Socially Constructed: Now What?” Discussion Facilitator, April 13.  
Princeton Chapel Gathering Faculty Reflection, April 12.  
Religious Life Council “Professor’s Night” Discussion, March 30.  
Woodrow Wilson Student & Alumni of Color Symposium Panel Moderator, March 28.  
Profound Ivy Black Student Athlete Mentoring Discussion, March 27.  
Graduate Student of Color Hosting Weekend Keynote Speaker, March 26.  
Breakout Trip on School Segregation, Advising Discussion, March 5.  
Forbes College Faculty Fellow, Nov 14’-present.  
Society of Fellows Reviewer, Dec ‘14.  
Graduate Women of Color Professional Development Discussion, Nov 24.  
History of Violence Against Black Bodies Discussion Moderator, Nov 11.  
Black Alumni Weekend Center for African American Studies Panelist, Oct 17.

### **African American Studies Departmental Service**

Programs Committee, 2017-19.  
AAS-UCHV Search Committee, 2017-18.  
Senior Colloquium Faculty Advisor, 2017-18.  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2015-2017.  
Ruth Simmons Thesis Prize Committee, Spring 2016.  
Faculty-Graduate Seminar on “Biopolitics and Black Studies” Faculty Convener, 2015-16.  
Panelist “Reach-in, Teach-in: Black Activism and Consciousness at Princeton”, Dec 12, 2015.  
Prof. Victor Rios Colloquium Organizer, April 1, 2015.  
Prof. Matthew Hughey Colloquium Organizer, Feb 19, 2015.  
Senior Colloquium Faculty Leader, Feb 4 and April 1, 2015.  
Black Thought in the Hour of Chaos, Welcome + Introductions, Nov 6, 2014.  
Graduate Student Funding Workshop Speaker, Nov 5, 2014.

### **Boston University Service**

Professor Voices President’s Day Video Reflections, Feb 2013.  
Admissions Office Video Recording, Feb 2013.  
BU Today “Free at Last” video reflections Jan 2013.  
Dean’s Summer Leadership Series, Invited workshop leader, June 2012.  
Multicultural Weekend “Coffee & Conversation” with Dean Elmore, Invited speaker, April ‘12  
Admissions Office admitted student event, Baltimore, MD, Invited speaker, April ‘12.  
Student-led event on racial profiling, Invited speaker, April 2012.  
Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Program, Invited speaker, Jan 2012.  
UMOJA (Black Student Union), Faculty Co-advisor, 2011-14.  
Multicultural Diversity Reception for prospective students, Participant, April ‘11, April ‘12.

### **Boston University Departmental Service**

Sociology Graduate Program Committee, Sept 2013- Dec 2014.  
Sociology Annual Merit Review Committee, Spring 2012.  
Sociology Morris Fund Grant Review Committee, Spring 2012.  
Sociology Undergraduate Program Committee Member, 2011-12.  
Dissertation Committee Member: Cara Bowman (‘13-14).  
Qualifying Exams Advisor: M. Tinsley (‘13), C. Miller (‘14), A. Hernandez (‘14).  
International Student Masters Advisor: Jelena Stankovic (University of Padua, Italy, 2012).  
Senior Thesis Advisor: Erica Singer (‘13-14).

## **OTHER GRANTS, AWARDS, & HONORS**

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Boston University Morris Faculty Grant, 2012.  
Academic Enhancement Fund Fall 2011 and Spring 2012.  
UC Berkeley Center for Race and Gender Dissertation Research Grant, 2007.  
Townsend Center Stem Cells and the Humanities Dissertation Research Grant, 2005.  
UC Berkeley Graduate Opportunity Fellowship (declined) 2002.  
Presidential Scholar Award, Spelman College, 1997-2001.  
Valedictorian Spelman College, 2001.  
Mortar Board National Honor Society, 2001.  
Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, 2001.  
Golden Key National Honor Society, 2000.  
Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society, 2000.  
YWCA College Woman of the Year Award, 2000.

## **OTHER CREATIVE WORKS**

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Benjamin, Ruha. 2015. *Black to the Future: In Memoriam* (short story). *Discover Society*, Issue 21.  
Benjamin, Ruha. 2010. *My People* (poem). *Other Tongues: Mixed-Race Women Speak Out*. Inanna.  
Benjamin, Ruha and M. Olafani. 2002. *Intersections* (stage play), New York City and Atlanta.

## **OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Princeton University—**

“Race and Public Policy” Woodrow Wilson School Course, Guest Speaker | Feb 22, 2016.  
“Technology and Society” Undergraduate Course, Guest Speaker | April 6, 2016.  
“Modern Genetics and Public Policy” Undergraduate Course, Guest Speaker | Nov 2014.

### **Other Institutions—**

Brandeis University “Sociology of Body and Health” Course Guest Speaker | Sept 14 2016.  
Columbia Theological Seminary Capstone Course, Guest Speaker via Skype | May 3, 2016.  
UT Austin “Race and the Body” PhD course via Skype | Nov 2014.  
BU “Foundations in Biomedical Sciences” Graduate Course Guest Speaker | Spring 2014.  
BU Rhett Talk “I Have a Nightmare: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Punishment” | Spring 2014  
University of Texas Austin “Race and the Body” PhD course via Skype | Oct 2013.  
Salem College Sociology Senior Capstone undergraduate course | Skype, Sept 2013.  
Boston University “Technology, Society, and Policy” undergraduate course | March 2013.  
Harvard University “Law, Science, and Society in America” undergraduate course | Feb. 2013.  
Boston University Social Science CORE, “Racial Inequality and Incarceration” module | Feb. 2013.  
Simmons College Social Work course “Racial Inequality and Incarceration” module | Oct 2011.  
Boston University “Social Epidemiology” undergraduate course | Spring 2011.  
UC Berkeley Sociology of Health, Medicine, and Illness w/Prof. Trond Petersen, Reader | Spring 2006.  
UC Berkeley Principles of Sociology with Prof. Brian Powers, Reader | Summer and Fall 2004.  
UC Berkeley Principles of Sociology with Prof. Mary Kelsey, Reader | Summer 2004.  
UC Berkeley Proseminar “Graduate School Preparation for Undergraduates” | Fall 2007 - Spring 2008.  
UC Berkeley Teaching Assistant “Introduction to Sociology” with Prof. Raka Ray | Fall 2006

**2017—**

Hopewell Valley Regional School District Annual Convocation Speaker, 9/5.  
 Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Invited Speaker, Princeton, NJ, 6/21.  
 Urban Mental Health Alliance Roundtable, Invited Panelist, Trenton, NJ 5/20.  
 Mercer County Public Schools “Day of Dialogue” Keynote Speaker, 3/23.  
 The Overlake School MLK Day Speaker, Redmond, WA, 1/25.  
 Peddie School MLK Day Speaker, Highstown, NJ, 1/16.  
 Princeton Public Library, 13<sup>th</sup> film Post-Screening Community Discussion, Facilitator, 1/5.

**2016—**

Princeton CHOOSE Classroom Index Panel on Race and Racism, Labyrinth Bookstore, 12/14.  
 Mercer County Public Schools “Day of Dialogue” Keynote Speaker, 12/13.  
 McCarter Theatre and Lewis Center for the Arts “Every 28 Hours” (E28H), Invited panelist, 10/24.  
 Princeton *Not In Our Town* “Racial Literacy” Six-Part Community Lecture and Film Series, Oct-Nov.  
*EdTech Magazine*, featured in “ISTE 2016: Technology Alone Cannot Create Social Equality,” 6/28.  
*EdScoop*, featured in “Education equity advocate urges teachers to embrace hacking mindset,” 6/28.

**2015—**

*Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, quoted in “A Crispr Future,” 12/15.  
*Nature*, quoted in “Global Summit Reveals Divergent Views on Human Gene Editing,” 12/8.  
*National Geographic*, quoted in “Five Reasons Gene Editing is Both Terrific and Terrifying,” 12/3.  
*STAT*, quoted in “Global Summit Opens Door to Controversial Gene-editing of Human Embryos,” 12/3.  
*Philadelphia Weekly*, quoted in “Black sci-fi creators assemble at Princeton...,” 9/23.  
*The Guardian*, “Innovation and Equity in an Age of Gene Editing,” 5/19. \*  
*News at Princeton*, featured in “Discriminatory Design in Medical, Scientific Research,” 3/9.  
 Black Women for Wellness Monthly Breakfast, Invited Speaker, Los Angeles, CA.  
 Princeton Public School District Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Princeton, NJ.

**2014—**

“Healing Space Stations: Imagining the Future of Black Women’s Wellness”, Invited Speaker. *Black Women for Wellness Reproductive Justice Conference* | Los Angeles, CA (via video) 9/23.  
 WHYY Public Radio, “Debating wider participation in medical research“, 8/14.  
 SLICE of MIT, featured in “Social Hackers Empower Women”, 5/9.  
 WGBH *Basic Black* TV panelist “Black History Icons: Respected, Revered, and... Repackaged”, 2/28.  
*CNN*, quoted in “The Power of Prejudice—and why you should speak up”, 2/6.

**2013—**

Race, Education, and Democracy STEM Network of Greater Boston, collaborator, Sept 2013-June 2014.  
 Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center Racial Health Disparities program, collaborator, 2012-13.  
*Talking Biopolitics*, “People’s Science: Bodies and Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier”, Webinar, 6/25.  
*Biopolitical Times*, “Inside the Stem Cell Shell Games”, Book Review of *People’s Science*, 6/18.

*Wired*, “Real-Life True Blood: Synthetic Blood is Coming—and So Are a Host of Potential Complications”, 6/14.

*Brookline HUB*, “Booked”, Book review of *People’s Science*, 6/3.

*Huffington Post*, “Playing the Game or Hacking the System?”, 6/5. \*

*Publishers Weekly*, Book Review of *People’s Science*, 4/29.

*Huffington Post*, “Which Comes First: The Woman or Her Eggs?”, 4/17. \*

*KPFA Sunday Show* interview, “People’s Science: Bodies and Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier“, 4/7.

*San Francisco Chronicle* editorial, “Should researchers pay for women’s eggs?”, 4/4.

*Huffington Post*, “Beyond Tokenistic Inclusion: Science, Citizenship, and Changing the Questions“, 3/25. \*

## **2012—**

*CNN*, quoted in “Parallels to Country’s Racist Past Haunt Age of Obama”, 11/1.

*CNN Health*, quoted in “The Power of Perceptions: Imagining the reality you want”, 4/14. Reprinted in WCVB TV BostonChannel.com.

Howard Thurman Center *Common Thread* Podcast, guest panelist “The Color of Hate”, 3/30.

*New York Times*, photo of my class in “Death of Florida Teen Spurs Outcry and Action”, 3/21.

*Good Magazine*, quoted in “Trayvon Martin Could Have Been One of My Kids”, March 20: Reprinted in “Dissecting Geraldo Rivera’s Hoodie Comment.” *DCentric: Race, Class, the District*, 3/23.

*Daily Free Press*, quoted in: “Students express concerns about racial profiling”, April 12; “Students wear hoodies, demonstrate against Trayvon Martin’s death”, 3/26/12; “BU community reflects on King legacy, present-day struggles”, 1/17.

## **2011—**

*The Quad*: BU’s Independent Online Magazine, quoted in “BU Occupies Boston Teach-In: Professors Contextualize A Modern Movement”, 12/2.

*The Daily Free Press*, quoted in “Professors discuss inequality, college debt at Occupy ‘Teach-in’, Dec 1; “The Office’ actor Rainn Wilson promotes education, equality”, 11/16.

*BUTV On That Point* television program, guest speaker on “Postracialism”, 4/11.