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Education

- 2018- Ph.D. (in progress), Department of Sociology, Rice University
Committee: Elaine Howard Ecklund (Chair), Jennifer Bratter,
Christina Diaz, Anthony Pinn (External Member)
Tentative Dissertation Title: Do We Belong Together?: A
Qualitative Analysis of Muslim Marriage Formation
- 2021 Master of Arts Degree, Rice University
Sociology, Department of Sociology
Committee: Chair (Elaine Howard Ecklund), Jennifer Bratter, James Elliott
Thesis title: ““How American Am I?”: Comparing American Identity among US Black Muslims”
- 2017 Bachelor of Arts Degree, Spelman College
International Studies, Department of International Studies
Minor: Religious Studies
Thesis title: “Radical Narratives of Muslim Male Youth: A Critical Investigation of the Media
Rhetoric of Radicalization”

Research and Teaching Interests

Religion, Race, Immigration, Qualitative Methods

Peer Reviewed Publications

Bianca Mabute-Louie, Christopher P. Scheitle, Elaine Howard Ecklund, and **Jauhara Ferguson**. “Fear of Religious Hate Crime Victimization and the Residual Effects of Antisemitism and Islamophobia.” (Forthcoming.)

Ferguson, Jauhara, Christopher P. Scheitle, and Elaine Howard Ecklund.

“Religion, Race, and Perceptions of Police Harassment.” *Social Problems*. 00:1-20.

Ferguson, Jauhara, Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2021. “Muslim Scientists’ Perceptions of Inclusion in the Scientific Workplace: A Cross-national Study.” *Sociology of Islam*. 1-13.

Ferguson, Jauhara, Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Connor Rothschild. 2021. “Navigating Religion Online: Jewish and Muslim Responses to Social Media.”

Religions. 12(4): 258.

Publications Under Review

Jauhara Ferguson. “How American Am I?": Comparing American Identity among US Black Muslims.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. Under review.

Other Writing

Ferguson, Jauhara, Sharan Kaur Mehta, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2019. “Book Review: Being Muslim: A Cultural History of Women of Color in American Islam by Sylvia Chan-Malik.” *Gender & Society*. 33(4): 656-65.

Ferguson, Jauhara. 2018. “Radical Narratives of Muslim Male Youth: A Critical Investigation of The Media Rhetoric of Radicalization.” *2017 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal*. 55-60.

Features

2022 Houston Chronicle

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Muslims-report-more-religion-based-police-17396506.php>

2022 Middle East Eye

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/us-muslims-five-times-more-likely-face-police-harassment-due-to-religion-study-shows>

2022 Morocco World News

<https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2022/08/350953/us-study-black-mena-muslims-are-more-likely-to-report-police-harassment>

2022 India Education Diary

<https://indiaeducationdiary.in/rice-university-muslims-of-middle-eastern-or-north-african-descent-most-likely-to-report-police-harassment-study-shows/>

Conferences and Presentations

2022 Okuwobi, Oneya; Andrea Henderson-Platt, **Jauhara Ferguson**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund, “Religiosity, Boundary Drawing, and Medical Mistrust Among Women and People of Color.” Accepted for ASA 2022 Roundtable.

2021 **Jauhara Ferguson**, “How American Am I?": Comparing American Identity among US Black Muslims.” Presented at ASA panel “Africans/Africans in North America Diasporas”

2021 **Jauhara Ferguson**, Chris Scheitle, Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Religion Race, and Perceptions of Police Harassment.” Presented at ASA “Sociology of Religion Roundtables session 6: Deviance and Crime”

2021 **Jauhara Ferguson**, Critical Language Scholarship Alumni Ambassador, 2021 HBCU International Exchange Alumni Experience Panel

2019 **Jauhara Ferguson**, entitled “Muslim Scientists’ Perceptions of Inclusion in the Scientific Workplace: A Cross-national Study,” presented at the “*Papers in the Round: Global*” panel, 2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting Paper

- 2017 **Jauhara Ferguson**, “Radical Narratives of Muslim Male Youth: A Critical Investigation of the Media Rhetoric of Radicalization,” 2017 Spelman College Research Day
- 2017 **Jauhara Ferguson**, “Muslim, Woman, and Student in the Contemporary US South,” Experiences of Muslim Women in the South panel, Georgia State University and Auburn Avenue Research Library
- 2016 **Jauhara Ferguson**, “Critiquing Radicalism: How Western Liberal Media Circulates the ‘Radical Muslim’ Image,” 2016 University of California-Los Angeles Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Research Symposium
- 2015 **Jauhara Ferguson**, on “Women, Islam and the Black Freedom Struggle,” Spelman College Research Day

Research Experience

- 2018- Graduate Student Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University
Supervising Professor: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Professor of Sociology
- 2018- Graduate Student Fellow, Race and Racial Experiences workgroup, Rice University
2019 Supervising Professor: Tony N. Brown, Professor of Sociology
- 2017 Intern, Sub-Saharan Africa Program, Conflict Resolution Program,
The Carter Center
Supervisor: Dr. John Goodman
- 2015- Undergraduate Research Fellow, United Negro College Fund (UNCF)-
2017 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship

Teaching Experience

- 2022 Introduction to Sociology
Sole instructor for undergraduate introductory sociology course at Rice University; taught a class of 9 undergraduate students during the summer semester
- 2022 Center for Teaching Excellence Certification
Completed Rice University teaching program; this included taking four additional elective courses in teaching, participating in workshops, conducting teaching demonstrations, and developing a portfolio
- 2021 Research Methods Course
Teaching Assistant undergraduate sociology course at Rice University
- 2021 Introduction to Islam Seminar
Invited to guest lecture to 30-40 undergraduate students from Emory University and Spelman College
- 2020 Islam in America Course

Invited to guest lecture on a panel for graduate level course in the Masters of Theological Studies program at Emory University

- 2020 Social Theory Course
Teaching Assistant for undergraduate sociology course at Rice University
- 2019 Muslims in American Society Course
Invited to guest lecture for undergraduate sociology course (SOCI 364) at Rice University

Positions

- 2022-23 Project Manager for the Faith at Work Project in the Religion and Public Life Program
- 2021-22 Served at the Graduate Liaison to the Department of Sociology for the Center for Teaching Excellence
- 2020-21 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Membership Committee
- 2021- Graduate Ambassador for Rice University

Fellowships and Awards

- 2022 Boniuk Religious Reading Salon
- 2021 Min Zhou Research Grant
- 2018- Rice University Sociology Departmental Doctoral FellowshipPresent
- 2019 Sociology Departmental Award
- 2015- UNCF-Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship
- 2017 Fulbright Research Grant Semi-Finalist
- 2016 Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society-junior inductee
- 2015 Critical Language Scholarship recipient
- 2014 Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society
- 2014 Middlebury Language Schools Scholarship for Students fromMinority-Serving Institutions
- 2013 Dean's Scholar
- 2013 Spelman Honors Program

Languages

- 2016 Beijing Foreign Studies University in Beijing, China
Certified by International Education of Students as Oral Proficiency

Interview (OPI) Intermediate-Mid Chinese Speaking Proficiency

- 2015 Noor Majan Training Institute in Ibri, Oman
Certified by the United States – State Department as Oral
Proficiency Interview (OPI) Intermediate-High Arabic Speaking
Proficiency Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic), Arabic (Omani
Dialect)
- 2014 Middlebury Summer Arabic School at Mills College in Oakland,
CA Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic), Arabic (Egyptian Dialect)

Professional Memberships

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Society for Study of Social Problems
American Sociological Association
National Alumnae Association of Spelman College
Mellon Mays Fellow Professional Network

References

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