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POSITION

2020 – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

EDUCATION

2020 Ph.D., Sociology, Texas A&M University

Dissertation: *Linking Identity: Discrimination, Linked Fate, and Spouse's Race among Adults with Mixed-Race Ancestry*

Committee: Mary E. Campbell (Chair), Verna M. Keith (University of Alabama at Birmingham), Joseph Jewell, Srividya Ramasubramanian, Jenifer Bratter (Rice University)

Graduate Certificate in Advanced Research Methods

Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies

Graduate Certificate in Latino/a and Mexican American Studies

2016 M.A., Sociology, Texas A&M University

Thesis: *Skin Tone, Interracial Relationships, and Colorblind Racial Ideology among Black Americans*

Committee: Mary E. Campbell (Chair), Verna M. Keith, Jyotsna Vaid

2014 B.S., Sociology, Towson University, with honors in Sociology

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Race & Ethnicity, Racial Identity, Interracial Relationships, Skin Tone, Social Demography

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Gonlin, Vanessa. 2020. "Colorful Reflections: Skin Tone, Reflected Race, and Discrimination among Blacks, Latinxs, and Whites." *Race and Social Problems*. 12(3):246-264. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-020-09290-4>.

Campbell, Mary E., Verna M. Keith, **Vanessa Gonlin**, and Adrienne Carter-Sowell. 2020. "Is a Picture Worth A Thousand Words? An Experiment Comparing Observer-Based Skin Tone Measures." *Race and Social Problems*. 12(3):266-278. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-020-09294-0>.

Gonlin, Vanessa, Nicole E. Jones, and Mary E. Campbell. 2020. "On The (Racial) Border: Expressed Race, Reflected Race, and the U.S.-Mexico Border Context." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 6(2):161-178. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2332649218821145>.

Gonlin, Vanessa and Mary E. Campbell. 2017. "Is Blindness Contagious? Examining Racial Attitudes among People of Color with Close Interracial Relationships." *Sociological Perspectives* 60(5):937-955. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121417719698>.

¹Williams, Apryl and **Vanessa Gonlin**. 2017. "I Got All My Sisters With Me (on Black Twitter): Second Screening of *How to Get Away With Murder* as a Technocultural Discourse on Black Womanhood." *Information, Communication & Society* 20 (7): 984-1004. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2017.1303077>.

Ramasubramanian, Srividya, Alexandra Sousa, and **Vanessa Gonlin**. 2017. "Facilitated Difficult Dialogues on Racism: A Goal-Based Approach." *Journal of Applied Communication Research* 45(5): 537-556. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00909882.2017.1382706>.

Book Chapters

Webb, Farrell and **Vanessa Gonlin**. 2019. "Questions and Concerns Regarding Family Theories: Biracial and Multiracial Family Issues" pp. 33-59 in *Biracial Families: Crossing Boundaries, Blending Cultures, and Challenging Racial Ideologies*, edited by R. Roy and A. Rollins. New York: Springer.

Gonlin, Vanessa. 2017. "Connections or Color? Predicting Colorblindness among Blacks" pp. 55-76 in *Color Struck: How Race and Complexion Matter in the "Color-Blind" Era*, edited by L. L. Martin, H. D. Horton, C. Herring, V. M. Keith, and M. Thomas. Rotterdam, The Netherlands: Sense Publishers.

Media Publications

Gonlin, Vanessa. 2016. "ABS 2015: A First Timer's Experience." *The Griot*, Newsletter for the Association of Black Sociologists.

SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Ramasubramanian, Srividya, Craig Coates, Anna Wolfe, Julie Wilson, Julie Harlin, Marisa Suhm, **Vanessa Gonlin**, and Anthony Ramirez. 2020. "Fighting Campus Racism: A Dialogue-Based Anti-Racism Intervention." Texas A&M University, School of Innovation, Innovation X Grant (\$20,000).

¹ Both authors were graduate students at the time of publication.

- Gonlin, Vanessa.** 2019. "Linking Biracial Identity: Discrimination, Linked Fate, and Spouse's Race among Biracial Adults." The Reed Foundation, Inc., Ruth Landes Memorial Research Fund Grant (\$15,000).
- Gonlin, Vanessa.** 2019. "Linking Biracial Identity." Texas A&M University, Department of Sociology, Summer19 Program (\$3,000).
- Ramasubramanian, Srividya, Anna Wolfe, Alexandra Sousa, **Vanessa Gonlin**, and Rebecca Constantini. 2019. "Difficult Dialogue Sessions on Race Relations." Texas A&M University, Office for Diversity, 2018-2020 Diversity Matters Seed Grant (\$3,000); Texas A&M University, College of Liberal Arts, "Advancing Climate Together" Grant for Inclusive Excellence (\$10,000).
- Jones, Nicole and **Vanessa Gonlin.** 2018. "The Browning Effect: Racial Context and Public Attitudes toward Diversity." University of Missouri, Office of Inclusion, Diversity & Equity, Inclusive Excellence Grant (\$2,500).
- Gonlin, Vanessa.** 2017. "Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research." Texas A&M University, Student Awards Committee, Research Enhancement Grant (\$3,045).
- Gonlin, Vanessa.** 2017. "Racial Identity Mismatch and Racial Discrimination in Texas: Blacks, Latinxs, and Whites." Texas A&M University, Africana Studies, Travel Assistance Grant (\$1,500).
- Gonlin, Vanessa.** 2017. "National and International Impacts of Interracial Connections and Colorblind Racial Ideology." Texas A&M University of Qatar, Speaker Fee and Travel Assistance Grant. Liberal Arts International Conference (\$1,200).
- Gonlin, Vanessa.** 2017. Course Developer of "Difficult Dialogues" Undergraduate Online Teaching Diversity Modules. Texas A&M University, Office of the Dean of Liberal Arts, Travel Assistance Grant (\$350).
- Gonlin, Vanessa.** 2014-2017. Graduate Diversity Fellow, Texas A&M University (\$54,000).
- Ramasubramanian, Srividya, Alexandra Sousa, and **Vanessa Gonlin.** 2016. "Assessing the Effectiveness of Difficult Dialogue Sessions on Campus Race Relations Using Participant-Observation and Qualitative Textual Analysis." Texas A&M University, Office for Diversity, Diversity Matters Seed Grant (\$3,000).
- Gonlin, Vanessa.** 2015. "Femicide: Weak Constitutions Lead to Female Deaths." Texas A&M University, Women's and Gender Studies, Travel Assistance Grant. Southwestern Social Science Association (\$300).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International

Gonlin, Vanessa and Srividya Ramasubramanian. 2018. "National and International Impacts of Interracial Connections and Colorblind Racial Ideology." Paper presented at the Liberal Arts International Conference (LAIC), February, in Doha, Qatar.

Gonlin, Vanessa. 2017. "Racial Identity Mismatch and Racial Discrimination in Texas: Blacks, Latinx, and Whites." Paper presented at the Collegium of African American Research (CAAR), June, in Málaga, Spain.

National

Gonlin, Vanessa. 2018. "Do You See Me?: Racial Identity Mismatch and Racial Discrimination." Southern Sociological Society, April, in New Orleans, LA.

Gonlin, Vanessa, Nicole E. Jones and Mary E. Campbell. 2017. "On The (Racial) Border: Expressed Race, Reflected Race, and the U.S.-Mexico Border Context." Paper presented at the Population Association of America (PAA), April, in Chicago, IL.

Williams, Apryl and **Vanessa Gonlin.** 2016. "'I Got All My Sisters With Me' (On Black Twitter!)." Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August, in Seattle, WA.

Gonlin, Vanessa and Mary E. Campbell. 2015. "Skin Tone, Interracial Networks, and Color Blind Attitudes in the Contemporary U.S." Association of Black Sociologists (ABS), August, in Chicago, IL.

Gonlin, Vanessa. 2015. "Femicide: Weak Constitutions Lead to Female Deaths." Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), April, in Denver, CO.

Poster presentations

Gonlin, Vanessa. 2019. "Colorful Reflections: Skin Tone, Reflected Race, and Discrimination." Population Association of America (PAA), April, in Austin, TX.

Jones, Nicole and **Vanessa Gonlin.** 2018. "The Browning Effect: Shifting Racial Demographics, Social Contexts, & Public Attitudes on Diversity." Population Association of America (PAA), April, in Chicago, IL.*

*2018 PAA Best Poster Award recipients.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 Research Assistant, TAMU
 ▪ Create Qualtrics survey with numerous display patterns, review literature

- 2016-2019 Summer Research Assistant and Mentor, NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program
- Develop methods course materials, teach quantitative methods workshops
- 2014-2017 Research Assistant, TAMU
- Clean and analyze data using Stata, write and edit grant proposals
- 2015 Summer Research Assistant, TAMU
- Clean and analyze data using Stata, prepare literature review

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Assistant Professor, University of Georgia

Sociology/African American Studies 2820: Race and Ethnicity in America, Undergraduate – Fall 2020

Sociology 6620: Analysis and Interpretation of Sociological Data I, Graduate – Fall 2020

Instructor with full course responsibility, Texas A&M University

Sociology/Africana Studies 317: Racial and Ethnic Relations, Undergraduate – Spring 2019, Fall 2018

Latino/a and Mexican American Studies 201: Introduction to Latino/a and Mexican American Studies, Undergraduate – Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University

Sociology 337: International Migration – Spring 2020

Sociology 205: Introduction to Sociology – Fall 2019

Sociology 491: Research Methods – Summer 2019, Summer 2018

Sociology/Women's & Gender Studies 207: Introduction to Gender & Society – Spring 2018

Sociology 217: Introduction to Race & Ethnicity – Spring 2016

Developing and Facilitating On Campus Discussions of Race, Texas A&M University

- 2019-2020 Co-Facilitator, Deep Dive on Race
- Lead small group discussion of strategies to enhance campus race relations
- 2016-2020 Co-Facilitator, Difficult Dialogues on Race
- Lead large group discussions to increase awareness of campus race relations
- 2020 Co-Facilitator of staff diversity training, Rewriting the Script: Moving Towards Authentic Inclusive Conversations
- Provide Division of Marketing & Communication staff with approaches to support and promote a diverse student body
- 2019 Co-Facilitator of staff diversity training, RECOgnizing and Countering Campus Racism: Effective Tools and Strategies
- Provide Recreation Center staff with strategies to address racism on campus
- 2017 Co-Course Developer, Online Modules for Diversity Training
- Design and film online teaching [modules](#) for addressing microaggressions
- 2016 Co-Facilitator and Course Developer, Fightin' Racism

- Create and lead workshop for racial minority leaders to have tools to support mentees of color

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2017 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
- 2017 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Data Analysis Exercises for Teaching

SERVICE

Profession – Journal Reviewer

- 2019 x 2 *Social Problems*
- 2018, 2019 *Social Forces*
- 2018 *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
- 2017 *Public Culture*
- 2015 *Emerald Studies in Media and Communication*

Profession – Conference Organizer and Presider

- 2018 Session Organizer, “Race and Residency.” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 Session Presider, “Who Belongs in the Era of TRUMP?: Immigrant Perceptions and Perceptions of Immigrants.” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 Session Presider, “Sociology of Reproduction 1: Reproduction, Identity, and Decision Making.” Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, NV.

Community

- 2019 Volunteer, Brazos Valley Food Bank
- 2017-2019 Volunteer, Sanctuary in the Streets
- 2018 Volunteer, North Bryan Community Center Youth Summer Program
- 2015-2017 Organizer and Volunteer, Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network
- 2016-2017 Organizer, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) Tejas Foco Conference
- 2016 Voter Registrar, Brazos County

Texas A&M University

- 2018-2019 Historian, Black Graduate Student Association
- 2018 Co-Facilitator, “The Cost of Color” Discussion
- Facilitate dialogue on colorism in campus-wide forum organized by my students, inspired by our class discussion
- 2016-2017 President, Hispanic/Latino Graduate Student Association

2016, 2017 Panelist, Council for Minority Student Affairs
2015, 2016, 2017 Panelist, New Graduate Student Orientation
2015-2016 Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Student Campus Climate Survey
2015-2016 Public Relations, Hispanic/Latino Graduate Student Association

Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University

2017-2018 Graduate Student Representative, Colloquium Committee
2017 Panel Organizer, “Navigating Expectations: First Year on the Job”
2017 Panel Organizer, “Next Steps: How to Choose Graduate Programs”
2015 & 2016 President, “Race, Representation, & Racism.” The Continuing Significance of Race Symposium, College Station, TX.
2015-2016 Mentor, Sociology Graduate Student Mentorship & Academic Development

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Black Sociologists
American Sociological Association
 Sections: Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Latino Sociology
Population Association of America
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society
Golden Key International Honour Society

REFERENCES

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