

# Kenly Brown | Curriculum Vitae

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Postdoctoral Fellow, African and African American Studies, Washington University in St. Louis (2020)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, African American Studies (2020)  
Designated Emphasis in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

M.A., University of California, Berkeley, African American Studies (2015)

M.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, Sociology (2013)

B.A., University of Colorado, Boulder, Sociology, *summa cum laude* (2011)

## DISSERTATION

“Dream Making through Systemic Nightmares: The Emergence of Black Girlhood in Alternative Schooling”

Committee: Dr. Nikki Jones (Chair), Dr. Na’ilah Nasir, Dr. Tianna Paschel, and Dr. Calvin Morrill

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Urban Ethnography  
Critical Criminology  
Black Feminist Theory

Sociology of Education  
Black Girlhood Studies  
Intersectionality of Race, Gender, & Class

## PUBLICATIONS

### EDITED VOLUME

Brown, K. “Love, Loss, and Loyalty: A Black Feminist Reading of Black Girlhood.” In *Black Feminist Sociology: Perspectives and Praxis*, eds. Zakiya Luna and Whitney Pirtle. (accepted)

### BOOK CHAPTER

**Brown, K., & Jones, N.** (2018). “Gender, Race, and Crime: The Evolution of a Feminist Research Agenda.” In *Handbook of the Sociology of Gender* (pp. 449-457). Springer, Cham.

### UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS

**Brown, K., Daley, L., and Hunt, D.** “Disruptive Ruptures: The Necessity of Black/Girlhood Imaginary.” (under review)

Jones, N., **Brown, K.**, Bautista, E., Heitz, K., Kelekay, J., Rothschild, G., and Raymond, G. “Color-blind Cops: How Racism Makes its Way into Everyday Policing.” (in preparation)

### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Potter, H. and **Brown, K.** (2014). “Women of Color in the Development of Feminist Theories.” *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New York: Springer Verlag.

## BRIEFS

Brown, K. (2018). "Gender, Race, and Girls in California's Alternative Schools." Council on Contemporary Families' Gender Matters Online Symposium.

Dadgar, M., Smith Arrillaga, E., Buck, D., Sinclair, B., Fischerhall, C., and **Brown, K.** (2017). "Bringing Student Voices to Guided Pathways Inquiry and Design: Findings from Student Focus Groups at Two California Community Colleges." Career Ladders Project.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 University of California Dissertation-Year Fellowship
- 2019 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (alternate)
- 2018 American Education Research Association Minority Dissertation Fellowship
- 2015 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2015 Mentored Research Fellowship (deferred)

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2017 Center for Race and Gender Research Grant Recipient
- 2017 Center for Race and Gender Black Girlhood Imaginary Working Group
- 2017 UC-Berkeley Departmental Research Grant Recipient
- 2013 UC-Santa Barbara Departmental Research Grant
- 2011 UC-DIGSSS Graduate Department Award

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Spring 2013-Spring 2020 Project Manager, "Justice Interaction Lab." William T. Grant Foundation Grant (2017-2020); Lead agency: UCB Co-PIs Nikki Jones and UCSB Geoffrey Raymond. Berkeley, CA.

Description: Annually manages team of 10 research assistants to transcribe, code, and analyze data. Developing co-authored paper on colorblindness in policing using a collection of video data.

Spring 2015-Fall 2019 Qualitative Methods Consultant, D-Lab: Intelligent Research Design in Data Intensive Social Science. Berkeley, CA

Description: Provided software assistance for Dedoose to graduate students and faculty. Consulted for deductive qualitative research design; ethnographic methods including direct and participant observation and interviews; qualitative data analysis.

Spring 2017- Fall 2017 Consultant, Career Ladders Project. Oakland, CA.

Description: Provide technical assistance to statewide initiatives. Assists with research, writing, and co-facilitated workshops.

Summer 2015 National Black Women's Justice Institute Fellow. Oakland, CA.

Description: Worked with NBWJI Director, Dr. Monique Morris, to analyze Department of Education OCR Data on school-based arrests and referrals to law enforcement by race and gender

Summer 2012

Program Evaluation Intern. National Council on Crime and Delinquency Oakland, CA

Description: Developed evaluation for The Mentoring Center to understand the cognitive benefits of mentoring justice-involved youth of color.

### INVITED TALKS AND PANELS

- 2019 "Dismembering the Safehouse: The Story of H.B. Stowe Academy." Boston College Colloquium Series, October 28.
- 2019 "Celebrating Black Girls in Liberatory Spaces." UC Berkeley Center for Race and Gender, March 14.
- 2019 "Promising Scholarship in Education Research. Dissertation in Education Research: Dissertation Fellows and Their Research." Invited poster session at the American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, April 17.
- 2018 "Excluded Girls in Excluded Places: How Black Girls Navigate Precarity in the Home and School." Carthage College, November 14.
- 2018 "Becoming Excluded Subjects: How Black Girls Navigate Precarity in the Home and School." UC Berkeley Department of Psychology, Okufuna Lab, March 20.

### ORGANIZED TALKS & SYMPOSIA

- 2020 "Black Girlhood Imaginary in Conversation with Dr. Savannah Shange." UC Berkeley Center for Race and Gender Forum Series, February 20.
- 2019 "Black Girlhood Imaginary Presents *Between Good and Ghetto*: Ten Years Later with Dr. Nikki Jones." UC Berkeley Center for Race and Gender, February 28.
- 2017 Black Currents Symposium. University of California, Berkeley, December 7-8.
- 2017 Black Geographies: Insurgent Knowledge, Spatial Poetics, and the Politics of Blackness. University of California, Berkeley, October 18-20.

### CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

#### Panels Organized

- 2019 "Benevolent Harm: Survival in the Shadow of Institutional Regimes of Care" National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 15.
- 2018 "Alternative to Kinship Ties: How Black Women and Girls Survive Crisis." National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 11.
- 2015 "The Intersectional Classroom: How We Manage Body Politics through Race, Class, Gender and/or Sexuality." Sociologist for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Washington, DC, February 20.

## **Roundtables Organized**

- 2019 “The Choreography of Black Girls in the City.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 16.
- 2017 “Black Girlhood Imaginary.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 17.
- 2014 “Re-conceptualizing the Criminalization of Youth.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 21.

## **Papers Presented**

- 2019 Brown, Kenly. “Structured Violence in the Everyday: How Black Girls Navigate Precarity in the Home and School.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY August 13.
- 2018 Brown, Kenly. “Excluded Girls in Excluded Places: A Black Girl’s Account on Precarity and Violence.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 16.
- 2017 Brown, Kenly. “Adultified in the Home, Punished at School: The Institutional Punishment of Black Girls.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 18.
- 2017 Brown, Kenly. “‘I am too young to be going through this’: The Conditions of Interpersonal and Structural Violence in the Lives of Black Girls.” Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH, September 29.
- 2016 Brown, Kenly. “The Inscription of Racialized State Violence in the Everyday of Afro-Descendants in the African Diaspora.” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, October 7.
- 2014 Brown, Kenly. “‘I am Not a Bad Person’: How Mentoring Programs Help Justice-involved and High-Risk Youth Develop New Identities.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 20.
- 2014 Brown, Kenly and Gonzales, Daisy. “Emotional Wrecks or Emotional Specialists?: Emotional Labor in Police-Civilian Interactions.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 19.

## **Roundtables**

- 2018 Brown, Kenly. “‘Nice for What?’: How Black Girls Negotiate Precarity in the Home and School.” American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, April 16.
- 2013 Brown, Kenly. “Identifying Best Practices for Mentoring Justice Involved Youth: Transformative Mentorship Model.” Roundtable presentation at the 2013 American Sociological Association, New York, New York, August 11.
- 2012 Brown, Kenly. “Surviving Rescue Discourse: Reframing the Public Conceptualization of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children.” 2012 Critical Sexualities Graduate Student Research Symposium, University of

California, Santa Barbara, March 7.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### ***Instructor at University of California, Berkeley***

Summer 2020                    AAS 136L: Criminal Justice and Surveillance in America

Summer 2019                    AAS 136L: Criminal Justice and Surveillance in America

Summer 2018                    AAS 136L: Criminal Justice and Surveillance in America

### ***Guest Lecturer:*** University of California, Berkeley

Spring 2019                    “Dismembering the Safehouse: The Story of H.B. Stowe Academy” in AAS 5B (African American Life and Culture in the United States).

Spring 2019                    “Critical Ethnographic Methods” in EDUC 188F (Language, Race, and Power in Education).

Spring 2016                    “Institutional Production of Anti-Black Violence” in AAS 139 (Criminal Justice and the Community).

Spring 2016                    “Becoming Excluded Subjects: The Ethics of Working with Vulnerable Populations” in EDUC 188F (Language, Race, and Power in Education).

### ***Graduate Student Instructor*** at University of California, Berkeley

Spring 2015                    AAS 5b: African American Life and Culture

Fall 2014                        AAS 139: Criminal Justice and the Community

Spring 2014                    GWS 10: Introduction to Gender and Women Studies

### ***Teaching Assistant*** at University of California, Santa Barbara

Fall 2013                        SOC 139RN: The Race and Multiraciality in Brazil: A Historical Sociological Perspective

Spring 2013                    SOC 108F: Studying People Firsthand

Winter 2013                    SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology

Fall 2012                        SOC 170: Sociology of Deviance

Spring 2012                    SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology

### ***Guest Lecturer*** at University of California, Santa Barbara

Spring 2013                    “How to Hang Out with a Purpose: Pedagogical Tools for Ethnographic Study” in SOC 108F (Qualitative Methods: Studying People Firsthand).

Spring 2013                    “Pathways to Freedom: Mentoring High Risk, Justice Involved Youth” in SOC 174 (Criminal Justice and the Community).

Spring 2013                    “Emotional Specialist or Emotional Wrecks? Emotional Labor in Police-Civilian Interactions” in SOC 174 (Criminal Justice and the Community).

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

- 2019 “Young Gifted and Black: The Next Generation of Researchers” (interview and profile). University of California Office of the President, February 6.
- 2018 “For Ph.D. Student Kenly Brown, Collecting Data is about People” (podcast and profile). *Fiat Fox*, February 12.

## **SERVICE**

- 2018-2019 Student Selection Committee, African American Studies Doctoral Program
- 2016-2018 Graduate Student Mentor, Véné A. Clark Institute for Engaged Scholars of African American Studies
- 2017-2018 Graduate Student Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Student Mentor
- Summer 2016 Graduate Student Mentor, Summer Research Opportunities Program
- 2015-2016 Graduate Student Mentor, Getting into Graduate School

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association  
American Society of Criminology  
National Women’s Studies Association  
Sociologist for Women in Society

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Nikki Jones  
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