

## ASIA INEZ BENTO

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### EDUCATION

- 2016-present Rice University, Sociology, Ph.D.  
Dissertation Title: The Longitudinal Impact of Bank Branch Openings and Credit Flows in Black Segregated Neighborhoods. Dissertation Committee: Tony N. Brown (Chair), James R. Elliott, Min Jae Kim, Elizabeth Roberto, Max Besbris, Zulema Valdez.
- 2018 Rice University, Sociology, M.A.  
Thesis Title: When and Where Residential Racial Segregation Matters for Black Self Employment. Thesis Committee: Tony N. Brown (Chair), James R. Elliott, Elizabeth Roberto.
- 2014 University of Hawaii-Manoa, Sociology, M.A.  
Thesis Title: The Seoul of Black Folks: African-American Women's Experiences with the Gaze. Thesis Committee: Lisa Uperesa (Chair), Patricia Steinhoff, Petrice Flowers.
- 2011 Connecticut College, East Asian Languages and Cultures, B.A.  
Thesis Title: The Okayama Orphanage: A Case Study for Social Reform in Meiji Japan.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic Sociology, Identity, Racism, Urban Sociology

### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2021 Fellow, American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program
- 2021 Delores P. Aldridge Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Rice University
- 2021 Honorable Mention, Dissertation Fellowship, Ford Foundation
- 2019 Travel Funding, Student Forum Travel Award, American Sociological Association.
- 2019 Travel Funding, Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2018 Travel Funding, Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2011 Achievement Scholarship, Department of Sociology University of Hawaii-Manoa.
- 2009-2011 Fellow, Andrew W. Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Bento, Asia and James R. Elliott. 2021. "The Racially Unequal Effects of Federal Recovery Aid on Self-Employment." *Social Currents* <https://doi.org/10.1177/23294965211028841>
- Bento, Asia. 2021. "When and Where Residential Racial Segregation Matters for Black Self Employment." *The Review of Black Political Economy* <https://doi.org/10.1177/00346446211013557>.  
\*Winner, 2020 American Sociological Association's Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities James E. Blackwell Graduate Student Paper Award

\*Honorable Mention, 2019 Rice University Department of Sociology's Walter and Helen Hall Graduate Student Paper Award

Bento, Asia and Tony N. Brown. 2021 "Belief in Systemic Racism and Self-Employment among Working Blacks." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 44(1):21–38. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2020.1737170>

Bento, Asia. 2020. "How African American Women Experience Hypervisibility in Japan and South Korea." *Social Identities* 26(4):550-569. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504630.2020.1783224>  
\*Honorable Mention, 2020 Rice University Department of Sociology's Walter and Helen Hall Graduate Student Paper Award

Brown, Tony N., Julian Culver, Asia Bento, and Quintin Gorman Jr. 2020 "The Prevalence, Correlates, and Consequences of Racial Apathy among Black Teenagers." *Journal of African American Studies* 24:611–626. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12111-020-09505-3>.

Brown, Tony N., Julian Culver, Kiana Wilkins, Quintin Gorman, Jr., Asia Bento, Aly M. Alvis, Chase L. Lesane-Brown, and Cleopatra H. Caldwell. 2020. "A Descriptive Study using the Comprehensive Race Socialization Inventory (CRSI): Findings from the National Survey of American Life-Adolescent Supplement (NSAL-A)." *Journal of Black Studies* 51(2):147-167.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0021934719896003>.

Brown, Tony, N., Asia Bento, Quintin Gorman Jr., Lydia Koku, and Julian Culver. 2019. "'Who Cares?' Investigating Consistency in Expressions of Racial Apathy among Whites." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 5:1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023119839518>

Brown, Tony N., Julian Culver, and Asia Bento. 2018. "How Incarceration Influences Native-Born Black Men's Risk of Obesity." *Ethnicity & Disease* 28(2):69-74. <http://dx.doi.org/10.18865/ed.28.2.69>

## **JOURNAL ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW**

Brown, Tony N., Asia Bento, Julian Culver, Raul Casarez, and Horace J. Duffy III. "Intergroup Contact and Racial Apathy among White Teenagers: Findings from the 2003 National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR)."

Brown, Tony, N., Quintin Gorman Jr., Julian Culver, and Asia Bento. "Four More Years! or So What? The Mental Health Significance for Black Adults of Barack Obama's 2012 Presidential Re-Election."

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Bento, Asia and Tony N. Brown. "How and Why Residential Racial Segregation Increases Black Entrepreneurship."

Brown, Tony N., Asia Bento, Jing Li. "'Ain't I a White Woman?' The Health Significance for White Women of Donald J. Trump's 2016 Presidential Election."

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Brown, Tony, N., Asia Bento, Julian Culver, Raul Casarez, and Horace Duffy III. 2018. "Predictors of Racial Apathy among Emerging Adults." (<https://rare.rice.edu/content/predictors-racial-apathy-among-emerging-adults>)

Bento, Asia. 2017. "How Do African American Women Describe and Respond To Their Hypervisibility in Japan and South Korea." (<https://rare.rice.edu/content/african-american-women-describe-and-respond-being-hypervisible-others>)

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 "When Banks Open: The Consequences of Bank Branch Openings on Credit Flows in Racially Segregated Areas." The American Sociological Association, Virtual Annual Meeting
- 2020 "The Racially Unequal Impacts of Disasters and Federal Recovery Assistance on Local Self-Employment Rates." Workshop on Gender, Race, and Entrepreneurship, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Invited Presentation)
- 2020 "Residential Racial Segregation and Access to Bank Branches in Atlanta, GA." The American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 "Neighborhood Residential Racial Segregation and Proximity to Bank Branch Closures and Openings in Atlanta, GA." The Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 "When and Where Residential Racial Segregation Matters for Black Self Employment." The American Sociological Association, New York, NY
- 2019 "The Racially Unequal Effects of Federal Recovery Aid on Self-Employment." The Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY
- 2019 "Does Belief in Systemic Racism Correlate with Black Adults' Self-Employment Status?" Association of Black Sociologist, New York, NY
- 2018 "Investigating the Link between Residential Racial Segregation and Black Self-Employment." The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 "Consistency and Change in Correlates of Black Nationalist Tendencies." Association of Black Sociologist, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 "How Do African American Women Describe and Respond To Their Hypervisibility in Japan and South Korea." Association of Black Sociologists, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 2014 "The Souls of Black Folks': African American Women's Experiences with the Gaze in South Korea and Japan." Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY

- 2013 “African American Women Resist the Local Gaze in Japan and South Korea.” Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2013 “I’m American: African American Women Assert Middle-Class American Identities in South Korea and Japan.” Hawaii Sociological Association, Honolulu, HI
- 2012 “Identity Intersection in Anna Leonowens’ ‘Life and Travels’ and ‘The English Governess.’” School of Pacific and Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2012 “The Okayama Orphanage: A Case Study for Social Reform in Meiji Japan.” Transnational Asia Graduate Student Conference, Rice University, Houston, TX (unable to attend)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016-present Graduate Research Assistant, Rice University Sociology Department, Houston, TX

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Guest Lecturer, Urban Sociology, Rice University
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Analysis for Social Sciences, Rice University
- 2017 Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Sociology, Rice University
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology, Rice University
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Racism and Ethnicity in Hawaii, University of Hawaii-Manoa
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Topics in Sociology, University of Hawaii-Manoa
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Gender, University of Hawaii-Manoa
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology, University of Hawaii-Manoa
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Social Psychology, University of Hawaii-Manoa
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Race and Ethnic Relations, University of Hawaii-Manoa
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Survey of Criminology, University of Hawaii-Manoa

## WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

- 2021 Longitudinal Data Analysis Using Stata, *Statistical Horizons*, Remote, Jan 28-30
- 2020 Introduction to Matching and Propensity Score Analysis, *Precontor: Educational Research and Training*, Remote, Nov 13
- 2019 Visualization using GGPlot2 Workshop, *Rice Visual Communication Symposium*, Rice University, Houston, TX, March 1
- 2018 Introduction to R, *Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research*, University of Houston, Houston, TX, May 14-16, awarded partial tuition waiver
- 2018 Summer Dissertation Proposal Workshop, *Center on Race and Wealth (Howard University)* and *Institution for Research on Poverty (University of Wisconsin-Madison)*, Howard University, Washington D.C., May 21-25, awarded funding for travel, lodging, and expenses

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2019 Graduate Student Mentor, Houston Area Research Team, Rice University
- 2019 Presider, Section on Race and Ethnicity Roundtable, American Sociological Association, New York, NY
- 2017-2019 Treasurer, Black Graduate Student Association, Rice University
- 2017-2019 Graduate Council Department Representative, Graduate Student Association, Rice University
- 2016-present Graduate Student Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Rice University
- 2016-2017 Secretary, Black Graduate Student Association, Rice University
- 2014 Presider, Section on Race in Europe and Asia Roundtable, Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY
- 2012-2013 Event Coordinator, Graduate Student Sociological Association (GSSA), University of Hawaii-Manoa
- 2012 Chair, Annual Conference Committee, Graduate Student Organization, University of Hawaii-Manoa
- 2009-2010 Treasurer, East Asian Studies Student Advisory Board, Connecticut College

**ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2016 Program Associate, United Way Bay Area, San Francisco, CA
- 2015-2016 Two Generation Vista, United Way Bay Area, Americorps, San Francisco, CA
- 2014 English Instructor, The Marpha Foundation, Marpha, Nepal
- 2011-2013 Reference Assistant, Hamilton Library, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2011-2013 Mentor and Tutor, Student Athlete Academic Services, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu, HI

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

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

**HOMEPAGE**

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