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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Rice University

Assistant Professor, Sociology

2021- present

Swarthmore College

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology

2018 - 2021

Princeton University

Lecturer, Sociology

2017- 2018

Reed College

Scholar in Residence/Fellow, Department of Sociology

2015 - 2017

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA

Ph.D. Sociology and Education

2016

M.S.Ed. Education Policy

2007

Amherst College, Amherst MA

B.A. Anthropology

2001

School for International Training, Zimbabwe

BOOK

The World Was Ours: Race, Memory, and Resistance in the Gentrified City
(Under Contract, University of Chicago Press)

PUBLICATIONS

- Evans, Shani Adia. 2021. "I Wanted Diversity, But Not So Much: Middle Class White Parents, School Choice, and the Persistence of Anti-Black Stereotypes." *Urban Education*
- Evans, Shani Adia. 2020. "Black Bourgeois: class and sex in the flesh by Candice M. Jenkins" (Review) *Ethnic and Racial Studies*
- Evans, Shani Adia. 2020. "When Schools Choose: Evaluation and Inequality in Education." *Sociological Quarterly* 61(3):1-21.
- Bader, Michael; Annette Lareau; **Shani Adia Evans**. 2019. "Talk on the Playground: The Neighborhood Context for School Choice." *City and Community* 18(2):483-508.
- Lareau, Annette; **Shani Adia Evans**; April Yee. 2016. "The Rules of the Game and the Uncertain Transmission of Advantage: Middle-class Parents' Search for an Urban Kindergarten." *Sociology of Education* 89(4):279-299.
- Reprinted in Jeanne H. Ballentine, Joan Z. Spade, and Jenny M. Stuber (eds.), *Schools and Society: A Sociological Approach to Education*. Sixth Edition. Thousand Oaks, Sage. 2018.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "Social Class, Taste, and College Choice: The Limited Appeal of Institutional Prestige"
(In Preparation)
- "I'm not selling! Aggressive Real Estate Solicitation and Belonging in Black Neighborhoods"
(In Preparation)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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| 2019 | Engaged Scholarship Research and Teaching Grant, Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility |
| 2015-17 | Consortium for Faculty Diversity in Liberal Arts Colleges Dissertation and Postdoctoral Fellowships (Reed College) |
| 2014 | Spencer/National Academy of Education Dissertation Fellowship |
| 2014 | American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship |
| 2014 | American Educational Research Association Dissertation Fellowship (Declined) |
| 2014 | Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship |
| 2013 | National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant |
| 2010-13 | Institute of Education Sciences Predoctoral Fellowship |

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Shani Adia Evans. "From Homeplace to White Space" *American Sociological Association*. August 2020.

Shani Adia Evans. "Black Experiences in Portland Oregon," *Association of Black Sociologists*. New York, NY. August 2019.

Shani Adia Evans. "Elite Averse: College Guidance in Working Class High Schools," *New Approaches to Cultural Capital. American Educational Research Association*. New York, NY. April 2018.

Shani Adia Evans. "High-Achieving Students and College Choice: Questioning the Universal Appeal of Elite Status." *American Sociological Association*. Montréal, Canada. August 2017.

Shani Adia Evans. "I Just Heard It's Good: Student Perceptions of the Higher Education Status Hierarchy and College Choice." *American Sociological Association*. Chicago, IL. August 2015.

Shani Adia Evans. "The Admissions Process at a Selective High School." *American Sociological Association*. San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

Shani Adia Evans. "I wanted diversity...but not so much:" Urban white middle class parents choosing schools. *American Sociological Association*. New York, NY. August 2013.

Annette Lareau, **Shani Adia Evans**, and April Yee. "The Power and Limits of Cultural Capital." *American Sociological Association*. Las Vegas, NV. August 2011.

Michael Bader, Annette Lareau, and **Shani Adia Evans.** "Dealing with the Reality of the Situation:" White Parents and the Perpetuation of Racial Segregation." *Eastern Sociological Society*. Philadelphia, PA. February 2011.

Shani Adia Evans, Clarisse Haxton, Holly Maluk, Eva Gold, Tracey A Hartmann. "High School Reform in Philadelphia: School Choice, Transition Supports and Small High Schools" *American Anthropological Association*. Philadelphia, PA. December 2009.

Eva Gold, Holly Maluk, Cecily Mitchell, **Shani Adia Evans**, Elaine Allard. "High School Reform in Process: How School Choice, Academic Expectations, and Immigrant/ ELL Status Affect the High School Experience in Philadelphia." *Ethnography in Education Forum*. Philadelphia, PA. February 2009.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Assistant, Research for Action, Philadelphia, PA	2007 - 2009
Career and Education Counselor, New York City Mission Society	2005 - 2006
Volunteer, United States Peace Corps, Gabon	2003 - 2005
Team Leader, Hands on Atlanta/AmeriCorps	2002 - 2003
Health Educator, Planned Parenthood Orlando	2001 - 2002

SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Reed College	2015 - 2017
Senior Thesis Advisor and Oral Examination Boards	

Swarthmore College	2018 - 2021
Co-Chair Departmental Research Committee	
Senior Thesis Advisor	
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Faculty Mentor	
Social Class in Higher Education Student Research Advisor	

Reviewer:

American Journal of Sociology

American Sociological Review

Social Problems

Sociological Forum

Sociology of Education

Sociology of Race & Ethnicity

The Sociological Quarterly

Member:

American Sociological Association

Community and Urban Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (2021)

Association of Black Sociologists

Eastern Sociological Society

The Society for the Study of Social Problems