

## SHAHILL PARSONS

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### EDUCATION

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- In Progress      **M.A., Rice University, Sociology (expected May 2024)**
- Thesis Title:** “For Richer, For Poorer, in Sickness and Health”: Examining the Role of Economic Pooling Arrangements on the Physical and Mental Health of African American Couples
- Committee Members: Profs. Jenifer Bratter, Anna Rhodes, and Jing Li
- 2018                **B.S., Florida State University, Sociology and Philosophy**
- 2012                **A.A., Valencia College, General Studies**

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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Race, racism, racial inequality, health, family, and social stratification.

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2023 – Present    *Research Assistant*, Rice University Sociology Department, Houston, TX.  
Supervising Professors: Dr. Jenifer Bratter and Dr. Anna Rhodes,  
Professors of Sociology
- 2022 – 2023      *Research Assistant*, Race and Racial Experiences workgroup (RARE),  
Rice University Sociology Department, Houston, TX. Supervising  
Professor: Tony N. Brown, Professor of Sociology

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND INVITED LECTURES

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- 2023                Teacher’s assistant: Research methods, Rice University Sociology  
Department, Houston, TX. Supervising Professor: Dr. Craig Considine,  
Senior Lecturer of Sociology

- 2023 Guest Lecturer, *Research Methods*, Rice University Sociology Department, Houston, TX
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#### GRANTS

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- 2023 Rice University Sociology Department Travel Grant **Award: \$400**

#### PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023 Xiaorui Zhang, Sharan Kaur Mehta, Jenifer Bratter, Shahill Parsons. "*Layers of Panethnic Boundaries: Disaggregating Asian American Asian American Intermarriage.*" Presented at the annual meeting of The American Sociological Association. August 18<sup>th</sup>

#### TRAINING

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- 2022 Scholarship Recipient, Statistical Training and Research Techniques (STaRT@Rice), Rice University School of Social Sciences, Houston, TX
- 2022 Department of Sociology Research Grant (\$1,230), Rice University, Houston, TX

#### REPORTS

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- 2023 Texas Workforce Commission: Interdisciplinary Report on the Implementation of State-Funded Childcare Apprenticeship Programs

#### SERVICE

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- 2023 Peer Mentor, Rice University Sociology Department, Houston, TX

#### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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**Nationwide Mortgaging Licensing System**

Needed as a lender to conduct mortgage applications.

**2-15 License**

Allows the holder to produce lines of business regarding health insurance, variable annuities, and life insurance.

**FL 6-20 Adjuster license**

Allows the holder to handle insurance claims on behalf of an insurance carrier or work independently.

**AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association

The Association of Black Sociologists

Black Graduate Student Association – Rice University

Pathways Program – Rice University

Young Credit Union Professionals: First Commerce Credit Union

Black Student Union: FSU

Phi Theta Kappa: Valencia

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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**Big Brothers and Sisters**

Big Brother to an underserved population currently in Tampa.

**Habitat for Humanity**

Builder – Tampa.

**American Heart Association**

Captain for a 5k walk sponsored by First Commerce in September of this year.

**Hurricane Michael clean up and recovery**

Voluntarily joined debris clean-up and the recovery effort as Hurricane Michael impacted

Tallahassee and NW FL.