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EDUCATION

- 2018-Present PhD (expected May 2025), Department of Sociology, Rice University
Dissertation Committee: Elaine Howard Ecklund (Chair), Jenifer Bratter, Christina Diaz, Anthony Pinn
Dissertation Title: Black Muslim Marriage Formation in the United States
- 2021 Master of Arts, Department of Sociology, Rice University
Committee: Elaine Howard Ecklund (Chair), Jenifer Bratter, James Elliott
Thesis title: “How American Am I?: Comparing American Identity among U.S. Black Muslims.”
- 2017 Bachelor of Arts, Department of International Studies, Religion Minor, Spelman College
Thesis Advisor(s): Jean Meadows and Munira Charania
Thesis title: “Radical Narratives of Muslim Male Youth: A Critical Investigation of the Media Rhetoric of Radicalization.”

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Religion, Race and Ethnicity, Immigration, Family, Gender, Qualitative Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Jauhara Ferguson. 2024. “How American Am I?: Comparing American Identity among U.S. Black Muslims.” *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*. 2(1–20).

Brown, Tony N., Quintin Gorman Jr., Autumn Raynor, Asia Bento, Julian Culver, and **Jauhara Ferguson.** 2024. “Wakanda Forever! Consistency in Correlates of Black Nationalist Tendencies.” *Social Science Quarterly*. 105(4): 1224–1238.

Scheitle, Christopher, Brenton, Kalinowski, **Jauhara, Ferguson,** Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2024. “Polarization in Support for Anti-Muslim Policies in the United States from 2002 to 2019: The Shift from External Shock to Internal Division.” *Sociology of Islam*. Forthcoming.

Scheitle, Christopher P., Bianca Mabute-Louie, **Jauhara Ferguson,** Emily Hawkins, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2023. “Fear of Religious Hate Crime Victimization and the Residual Effects of Antisemitism and Islamophobia.” *Social Forces*. 101(4): 2059-2086.

Ferguson, Jauhara, Christopher P. Scheitle, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2022. “Religion, Race, and Perceptions of Police Harassment.” *Social Problems*. 70 (3): 735-754.

Ferguson, Jauhara, Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2021. “Muslim Scientists’ Perceptions of Inclusion in the Scientific Workplace: A Cross-national Study.” *Sociology of Islam*. 10(1): 1-13.

Ferguson, Jauhara, Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Connor Rothschild. 2021. “Navigating Religion Online: Jewish and Muslim Responses to Social Media.” *Religions*. 12(4): 258-271.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Goff, Kerby, **Jauhara Ferguson**, Robert A. Thomson Jr., Denise Daniels, Elaine Howard Ecklund. “The Ideology Gap between Conservatives and Liberals in Perceptions of Workplace Discrimination.” Under Review.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Ferguson, Jauhara, Sharan Kaur Mehta, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2019. “Book Review: Being Muslim: A Cultural History of Women of Color in American Islam by Sylvia Chan-Malik.” *Gender & Society*. 33(4): 656-65

Ferguson, Jauhara. 2018. “Radical Narratives of Muslim Male Youth: A Critical Investigation of The Media Rhetoric of Radicalization.” *2017 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal*. 55-60.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023- Present Boniuk Institute Graduate Scholar (competitive fellowship), Boniuk Institute, Rice University
Supervising Professor: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Professor of Sociology

2018- Present Graduate Research Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University
Supervising Professor: Rachel Schneider, Assistant Research Professor of Religion

2018-2019 Graduate Research Fellow, Race and Racial Experiences Workgroup, Rice University
Supervising Professor: Tony N. Brown, Professor of Sociology

2017 Sub-Saharan Africa Program Intern, Conflict Resolution Program, The Carter Center
Supervisor: John Goodman, Associate Director of Conflict Resolution Program

2015-2017 Undergraduate Research Fellow, United Negro College Fund-Mellon Mays Fellowship
Program Director: Cynthia Neal Spence, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2024 Ferguson, Jauhara. “Black Muslim Marriage: How Religion, Race, and Gender Shape the Process of Marriage Formation among U.S. Black Muslims.” *Association for the Sociology of Religion*. Montreal, Canada, August.

2024 Ferguson, Jauhara. “Searching for Black Muslim Love: How Race and Gender Shape Marriage Processes for U.S. Black Muslims.” *Black Muslim Psychology Conference*. Chicago, IL, July.

2024 Ferguson, Jauhara. “Finding “Half Your Deen”: Islam and Marriage among U.S. Black Muslims.” *Muslim Mental Health Conference*. San Jose, CA, March.

2023 **Ferguson, Jauhara**. “Do We Belong Together?: A Qualitative Analysis of Muslim Marriage Formation.” *American Academy of Religion*. San Antonio, TX, November.

2023 **Ferguson, Jauhara**; Brenton Kalinowski, Moses Biney, Andrea Henderson, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. How Racial and Religious Frames Shape Narrations of Human Reproductive Genetic Technologies. *Association for the Sociology of Religion*. Philadelphia, PA, August.

2022 Okuwobi, Oneya; Andrea Henderson-Platt, **Jauhara Ferguson**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund, “Religiosity, Boundary Drawing, and Medical Mistrust Among Women and People of Color.” *American Sociological Association*. Los Angeles, CA, August.

- 2021 **Jauhara Ferguson**, “How American Am I?: Comparing American Identity among US Black Muslims.” *American Sociological Association*. Online, August.
- 2021 **Jauhara Ferguson**, Chris Scheitle, Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Religion Race, and Perceptions of Police Harassment.” *American Sociological Association*. Online, August.
- 2019 **Jauhara Ferguson**, “Muslim Scientists’ Perceptions of Inclusion in the Scientific Workplace: A Cross-national Study.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. New York, NY, August.
- 2017 **Jauhara Ferguson**, “Radical Narratives of Muslim Male Youth: A Critical Investigation of the Media Rhetoric of Radicalization.” *Spelman College Research Day*. Atlanta, GA, April.
- 2017 **Jauhara Ferguson**, “Muslim, Woman, and Student in the Contemporary US South.” *Georgia State University and the Auburn Avenue Research Library*. Atlanta, GA, March.
- 2015 **Jauhara Ferguson**. “Women, Islam and the Black Freedom Struggle.” *Spelman College Research Day*. Atlanta, GA, April.

MEDIA FEATURES

- 2022 Houston Chronicle
<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Muslims-report-more-religion-based-police-17396506.php>
- 2022 Middle East Eye
<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/us-muslims-five-times-more-likely-face-police-harassment-due-to-religion-study-shows>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022 SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology, Rice University
- **Instructor of record** for summer undergraduate introductory sociology course at Rice University
- 2021 SOCI 381 Methods, Rice University
- Teaching Assistant for an undergraduate sociology course at Rice University
- 2021 Introduction to Islam, Emory University and Spelman College
- Guest lecturer for a joint undergraduate seminar of 40 students
- 2020 Islam in America, Emory University
- Guest lecturer for graduate level course in the Master of Theological Studies program
- 2020 SOCI 380 Social Theory, Rice University
- Teaching Assistant for undergraduate sociology course at Rice University
- 2019 Muslims in American Society, Rice University
- Guest lecturer for undergraduate sociology course at Rice University

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2024 Rice University Walter and Helen Hall Best Graduate Student Paper Award Recipient
- 2023-2024 Boniuk Institute Graduate Fellowship

- 2023 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Dissertation Travel and Research Grant
- 2022 Rice University Social Science Research Institute Award Recipient
- 2022 Boniuk Institute Reading Religion Salon Award
- 2021 Min Zhou Research Grant
- 2018- Rice University Sociology Departmental Doctoral Fellowship
- 2017 Fulbright Research Grant Semi-Finalist
- 2016 Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society- Junior Inductee
- 2015-2017 UNCF-Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship
- 2015 Critical Language Scholarship Recipient
- 2014 Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society
- 2014 Middlebury Language Schools Scholarship for Students from Minority-Serving Institutions
- 2013-2017 Spelman College Dean’s Scholar
- 2013-2017 Spelman College Honors Program

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2022 Project Manager for the Faith at Work Project in the Religion and Public Life Program at Rice University
- 2022 Trained Rice University undergraduate and graduate students in NVivo Qualitative Analysis Software
- 2019 Rice University Graduate School Recruitment at Spelman College

SERVICE

- 2022 Rice University Center for Teaching Excellence Certification
- 2021 Center for Teaching Excellence Graduate Liaison
- 2020 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Membership Committee
- 2021-2022 Rice University Graduate Ambassador

LANGUAGES

- 2016 Beijing Foreign Studies University in Beijing, China
 - Certified by International Education of Students as Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Intermediate-Mid Chinese Speaking Proficiency
- 2015 Noor Majan Training Institute in Ibb, Oman
 - Certified by the United States – State Department as Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Intermediate-High Arabic Speaking Proficiency Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic), Arabic (Omani Dialect)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Association of Black Sociologists
American Sociological Association
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Society for the Study of Social Problems
National Alumnae Association of Spelman College
Mellon Mays Fellow Professional Network

REFERENCES

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