

JOSEPH C. EWOODZIE, Jr.

Department of Sociology // Rice University
Phone: 713-348-3843 / 914-882-6210 Email: je56@rice.edu
Website: ewoodzie.com

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024 – Associate Professor of Sociology, Rice University

2020 – 2024 Vann Associate Professor of Racial Justice, Davidson College

2015 – 2020 Malcolm O. Partin Assistant Professor of Sociology,
Davidson College

2013 – 2015 Marilyn Yarbrough Teaching Fellow/ Visiting Assistant Instructor
Kenyon College

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (May 2015) Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dissertation: “Getting Something to Eat: An Ethnography of Foodways in
Jackson, MS”
Comprehensive Exams: Comparative Historical Sociology; Race and Ethnicity

M.S. (May 2010) Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Thesis: “The Creation of a Social Entity: Hip Hop Between 1973 and 1979”

B.A. (May 2006) Department of Sociology, Ithaca College, NY

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race, Class, Poverty, Migration, Urban Sociology, Culture, Ethnography, Theory

EXTERNAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020 NSF Career Award, “Transnational Lives in the U.S.,”
National Science Foundation (1944961), Principal Investigator, \$400,000

2019 Ford Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship,
National Academy of Sciences, \$45,000

2018 “Collaborative REU Site: Examining the Intersection of Food, Housing, and
Healthcare,” Principal Investigator
National Science Foundation Grant (1757506), , \$222,660

- 2017 Undergraduate Research Development Grant: The Beatties Ford Project, Principal Investigator,
Johnson C. Smith University, \$30,000
- 2014 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship,
National Academy of Sciences, \$21,000
Harvey Fellowship,
Mustard Seed Foundation, \$12,000
- 2013 Minority Fellowship Program,
American Sociological Association, \$18,000
Marilyn Yarbrough Dissertation and Teaching Fellowship,
Kenyon College, \$36,000

INTERNAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Smith-Davidson Leadership Initiative Grant (written in collaboration with Jason Simons and Stephanie Glaser), The Duke Endowment, \$630,000
- 2019 Mellon Justice Equality Community Artist in Residence for Zun Lee,
Davidson College, \$46,500
- 2018 Course Development Grant (Course Title: Housing), Center for
Civic Engagement, Davidson College, \$3,500
- 2018 Mellon Justice Equality Community Artist in Residence for Rafael Casal,
Davidson College, \$14,620
- 2018 Bacca Foundation Grants for Visiting Lecture and Artist in Residence for
Dr. Akshay Pendyal, Davidson College \$3,500
- 2017 Undergraduate Research Development Grant for The Beatties Ford Project,
Principal Investigator, Davidson College \$30,000
- 2016 Course Development Grant (Course Title: The Sociology of Beatties Ford Road),
Center for Civic Engagement, Davidson College, \$3,500
- 2014 Student Travel Grant,
Midwest Sociological Society \$5,000
- 2012 Vilas Travel Grant,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, \$500
- 2011 Provost Pre-Dissertation Research Grant,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, \$1,500
- 2011 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Dissertation Grant,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, \$6,000
- 2007-2012 Advanced Opportunity Fellowship,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, \$21,00 per year

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 The Nancy Weiss Malkiel Scholars Award (Alternate)
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
- 2018 Carolyn Carter Maness Lecture in American Studies, University of North
Carolina, Chapel Hill

- 2017 John T. Edgerton Scholar in Residence, Southern Foodways Alliance 2017 Conference, Charlotte, NC
- 2017 Award for Community Engagement Course (The Sociology of Beatties Ford Road), Center for Civic Engagement, Davidson College
- 2017 Young Alumni of the Year, Ithaca College
- 2015 Malcolm O. Partin Endowed Professorship, Davidson College
- 2011 Division of Housing Honored Instructor Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007 Sewell Graduate Student Award in Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Gillin Welcome Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2002-2006 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar, Ithaca College

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 *Getting Something to Eat in Jackson: Race, Class, and Food in Mississippi*. Princeton University Press.
- Best Book Award in Writing (Finalist), *The James Beard Foundation*
 - C. Wright Mills Award, *Society for the Study of Social Problems*
 - Ida B. Wells-Barnett Book Award, *Association of Black Sociologists*
 - ASFS Book Award, *Association for the Study of Food and Society*
- 2020 Smith, Bobby and Joseph Ewoodzie (joint authorship) “Listening to Zenani's Food Voice: Recovering Contemporary Black Foodways in Southern Food Studies,” *Food, Culture & Society* (Accepted).
- 2017 Ewoodzie, Joseph C. *Break Beats in the Bronx: Revisiting Hip Hop's Early Years*. The University of North Carolina Press.

ESSAYS

- 2019 “A Eulogy for the Man Who Shot Nipsey Hussle,” *The North Star*
- 2016 “Why Students are Protesting on College Campuses.” *The Ithacan* (Reprinted in *IC View*—The Magazine of Ithaca College.)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Book Talks for *Getting Something to Eat in Jackson*

Fall 2021

Harvard Book Store (Boston, MA), University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN), Carleton College (Northfield), University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA), University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, WI), Notre Dame University (South Bend, IN), Kenyon College (Gambier, OH)

Spring 2022

Brown University (Providence, RI), Northeastern University (Boston, MA), Phillips Academy (Andover, MA), Haverford College (Haverford, PA), University of Mississippi (Oxford University), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Milwaukee, WI), University of North Carolina-Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)

Fall 2022

Rhodes College (Memphis, TN), University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA), Princeton University (Princeton, NJ), Boston University (Boston, MA), Salva Regina (Newport, RI),

Spring 2023

University of Texas-Austin (Austin, TX), Rice University (Houston, TX), University of Mississippi Medical College (Jackson, MS), Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)

Spring 2024

Town of Davidson Public Library (Davidson, NC), Lycoming University (Williamsport, PA)

Fall 2024

Tulane University (New Orleans, LA), Spelman College (Atlanta, GA)

Invited Book Talks for *Break Beats in the Bronx: Revisiting Hip Hop's Early Years*

Spring 2019

SUNY Oswego (Oswego, NY), University of Ghana-Legon, Institute of African Studies, March 2019 (Accra, Ghana)

Fall 2018

Brown University, American Studies (Providence, RI), Wheaton College (Norton, MA), Mars Hill University (Mars Hill, NC), University of North Carolina-Asheville (Asheville, NC), Kansas City Public Library (Kansas City, MO)

Spring 2018

Duke University (Durham, NC), Ithaca College (Ithaca, NY)

Spring 2017

Davidson College Alumni Event at Fordham University, February 2017 (Bronx, NY)

Invited Lectures

“Research Methods in Literature and Social Science” (with Caroline Fache)

- Department of English, University of Ghana-Legon, March 2019
- “Blackways, Foodways: Race and Class in Mississippi”
- Louisiana State University, Department of Sociology, October 2018 (Baton Rouge, LA)
 - Brown University, American Studies Department, December 2018 (Providence, RI)
- “Everything But the Burden: Immigration and Identity in America”
- Southern Foodways Alliance Summer Symposium, June 2018 (Charlotte, NC)
- “Getting Something to Eat: Foodways, Poverty, and Homelessness in Jackson, MS”
- North Carolina State University, Department of Sociology, April 2016 (Raleigh, NC)
 - Grinnell College, Department of Sociology, October 2014 (Grinnell, IA)
 - Rice University, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, October 2014 (Houston, TX)
 - University of Mississippi, Southern Foodways Alliance Conference, October 2014 (Oxford, MS)
 - University of Iowa, Department of Sociology, February 2014 (Iowa City, IA)
 - Ithaca College, Department of Sociology, February 2014 (Ithaca, NY)
 - University of Wisconsin-Madison, Robert Wood Johnson Award Grantee Symposium, March 2013 (Madison, WI)
 - Kenyon College, Common Hour Talk, March 2013 (Gambier, OH)
 - University of Mississippi, Center for the Study of Southern Culture—Southern Foodways Alliance, September 2012 (Oxford, MS)
- “Getting In’ in the Field”
- Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology, April 2012 (Starkville, MS)

Conference Presentations

- “Humanizing Remittances”
- Southern Sociological Society, April 2019 (Atlanta, GA)
- “Getting Something to Eat: Foodways of Upper Middle-Class Black Americans”
- Southern Sociological Society, March 2017 (Greenville, South Carolina)
- “Getting Something to Eat: Foodways, Poverty, and Homelessness in Jackson, MS”
- Contemporary Ethnography Across Disciplines, November 2016 (Cape Town, South Africa)
- “Getting Something to Eat: Foodways among the Poor in Jackson, MS,”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2014 (San Francisco, CA)
- “Kool DJ Herc, Symbolic Boundaries, and the Making of Hip Hop,”
- Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2013 (Chicago, IL)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rice University:

100 Level

Introduction to Sociology

300 Level

Race and Ethnic Relations

Davidson College

400 Level

Sociology of Beatties Ford Road

300 Level

Contemporary Race Theory
Qualitative Research Methods
Contemporary Sociological Theory
Topics in Transnationalism

200 Level

Hip Hop and Urban Sociology
Housing (2x)
Sociology of the South
Racial Justice Seminar
Introductory Sociology

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Graduate and Junior Faculty Mentorship Program

Association of Black Sociologists (2024-)

C. Wright Mills Book Award,

Society for the Study of Social Problems (2024-)

Book Award Committee,

Association for the Study of Food and Society (2023-)

Book Award Committee,

Association of Black Sociologists (2019-2024)

Editorial Board, *Southern Cultures*

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (2019-)

Public Engagement Advisory Committee

American Sociological Association (2017-2018)

Editorial Board, *Teaching Sociology*

American Sociological Association (2015—2018)

Academic Committee Member, Southern Foodways Alliance

Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi (2015—2017)

Advisory Board Member, Seeking Education Equity and Diversity (SEED)

Office of Equity & Diversity, University of Madison, WI (2009 - 2010)

Co-Creator and Facilitator, On Ramp College Access Program

Nehemiah Community Development Corporation, Madison, WI (2008 - 2012)

Committee Member, Minority Recruitment & Retention Committee
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2007-2008)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Southern Sociological Society

African Studies Association
Ghana Studies Association