

## Marya Thembi Mtshali, Ph.D.

### Curriculum Vitae

Harvard University  
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#### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., Sociology, Boston College 2018  
Dissertation: "Gray Matter: The Roles of Race, Gender, and Racialized Gender Ideologies in the Management of Racial Difference in Heterosexual Black/White Intimate Relationships"  
Committee: Zine Magubane (co-chair), C. Shawn McGuffey (co-chair), Martin Summers (History), Amy Steinbugler (Sociology, Dickinson College)  
Area Exams: Race, Class, Gender; Gender and Sexualities (Passed with Distinction)
- B.S., Sociology, Arizona State University 2010  
Minor, Women and Gender Studies
- B.S., Marketing, Arizona State University 2007

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#### **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- Harvard University, Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Lecturer 2019-Present  
Clark University, Department of Sociology, Visiting Assistant Professor 2021-2022  
Wellesley College, Department of Sociology, Visiting Lecturer 2020-2021  
Clark University, Department of Sociology, Lecturer 2020-2021

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#### **PUBLICATIONS**

[Mtshali, Marya T. 2021. "White People in Interracial Relationships Understand Racism Better, Sure, but at What Cost to Black Partners?" \*Cosmopolitan\*.](#)

[Mtshali, Marya T. 2020. "How Medical Bias against Black People is Shaping Covid-19 Treatment and Care." Vox.](#)

[Mtshali, Marya T. and Breanne Fahs. 2014. "Catherine Breillat's \*Romance and Anatomy of Hell\*: Subjectivity and the Gendering of Sexuality." \*Women: A Cultural Review\* 25 \(2\): 160-75.](#)

[Dodson, Lisa, Randy Albelda, Diana Salas Coronado, and Marya Mtshali. 2012. "How Youth are Put at Risk by Parents' Low-Wage Jobs." Boston: \*Center for Social Policy Publications\*, Paper 68.](#)

**Mtshali, Marya**, Craig Norberg-Bohm, Debra Robbin, and Toni K. Troop. 2011. "Young Men for Change: Be Part of the Solution in Ending Men's Violence against Women." Boston: Jane Doe, Inc.: Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

### **Articles Under Review**

**Mtshali, Marya T.** "The Role of Racialized Heteronormativity in the Management of Negative Public Interactions for Black-White Intimate Couples." *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

### **Articles in Preparation**

**Mtshali, Marya T.** "Race, Gender, and Racialized Gender Ideologies in Racially Educational Discussions in Black Female/White Male Intimate Relationships."

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

**Mtshali, Marya T.** *Gray Matter: Racialized Heteronormativities in the World of Black-White Interracial Couples*.

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## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS**

2021 Bok Faculty Fellow at Harvard University Derek Bok Center (Spring)

2019 Recipient of the Harvard University Derek Bok Center's Certificate of Excellence in Teaching

2013 Honorable Mention for the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper for the American Sociological Association's Race, Gender and Class section

2013 Severyn T. Bruyn Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Social Economy and Social Justice, Boston College Sociology Department

2013 Summer Individual Research and Conference Grant, Boston College Graduate Student Association (Research)

2012 Spring Individual Research and Conference Grant, Boston College Graduate Student (Research and conference travel)

2011 Graduate Research Expense Grant, Boston College Sociology Department

2010-2015 Boston College Diversity Fellowship

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### **INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

2021 "Navigating Higher Ed: Equity, Representation and Intersectionality," 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lesbians+ of Color Symposium, Harvard Law School (Postponed to Fall/Winter)

2020 "Racism – A Public Health Crisis in America," America's Physician Groups webinar (July)

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### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2019 "Cumbersome Conversations: The roles of race, gender, and racialized gender ideologies in racially educational discussions in heterosexual black/white intimate relationships," *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY (August 11, 2019)*

2013 "Race, Gender and Issues of Self-Disclosure for Black Female-White Male Intimate Couples"

*Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York, NY (August 9)*

*Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (March 22)*

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### **CAMPUS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

2021 "Black Voices & Visions: A Panel Discussion on Racial Reckoning, Justice & Healing," Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Center & the W.E.B. Du Bois Society (February)

2020 "Racial Justice, Scholarship, & Activism," Harvard Summer School (July)

2020 "Conversations about BGLTQ+ Folk & Queerness in the Black Community with Barbara Smith," Hutchins Center for African & African-American Research and Harvard's Black Men's Forum (February)

2019 "Gender, Race and Sexuality under Trump and Bolsonaro," Harvard Law School Brazilian Studies Association (April)

2019 "Let's Talk: Food & Fascinating Conversation with Professor Mtshali," Harvard College Women's Center (February)

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Harvard University

Gender, Race, and Poverty in the United States (Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021)  
Interracial Intimacy: Sex, Race, and Romance in the U.S. (Spring 2020, Fall 2020)  
Race, Gender, and Youth Activism in the Struggle for Justice (Summer 2020)

### Wellesley College

Doing Sociology Real World (Spring 2021)  
Classical Sociological Theory (Fall 2020)

### Clark University

Sociology of Gender (Spring 2021)  
Myth-busting Poverty: Race, Gender & the Realities of Being Poor in the US (Fall 2020)

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Intern, The Consortium on Security, Gender, and Human Rights, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts (June - October 2012)

Research Assistant, Graduate School for Arts and Sciences, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts (July 2011 - May 2012)

Men's Initiative Intern, Jane Doe, Inc.: Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, Boston, Massachusetts (June - August 2011)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2021 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Selection Committee Member, American Sociological Association's Race, Gender and Class section

2021 Mentor for LGBTQ+ Mentorship Program, Wellesley College

2014 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Selection Committee Member, American Sociological Association's Race, Gender and Class section

2012-2015 *SocialEyes* Undergraduate Sociology Journal Graduate Advisor, Boston College

2010-2011 Boston College Graduate Mentor for McNair Scholars Program

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## **SELECTED COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

2015-2016 Cambridge Community Services City Links Mentor

2011-2013 Massachusetts Certified Rape Crisis Counselor, Boston Area Rape Crisis Center Hotline

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## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

### **2021**

["Guess who's coming to dinner," Harvard Gazette \(February\)](#)

### **2020**

["It's Not Just Unfair, It's Inequitable," Shift Nursing \(September\)](#)

["Creating community in the virtual classroom," Harvard Gazette \(August\)](#)

["The other infectious diseases spreading in the shadow of the pandemic," Vox \(July\)](#)

["Why Asian and Black Americans continue to experience COVID-19-related discrimination – and what you can do about it," MarketWatch \(July\)](#)

["Medical bias: From pain pills to COVID-19, racial discrimination in health care festers," USA Today \(June\)](#)

["White privilege is real: Look at the coronavirus impact on Black America," Business Insider \(June\)](#)

["Experts call for White House to craft a plan for equal access to COVID-19 vaccine," National Journal \(June\)](#)

["The Coronavirus Files: The Health Divide, The Hunger Crisis & Reopening the Courts," USC Annenberg Center for Healthcare Journalism \(June\)](#)

["Gold Star Teaching Moves: Harvard undergraduates recognizing moments of teaching excellence," Harvard University Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning blog](#)

### **2013**

["The Minimum Wage: A Children's Issue," First Focus on Children blog \(August\)](#)

### **2012**

["Low-wage jobs take toll on families," Akron Beacon Journal \(December\)](#)

["Low-Wage Jobs Don't Just Harm Workers – They Harm Their Children," ThinkProgress \(December\)](#)

["Youth at risk from parents' low-wage jobs," United Press International \(November\)](#)

["How Children Subsidize 'Low, Low Prices,'" The New York Times \(November\)](#)

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### **SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

Senior Research Analyst, Fulcrum Research Group, Waltham, Massachusetts (June - Dec 2019)

Core Curriculum Administrator, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts (October 2015 - February 2016)

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### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

Eastern Sociological Society

National Women's Studies Association

Harvard Gender and Sexuality Caucus

Feminist Research on Gender and Sexuality Group at Arizona State University

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**SOFTWARE**

Atlas.ti, SPSS, Microsoft Office Suite, Canvas LMS, Moodle LMS, Poll Everywhere, Kialo, Google Drive Suite, Padlet, Wordpress