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CURRENT POSITION

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology and
Department of the History of Medicine
Assistant Professor

July 2019-present

PREVIOUS POSITION

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology
Provost's Postdoctoral Fellow

July 2018-2019

EDUCATION

PhD Boston University, Sociology **May 2018**
Dissertation: "Epidemic Orientalism: Social Construction and
The Global Management of Infectious Disease"
Committee: Deborah Carr Ph.D., Julian Go Ph.D., Sigrún Ólafsdóttir Ph.D.,
Emily Barman Ph.D., Claire Decoteau Ph.D.

MSc London School of Economics and Political Science **May 2012**
Thesis: "Alterity by Disease: The Reestablishment of Bio-Racial
Separation in South Africa Through HIV/AIDS and
Tuberculosis Co-Infection"
Advisor: Paul Gilroy Ph.D.

BA Amherst College, Black Studies **May 2006**
Graduated Cum Laude

HONORS AND AWARDS

The Political Economy of the World System Graduate
Student Paper Award: American Sociological Association **2018**

The Peace, War and Social Conflict Section's Elise Boulding Graduate

Student Paper Award: American Sociological Association	2018
Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award: Boston University	2017
Best Graduate Student Paper Award in Global and Transnational Sociology: American Sociological Association	2015

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Hammer, Ricarda and Alexandre I. R. White. 2018. "Toward a Sociology of Colonial Subjectivity: Political Agency in Haiti and Liberia." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2332649218799369>
(Winner of the 2018 Political Economy of the World System Graduate Student Paper Award and the 2018 Peace, War and Social Conflict Section's Elise Boulding Graduate Student Paper Award: American Sociological Association)

Harris J, White, A. (Forthcoming) "Sociology Of Global Health- A Literature Review". *Sociology of Development*.

White, Alexandre I. R. 2017. "Global Risks, Divergent Pandemics: Contrasting Responses To Bubonic Plague And Smallpox In 1901 Cape Town." *Social Science History* 1–24. <https://doi.org/10.1017/Ssh.2017.41>. (Winner of the 2015 Best Graduate Student Paper Award in Global and Transnational Sociology: American Sociological Association)

PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS AND NON-REFEREED ARTICLES

White, Alexandre I. R. 2017. "Empire, Epidemics and Visions of Racial Apocalypse." *Public Seminar*. (<http://www.publicseminar.org/2017/09/empire-epidemics-and-visions-of-racial-apocalypse/>).

Hammer R., White, A. "Decolonizing the Social". *Perspectives: Newsletter of the American Sociological Association Theory Section* 39(1): 24-27.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Books in Progress

White, A., (In Progress) Epidemic Orientalism: A Social History of International Disease Response

Articles in Progress

White, A. (In Progress) "The Roots and Branches of a Postcolonial Medical Sociology".

White, A., Tubi O, (In Progress) “Vector Colonialism: Disease Control and The Law Of Division In The Middle East”.

White, A., Richard M., (In Progress) “When Scientific Fields Emerge: Tracing the Production of The Epistemology Of HIV/AIDS”.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

White A., Richard M., (2018) “When Scientific Fields Emerge: Tracing the Production of the HIV/AIDS Research Field”. Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Conference. Sydney, Australia.

White A. (2018) “Imperial Debris and Racialized Governance: The World Health Organization and the Management of Infectious Disease”. American Sociological Association Annual Conference.

White A. (2018) “Policing the Modern Plagues: Epidemics, Symbolic Power and the Global Management of Disease Risk”. American Sociological Association Annual Conference.

White A. (2017) “Disease Through Imperial Eyes”. Social Science History Association Annual Conference.

Hammer R, White A. (2017) “Black Revolutions, Black Republics”. Social Science History Association Annual Conference.

Hammer R, White A. (2017) “Black Revolutions, Black Republics: Inventing the Political In Haiti and Liberia”. American Sociological Association Annual Conference.

White A (2017) “Policing Disease: Reform of the International Health Regulations and Strategic Social Construction at the WHO”. American Sociological Association Annual Conference.

White, A. (2017) “Tracing the Production of the Epistemology of HIV/AIDS”. American Sociological Association Annual Conference.

White A. (2017) “Infectious Disease Response and the Intersections of Race, Capital and Empire”. The London Conversations-SOAS University, University of London

Hammer R, White A. (2017) “Black Revolutions, Racial Power, And the Global Imaginary”. Decolonizing the Social-Boston University

Hammer R, White A. (2017) “Black Revolutions, Haiti and Liberia”. Social Theory Forum-UMass Boston

- White A. (2017) “The Battle To Police Disease”- Science, Technology, And The Politics Of Knowledge In Global Affairs. Buffet Institute Of Global Studies
- White, A. (2016) “An Archaeology of Epidemics: Examining Social Responses to Disease Outbreak in a Comparative-Historical Perspective” Social Science History Association Annual Conference.
- White, A. (2016) “Imperial Anxieties, Colonial Concerns; Contrasting Responses to Bubonic Plague and Smallpox in 1901 Cape Town”. Decolonial Options for the Social Sciences Mini-Conference. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference.
- White, A. (2015) “Global Risks, Divergent Pandemics: Contrasting Responses To Bubonic Plague And Smallpox In 1901 Cape Town.” Social Science History Association Annual Conference. Baltimore Maryland
- White, A. (2015) “Disease and the Formation of the Modern South African State.” ASA Mini-Conference on Comparative Historical Sociology. Northwestern University
- White, A. (2015) “Disinfecting the Other; Disciplining Race and Gender during the Third Plague Pandemic.” New Perspectives in Intersectionality: Race, Class and Gender and Sexuality. University of Massachusetts Boston.
- White, A. (2015) “Global Risks, Divergent Pandemics: Contrasting Responses To Bubonic Plague And Smallpox In 1901 Cape Town.” ASA Sociology of Development Conference. Brown University
- White, A. (2014). “Burdened with a Second Sight: Double Consciousness and the Social Construction of HIV+ Experience”. American Sociological Association Annual Conference.
- White, A. (2014). “Racial Ideology and Alterity: Hegemonic Formation During the 1901 Cape Town Plague Epidemic”. Alterity 2014. University of Genoa
- White, A. (2014) “Racial Ideology at the Level of Common Sense: Hegemonic formation and Ideology During the 1901 Cape Town Plague Epidemic”. Race Ethnicity and Post-Colonial Studies PhD. Symposium 2014. London School of Economics and Political Science
- White, A. (2014) “Constructing a Social Imaginary through the Opinions of the Roberts Court”. Gender and Identity in the Age Of Obama. Northeastern University.
- White, A. (2014). “Engaging A Black Atlantic Futurity: Exploring Double Consciousness within the frame of HIV/AIDS.” 2014 ESA Graduate Conference. Currents of the Black Atlantic: On the Genealogies and Futures of Diasporatic Inquiry. City University of New York Graduate Center

PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS, ENTRIES, NON-REFEREED ARTICLES

Katrina quisumbing king and Alexandre White. 2018. The Global Historical Dimensions of Race and Racisms. *Newsletter of the Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the ASA* (Spring): 8-12.

White, Alexandre I. R. 2017. "Empire, Epidemics and Visions of Racial Apocalypse." *Public Seminar*. <http://www.publicseminar.org/2017/09/empire-epidemics-and-visions-of-racial-apocalypse/>

Hammer, Ricarda and Alexandre White. "Decolonizing the Social: A Junior Scholars' Workshop", *Perspectives: Theory Section Newsletter*, 39(1): 24-27.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

White, A. (2018) "Disease Through Imperial Eyes." University of Virginia

White, A. (2016) "Global Risks, Divergent Pandemics: Contrasting Responses to Bubonic Plague and Smallpox in 1901 Cape Town." Johns Hopkins University

White, A. (2014). "Envisioning a Queer Futurity: Radical Queer Politics at the Intersections of Marginalized Experience." Introduction to Queer Studies. Smith College.

White, A. (2014). "HIV/AIDS in Poetry and Theatre during the 1980's." The Gay 80's. Smith College

White, A. (2014). "Conceptualizing Apartheid: Antecedent Formations and the Apartheid Racial Experience." Check One Box; Constructing Race and Racial Identity. Boston University

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Boston University Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Term Future Summer Fellow **2017**

Boston University: "Morris Fund Dissertation Grant" **2016**

Boston University: "Summer Research Fellowship" **2016**

Boston University: "Morris Fund Collaborative Research Grant" **2015**

Boston University: “Morris Fund Collaborative Research Grant”	2015
ICPSR: “Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research Nominee”	2015
Boston University “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship” 3 Year Fully Funded Research Fellowship	2013-2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore
Professor, Plagues, Power and Social Control

The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore
Professor, Social Medicine I and II

Boston University, Boston Autumn Term 2016; Spring Term 2017
Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Medical Sociology

- Taught three seminar sections of Introduction to Medical Sociology, an undergraduate course averaging 80 students per semester
- Graded quizzes, exams, and homework
- Created syllabus for each seminar to support the Professors lectures

Boston University, Boston Autumn Term 2015; Spring Term 2016; Fall Term 2016
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
 Graded exams and written assignments for Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, a class averaging 50 students.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association Section Affiliations:

- Medical Sociology
- Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- Global and Transnational Sociology
- Comparative Historical Sociology
- Science, Knowledge and Technology
- Political Economy and the World System

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Center for Medical Humanities and Social Medicine

2019-Present

Associate Director

The Johns Hopkins Center for Medical Humanities and Social Medicine is an interdisciplinary teaching and research unit that bridges the humanities, social sciences, and health sciences across the campuses of Johns Hopkins University to foster innovative interdisciplinary scholarship with maximum impact, and to train undergraduates, graduate students, and health professionals with skills to apply critical social analysis to the study of health and disease.

Journal of World Systems Research

2016-2018

Editorial Board Member and Book Review Editor

The *Journal of World-Systems Research* is the official journal of the Political Economy of the World-System Section of the American Sociological Association. *JWSR* is an open-access, peer reviewed journal with an interdisciplinary audience of readers from around the world.

Political Power and Social Theory

2016-2018

Lead Blog Editor and Student Editor

Political Power and Social Theory is a biannual journal published by Emerald Press. Housed at the Department of Sociology at Boston University under the editorship of Julian Go, it is committed to advancing our interdisciplinary, critical understanding of the linkages between social relations, political power, and historical development. By publishing manuscripts based on original research that challenge conventional theoretical assumptions, the series opens a space of inquiry and debate that crosses disciplinary and geographic boundaries and appeals to a broad range of social scientists as well as area specialists.

Graduate Student Publication Award Committee,
Elise Boulding Award, ASA Section on War, Peace and Social Conflict

2019

Graduate Fellow- Boston University Center for Teaching and Learning

2017-2018

Graduate Student Publication Award Committee, Global and
Transnational Section of the American Sociological Association

2015-2016

Student Member: Seminar Series Committee. Boston University
Department of Sociology

2015-2016

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Project Officer- Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance

2012-2013

P.R.I.M.E. Finance stands for the Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance, an innovative collaboration launched in January 2012. The project was established to help resolve, and to assist judicial systems in the resolution of disputes concerning complex financial transactions. P.R.I.M.E. Finance has the support of key international regulatory bodies and is complementary to the on-going financial market regulatory reform process. As project officer I was responsible for organizing and implementing projects in the four key areas of operation within P.R.I.M.E. Finance:

1. Dispute resolution services, including arbitration, mediation and the provision expert opinions, determinations and risk assessment
2. Judicial training and education of judges in the developing world on the complex financial disputes pertaining to derivatives
3. The compilation of a central database of international precedents and source materials relating to Derivatives Trading and the ISDA Master Agreement
4. Planned, fundraised and organized the P.R.I.M.E. Finance Annual Conference, an event sponsored by the majority of Magic Circle firms and representing the top Jurists, lawyers and scholars on High Finance and Derivatives trading law.

Field and Policy Director- Mike Williams for Congress (D) Connecticut Fifth District

March-September 2011

Responsible for co-managing 4 full time staff and a volunteer team responsible for outreach to the voting public.

- Authored the campaign's field strategy, which endeavored to contact 70,000 voters by May 2012.
- Recruited over 150 volunteers for the campaign.
- Raised over 1/3rd of the total funds for the 1st reporting quarter of the campaign through contacts and events created and managed by myself.
- Responsible for planning events for the campaign and performing advance work for events.
- Organized several fundraisers in both London and New York and performed advanced work for an event in Los Angeles.
- Acted as speechwriter, authoring the candidate's announcement address. I also authored much of the candidate's policy, specifically regarding job creation and the environment.
- Left the campaign to pursue a Master's Degree at the London School of Economics.

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

French: Advanced Reading and Writing

REFERENCES

Professor Julian Go Department of Sociology, Boston University juliango@bu.edu

Professor Emily Barman, Boston University ebarman@bu.edu

Professor Sigrun Olafsdottir, University of Iceland sigruno@hi.is