

Last updated: March 7, 2024

Monique D. A. Kelly

Department of Sociology
Michigan State University
509 East Circle Drive, Room 317
East Lansing, MI 48824-1111
Office: 429B Berkey Hall
Email: kellymo5@msu.edu

EDUCATION

- 2019 **PhD in Sociology**, University of California, Irvine (UCI)
Dissertation: *Jamaican Ethnic Oneness, Race, Colorism, and Inequality*
Co-Chairs: Dr. Rubén G. Rumbaut and Dr. Stanley Bailey (UCI)
- 2013 **MA in Social Science**: Demographic and Social Analysis (DASA), UCI
Thesis: *Influences of Parent and Peer Attachment on the Identity Choices of 2nd Generation Afro-Caribbean Adolescents*
- 2012 **BA in Psychology** (with Sociology minor), Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU)
Thesis: *The Effects of Parent and Peer Attachment on the Self-Perception of Minority College Students*

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Michigan State University (MSU)

- 2022- Core faculty member, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies,
International Studies & Programs
- 2021- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, College of Social Science
- 2019-2021 Dean's Research Associate, Department of Sociology, College of Social Science

Orange Coast College (OCC)

- 2017-2019 Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, Division of Social & Behavioral
Sciences

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race/Ethnicity; Colorism; Inequality; Stratification; Racial Attitudes; Nationalism; and the African Diaspora

GRANTS

Competitively Peer Reviewed

- 2022 **Monique D. A. Kelly** (PI) and Danille Arendse (PI – University of Pretoria): “Racial identity and public opinion: The comparative cases of South Africa and the US.” Diverse Black Africa Program by the Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) in partnership with the Black Faculty, Students & Administrators Association, MSU African Studies Center, and the Diversity Research Network. - *\$5,000 funded.*
- 2021 **Monique D. A. Kelly** (PI), Joan Phillips (PI – UWI-Barbados), Moses Onyango (PI – USIU-A, Kenya), Aaron Kamugisha (Co-PI – Smith College): “Race/Ethnicity and the question of postcolonial citizenship: A comparative study of East Africa and the Anglophone Caribbean.” Global African Diaspora Grant. Partnerships for Innovative Research in Africa Program (PIRA). Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) in International Studies and Programs at MSU. - *\$97,427 funded.*
- 2018 **Monique D. A. Kelly** (PI): “Jamaican ethnic oneness, race, colorism, and inequality.” Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant. – *not funded.*

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative Award (for BA student, Elliott Smith, Department of Sociology), Michigan State University, *submitted.*
- 2019 Chancellor’s Club Fund for Excellence Fellowship, UCI
- 2015 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (honorable mention)
- 2014-2019 Summer Research Grant, Sociology Department, UCI
- 2013-2017 UC Graduate Division Eugene Cota-Robles (ECR) Fellowship, UCI

RECORD OF PUBLICATION (* indicates graduate student co-author)

Referred Journal Articles

- Kelly, Monique D. A.** 2023. “The changing terrain of racial inequality in Trinidad and Tobago.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, 86: 100826.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rssm.2023.100826>.
- Kelly, Monique D. A.** 2022. “Racial inequality in the Anglophone Caribbean: Comparing the cases of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 49(5): 1125-1153. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2022.2044767>.
- Kelly, Monique D. A.** 2020. “Examining race in Jamaica: How racial category and skin color structure social inequality.” *Race and Social Problems*, 12(4): 300-312.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-020-09287-z>.

Kelly, Monique D. A., and Stanley R. Bailey, 2018. "Racial inequality and the recognition of racial discrimination in Jamaica." *Social Identities: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation, and Culture*, 24(6):688-708.

Books

Jackson-Malete, José, Amy Jamison, Vaughn W. M. Watson, Aaron Kamugisha, **Monique D. A. Kelly**, and Upenyu Majee, editors. 2023. *Alliance for African Partnership Perspectives: Race, Ethnicity, and Higher Education in the African Diaspora*. Michigan State University Press. <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/50550>

Other (Non-Peer-Reviewed) Publications

Kelly, Monique D. A. 2019. *Jamaican ethnic oneness: Race, colorism, and inequality*. University of California, Irvine (Dissertation - ProQuest Dissertations Publishing).

Kelly, Monique D. A. 2020. (Invited) Book Review: *Black Girl Magic beyond the Hashtag: Twenty-First-Century Acts of Self-Definition* Edited by Julia S. Jordan-Zachery and Duchess Harris. *Gender & Society*, 34(6):1045-1047. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243220921163>.

Under Review

Broman, Clifford, and **Monique D. A. Kelly**. (*revise & resubmit*). Measurement issues in race-ethnicity and substance use. *Journal of Substance Use*.

Strings, Sabrina, **Monique D. A. Kelly**, Estéfani Marin*, and Warren Jensen*. "The 'White Man Problem': Race, sex, and the politics of *American Sociological Review*." *Souls*.

Kelly, Monique D. A. "Skin Color and socioeconomic inequality: The persistence of colorism among Jamaica's black population." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

In Preparation

Kelly, Monique D. A. "Hey you brownin!": Gender and the currency of lighter skin in Jamaica."

Arendse, Danille and **Monique D. A. Kelly**. "'I am proud to be my race': Exploring feelings of race and national identity across South Africa and the United States."

Kelly, Monique D. A., and Danille Arendse. "Race and social distance: The comparative cases of the US and South Africa."

Strings, Sabrina, and **Monique D. A. Kelly**. "Race, colorism, and relationships."

Phillips, Joan and **Monique D. A. Kelly**. "National belonging and identity in contemporary Barbados."

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2012 **Research Assistant**, Survey Research Center (SRC), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

- 2012 **Project Manager** on Alcohol Prevention Grant with Dr. Ruth Greene (PI), JCSU, Charlotte, NC
- 2011 **Research Assistant**, Smith Institute of Applied Research, JCSU, Charlotte, NC
- 2010 **Data Processor and Research Intern**, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2009 **Research Assistant** to Dr. Ruth Greene, JCSU, Charlotte, NC

RESEARCH IN PRACTICE

- 2024 **Panelist.** PIRA Dissemination Workshop for the Global African Diaspora, and Africa-Asia Transregional teams. Held virtually on March 7th, by the Alliance for African Partnerships, MSU.
- 2024 **Co-organizer and Co-host.** *Alliance for African Partnership Perspectives: Race, Ethnicity, and Higher Education in the African Diaspora* Book Launch. Held virtually on January 24th, by the Alliance for African Partnerships, MSU.
- 2022 **Organizer.** Race/Ethnicity and the Question of Postcolonial Citizenship in the Black Diaspora Symposium as part of PIRA grant project. Held on October 20-21, at Lincoln Room of the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, MSU.

INVITED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INTERVIEWS

- 2024 **Presenter.** Invited by AAP to present as part of a group at the Howard University African Studies International Conference: New currents in Pan-African Thought: Revitalizing Thabo Mbeki’s African Renaissance in the 21st Century, Washington DC. March 11.
- 2023 **Presenter.** Center for the Study of the Afterlife of Violence and the Reparative Quest at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. October 19.
- 2023 **Presenter.** Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) Consortium Meeting Showcase at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. October 9.
- 2023 **Presenter.** Diverse Black Africa Program Dissemination Session. “Race and Gender Identity and Public Opinion the Comparative Cases of South Africa and the United States.” Hosted by AAP at MSU.
- 2021 **Panelist.** Graduate Student Professionalization Workshop. “Delivering and Evaluating Research Talks”. Hosted by the Department of Sociology, MSU.
- 2021 **Panelist.** Twenty-first Century Evidence-Based Research Mentoring for Student Success and Persistence Conference. Hosted by JCSU. Charlotte, NC. July 19-21.
- 2021 **Panelist.** Perspectives on Race & Ethnicity in Africa & the Diaspora. Hosted by MSU’s Alliance for African Partnership (AAP); co-hosted by MSU African Studies Center, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies (CALS), & Department of African American & African Studies (virtually). May 12.
- 2021 **Interviewee.** The Kulcha Shock Abroad Podcast. *Colorism, Race, and Access to Wealth in Jamaica*. April 1.

- <https://www.kulchashockabroad.com/podcast/episode/4b699b19/colorism-race-and-access-to-wealth-in-jamaica-with-dr-monique-kelly>.
- 2021 **Guest.** The Big Issues program at the Observer Radio in Antigua and Barbuda. Segment: *Blackness and Our Visceral Hatred of It (Colorism and Attitudes Toward Black Hair)*. February 28.
- <https://open.spotify.com/episode/6XN9GAe1yJpiAlgqOtpGMw>.
- 2021 **Panelist.** The 2021 DASA Alumni Panel, Department of Sociology, UCI (virtual). Feb 17.
- 2017 **Guest speaker** at University of California’s Brews and Brains bi-weekly community engagement event, Irvine, CA. Talk entitled, “Racial Inequality and the recognition of racial discrimination in Jamaica.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Global Africa in the 21st Century: Visions, Objectives, Challenges & Opportunities.” With Omowumi Olufunmbi Elemo-Kaka, Steven D Hanson, Carolyn Logan, Deniece Laurent-Mantey, Paul Zeleza, and Max Boqwana. Howard University African Studies International Conference: New currents in Pan-African Thought: Revitalizing Thabo Mbeki’s African Renaissance in the 21st Century, Washington DC.
- 2024 “The changing terrain of racial inequality in Trinidad and Tobago.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2023 “Racial Inequality in the Anglophone Caribbean: Comparing the Cases of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.” Association of Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars Bi-Annual Meeting, San Jose and Limon, Costa Rica.
- 2022 “Racial Inequality in the Anglophone Caribbean: Comparing the Cases of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 “Multiple Dimensions of Race and Perceived Unfair Treatment.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 “Racial inequality in the Anglophone Caribbean: Comparing the cases of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago,” for the paper session. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2020 “Racial mixing ideology and perceptions of racial discrimination in Jamaica.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, virtual.
- 2020 “The Centering of Hybridity in Contemporary Interpretations of Jamaican Nationhood: The Continued Raced Nature of National Identity.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2020 “The Myth of Creole Multiracial Nationalism: How Labor Competition Exclude the Chinese from Jamaican National Belonging” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 “Race, Skin Color, and Inequality in Jamaica.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2018 “Race, Skin Color, and Inequality in Jamaica.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2017 “Racial Inequality and the recognition of racial discrimination in Jamaica.” Pacific Sociological Association Conference, Portland, OR.
- 2015 “Identity Correspondence: Influences on the identities of Second-Generation Adolescents.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Identity Correspondence: Influences on the identities of Second-Generation Adolescents”. Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2013 “Influences of Parent and Peer Attachment on the identity choices of 2nd-generation Afro-Caribbean Adolescents”. University of California, DASA Exit Paper Presentation, Irvine, CA.
- 2011 “The Effects of Parent and Peer Attachment on the Self-Perception of Minority College Students.” Senior Investigative Paper Presentation, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC.
- 2011 “A Preliminary Examination of Hassles of Medicine Administration to the Elderly.” Presented at the North Carolina Conference on Aging, Charlotte, NC.
- 2011 “Acculturation and Assimilation of Second Generation English-speaking Caribbean Immigrants: A study of racial and ethnic identity and self-esteem.” Presented at the MURAP Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2010 “Developing Self-Image: What role does parental support and parent-child relationship quality play in the development of adolescent self-image?” Presented at the ICPSR, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2010 “The effects of marijuana use on family and peer support.” Presented at the Carolina Psychology Conference, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Racial Inequality & Stratification; Social Inequality; Nationalism & National Belonging; Racial & Ethnic Relations in the US/Latin America/Caribbean; Immigrant Incorporation in the US

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University (Instructor)

SOC 214: Social Inequality (Spring 2020; Spring 2021; Fall 2021; Spring 2022; Fall 2022; Spring 2023; Fall 2023; Spring 2024)

This course provides a broad coverage of foundational sociological inquiry on inequality by focusing on the central topics of class, race, and gender using a comparative historical and contemporary perspective.

SOC 460: Advanced Seminar in Human Migration (Fall 2022)

This class focuses on immigration in a broader context as we explore human migrations and their consequences for societies. We will explore current debates and crises about

migration and examine the intersections of immigration with other topics such as race and structural racism, history, culture, immigrant incorporation, politics, etc.

SOC 931: Topics in Structural Inequality – Race & Ethnicity Seminar (Spring 2024)

This course focuses on the study of race and ethnicity in Sociology. A vast field at the very foundations of Sociology, in this course we will cover some of the central theoretical and thematic debates that have characterized the study of race and ethnicity in the discipline in the Americas. The course will introduce some of the foundational scholarships on race in sociology, racial and ethnic identity, intergroup relations, prejudice, discrimination, racism, privilege, and others. We will become familiarized with the central threads in the study of sociology and identify gaps, particularly as they are relevant for the academic and social sphere of today.

Orange Coast College (Instructor)

SOC A185: Analysis of Social Problems (Fall 2018; Spring 2019)

In our society, only a handful of social conditions or patterns of behavior receive widespread public attention. These social conditions may come to be regarded as social problems. Throughout the quarter we will focus on examining the process by which social problems are constructed and understood.

SOC A100: Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2017; Spring 2018)

The study of social interrelationships and human group organization. Attention is given to the foundations of society, culture, group organization, social differentiation, and the methods of sociological study. Emphasis is on American social institutions.

University of California, Irvine (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

SOCIOL 62: Family and Intimate Relations (Fall 2018)

SOC SCI 70C: Comparing Culture (Spring 2018)

SOCIOL 173W: Social Inequality (Winter 2018; Summer 2018)

SOCIOL 1: Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2017)

SOCIOL 180A: Sociology Majors Seminar (Summer 2016)

POL SCI 61A or CHC/LAT 64: Introduction to Race and Ethnicity (Winter 2015; Spring 2016)

SOCIOL 3: Social Problems (Winter 2016)

SOC SCI 66: Introduction to Gangs (Fall 2015)

SOCIOL 167AW or CHC/LAT 148W: Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S. (Spring 2015)

CHC/LAT 61: Chicano Studies I (Fall 2014)

SOCIOL 62: Marriage and Families (Summer 2013)

SOCIOL 68A or CHC/LAT 65: Ethnic and Immigrant America (Spring 2013)

STUDENT ADVISING

Undergraduate Research Mentor

- 2024 - Kaylin Casper, Junior, Sociology Major
2023 - Elliott Smith, Sophomore, Sociology Major

SOC 496: Independent Study

- Fall 2023 Elliott Smith, Sophomore, Sociology Major

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2024 Virtual Professional Seminar: Study Like a Champ: Teaching Strategies for Today's First-Year Students. American Psychological Association Higher Education Webinars. Feb 29th.
- 2023 Virtual Professional Seminar: Promoting Workload Equity for Black Faculty. American Sociological Association. Feb 9th.
- 2023 Researcher's Workshop. Diversity Research Network, MSU
- 2023 Virtual Professional Seminar: Publishing in Peer-Reviewed Journals. American Sociological Association. Jan 27th.
- 2022 Mafungo Writing Retreat. Diversity Research Network, MSU.
- 2022 Writing Summer Stay Retreat. Diversity Research Network, MSU.
- 2017 **Certificate in Teaching Excellence Program (CTEP)**, UCI Center for Engaged Instruction.
- 2017 **Certificate in Course Design**, UCI Center for Engaged Instruction.
- 2017 **Mentoring Excellence Program (MEP) Certificate**, UCI Graduate Resource Center, and Graduate Division.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Discipline

- 2024 **Presider**. Session: Mobility. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference. Washington DC.
- 2024 **Discussant/Chair**. Session: Migration Issues in Europe. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. Columbus, Ohio.
- 2023 **Chair**. Panel: Spatial Geographies, Racial Inequities, and Cartographies of Resistance. Association of Caribbean Women Writers & Scholars (ACWWS) Bi-annual Conference. San Jose, Costa Rica.
- 2022- **Reviewer**:
Research in Social Stratification and Mobility
Sociological Focus
Cogent Social Sciences

Service to University

- 2021-24 **Guest Editor**, Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) Perspectives Special Issue: Race, Ethnicity, and Higher Education in the African Diaspora with MSU Press.
- 2017-19 **Committee Member**, Navigating Microaggressions in Academia Workshop, UC Irvine Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience: School of Social Sciences Council, UCI.

Service to Department

- 2023-2022-23 **Graduate Education Committee**, Department of Sociology, MSU.
Strategic Program Assessment of PhD Program Project Committee, Department of Sociology, MSU.
- 2021-22 **Graduate Admission Committee**, Department of Sociology, MSU.
- 2020-21 **Award Committee**, Department of Sociology, MSU.
- 2017-19 **Sociology Department Representative**, UCI Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience: School of Social Sciences Council.
- 2019-19 **Mentor Coordinator**, UCI Sociology Graduate Student Association.
- 2017-18 **Fifth years+ Cohort Representative**, UCI Sociology Graduate Student Association.
- 2017-18 **Mentor**, UC Community College to PhD (CC2PhD) Scholars Program.
- 2017 **Mentor**, UCI Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience: Competitive Edge Summer Research Program (a summer research program for 1st-year, diverse, graduate students).
- 2016-17 **Fourth-years Cohort Representative**, UCI Sociology Graduate Student Association.
- 2014-17 **Mentor**, UCI Sociology Department (mentor for incoming first year graduate students).
- 2011-12 **Peer Academic Coach**, Department of Psychology, JCSU, Charlotte, NC.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2024-2023-2015- Caribbean Studies Association
- 2023- Association of Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars
- 2015- American Sociological Association
 Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
 Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility
 Section on Race, Class, and Gender
 Section on International Migration
- 2015- Eastern Sociological Association