

Caralee Jones-Obeng

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., African American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University, 2017.

Dissertation: "Reimagining the New African Diaspora: Interpersonal Relationships Among Jamaicans, Nigerians and African Americans."

M.A., African American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University, 2011.

Thesis: "Interpersonal Relationships Among Different Black Ethnic Groups: An Exploratory Study of African, African American and West Indian Students."

B.A., Sociology and Anthropology, DePauw University, 2006.

Thesis: "Is Pan-Africanism Dead? An Examination of Black Unity in America."

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethnographies of race, ethnicity and immigration, with a specific focus on the interpersonal and inter-ethnic relationships among West Indians, Africans, and African Americans in the present day United States.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor (Fall 2020)

University of Houston

Slavery and Race Relations

Full responsibility for course development, grading, and lecture

Instructor (Spring 2020)

University of Houston

Introduction to African American Studies

Full responsibility for course development, grading, and lecture

Adjunct Sociology Professor (Spring 2018-Spring 2019)

Bethune-Cookman University

Online Course: Race and Ethnicity

Full responsibility for course development, grading, and lecture

Co-Instructor, (Spring 2016)
Indiana University, Bloomington
Course and Study Abroad: History of Race in the Americas: Exploring Racial Identity and Representation in the Dominican Republic (*students took a 6 week course prior to studying abroad in the Dominican Republic for 2 weeks*).
Full responsibility for grading and some lectures, also helped chaperone 16 students on a study abroad trip to the Dominican Republic

Instructor, (Spring 2016)
Indiana University, Bloomington
Course: Black Liberation against Jim Crow and Apartheid
Full responsibility for course development, grading, and lecture

Instructor, (Summer 2015 and Fall 2015)
Indiana University, Bloomington
Course: History of Race in the Americas
Full responsibility for course development, grading, and lecture

Associate Instructor, (Spring 2015)
Indiana University, Bloomington
Course: Modern African Americans in Sports
Graded assignments, led discussions, and maintained attendance record

Associate Instructor, (Fall 2009 and Fall 2014)
Indiana University, Bloomington
Course: History of African Americans in Sports
Graded assignments, led discussions, and maintained attendance record

Associate Instructor, (Spring 2010-Spring 2014)
Indiana University, Bloomington
Course: Survey of African American Culture
Graded assignments, led discussions, and maintained attendance record

Instructor, (Summer 2013)
Indiana University, Bloomington
Course: Studying Blacks in the New World
Full responsibility for course development, grading, and lecture

Instructor, (Summer 2010, Summer 2011, and Summer 2012)
Indiana University, Bloomington
Groups Program
Course: Critical Reading and Reasoning for the New College Student
Full responsibility for lecture and grading

Grading Assistant, (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)
Indiana University, Bloomington
Online Course: Survey of Hip Hop
Graded assignments

Invited Lectures

“Black Ethnic Diversity in the United States.” Southern Connecticut State University
(Spring 2015)

“Black Identities in the United States: A Case Study on West Indian Immigrants.” Miami
University, Middleton (Spring 2015)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Jones, Caralee and Christy Erving. 2015. “Structural Constraints and Lived Realities:
Negotiating Racial and Ethnic Identities for African-Caribbeans in the US.” *Journal of
Black Studies* 46(5): 521-546.

Obeng-Jones, Caralee. 2020. “Homogenous Complexity: Exploring the Racial and Ethnic
Identities of African Americans, Nigerians, and Jamaicans in Houston, Texas.” Program
of African American Studies, University of Houston, Main Campus, TX. Unpublished
Manuscript.

Obeng-Jones, Caralee. 2020. “Does Racism Discriminate?: Racial and Ethnic Discrimination
Among Nigerians and Jamaicans in Houston Texas.” Program of African American
Studies, University of Houston, Main Campus, TX. Unpublished Manuscript.

Book reviews

Jones, Caralee. 2010. Review of *Stains on My Name, War in My Veins: Guyana and the Politics
of Cultural Struggle* by Brackette F. Williams. *Black Diaspora Review* 2(1): 46-47.

Jones, Caralee. 2010. Review of *Slave Rebellion in Brazil: The Muslim Uprising of 1835 in
Bahia* by João José Reis. Trans. Arthur Brakel. *Black Diaspora Review* 2(1): 37.

Jones, Caralee. 2010. Moving Beyond the West Indian Success Story: A Review Essay on New
Scholarship on West Indians. Review of *West Indian Immigrants: A Black Success Story?*
by Suzanne Model and *The West Indian Diaspora: Experiences in the United States and
Canada* by Alwyn Gilkes. *Black Diaspora Review* 1(2): 32-34.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Homogenous Complexity: Exploring the Racial and Ethnic Identities of African Americans, Nigerians, and Jamaicans in Houston, Texas” Paper presented at the National Council of Black Studies in Atlanta, Georgia (March 2020)
- “Blurred Blackness: The Experiences of Black Bi-ethnics in Houston, Texas.” Paper presented at the National Council of Black Studies in Atlanta, Georgia (March 2018)
- “Racial Unity and Ethnic Conflict: The Politics of Identity for Nigerians, Jamaicans, and African Americans in Houston, Texas.” Paper presented at the National Council of Black Studies in Houston, Texas (March 2017).
- “An African Diasporic Approach to Studying Black Immigrants in the United States.” Paper presented at the National Council of Black Studies in Charlotte, North Carolina (March 2016).
- “Same Food, Different Flavors: Interpersonal Relationships among African Americans, Nigerians and Jamaicans in Houston, Texas.” Paper presented at the Association of Black Sociologist, the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora in Charleston, South Carolina and the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Chicago, Illinois (August 2017, November 2015, and August 2015).
- “Does Racism Discriminate?: African Americans’, Jamaicans’ and Nigerians’ Experiences and Reactions to Racial Discrimination in Houston, Texas.” Paper presented at the Association of Black Sociologist in Chicago, Illinois (August 2015).
- “Reimagining the African Diaspora: Interpersonal Relationships among Nigerians, African Americans and Jamaicans in Houston, Texas.” Paper presented at the National Council of Black Studies in Los Angeles, California (March 2015).
- “Just as Black?”: Understanding the Racial and Ethnic Identities of Afro-Caribbeans in the U.S.” Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems and the Association of Black Sociologist in New York City, New York (August 2013).
- “Blurring Boundaries and Broadening Approaches to Race and Ethnicity: The Experience of Black Immigrants in the United States.” Paper presented in Spring Series Colloquium in the Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies in Bloomington, Indiana (March 2013).
- “What are you anyway?”: Understanding the Racial and Ethnic Identities of Caribbean Blacks in the U.S.” Paper presented at the North Central Sociological Association in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (with Christy Erving), (April 2012).

“Returning ‘Back Home:’ The Interpersonal Relationships among Ghanaians and Relocated African American in Accra, Ghana.” Paper presented at National Council of Black Studies in Atlanta, Georgia (March 2012).

“Ethnic Tension or Racial Unity: An Exploration of Interpersonal Relationships among Africans, African Americans and West Indians.” Paper presented at the Glass Symposium in Chicago, Illinois (April 2011).

“Unity or Division? An Exploration of Interpersonal Relationships among Africans, African Americans and West Indians.” Paper presented at National Council of Black Studies in Cincinnati, Ohio (March 2011).

HONORS AND AWARDS

Phyllis R. Klotman’s Outstanding Dissertation Award, Indiana University (Spring 2018).

Wionna Fletcher’s Outstanding Leadership Award, Indiana University (Spring 2015).

Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Fellowship Program (Spring 2014, 2015).

Student Paper Competition Award, Association of Black Sociologist (Summer 2013).

William H. Wiggins’ Outstanding Associate Instructor Award, Indiana University (Spring 2010, 2012).

Phyllis R. Klotman’s Outstanding Thesis/Creativity Award, Indiana University (Spring 2011).

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Devault Fellowship, Indiana University (Fall 2016 and Spring 2017).

College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award, Indiana University (Fall 2015, Spring 2017).

College of Arts and Humanities Institute Graduate Travel Award, Indiana University (Fall 2015).

John McCluskey Dissertation Research Award, Indiana University (Spring 2014).

Travel Grant, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, Indiana University (2013).

SERVICE

University

“Grad 101 Panel.” Panel that provided advice to minority students considering going to graduate school at Indiana University, Bloomington (Fall 2014).

“Diversity at IU! Panel examined Multicultural Diversity at Indiana University, Bloomington (Fall 2009).

“One Complexion, Two Cultures.” Panel focused on the relationships between African and African American students at Indiana University, Bloomington (Spring 2009).

Department

President, (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)

African American and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Society, Indiana University, Bloomington.

Treasurer, (Fall 2010-Spring 2011)

African American and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Society, Indiana University, Bloomington.

Vice-President, (Spring 2009-Summer 2010)

African American and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Society, Indiana University, Bloomington.

Community

Mentor, Girl Empowerment Mentoring Program at Banneker Center, Bloomington, IN (2013, 2014).