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### Education

- exp. 2021     **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**  
MD/PhD in Anthropology, Perelman School of Medicine  
Chair: Deborah Thomas  
Committee: John Jackson, Adriana Petryna, Ramah McKay  
Exams: Race & citizenship, Humanitarianism, Affect theory
- 2011     **College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA**  
B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology) & B.A.  
Anthropology

### Selected Publications

#### *Works in Progress*

Munyikwa, Michelle; Flynn, Kalen; and Dixon-Román, Ezekiel. “How love *matters*: Affect, the body, & the political.” (under review at *Social Text*)

Munyikwa, Michelle. “Racializing Refugee Medicine.” In progress, an invited contribution to a special issue of *Science, Technology, and Human Values* on “Race as a Ghost Variable in Biomedical Research.”

#### *Peer-Reviewed Publications*

- 2017     Dao, Diane\*; Goss, Adeline\*; Hoekzema Andrew\*; Kelly, Lauren\*; Logan, Alex\*; Mehta, Sanjiv\*; Sandesara, Utpal\*; Munyikwa, Michelle; and DeLisser, Horace. (2017) “Integrating Theory, Content, and Method to Foster Critical Consciousness in Medical Students: A Comprehensive Model for Cultural Competence Training.” *Academic Medicine*. (\*co-first authors)

#### *Book Reviews*

- 2015     Munyikwa, Michelle. Anthropology of Infectious Disease by Merrill Singer. *Emerging Infectious Diseases* 21(10): 1890.

#### *Public Scholarship*

- 2017     Munyikwa, Michelle. “Racialization, Affect, and Refuge.” *Anthropology News*. February 2017.
- 2015     ELISS Fellows.\* “Reimagining Epidemic Communications.” *DomPrep Journal*, December 16. (\*Erion, Grubert, Mosbah, Munyikwa, Paul, Train; all authors contributed equally)
- 2014     Munyikwa, Michelle. “(Hi)stories our bodies tell: Experiencing racism.” Guest post on *Absolutely, Maybe*, *A Scientific American Blog*. March 9, 2014.

- 2014 Munyikwa, Michelle. "Vulnerability as Strength: Thoughts on Changing Medicine's Hidden Curriculum." Guest post on Absolutely, Maybe, a Scientific American Blog. February 19, 2014.
- 2014 Munyikwa, Michelle. "Out from the shadows of racist anthropology." Guest post on Absolute, Maybe, a Scientific American Blog. February 22, 2014.

### Awards, Grants & Fellowships

- 2017 - 2018 Perry World House Graduate Fellow, Program on Global Shifts, Urbanization, Migration, and Demography, University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016 - 2017 Hopkinson Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016 Martin Luther King Community Involvement Student Award, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016 - 2017 Dissertation Research Fellowship Fieldwork Grant, University of Pennsylvania
- 2015 - 2016 Judith and William Bollinger Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 - 2015 Emerging Leaders in Science and Society Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 2013 - 2021 Medical Scientist Training Program Grant, National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the NIH, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine
- 2013 - 2017 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship for Graduate Education, University of Pennsylvania
- 2011 Phi Beta Kappa, College of William and Mary
- 2011 Gamble Scholarship (full tuition), University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine
- 2010 UNCF-Merck Undergraduate Science and Research Scholarship Award
- 2007 Murray Scholarship (now 1693 Scholarship), College of William and Mary

### Selected Scholarly Participation

#### *Invited Lectures*

- 2017 Invited Lecturer, "Refugees in Philadelphia," Central High School. Philadelphia, PA. March 2017.
- 2015 Invited Panelist. The Voices: Black Girls and Women Speaking Out at the Summit on Black Girls and Women in Education. Philadelphia, PA. April 2015.

*Panels Organized*

- 2017 “(under)exposed: ethnographic investigations of racialized recognition, refusal, and elision.” Panel co-organized with Sara Rendell for the American Ethnological Society Conference on the theme “Exposure.” Stanford, CA. March 2017

*Presentations*

- 2017 “Resilient communities, resilient city: Risk, refugees, and race in Philadelphia.” Accepted for presentation at the American Anthropological Association 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on the theme “Anthropology matters”. Washington, DC. November 2017.
- 2017 “Political Diagnosis: Illness Narratives as a Site for Resistance.” Workshop co-presented with Sourik Beltràn at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Racism and Health Conference, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.
- 2017 “Racializing Refugees: On Medical Practice & Research.” 2017 Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Boston, MA. August 2017.
- 2017 “Freedom Dreams: Thinking Refuge as an Imaginative Tool for the Anthropocene.” An Ecotopian Toolkit for the Anthropocene, conference at the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. April 2017.
- 2017 “Refugees and the Emergency Room.” Poster presented at Health Equity Week, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. April 2017.
- 2017 “‘I Just call 911...’: Refugees and the Emergency Department.” Co-presented with Amy Zeidan and Utsha Khatri at Emergency Medicine Research Day, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. April 2017.
- 2017 “‘it’s a sin to be a woman, to be black’: on asylum and difference.” American Ethnological Society Conference on the theme “Exposure”. Stanford, CA. March 2017.
- 2016 “‘Making a Difference’: Imagining Humanitarianism in Philadelphia.” American Anthropological Association 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on the theme “Evidence, Accident & Discovery”. Minneapolis, MN. November 2016.
- 2016 “Toward a Decolonial Practice of Refugee Women’s Health.” National Women’s Studies Association Meeting on the theme “Decoloniality.” Montreal, Quebec, CA. November 2016.
- 2016 “Seeking Refuge: Black Americans Seeking the Otherwise.” New School for Social Research, Anthropology Student Conference on the theme “Refuge.” New York, NY. April 30.
- 2016 “Refuge from Blackness: On the Case of Kyle Lydell Canty.” University of Pennsylvania Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Conference on the theme “Protest.” Philadelphia, PA. April 21.

2014 “Writing Our Worlds: Creating Narratives for Social Justice.” Co-presented with Irène Mathieu at Examined Life Conference. Iowa City, Iowa.

## Teaching

### *Instructor of Record*

2018 Introduction to Medical Anthropology, Haverford College

### *Teaching Assistantships*

2015 Global Health, Anthropological Perspectives, University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Adriana Petryna

2015 Becoming Human, University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Janet Monge

2014 Introduction to Medical Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Fran Barg

2013 Facilitator. Doctoring IA: Introduction to Medicine and Society, Perelman School of Medicine

### *Other positions*

2015 - 2017 Graduate Fellow. Center for Africana Studies Summer Institute for Pre-Freshmen, University of Pennsylvania

2014 - 2015 Course Liaison/Co-Director. Doctoring IA: Introduction to Medicine and Society, Perelman School of Medicine

## Research Experience

2017 Program Evaluation Team Member: Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers

2017 Research Assistant: Refugee Experiences with Acute Care

PIs: Amy Waldner, MD and Margaret Samuels-Kaslow, MD

2015 - pres. Analyst: Topos Partnership

2015 Research Assistant: Enrichment for Better Health

PIs: Meera Siddarth, MD and Mary Fabio, MD

## Training & Professional Development

2017 Python for Humanists, University of Pennsylvania Price Lab/Wolf Humanities Center

2014 NSF Summer Institute for Research Design in Cultural Anthropology

2012 LGBT Health Student Symposium, Chicago

### Service

- 2017 - pres. Contributing Section Editor. Association of Black Anthropologists Section, *Anthropology News*, American Anthropological Association.
- 2016 - pres. Health Ecologies Lab Core Team Member. University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice and Slought; director: Aaron Levy, PhD.
- 2017 Volunteer Health Educator. Multicultural Community Family Services, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.
- 2015 - pres. Co-webmaster. Penn Anthropology Graduate Student Blog.
- 2015 Co-organizer. 6th National Conference for Physician-Scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities
- 2014 - 2016 Student Volunteer Co-Coordinator. Women's Refugee Clinic, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2014 - pres. Student Volunteer. Penn Human Rights Clinic, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2011 - 2012 Co-Coordinator. Cut Hypertension Clinic, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### Languages

French: Intermediate reading, writing, and speaking

### Affiliations & Memberships

American Anthropological Association (Association for Black Anthropologists, Society for Cultural Anthropology, Society for Medical Anthropology, Society for Urban, Transnational/Global Anthropology)

American Ethnological Society

Society of Refugee Healthcare Providers