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Education

- exp. 2021 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
MD/PhD in Anthropology, Perelman School of Medicine
- 2011 College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA
B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies, Self-Designed (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology) & Anthropology

Publications

Works in Progress

Munyikwa, Michelle. "Racializing Refugee Medicine." An invited contribution to a special issue of *Science, Technology, and Human Values* on "Race as a Ghost Variable in Biomedical Research." [Under review]

Munyikwa, Michelle. "Refugee Resettlement Policy as Health Policy." Working Paper for Perry World House Graduate Fellow Program.

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)
- 2014 Flowers Brittany, Rusnak Lindsay, Wong Kristen, Banks DA, **Munyikwa Michelle R**, et al. (2014) The Pseudophosphatase MK-STYX Induces Neurite-Like Outgrowths in PC12 Cells. *PLoS ONE* 9(12): e114535. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0114535
- 2012 Barr, Jamie; **Munyikwa, Michelle R**; Frazier, Elizabeth; Hinton, Shantà. (2012) The Pseudophosphatase MK-STYX Inhibits Stress Granule Assembly Independently of Ser149 Phosphorylation of G3BP-1. *FEBS Journal*.
- 2011 Bondzi, Charles, Brunner, Abigail, **Munyikwa, Michelle R**, Connor, Crystal, Simmons, Alicia, Stephens, S. L., Belt, Patricia, Roggero, Vincent, Mavinakere, Manu, Hinton, Shantà, and Allison, Lizabeth. (2011) Recruitment of the oncoprotein v-ErbA to aggresomes. *Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology*.

Book Reviews

- 2018 Review of *Race Becomes Tomorrow* by Gerald Sider. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. [in press]
- 2015 Review of *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

- 2018 - 2019 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018 Kathryn Davis Fellow for Peace, Middlebury Language School
- 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 - 2013 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

- 2018 “Up from the dirt”: Refugee Resettlement, Race, and Belonging in the Contemporary United States.” Anthropology Colloquium Series, University of Delaware. Newark, DE. May 2018.
- 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

- 2018 “locating refuge.” Accepted for presentation at the American Studies Association conference on the theme “States of Emergence.” November 2018.
- 2018 “between a rock and a hard place: locating refuge.” Accepted for presentation at the Society for Cultural Anthropology/Society for Visual Anthropology joint conference on the theme “Displacements.” April 2018.
- 2018 “for a new and more possible meeting: theorizing Afropessimism in sites of care.” Participation in Portraits of Black Women at the Intersections of Science, Medicine, and Media. Accepted for Presentation at the Black Portraiture[s] IV Conference on the Theme “The Color of Silence.” Cambridge, MA. March 2018.
- 2018 “On the Comparative Racialization of Refuge: a Response to the Work of Jemima Pierre.” Scholar for a Day, Conference in honor of Jemima Pierre, University of Pennsylvania. February 2018.
- 2017 “Resilient communities, resilient city: Risk, refugees, and race in Philadelphia.” American Anthropological Association 116th 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 4th 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 115th 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.

Guest Lectures

- 2017 “Refugees in Philadelphia,” Central High School. Philadelphia, PA. March 2017.

Teaching

Instructor of Record

- 2018 Introduction to Medical Anthropology, Haverford College; Spring 2018

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

Other positions

- 2015 - 2017 Graduate Fellow. Center for Africana Studies Summer Institute for Pre-Freshmen, University of Pennsylvania [TA Assignments: Race, Science, & Society; Slaves, Rebels, & Abolitionists in History; Philosophy of Race]
- 2014 - 2015 Course Liaison/Co-Director. Doctoring IA: Introduction to Medicine and Society, Perelman School of Medicine

2013 Facilitator. 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

2018 Middlebury Language School: French, Middlebury College (VT)
2018 Text Analysis, Humanities Intensive Learning and Teaching, University of Pennsylvania
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 - 2017 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 - 2016 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

American Studies Association

Society of Refugee Healthcare Providers