

Michelle Rungamirai Munyikwa

Education

University of Pennsylvania

exp. 2021 MD, Perelman School of Medicine

exp. 2019 PhD, Cultural Anthropology
Dissertation Title: Racializing Refuge
Committee: Deborah Thomas, PhD (chair); Adriana Petryna, PhD; John Jackson, PhD;
Ramah McKay, PhD

College of William and Mary

2011 B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies, Self-Designed (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology) & B.A.
Anthropology

Selected 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." [Revise & resubmit]

Zeidan, Amy; Khatri, Utsha; Munyikwa, Michelle; Barden-Maja, Aba; Samuels-Kalow, Margaret. "Barriers to accessing acute care for newly arrived refugees." Submitted to *BMJ Global Health*. [Under review]

Munyikwa, Michelle. "Locating Refuge: Racialized Displacement and the Spatial Politics of Belonging." An invited contribution to a special issue of *Humanity*. [In progress]

Munyikwa, Michelle. "Health." Invited entry for the *SAGE Handbook for Cultural Anthropology*. [In progress]

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2018 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

2018 Review of *Last Project Standing* by Catherine Fennell. *City*.

2018 Review of *Race Becomes Tomorrow* by Gerald Sider. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*.

2015 Review of *Anthropology of Infectious Disease* by Merrill Singer. *Emerging Infectious Diseases* 21(10): 1890.

Public Scholarship

2019 Munyikwa, Michelle. "Vigilance as coping, vigilance as injury." *Somatosphere*. March 2019.

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 American Fellowship for Dissertation Completion, American Association of University Women [declined]
- 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 - 2018 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship for Graduate Education, University of Pennsylvania
- 2011 Phi Beta Kappa, College of William and Mary
- 2011 - 2013 Gamble Scholarship, 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 and Panels

- 2019 “Structural Competency and Medical Practice.” University of Pennsylvania Student Health Services. Philadelphia, PA. March 2019.

- 2018 “Intersections of Health & Justice.” Philadelphia Human Rights Clinic Speaker Series. Philadelphia, PA. December 2018.
- “Structural Competency: Anthropological Perspectives on Health.” Co-presented with Utpal Sandesara at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. September 2018.
- “Inequality, Racial Justice, & Global Health: Grappling with our complicity.” Internal Medicine Resident Workshop, Brigham & Women’s Hospital. Boston, MA. May 2018.
- “Locating Refuge: Refugee Resettlement, Race, and Belonging in the Contemporary United States.” Anthropology Colloquium Series, University of Delaware. Newark, DE. May 2018.
- Ethnographic Field Methods. Workshop given to the Creative Resilience Collective. Slought Foundation. April 2018.
- 2017 “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.

Workshop Participation

- 2019 De-exceptionalizing Displacement: Precarity and Mobility in a Neoliberal World. University of Pittsburgh, March 2019.

Panels Organized

- 2019 “Black Feminist Health Science Studies: Exploring New Possibilities.” 2019 Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. New Orleans, LA.
- 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 & Panel Participation

- 2019 “Projects and Projections of Care for Human Rights in Detention and Resettlement.” with Sara Rendell. Presentation accepted for presentation at the National Conference for Physician-Scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Ann Arbor, MI. April 2019.
- 2018 “Working with and For Immigrants and Refugees in the Era of Zero Tolerance: Practical, Ethical, and Theoretical Challenges.” Panel presentation at the American Anthropological Association 117th Annual Meeting on the theme “Resistance, Resilience, Adaptation.” San Jose, CA. November 2018.
- “Locating Refuge.” American Studies Association conference on the theme “States of Emergence.” November 2018.
- “It’s a sin to be a woman, to be black’: Imagining Sites of Refuge from Blackness.” Princeton African American Studies Conference on the Theme “‘i am my ancestors’ wildest dreams’: Contemporary Cultures of Black Impossibility. Princeton, NJ. October 2018.
- “between a rock and a hard place: locating refuge.” Society for Cultural Anthropology/Society for Visual Anthropology Joint Conference on the Theme “Displacements.” April 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. Black Portraiture[s] IV Conference on the Theme “The Color of Silence.” Cambridge, MA. March 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.
- “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.
- “Racializing Refugees: On Medical Practice & Research.” 2017 Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Boston, MA. August 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.
- “Refugees and the Emergency Room.” Poster presented at Health Equity Week, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. April 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.
- “‘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.
- “Toward a Decolonial Practice of Refugee Women’s Health.” National Women’s Studies Association Meeting on the theme “Decoloniality.” Montreal, Quebec, CA. November 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.
- “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 Experience

Instructor of Record

- 2019 Introduction to Medical Anthropology, University of Delaware; Spring 2019

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 - 2018 Research Assistant: Refugee Experiences with Acute Care [PIs: Amy Waldner, MD and Margaret Samuels-Kaslow, MD]

2015 - pres. Analyst: Topos Partnership

Training & Professional Development

2018 Course in College Teaching, University of Pennsylvania Center for Teaching & Learning

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.
- 2012 – pres. Student Volunteer. Penn Human Rights Clinic, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2011 - 2012 Co-Coordinator. Cut Hypertension Clinic, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Languages

French: Advanced reading, writing, and speaking

Spanish: Beginner 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

Society for Social Studies of Science