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Curriculum Vita
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Education:

2016	Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, Duke University Dissertation: "Race, Power and Economic Extraction in Benton Harbor, Michigan"
2013	M.A., Sociology, Duke University
2008	M.A., Liberal Studies, The New School for Social Research
2005	B.A., English, Vassar College (with honors)

Research and Teaching Interests:

Race and Ethnicity, Urban Sociology, Political Sociology, Economic Sociology, Qualitative Methods, Research Methods, Social Theory

Publications:

Henricks, Kasey, and Seamster, Louise (forthcoming). "Taxing Racism: Racial Hoarding, Redistribution, and Contestations of "The Public." *Critical Sociology*.

Ray, Victor and **Seamster, Louise** (2016). "Rethinking Racial Progress: A Response to Wimmer." *Racial and Ethnic Studies* 39(8), 1361-1369.

Seamster, Louise (2015). "The White City: Race and Urban Politics." *Sociology Compass*, 9(12), 1049-0165.

Seamster, Louise, and Kasey Henricks (2015). "A Second Redemption? Racism, Backlash Politics, and Public Education." *Humanity & Society*, 39(4), 363-375.

Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo, **Louise Seamster**, and Victor Ray (2015). "Unpacking the Imperialist Knapsack: White Privilege and Imperialism in Obama's America." In *I Don't See Color*, eds. Bettina Bergo and Tracey Nicholls. Pennsylvania State University Press, 146-166.

Louise Seamster and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva (2011). "Introduction: Examining, Debating, and Ranting about the Obama Phenomenon." *Political Power and Social Theory* (22), 3-15.

Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo with **Louise Seamster** (2011). "The Sweet Enchantment of Color Blindness in Black Face: Explaining the 'Miracle,' Debating the Politics, and Suggesting a Way for Hope to be 'For Real' in America." *Political Power and Social Theory* (22), 139-175.

Guest edited special issues:

Seamster, Louise, and Kasey Henricks (Eds.). 2015. "Racializing the Public: The Post-Civil Rights Retreat from Public Education." *Humanity & Society*, 39(3).

Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo, and **Louise Seamster** (Eds.). 2011. *Political Power and Social Theory: Special Section on the Obama Phenomenon*, vol. 22.

Other Media:

Louise Seamster and Jessica Welburn (2016). "How a Racist System Has Poisoned the Water in Flint, Mich." *The Root*, January 9. Available at http://www.theroot.com/articles/politics/2016/01/how_a_racist_system_has_poisoned_the_water_in_flint_mich.html (quoted in the New Yorker, US Uncut, and the American Constitutional Society's blog).

Invited guest, "The Flint Water Crisis." *Voices from the Frontlines* (KPFK 90.7) with Eric Mann (host) and Jessica Wellburn (co-panelist). January 26, 2016.

Works in Progress:

Seamster, Louise and Raphael Charron-Chénier. "Predatory Inclusion and Education Debt: A New Approach to the Growing Racial Wealth Gap." (R&R at *Social Currents*)

Seamster, Louise. "When Democracy Disappears: Emergency Management in Benton Harbor."

Seamster, Louise and Rebecca Bach. "Campus Alert: How Colleges Construct Racial and Sexual Violence in Clery Reporting."

Guest Edited Special Issues in Progress:

Henricks, Kasey and **Louise Seamster** (Eds.) "Taxing Racism: Racial Hoarding, Redistribution, and Contestations of 'The Public.'" *Critical Sociology*, forthcoming.

Grant Submitted and Under Review:

Ray, Victor and **Louise Seamster**
2016 Racializing Knowledge: A Field Experiment on the Role of IRBs. A \$6,000 grant proposal submitted to the American Sociological Association's Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline.

Ray, Victor, **Louise Seamster** and Robert Nobles

2016 Racializing Knowledge: A Field Experiment on the Role of IRBs. A \$280,000 grant proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation.

Honors and Awards:

2016 Summer Research Fellowship, The Graduate School, Duke University, Durham, NC

2015 Summer Research Fellowship, The Graduate School, Duke University, Durham, NC

2014 First Place recipient (with Kasey Henricks and Leighton Kenji Vila), Mid-South Sociological Association Graduate Student Paper Competition

2014 First Place recipient (with Kasey Henricks and Leighton Kenji Vila), Association for Black Sociologists Graduate Student Paper Award

2014 Dissertation Support for Work on Altruism, Charitable Giving and the Nonprofit Sector, Center for the Study of Philanthropy and Voluntarism, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, Durham, NC (\$11,265)

2014 Dissertation Research Support, Duke University, Durham, NC (\$2,000)

2014 Domestic Dissertation Travel Award, Duke University, Durham, NC (\$1,800)

2014 Law and Social Science Fellowship, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL (declined)

2013 Rethinking Regulation Graduate Research Award, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Durham, NC (\$1,800)

2013 Dissertation Research Support, The Graduate School, Duke University (\$1,250)

2013 Summer Research Fellowship, The Graduate School, Duke University, Durham, NC

2012 Alternate, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

2012 Pre-Dissertation Research Support, Duke University, Durham, NC (\$1,365)

2012 Summer Research Fellowship, The Graduate School, Duke University, Durham, NC

- 2010 James B Duke University Fellowship
- 2008 Pass with Honors for graduate thesis, New School for Social Research
- 2005 Phi Beta Kappa
- 2005 General Honors, Vassar College
- 2005 Departmental Honors, Vassar College
- 2005 Award for Excellence in English Language for undergraduate thesis

Teaching and Advising Experience:

University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Knoxville, TN

2015-2016 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Sociological Research

Duke University, Durham, NC

- 2014 *Teaching Assistant for Rebecca Bach*, Department of Sociology, Sexuality and Society (service-learning research course)
- 2013 *Teaching Assistant for Rebecca Bach*, Department of Sociology, Gender, Work, and Organizations
- 2013 *Teaching Assistant for Mary Hovsepian*, Department of Sociology, Sex, Gender, and Society
- 2012 *Research Assistant for Eduardo Bonilla-Silva*, Department of Sociology
- 2012 *Teaching Assistant for Gil Merckx*, Department of Sociology, Theory
- 2011 *Teaching Assistant for Mary Hovsepian*, Department of Sociology, Nations, Regions, and the Global Economy
- 2011 *Research Assistant for Linda Burton*, James B. Duke Professor of Sociology
- 2010 *Teaching Assistant for Eduardo Bonilla-Silva*, Department of Sociology, Introduction to Sociology

Montessori Community School, Durham, NC

2007-2009 Assistant Teacher

Selected Professional Presentations:

“Rethinking Racial Progress: Racism as a Fundamental Cause.” Paper presented with Victor Ray at American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, August 23, 2016.

“When Democracy Disappears: Emergency Management in Benton Harbor.” Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society Conference, Atlanta, GA, April 15, 2016.

Invited panelist for Author Meets Critics, “Behind the White Picket Fence: Power and Privilege in Multiethnic Neighborhoods,” by Sarah Mayorga. Southern Sociological Society Conference, Atlanta, GA, April 14, 2016.

“Campus Alert!: Are Campuses Complying with the Clery Act?” Paper presented with Dr. Rebecca Bach at Southern Sociological Society Conference, Atlanta, GA, April 14, 2016.

“When Democracy Disappears: Emergency Management in Benton Harbor.” Paper presented at Duke Sociology Race Workshop, Durham, NC, October 15, 2015.

“Forgetting the Cycle of Creative Destruction: The Construction of Disaster in a Michigan City.” Paper presented at Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights (DDHR): “Bridging the Collaborative Gap,” Knoxville, TN, September 27, 2015.

“Race, Space, Integration, and Inclusion.” Presider at Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Invited Session, American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 23, 2015.

“Chicago/Regional Spotlight: The Plight of the Urban Metropolis in the Midwest.” Presider and discussant, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL, August 22, 2015.

“What’s the Matter with ‘Mattering’? How Caregiving Affects the Health of Low- Income Mothers of Children with Disabilities.” Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 25, 2015.

“The Impact of Emergency Management.” Invited paper discussion at Rethinking Regulation Workshop, Kenan Institute, Duke University, November 20, 2014.

“Backlash: Racialized Anti-Public Sentiment in the Post-Civil Rights Era.” Panel co-organizer, Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA, August 17, 2014.

“Disenfranchisement and Urban Redevelopment in a New Company Town.” Paper presented at “The Color of Citizenship: Continuing Racial/Ethnic Inequality in Citizenship Rights and Representations” (session organizer), Southern Sociological Society Conference, Charlotte, NC, April 5, 2014.

“Disenfranchisement and Urban Redevelopment in a New Company Town.” Paper presented at Place, (Dis)Place, & Citizenship Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, March 22, 2014.

“Conversation on Racism and Capitalism.” Invited panelist, Howard University, Washington DC., November 20, 2013.

“Public Goods? Privatization and Local Disenfranchisement in Michigan.” Paper presented at Association for Humanist Sociology (session co-organizer), Arlington, VA, October 13, 2013.

“Economic Development and Racial Politics in Benton Harbor.” Paper presented at Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY, August 11, 2013.

“Disentitlement Programs: Poor Women’s Experiences with Welfare Bureaucracy.” Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 23, 2012.

Professional Service:

- 2015 Student Advisory Board Member, *Social Problems*
- 2014 Reviewer, *American Behavioral Scientist*
- 2013-15 Associate Editor, *Humanity and Society*
- 2012 Organizer of Triangle Race Conference (“Research and Resistance: Race Across the Disciplines”), March 30-31*
*project awarded a Kenan-Biddle Partnership Grant (co-winner with members of Triangle Race Workshop), Kenan Charitable Trust & Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, Durham & Chapel Hill, NC (\$5000)

Departmental and University Service:

- 2013-2014 Graduate Policy Committee, Student Representative
- 2010-2014 Coordinator, Race Workshop, Sociology Department, Duke University
- 2006-2007 Liberal Studies Representative in the Graduate Faculty Student Senate, NSSR

Professional Organization Membership:

- American Sociological Association (section memberships: Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Community and Urban Sociology, Political Sociology)
- Association for Humanist Sociology
- Law and Society Association
- Society for the Study of Social Problems (section memberships: Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Community Research and Development)

References:

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