

# Kiyona J. Brewster

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## AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Family Studies, Gender and Sexuality, Black Feminist Theories, Classical and Contemporary Social Theory, Sociology of Religion, and Qualitative Methods

## EDUCATION

- 2016 PhD, Sociology**                      **Northwestern University, Evanston, IL**  
Dissertation Title: “Stepping Out on Faith: Family, Gender, and Religious Belonging in Black Churches”  
Dissertation Committee: Carolyn Chen, Aldon Morris (Co-Chair), Mary Pattillo (Co-Chair)
- 2009 M.A., Sociology**                      **Northwestern University, Evanston, IL**
- 2003 M.A., Clinical Psychology**                      **University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT**
- 2001 B.S., Psychology**                      **Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, NC**  
Graduated *summa cum laude* (GPA 4.0)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor, Centre College, Danville, KY, Fall 2017- Present**

### **Sociology 200 and 300 level courses:**

Social Theory (Classical and Contemporary)  
Race and Immigration  
Sociology of Crime and Deviance  
Race, Class, and Gender  
Race and Ethnicity  
Black Women in Contemporary Society  
Sociology of Sexualities

Introduction to Gender Studies  
Sociological Perspectives on Black Family Life  
Sociology of the Family  
Lived Religion and Everyday Life  
Senior Seminar

### **Study Abroad Courses:**

Latin American Thought and Philosophy in El Salvador, Summer 2023

### **Sociology 100 level course:**

(Un)Doing Gender in Contemporary Society  
Introduction to Sociology

**Instructor, DePaul University, Chicago IL, Winter 2017**

Soc 381: Qualitative Research Methods II

**Instructor, Triton Community College, River Grove, IL, Fall 2016- Spring 2017**

Soc 100: Introduction to Sociology

**Instructor, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, Summer 2013**

Soc 310: Sociology of the Family

**Teaching assistant, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2007 - 2013**

Soc 216: Gender and Society

Soc 307: The School and Society

Soc 310: The Family and Social Learning

Soc 110: Introduction to Sociology

Soc 202: Social Problems: Norms and Deviance

Soc 204: Social Interaction: Individual and Society

Psych 101: Introduction to Psychology (2001-02, University of Connecticut)

## **CERTIFICATIONS, LANGUAGES, AND SKILLS**

Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Interdisciplinary Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Northwestern University

Certificate in Undergraduate Teaching, The Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University

Atlas T.I. Qualitative Coding Analysis Software

Advanced knowledge of SPSS

English fluency and advanced conversational Spanish

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2020-24	Centre College Faculty Development Grant
2023	Centre College Stodghill Research Professorship
2019	Centre College Center for Teaching and Learning Course Development Award
2011-2015	Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship
2012	Northwestern University Graduate Research Grant
2008	Mac Arthur Summer Research Grant Award
2006	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention List
2002	University of Connecticut Zeaman Fellowship
2002	APA MFP Diversity Program Predoctoral Fellowship
2001	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (Declined to accept award)

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

**Brewster, K.**, Hamming, J., Pierce, L. Smith, T. (2022). *Peer Evaluation of Teaching (PETs): An ACS Faculty Development Workshop* [Workshop Slides]. Associated Colleges of the South.

<https://www.acsouth.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Peer-Evaluations-of-Teaching-PET-Workshop.pptx>

**Brewster, K.**, Hamming, J., Pierce, L. Smith, T. (2022). *A Workshop on Bias in Faculty Evaluations: A Closer Look at Peer Evaluation of Teaching (PET)* [Workshop Guide]. Associated Colleges of the South. <https://www.acsouth.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/PET-Workshop.pdf>

**Brewster, K.**, Wileyto, E.P., Kessler, L., Collier, A., Weathers, B., Stopfer, J.E., Domchek, S., Halbert, C.H. (2007). "Sociocultural predictors of breast cancer risk perceptions in African American breast cancer survivors." *Cancer, Epidemiology, Biomarkers, and Prevention* 16(2), 244-248.

Halbert, C.H., **Brewster, K.**, Collier, A., Smith, C., Kessler, L., Weathers, B., Stopfer, J.E., Domchek, S., Wileyto, E.P. (2005). "Recruiting African American women to participate in hereditary breast cancer research." *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 23, 7967-73.

Kessler, L., Collier, A., **Brewster, K.**, Smith, C., Weathers, B., Wileyto, E.P., & Halbert, C.H. (2005). "Attitudes about genetic testing and genetic testing intentions in African American women at increased risk for hereditary breast cancer." *Genetics in Medicine* 7, 230-238.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

"*To Love and Obey: Negotiating Power and Gender Roles among MGC and Divine CBC Husbands and Wives*" Article manuscript in progress for submission: *Women, Gender and Families of Color*.

"*Gendered Spaces: Small Group Ministries and the Production of Gender among African American Evangelical and Protestant Christians*" Article manuscript in preparation for submission to: *Issues in Race and Society: An Interdisciplinary Global Journal*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

August 2024. Race, Gender, and Strict Church Theory: How Conservative Black Churches Stay Strong. **Paper presentation** at the Association of Black Sociologists Annual Research Conference, Quebec, Montreal.

August 2023. To Love and Obey: Negotiating Power and Gender Roles among MGC and Divine CBC Husbands and Wives. **Paper presentation** at the Association of Black Sociologists Annual Research Conference, Philadelphia.

August 2019. Gendered Spaces: Small Group Ministries and the Production of Gender among African American Evangelical and Protestant Christians. **Paper presentation** at the Association of Black Sociologists Annual Research Conference, New York.

November 2014. Attitudes toward Faith and Family among African American Evangelical Husband and Wife Dyads. **Paper presentation** at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Research Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.

August 2014. Stepping Out on Faith: Family, Gender, and Religious Belonging in Black Churches. **Round table** at the American Sociological Association Research Conference, San Francisco.

August 2013. Beyond Classic Symbolic Interactionism: Towards an Intersectional Reading of George H. Mead's Mind, Self, and Society. **Round table** at the American Sociological Association Research Conference, New York.

November 2012. Stepping Out on Faith: Family, Gender, and Religious Belonging in Black Churches. **Paper presentation** at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Research Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.

August 2009. Theory on the Physical Embodiment of Traditional Gender Ideology among African American Pastoral Wives. **Paper presentation** at the American Sociological Association Research Conference, San Francisco, California.

## **MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS, AND INVITED TALKS**

March 2024. “Leading and Cultivating a Diverse Workforce.” **Invited speaker** for Centre College’s annual Women’s Leadership Conference, Danville, Kentucky.

April 2024. “*What Does it Mean to be a Feminist?*” Invited panelist for Centre College Feminist’s **panel** about defining contemporary feminism.

April 2022. **Media interview and contribution** for Sarah Ladd and Ben Tobin’s “How a lack of affordable Child Care Options Created a Labor Crisis for Kentucky Mothers,” *Courier Journal News*. <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/2022/04/07/kentucky-women-ending-their-careers-due-lack-of-child-care/7000609001/>

November 2021. Co-led **workshop** entitled “Conversations on Teaching and the Evaluation of Teaching” for Centre College’s Building Bridges and Community Day.

March 2021. “Let’s Talk Pleasure.” Invited speaker for Centre College Feminist’s **workshop** on pleasure politics and college hook-up culture.

August 2020. Coordinated and collaborated with faculty to present a diversity and inclusion **workshop** for the annual faculty retreat at Centre College, Danville KY.

November 2020 “*How to Be an Anti-Racist*” **Panel discussion** hosted by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Centre College, Danville, KY.

June 2020. Co-facilitator for the philosophy program’s June Summer Book Club **Panel discussion** “Black Lives Matter as Identity Politics” Centre College, Danville, KY.

March 2019. “Feminism and the Importance of Intersectionality.” **Invited speaker** for Centre College Feminist’s International Women’s Day Celebration, Danville, KY.

February 2019. “Creative Conversations: Gender Based Community and the African American Church.” **Panel discussion** at the Norton Center for the Arts, Danville, KY.

## **PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2/2004- 7/2006 **University of Pennsylvania Medical School, Department of Psychiatry, Research Assistant; Principal Investigator- Chanita Hughes-Halbert, PhD**

Research involved developing culturally sensitive genetic counseling procedure for African American women at risk of hereditary Breast or Ovarian Cancer. Responsibilities involved actively recruiting participants, conducting telephone interviews, focus groups, data entry, analysis, and quality control.

2003 **University of Pennsylvania, Biomedical Graduate Studies Program, Department of Neuroscience; Research advisor- Julie Blendy, PhD**

Investigated the role of the opioid system in altering nicotine-induced behaviors such as nociception and locomotor- activity in mice.

## PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

### Professional Service

Secretary, Association of Black Sociologists, Fall 2024 - present  
Lifetime member of Association of Black Sociologists; American Sociological Association and Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Member.

### Centre College

Co-chair, Gender Studies Minor, Fall 2024- present  
Centre College Feminists- Faculty Advisor, Fall 2018 – present  
Centre College Health and Wellness Committee, Fall 2025- present  
Committee on Curriculum and Academic Standards, Fall 2023 – Fall 2024  
Co-chair, African and African American Studies Minor, Fall 2023- Spring 2024; Interim Chair, Spring 2021  
Institutional Review Board Committee member, Fall 2018 – Spring 2024  
Anthropology and Sociology Program Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2022  
Co-Chair, Underrepresented Faculty Council, Fall 2021-2022  
General Centre College Council- Fall 2018 - 2020  
Undergraduate Research Committee- Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

### Northwestern University

Multicultural Affairs Office, Invited Panelist, 2012  
Department of Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee, 2009-10  
Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA):  
2008, 2009, and 2010 Member, Annual Research Conference Planning Committee  
2009-2010 Community Outreach Coordinator  
2008-2009 BGSA Treasurer  
Spring 2007 Undergraduate Student Mentor Coordinator

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Associated Colleges of the South (ACS): Served on research committee for the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation Grant on implicit bias and peer evaluation of teaching (PET), January 2022.

Associated Colleges of the South (ACS): Faculty of Color Uniting for Success (FOCUS) Workshop participant held at Hendrix College, Arkansas, June 2019.

Associated Colleges of the South (ACS): Teaching and Learning Development Workshop participant held at Sewanee: The College of the South, Tennessee, June 2018.

## COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE

2007-2016 *Chicago Cares Volunteer* - Taught homeless youth essential job skills. Also, tutored native Spanish speakers in ESL and prepared people to take United States citizenship exams at Chicago's Erie Neighborhood House. Required intermediate proficiency in Spanish.

1/7/2003 - 4/1/2003 *Salem Junior Secondary School, Akuapim, Ghana, West Africa* - Taught English and Grammar at a small rural middle school located in the Eastern region of Ghana and assisted in fundraising efforts for the Mampong Library.