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APPOINTMENTS

2015- University of California, Irvine
Assistant Professor of Sociology

FELLOWSHIPS

2013-2015 University of California, Berkeley
UC Berkeley Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship
(Joint Appt. Dept. of Sociology/ School of Public Health)

2012-2013 Pennsylvania State University
Postdoctoral Fellowship—Africana Research Center

EDUCATION

2012 University of California, San Diego San Diego, CA
Ph.D. Sociology

2006 University of California, San Diego San Diego, CA
M.A. Sociology

2001 University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA
B.A. Psychology, High Honors

SELECTED GRANTS/ AWARDS

2014 Yoga Dana Foundation Corte Madera, CA
**Grant in Support of Yoga in Underserved Communities for
*The Richmond Yoga Project***

2012 University of California, San Diego San Diego, CA
**African and African American Studies Research Center Outstanding
Doctoral Dissertation Award**

2012 AABHE Clarion, PA
**American Association of Blacks in Higher Education Doctoral Student
Conference Grant**

2011 University of California, San Diego San Diego, CA
All People's Recognition Award
(For contributions to social justice and community)

2010-2011 University of California, San Diego San Diego, CA
UC President's Dissertation Year Fellow

BOOKS

Strings, Sabrina. *Thin, White, and Saved: Fat Stigma and the Fear of the Big Black Body*. (Under Review with NYU Press)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Strings, Sabrina. (Forthcoming). "The Rapunzel Game: Racialized Hair Fetishes in Yoga Trainings" in *Yoga and Body Image II*, edited by Melanie Klein, MN: Llewellyn.

Strings, Sabrina, Yamini K. Ranchod, Barbara Laraia, and Amani Nuru-Jeter. 2016. "Race and Sex Differences in the Association between Food Insecurity and Type 2 Diabetes." *Ethnicity & Disease* 26(3): 427-434.

Strings, Sabrina. 2015. "Obese Black Women as 'Social Dead Weight': Re-inventing the Diseased Black woman." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 41(1): 107-130.

Strings, Sabrina and Long T. Bui. 2014. "'She is Not Acting, She IS': The Conflict between Gender and Racial Realness on *RuPaul's Drag Race*." *Feminist Media Studies* 14(5): 1-15.

Strings, Sabrina. 2014. "Protecting What's White: A New Look at Stand Your Ground Laws." Pp. 160-162 in *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Race and Ethnicity*, (reprint) edited by Raymond D'Angelo and Herbert Douglas. McGraw-Hill Education.

Strings, Sabrina. 2011. "Teaching Social Justice in Graduate Programs." In *Teaching Diversity*, edited by Jim Lin. University Readers.

Book Reviews

Strings, Sabrina. (Forthcoming). "Book Review: Mythologizing Black Women: Unveiling White Men's Deep Frame on Race and Gender by Brittany Slatton." *Contemporary Sociology*.

News and Magazines articles

Strings, Sabrina. 2015. "#Whatayogilookslike: Spotlight on Sabrina Strings." *Yoga International*, Nov. 30.

Strings, Sabrina. 2015. "Top Yoga Studios Unite to Racially-Profile Black 'Yoga Thief'" *The Feminist Wire*. Feb. 2.

Strings, Sabrina. 2014. "Protecting What's White: A New Look at Stand

Your Ground Laws.” *The Feminist Wire*. Jan 30.

- Reprint by *Truth-Out.org*. Feb. 3, 2014.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Strings, Sabrina A., Irene Headen, and Omar Mushtaq. “The Biopower of Yoga” *In Progress*.

MEDIA

Podcasts

Strings, Sabrina. 2015. “Yoga as a Tool for Social Change.” *Yoga and Body Image Coalition*. Nov. 4. (<http://ybicoalition.com/yoga-as-a-tool-for-social-change/>)

Radio

DJ Calvin Gantt Interviews Sabrina Strings on Black Talk Radio, 88.9 FM Irvine/OC Public Radio, July 6, 2016.

EDITORIAL CREDITS

Co-founding editor of *Race and Yoga* journal. University of California eScholarship Press. (https://escholarship.org/uc/crg_raceandyoga)

INVITED TALKS

2016. “Thin, White and Saved: Fat Stigma and the Fear of the Big Black Body.” Keynote Presentation for the UC San Diego Sociology Graduate Student Conference (May 20).

2015. “Yoga and Body Image.” Piedmont Yoga (Apr 11).

2015. “Racial and Gender Differences in the Association Between Food Insecurity and Type 2 Diabetes.” UC Irvine School of Public Health (Jan 26)

2014. “Who Has Access to Yoga? Meditations on its Race, Sex, and Body Size Exclusivity” Piedmont Yoga (Jun 20)

2014. “Fear of the Big, Black Body: The History of Fat Fright and the Thin Ideal.” The Body Mass Index: Myth or Reality? Conference at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (Apr 7)

2014. “Empowering Communities of Color Through Yoga.” Co-presenter Tria Andrews. Merritt College (Apr 2)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2016. "The Womyn's Burden: Yoga for Embodied Trauma and Medical Disenfranchisement" *Yoga and Social Justice Conference*, Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley (Jun 11)

2016. "The Business of Yoga: Can Yoga Co-exist with the Bottom Line?" Anasa Yoga Studio, Oakland (Feb 20)

2015. "The Buying and Selling Yoga: Authenticity, Commodification and the Future of Yoga?" Sankofa Academy, Oakland (Nov 14)

2015. "Cultural Appropriation and the Commodification of Yoga" The Yoga Collective, Venice (Sep 12)

2015. "The Racial and Sexual Biopolitics of Yoga: Making (White) Women Hotter." American Sociological Association Meeting, Special Panel (Aug 22)

2014. "Obese Black Women as 'Social Dead Weight': Re-inventing the diseased Black woman." American Sociological Association Meeting (Aug 17)

2014. "Thinness as an Investment in Whiteness." UCLA Sociology Colloquium (Mar 7)

2014. "Thinness as an Investment in Whiteness." UC Santa Barbara Sociology Colloquium (Feb 12)

2013. "Obesity Kills? An examination of the rhetoric of the fat black woman as the scourge of public health." Sociologists for Women in Society bay area meeting (Sept 27)

2013. "The Aesthetics of Domination: The Rise of the Nordic/Aryan American Beauty." American Society for Aesthetics, Philadelphia (Apr 19)

2012. "Thin, White, and Saved: Fat Stigma and the Fear of the Big Black Woman." American Association of Blacks in Higher Ed, Atlanta (Mar 22)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2016- Council Member for American Sociological Association's Body and Embodiment Section

2016 Session Organizer for Cultural Sociology Section, ASA Annual Meeting, Seattle WA

2016 Reviewer for UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship

2016 Co-organizer of the *Yoga Justice, Yoga Violence* Conference at Mills College (Apr 22)

2015 Reviewer for *Gender and Society*

2015 Reviewer for *Race and Social Problems*

2015- Leadership Team, Yoga and Body Image Coalition

2015 Co-organizer of the *Yoga (R)evolution?* Conference at UC Berkeley (Apr 10)

2014 Co-organizer of the *Yoga and Access: Questions of Inclusion* Conference at UC Berkeley (Apr 25)

2014- Co-facilitator of the Race and Yoga Working Group, Center for Race and Gender, UC Berkeley. (raceandyoga.com)

2010-2011 Vice President of Diversity Affairs for the Graduate Student Association. University of California, San Diego

COMMITTEES

2016- Faculty Advisor for Honor's Thesis "Altered Sexual Selves: Black and Latina Women with Viral Sexually Transmitted Infections" by Heather Bilton

2016 Selection Committee, Robin M. Williams Jr. Graduate Student Paper Award

2015-2016 Faculty Advisor for Honor's Thesis, "Boys Helping Boys: Persistence and Retention of Latino Males in Higher Education" by Veronica Castillo