

Celeste Atkins

Award Winning Educator, Sociologist, Public Speaker, and Instructional Designer

College Level Teaching Experience

Aug 2020 – present – Adjunct Instructor (Sociology) Cochise College
Jan 2020 – present – Adjunct Instructor (Sociology) Pima Community College
Aug 2011 – Aug 2020 – Sociology Instructor (fulltime) Cochise College
Jan 2013 – May 2018 – Dept. Chair, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Cochise College
Jan 2010 – Aug 2011 – adjunct instructor (Sociology) Pima Community College
Jan 2015 – Dec 2016 – adjunct instructor (Sociology) SNHU online
Jan 2016 – May 2016 – adjunct instructor (Sociology) University of Arizona

Faculty Development Experience

July 2020 – present – Instructional Designer (fulltime) U of AZ's Office of Digital Learning
Aug 2017 – May 2019 – Grad. Asst. U of AZ's Office of Instruction and Assessment
Jan 2013 – May 2018 – Dept. Chair, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Cochise College

Publications

- Forthcoming* Atkins, C. (2020) Teaching Up: Faculty of color teaching about privilege. In L. Murti & G. Flores (Eds.), *Educators at intersections*. Springhill Press.
- Forthcoming* Atkins, C. (2020) Teaching While Black: A True Story from the Struggle. Teaching/Learning Matters: Newsletter for the American Sociological Association Section on Teaching and Learning.
- Atkins, C. (2020) [Teaching up: Female sociologists teaching about privilege](#). In G. A. Berg & L. D. Venis (Eds.), [Accessibility and diversity in the 21st century university](#). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
- Atkins, C. (2020). Review of Learning from each other: Refining the practice of teaching in higher education edited by Michele Lee Kozimor-King & Jeffrey Chin. *International Journal of Academic Development*, 25(1), 88-90. doi: [10.1080/1360144X.2019.1660085](https://doi.org/10.1080/1360144X.2019.1660085)
- Atkins, C. (2019) [Teaching intersectionality through the OOOPS exercise](#). Teaching/Learning Matters: Newsletter for the American Sociological Association Section on Teaching and Learning
- Atkins, C. (2019) [Twenty concepts: A new approach to teaching Introduction to Sociology](#). *Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology TRAILS*
- Atkins, C. (2019) [Everyone knows you in a small town](#): Contingent faculty at a rural community college. Hawaiian International Education Conference, Conference Proceedings.
- Atkins, C., (2018) [Making assignments relevant to students](#). Teaching/Learning Matters: Newsletter for the American Sociological Association Section on Teaching and Learning (47)2, 9-11.
- Atkins, C., (2018) [Colored girls and controlling images](#): Using multiracial feminist theory to transform pedagogy. *Mirage Literary Magazine*.
- Atkins, C., Esparza, L., Milkman, R., & Moran, C.M. (2018) Organizing the academic precariat in the United States. *Global Labour Journal, Global Issues Section on Academic Labour*, 9(1). <https://doi.org/10.15173/glj.v9i1.3385>
- Atkins, C. (2016). Review of race and racisms by Maria Golash-Boza. *Teaching Sociology* 44(2), 128-130.

- 2011 – Master Thesis “[Big Black Mamas](#): The Intersection of Race, Weight, and Gender in the United States” quoted in the 7th Edition of [Sociology: The Essentials](#) by Margaret L. Andersen, Howard F. Taylor
- 2000-International Gay and Lesbian Review (online) Review of [Render Me, Gender Me](#) by Kath Weston
- 2000-International Gay and Lesbian Review (online) Review of [Sister/Stranger: Lesbians Loving Across the Lines](#) edited by Jan Hardy
- 2000-International Gay and Lesbian Review (online) Review of [Androgyne Journal](#) by James Broughton
- 2000-International Gay and Lesbian Review (online) Review of [In Your Face: Stories from the Lives of Queer Youth](#) by Mary L. Gray
- 2000-International Gay and Lesbian Review (online) Review of [Freaks Talk Back: Tabloid Talk Shows and Sexual Nonconformity](#) by Joshua Gamson
- 2000-International Gay and Lesbian Review (online) Review of [The Straight Mind and Other Essays](#) by Monique Wittig
- 2000-International Gay and Lesbian Review (online) Review of [My Gender Workbook](#) by Kate Bornstein
- 2000-International Gay and Lesbian Review (online) Review of [Female Masculinity](#) by Judith Halberstam
- 1999-Mc Nair Journal: “Diversity in the College Classroom: A Focus on Pedagogy”
- 1998-Embrace The Morning (Poetry Anthology): “You Touched Me”
- 1997-Mc Nair Journal: “Rape in the African American Community”

Grant writing

- 2019 Lead Writer - Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD) Collaborative Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Educational Development Fellows Program (\$12,000) for a collaboration between Cochise College and U of A’s Office of Instruction and Assessment to develop a series of faculty development workshops on inclusive pedagogy.
- 2010 Co-Writer – Successful Grant for First Bloom September 2010 – August 2011 (\$6,500) from National Park Foundation
- 2010 Recipient – Spring & Summer 2010 Project/Event Grant from Every Voice in Action Foundation
- 2009 Recipient – Discretionary Grant for Teen Advocacy Group Intern Program from Every Voice in Action Foundation 2009
- 2005 Co-writer – Successful Grant from the Lottery Task Force San Bernardino Co. Supt. of Schools.
- 2004 Recipient – Riordan Foundation Recreational Reading Mini-Grant (2004)

Professional Awards & Scholarships

- 2020 American Sociological Association Hans O. Mauksch Award for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Sociology
Recipient – 2020-21 Dr. Maria Teresa Velez Diversity Leadership Scholarship
Recipient – 2019-20 UA College of Education Dissertation Completion Fellowship
Recipient – 2019-20 William Hupalo Scholarship
2019 Pacific Sociological Association Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Member
Recipient – 2019 Digital Pedagogy Lab Fellowship
Recipient – 2018-19 William Hupalo Scholarship
Recipient – 2018-19 T. Frank Saunders Memorial Scholarship
Recipient – 2018-19 Delores R. Kaith Scholarship Endowment Scholarship
Recipient – 2018 Arizona Council Sunshine Fund Endowment, University of Arizona
Recipient – 2017-18 Outstanding Administrative Graduate Assistant of the Year, University of Arizona
Nominated – 2017-18 Instructor of the Year, Cochise College
Recipient – 2017-18 University of Arizona Graduate Access Fellowship
Recipient – 2017-18 Delores R. Kaith Scholarship Endowment Scholarship
Recipient – 2012 SAGE Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award

Professional Associations & Coalitions

Current

Diversity Scholar's Network - member
American Sociological Association – member
 ASA Taskforce on Contingent Faculty – member (2015-2018)
Pacific Sociological Association – member
 PSA Committee on Membership – Chair (2015-2021)
 PSA Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic minorities – member (2020-2023)
Southern Sociological Society - member
American Educational Research Association – member
Association for the Study of Higher Education – member
Association of Black Sociologists - member
Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education - member

Former

City of Sierra Vista Cultural Diversity Commission – member 2015
Youth Empowerment Services Network Board of Directors – member 2009 – 2010
 Vice Chairperson Board of Directors
 Chair of the Marketing/Public Relations Subcommittee
Kiwanis Young Children's Council of Pima County – member 2008- 2010
Youth Development Coalition – member 2008 - 2010
Community Outreach Service Alliance – member 2008 - 2010

Conferences and Symposia Presentations & Workshops

8/20 – American Sociological Association Annual Conference – oral presentation – *Teaching Up: Female Sociologists Teaching About Privilege*
2/20 – Cochise College – Co-Creator & facilitator of professional development workshop –
 Topic: Creating Truly Inclusive Learning Environments (6 hrs – 2 hrs a Friday 3 consecutive weeks)
11/19 – National Association for Multicultural Education Conference – Creator/Co-Facilitator of Workshop – Topic: It's the Little Things: Taking a Step Towards Building a More Inclusive Learning Environment
5/19 – Arizona Women in Higher Education Conference - Co-creator/Co-Facilitator of

- Workshop - Topic: Empowering Leaders to Facilitate Inclusive Environments
- 3/19 – Pacific Sociological Association National Conference - oral presentation
Ain't I a Black Woman? A Black Feminist Autoethnography Exploring Biracial Identity Formation
- 3/19 - Organizer/Presider – Pacific Sociological Association
Topic: Be The Change You Want To See In The World: Teaching at the Community College Level
- 2/19 – University of Arizona Student Showcase – Poster Presentation
20 Concepts - A New Approach to Teaching SOC 101
- 1/19 – Hawaiian International Conference on Education – oral presentation
Everyone Knows You In A Small Town – Contingent Faculty in a Rural Community College
- 6/18 – International Consortium for Educational Development Conference – oral presentation
Inclusive Pedagogy Grounded in Multiracial Feminism
- 4/18 – Invited Panel Participant - Southern Sociological Society
Topic: Employment and Contingency in Small and Community Colleges
- 3/18 – Roundtable Facilitator – AKD Workshop on Teaching and Learning
Topic: It's The Little Things: Taking a Step Towards Building a More Inclusive Learning Environment
- 3/18 - Organizer/Presider – Pacific Sociological Association
Topic: Be The Change You Want To See In The World: Teaching at the Community College Level
- 3/18 – Organizer/Presider – Pacific Sociological Association
Topic: Teaching Up: Teaching About Privilege as a Traditionally Marginalized Person
- 3/18 – Pacific Sociological Association – oral presentation
Colored Girls and Controlling Images: Using Multiracial Feminism to Transform Pedagogy
- 2/18 – University of Arizona Student Showcase – poster presentation
Colored Girls and Controlling Images: Using Multiracial Feminism to Transform Pedagogy
- 4/17 – Organizer/Presider – Pacific Sociological Association
Topic: Be The Change You Want To See In The World: Teaching at the Community College Level
- 8/16 – American Sociological Association - Roundtable organizer for Teaching Up: Teaching About Privilege Without Being Privileged
- 3/16 - Organizer/Presider – Pacific Sociological Association
Topic: Be The Change You Want To See In The World: Teaching at the Community College Level
- 3/16 – Panelist – Pacific Sociological Association
Topic: Classroom Management at the Community College Level
- 3/16 – Pacific Sociological Association – oral presentation of *Thick not Fat: Exploring Weight, Race, and Gender in Black Women's Lives.*
- 4/15 – Presider – Pacific Sociological Association
Topic: Demonstration: Creating an E-Textbook for Global Sociology
- 3/13 – Presider/Presenter – Pacific Sociological Association
Topic: Teaching Techniques that Engage and Enlighten (Learning Communities)
- 8/12 – American Sociological Association Annual Conference – oral presentation

*Big Black Mamas, The Intersection of Race, Weight, and Gender in the lives of
'overweight' Black women*

- 4/00-Pacific Southwest Women's Studies Association Conference-oral presentation
- 3/00-Pacific Sociological Association National Conference-oral presentation
- 3/00-University of Southern California Figuring the Body Conference-oral presentation
- 4/99-Pacific Sociological Association National Conference-oral presentation
- 7/98-CSUSB Mc Nair Scholar's Symposium-oral presentation
- 5/98-San Bernardino Diversity Conference-oral presentation
- 4/98-Pacific Sociological Association National Conference-roundtable presentation
- 3/98-CSUSB Women's Research Conference-roundtable presentation
- 8/97-CSUSB Mc Nair Scholar's Symposium-oral presentation
- 8/97-UC Irvine Mc Nair Scholar's Symposium-oral presentation

Guest Lectures/Panel Discussions/Workshops

- 1/18 – Workshop Facilitator – Cochise Faculty Development
Topic: It's the Little Things: Taking a Step Towards Building a More Inclusive Learning Environment
- 1/18 – Roundtable Facilitator – Cochise Faculty Development
Topic: Dealing With Disruptive Students
- 1/18 – Roundtable Facilitator – Cochise Faculty Development
Topic: Time Management
- 9/17 – Workshop Facilitator – U of A Professional Learning Community on Inclusive Excellence in Teaching
Topic: It's the Little Things: Taking a Step Towards Building a More Inclusive Learning Environment
- 8/17 – Workshop Facilitator – Cochise College Associate Faculty Convocation
Topic: Dealing with Disruptive Students
- 5/17 – Guest Speaker – First Annual Kente Stole Graduation Celebration – Cochise College
- 10/16 – Panel Participant – Complexity Talk Radio Celebrating, Embracing and Empowering Girls and Women of Color Talk Radio Series
Episode 7: The Diversity of Girls and Women of Color (Standards of Beauty)
- 8/14 – Workshop Co-Facilitator – Cochise College Associate Faculty Convocation
Topic: Dealing with Disruptive Students (4 sessions)
- 2/13 – Workshop Facilitator – Cochise College Professional Development Series
Topic: Time Management
- 10/12 – Workshop Facilitator – Cochise College Professional Development Series
Topic: Time Management
- 4/12 – Guest Lecturer – Passions Lecture Series Cochise College
Topic: The Intersection of Weight, Race, and Gender
- 10/11 – Guest Lecturer/Panel Participant – Ethnic Groups and Minorities Class, Cochise
Topic: African Americans in Contemporary U.S. Society
- 2/06-Guest Lecturer/Panel Participant-Introduction to Sociology Class, USC
Topic: Bi/Multiracial Families
- 1/05-Guest Lecturer/Panel Participant-Changing Family Forms Class, USC
Topic: Bi/Multiracial Families
- 2/01-Guest Speaker-San Diego State University Black History Month Presentation

Topic: The Intersection of Weight, Race, and Gender
 1/01-Guest Speaker-Black Women and Feminism Class, CSUSB
 Topic: The Intersection of Weight, Race, and Gender
 10/99-Panel Participant-PSCEI, CSUSB
 Topic: Contemporary Racial Attitudes
 5/99-Guest Speaker: African/African American Graduation
 Topic: Diversity
 10/98-Panel Participant-Race and Racism Class, CSUSB
 Topic: Light-Skin Privilege
 1/98-Panel Participant-Race and Racism Class, CSUSB
 Topic: Light-Skin Privilege
 4/97-Guest Lecturer-Women's Studies Class, CSUSB
 Topic: Rape in the African American Community
 1993-Guest Lecturer-Marriage and Family Sociology Class, Mt. San Antonio College

Elementary Education Experience

**Graduate – LAUSD District Intern Program w/CLAD in-bedded 1/04
 Multisubject Elementary Teaching Credential**

Elementary School Teacher Los Angeles Unified School District (1st Grade 2002-2003,
 3rd Grade 2003-2004)

Trainings & Conferences

9/19 James Lang Teaching Distracted Minds - participant
 5/19 Tim Wise Training on Dismantling White Supremacy - participant
 3/19 Pacific Sociological Association, Annual Conference
 1/19 Hawaiian International Conference on Education, Annual Conference
 6/18 International Consortium for Educational Development Conference
 5/18 President's Leadership Academy – Cochise College (invitation only)
 4/18 Southern Sociological Society, Annual Conference
 3/18 Pacific Sociological Association, Annual Conference
 3/18 AKD Workshop on Teaching and Learning
 1/18 Connections between Instruction, Student Outcomes & Faculty Development – Cochise
 Faculty Development
 1/18 Growth Mindset – Cochise Faculty Development
 1/18 Civic Responsibility through Service Learning – Cochise Faculty Development
 1/18 HLC, Assessment, and Me – Cochise Faculty Development
 1/18 Supporting Student Learning with Virtual Reality – Cochise Faculty Development
 1/18 Roundtable – Grading Group Projects/Papers – Cochise Faculty Development
 1/18 Speedy Feedback: Strategies and Tools for Efficiently Providing Students with
 Consistent and Effective Feedback – Cochise Faculty Development
 1/18 Making Classes Interactive – Removing the “Sage on the Stage” – Cochise Faculty
 Development
 1/18 Program Review Process – Cochise Faculty Development
 1/18 Conflict of Interest Training – CITI program for UA IRB
 1/18 Social and Behavioral Research Investigator Basic Course – CITI program for UA IRB
 5/17 President's Leadership Academy – Cochise College (invitation only)

- 4/17 Pacific Sociological Association, Annual Conference
- 8/16 American Sociological Association, Annual Conference
- 3/16 Pacific Sociological Association, Annual Conference
- 4/15 Alpha Kappa Delta Teaching and Learning PreConference
- 4/15 Pacific Sociological Association, Annual Conference
- 8/14 Harassment Sensitivity Training – Cochise College
- 7/14 Management Skills for First Time Supervisors
- 2/14 Supervisory and Leadership Certificate (Learning Resources Network)
- 3/13 Pacific Sociological Association, Annual Conference
- 8/12 American Sociological Association, Annual Conference
- 8/12 The Art at the Heart of Learner-Centered Teaching Workshop – ASA
- 3/12 International SUN Conference on Teaching and Learning
- 9/10 SPA – Safe & Positive Approaches for Preventing & Responding to Crisis (Devereux)
- 9/10 QPR – Suicide Perspectives & Prevention (Devereux)
- 9/10 Respite #1 – Client Rights, Confidentiality, Diagnosis, Medication Admin (Devereux)
- 8/10 Observation in the Self Administration of Medication (Devereux)
- 8/10 First Aid Training (Devereux)
- 7/10 Completed PS MAPP Foster Care Training (Devereux)
- 5/10 Completed ASU Lodestar Generation Next Nonprofit Leadership Academy
- 8/09 Involving Youth as Leaders in Your Organization (Volunteer Center)
- 8/09 Communicate Your Agency’s Story Training (Volunteer Center)
- 7/09 Recruitment & Retention of Volunteers Training (Volunteer Center)
- 6/09 Essentials of Community Development Training (YES Network)
- 6/09 Engaging Boomers Volunteers Training (Volunteer Center)
- 6/09 Social Media Training (The Caliber Group)
- 5/09 How to Create a Non-Profit Budget Training (Volunteer Center)
- 7/08 Recognizing and Responding to Suspected Child Abuse (Southern Arizona Child Advocacy Center)
- 7/08 Creating Internet Safe Kids (Devereux)
- 12/08 AZ Dept. of Ed. Developmentally Appropriate Sexual Health/HIV Prevention Education K-12 Training
- 6/08 Western Regional Institute for Teachers and Community Health Educators
- 6/08 Facilitating Constructive Dialogue
- 5/08 Bring It On and Bring It Together: Research, Practice, and Policy (Youth Development Workshop)
- 3/08 Generation Sexuality Education for Everyone (curriculum training)
- 2/08 Reproductive Health Update Arizona: 2008
- 2/08 Leadership Development Training – Listening Under Stressful Circumstances
- 1/07 Completed 11 week training as a Social Worker for Riverside County

EDUCATION

PhD 2017 – present

***University of Arizona, Center for the Study of Higher Education
Doctoral Candidate***

Graduate Courses in Higher Education

Fall 2017	HED 601 – Introduction to Higher Education with Dr. Gary Rhoades HED 634 – Sociology of Community Colleges w/ Dr. Regina Deil-Amen EDL 699 – Group Independent Study – Multiracial Feminism
Spring 2018	HED 609 – Organization & Admin. in Higher Ed. w/Dr. Gary Rhoades HED 636 – College Access and Success w/Dr. Regina Deil-Amen
Fall 2018	HED 605 – Qualitative Methods w/Dr. Regina Deil-Amen HED 699 – Independent Study – Qualitative Research Project on Department Chairs & Adjuncts supervised by Dr. Regina Deil-Amen
Spring 2019	HED 606 – Qualitative Methods II – w/Dr. Regina Deil-Amen EDL 696A – Critical Race Theory – w/Dr. Kevin L. Henry Jr. HED 699 – Independent Study – creating my dissertation proposal supervised by Dr. Regina Deil-Amen high pass for written comprehensive exam passed oral comprehensive exam passed dissertation proposal defense

College Teaching Multidisciplinary Minor

Fall 2017	IA 697A – Learner-Centered Teaching Creating Online Communities – Minicourse Designing Engaging Writing Activities – Minicourse
Spring 2018	IA680 – Classroom Assessment IA 699 – Independent Study – revamping two intensive writing courses and one online course
Fall 2018	IA 694A Instructional Practicum IA 697G – Universal Design IA 697B – Teaching with Technology Introduction to Teaching Online – Minicourse

Master's Degree 1999-2007

University of Southern California

Master's in Sociology Specializing in Race and Gender (3.84 GPA)

Recipient-USC All University Pre-Doctoral Diversity Fellowship for 3 years

Recipient-National Science Foundation Fellowship for 3 years

Alpha Delta Kappa International Sociology Honor Society

Sociology Tutor-Student Athlete Academic Services (Fall 1999-Spring 2000)

Independent Study-Life Satisfaction Among Single Parents (Summer 1999)

Research Assistant to Dr. Angela James-Marriage Among African Americans (1999-2000)

Recipient-Pacific Southwest Women's Studies Association Honorable Mention Graduate
Student Paper (April 2000)

Independent Study-Seminal Works of African American Intellectuals (Summer 2000)

Research Assistant to Dr. Elaine Bell Kaplan-Inner-City Mothers' Child-Caring
Strategies (Summer 2000)

Representative-American Sociological Association Student Forum Advisory Board (2000
-2002)

Executive Board Member-Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society,
University of Southern California Chapter (2000-2001)
Student Mentor-Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society (2000-2001)
Teaching Assistant to Dr. Karen Sternheimer-Juvenile Delinquency Class/Childhood
Class (Fall 2001)
Teaching Assistant to Dr. Elaine Bell Kaplan – Social Problems (Fall 2004) taught 2
discussion sections of 25 students each
Teaching Assistant to Dr. Adele Pillitteri – Changing Family Forms (Spring 2005) taught
2 discussion sections of 25 students each

University 1995-1999

California State University, San Bernardino, CA

B.A. in Sociology (GPA 3.85 (cumulative) GPA 3.948 (CSUSB))

Ethnic Studies minor & Women's Studies minor
Independent Study-Women's Studies-Plastic Surgery from a Feminist Perspective
Independent Study-Ethnic Studies-Images of Black Women in Film
Independent Study-Sociology-Rape in the African American Community
Senior Honors Project-Sociology-Rape in the African American Community
Internship-Sociology-Teaching Assistant to Dr. Marcia Marx
Teaching Assistant-Sociology-Race and Racism w/Dr. Mary T. Texeira
Research Assistant-Institute of Applied Research
Research Assistant-The Male Form: Commodifying American Men in Contemporary
Advertising
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society member
Alpha Delta Kappa International Honor Society member
Speech and Debate member
Sociology Club executive board member (1997), President (1998)
University Honors Student
McNair Summer Scholar, 1997 & 1998
Recipient-Black Faculty and Staff Scholarship for Academic Excellence 1999
Recipient-Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship 1999
Recipient-Phi Kappa Phi CSUSB Chapter Scholarship 1999
Recipient-School of Social and Behavioral Sciences Outstanding Undergraduate 1999
Student Speaker – African American Student Graduation 1999

Community College 1991-1993

Mount San Antonio College, Walnut CA

Sociology major (GPA 3.69)
Teaching Assistant to Dr. Linda C. Rillorta, Sociology Dept.
Speech and Debate member
Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society member

High School 1984-1988

Buena High School, Sierra Vista AZ

Member Who's Who in American High Schools
Band member
Speech and Debate member
Actor in school musicals

