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Areas of Interest: Prisoner reentry, race and racism, organizational fields, mass incarceration, criminalization, economic insecurity, teaching, public sociology, qualitative methods, public policy.

Employment

July 2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Suffolk University

Education

2019 PhD, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2018 Master's in Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2012 B.A. Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, With Honors

Publications

Branch, Enobong Hannah, Christina Jackson, and Lucius Couloute. Forthcoming: 2020. "Is Justice Blind? Race and the Rise of Mass Incarceration." Book chapter in *Black in America: What it Means to be the Problem*. Enobong Hannah Branch & Christina Jackson.

Couloute, Lucius. 2019. "Organizing Reentry: How Race Structures the Post-Imprisonment Terrain." *Research in the Sociology of Organizations*. Volume 58.

Wooten, Melissa and Lucius Couloute. 2017. "The Production of Inequality Within and Among Organizations." *Sociology Compass*. In print.

In Preparation

Couloute, Lucius. "Fighting Just to Stay Right": Exclusion and Individualism in the Age of Mass Criminalization."

Branch, Enobong Hannah and Lucius Couloute. "Gaming the Racialized Social System: How Blacks Talk about Navigating Inequality."

Couloute, Lucius. "Vying for Position: Claims-making and Hierarchy in a Local Reentry Field."

Couloute, Lucius & Armanthia Duncan. “The Mystification of Blackness in the United States.”

Couloute, Lucius. “Hip Hop and Racial Violence.” Essay in the *Encyclopedia of Racial Violence in America*. Greenwood Press. Editors: Douglas J. Flowe and Sowande M. Mustakeem.

Couloute, Lucius. “Slave Code.” Essay in the *Encyclopedia of Racial Violence in America*. Greenwood Press. Editors: Douglas J. Flowe and Sowande M. Mustakeem.

Policy Reports

Couloute, Lucius and Dan Kopf. 2018. Out of Prison & Out of Work: Unemployment Among Formerly Incarcerated People. *Prison Policy Initiative*.

- Media coverage: [Colorlines](#), [Washington Post](#), [NBC](#), [CNBC](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#), [The Griot](#), [The Marshall Project](#), [The Crime Report](#), [Mic](#).

Couloute, Lucius. 2018. Nowhere to Go: Homelessness Among Formerly Incarcerated People. *Prison Policy Initiative*.

- Media coverage: [New York Times](#), [CityLab](#), [Forbes](#), [The Times-Picayune](#), [The Crime Report](#), [Witness LA](#).

Couloute, Lucius. 2018. Barring the Great Equalizer: Formerly Incarcerated People and Educational Inequality. *Prison Policy Initiative*.

- Media coverage: [Colorlines](#)

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2019	AAAS Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering Workshop (CASE) Sponsorship
2018	Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship – Honorable Mention
2018	Summer Research Fellowship: Department of Sociology, UMass Amherst. (\$4,000.00)
2017	Public Sociology Graduate Student of the Year Award
2017	Best Comprehensive Exam Paper: UMass Department of Sociology
2017	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Doctoral Summit Scholarship
2017	Fieldwork Grant: Graduate School, UMass Amherst. (\$2,034.00)
2017	Pre-Dissertation Summer Fellowship: Graduate School, UMass Amherst. (\$4,000.00)
2017	Eastern Sociological Society: Travel Grant to present “Organizing Reentry: How Race Structures the Post Imprisonment Terrain” (\$200)
2016	Labor Research & Action Network: New Scholars Research Grant for “ <i>Examining Former Prisoners’ Precarious Work Experiences</i> ” (\$4,830.00).
2016	Best Teaching Assistant Award: UMass Department of Sociology (for the 2014-15 academic year.)
2013	Graduate Diversity Fellowship: Graduate School, UMass Amherst.

Public Sociology

- 2019** Guest on WMBR (MIT radio, Cambridge) segment “Prisons and Homelessness”
- 2019** Written & oral testimony before the Connecticut Housing Committee in support of HB 5713 and HB 5712 (Acts concerning the use and expungement of criminal records).
- 2017-2017** Prison Policy Initiative articles: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/author/lucius/>
Written & oral testimony before the Massachusetts Public Safety Committee in support of S.1278 (an act protecting in-person visitation for inmates).
- 2016-** Quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Denver Post*, *Bill of Rights Defense Committee and Defending Dissent Foundation*, *Wired Magazine*, *Ars Technica*, *Forbes*, *Truthout (A)*, *Truthout (B)*, *the Florida Times-Union*, *The Crime Report*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.
- 2016-** Greater Hartford Reentry Council (GHREC), Active Member. Hartford, CT.

Research & Teaching Experience

- 2019** Corrections & Punishment (Suffolk University)
- 2019** Social Justice (Suffolk University)
- 2018** Globalization and Inequality (Sociology; UMass Amherst)
- 2016** Teaching Assistant (discussion leader), Contemporary Am. Society (Sociology; UMass Amherst)
- 2016** Teaching Assistant, Intro to Sociology (Sociology; UMass Amherst)
- 2015** Research Assistant (Spring, Summer, Fall), NSF Funded Project on Employment Insecurity. Principle Investigator: Enobong Hannah Branch. Department of Sociology; UMass Amherst
- 2014** Teaching Assistant (discussion leader), The Family (Sociology; UMass Amherst)
- 2013** Teaching Assistant, Criminology (Sociology; UMass Amherst)
- 2013** Teaching Assistant, Intro to Sociology (Sociology; UMass Amherst)
- 2012** Teaching Assistant, Social Problems (Sociology; UMass Amherst)

University & Departmental Service

- 2015-16** University Common Read Book Evaluator (UMass)
- 2014-15** Co-chair: Sociology Graduate Student Association, Graduate Course Allocations Committee (UMass)
- 2014-15** Each One Teach One Mentor: Center for Multicultural Advancement & Student Success (UMass)
- 2013-14** University Common Read Book Evaluator (UMass)
- 2013-14** Secretary: Sociology Graduate Student Association (UMass)

Professional Service

- 2019** Eastern Sociological Society mini-conference co-organizer: Race & Organizations

Selected Presentations

- 2019** “Understanding the Impact of Mass Incarceration.” Summit on Fatherhood and the Health and Wellness of Boys and Men. National Healthy Start Association. Tulsa, OK.
- 2018** “Creating a Crime Problem: Mass Criminalization from Emancipation to the Present.” University of Connecticut. Storrs, CT.
- 2018** “Mass Criminalization in the Age of Colorblind Racism.” Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance. Holland, MI.
- 2018** “Organizing Reentry: How Racial Colorblindness Structures the Post Imprisonment Terrain.” Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD.
- 2018** “Making your – Social Justice – Mark in College & Beyond.” Male Youth Summit. Waterbury, CT.
- 2017** ““Fighting Just to Stay Right”: Work and Individualism in the Age of Mass Criminalization.” American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017** “Organizing Reentry: How Race Structures the Post Imprisonment Terrain.” Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016** “The Social Construction of Reentry: How Criminal Justice Practitioners Talk About the Post Imprisonment Terrain.” American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.
- 2016** “Hope Among the Hopeless: Examining the Reentry Work of Ex-Prisoners.” UMass Amherst.
- 2016** “Why We Need the Black Lives Matter Movement.” Forum on Racial Reconciliation. Hartford, CT.
- 2016** “Working on the Margins: An Examination of Former Prisoners’ Precarious Work Experiences.” Labor Research & Action Network Annual Conference. Chicago, IL

Invited Panelist

- 2019** Local (Criminal Justice) Politics Matter: Sheriffs and the Fight to Preserve In-person Visits. Center for Justice, Law, and Societies. UMass Amherst.
- 2019** “Homelessness and the Criminal Justice System.” National Alliance to End Homelessness. Washington, DC.
- 2019** “Institutional Racism: The Sociology of Race and Organizations.” Brown University, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America.” Providence, RI.
- 2019** “Criminal Justice and Homelessness.” National Alliance to End Homelessness. San Diego, CA.
- 2018** “Advancing equity in the criminal justice system.” Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance. Holland, MI.
- 2017** “People of color in Academia: Opportunities, Challenges, and Resources.” UMass Amherst.
- 2017** “Effective Teaching: Advice from Outstanding TAs.” UMass Amherst.

Related Employment

- 2017-18** Policy Analyst (Prison Policy Initiative)
- 2017** Research consultation for the ESSIE Justice Group
- 2017** Research consultation for Face to Face Knox

Other Service

2019- Advisory Board (Prison Policy Initiative)

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
American Society of Criminology
Eastern Sociological Society

References

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Wenona Rymond-Richmond (wenona@soc.umass.edu)
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Additional references available upon request