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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2021- Postdoctoral Fellow, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

## EDUCATION

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- 2021 **Brown University**  
Ph.D. in Sociology  
Dissertation: "Citizenship and Colonial Difference: The Racial Politics of Rights and Rule across the Black Atlantic"  
Committee: José Itzigsohn (chair), Michael Kennedy, Nitsan Chorev, Anthony Bogues, Julian Go  
  
Graduate Fellow at Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice (CSSJ)  
Trainee in Graduate Program in Development, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs
- 2014 **Brown University**  
M.A. in Sociology
- 2011 **School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London**  
Graduate Diploma in Economics, *Distinction*
- 2010 **University of Cambridge**  
B.A. in Social & Political Sciences

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Sociology of Race & Ethnicity, Global and Transnational Sociology, Political Sociology, Historical Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Colonialism & Postcolonialism, Social Theory

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

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Peer-reviewed:

- Forthcoming **Hammer, Ricarda** and Tina M. Park. "The Ghost in the Algorithm: Racial Colonial Capitalism and the Digital Age," *Political Power and Social Theory*.
- 2020 **Hammer, Ricarda**. "Decolonizing the Civil Sphere: The Politics of Difference, Imperial Erasures, and Theorizing from History," *Sociological Theory* [↗](#)
- 2019 **Hammer, Ricarda** and Alexandre I.R. White. "Towards a Sociology of Colonial Subjectivity: Political Agency in Haiti and Liberia," *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 5(2): 215-228. [↗](#)
- Winner of PEWS Terence K. Hopkins Best Graduate Student Paper Award*  
*Winner of Peace, War and Social Conflict Section Elise Boulding Best Graduate Student Paper Award*
- 2018 **Hammer, Ricarda**. "Bringing the Global Home: Students Research Local Areas through Postcolonial Perspectives," *Teaching Sociology* 46(2): 135-147. [↗](#)
- 2017 **Hammer, Ricarda**. "Epistemic Ruptures: History, Practice and the Anticolonial Imagination," *Political Power and Social Theory* 32: 153-180. [↗](#)

#### Newsletters, Articles & Podcasts:

- 2020 **Hammer, Ricarda**. "Thinking with Stuart Hall," *Give Theory a Chance Podcast*, Spring 2020.
- 2019 **Hammer, Ricarda**. "We who? Colonialism, Silences in our Narrative of Self and the Anticolonial Imagination," *PEWS Newsletter* [↗](#)
- 2017 **Hammer, Ricarda** and Alexandre White. "Decolonizing the Social: A Junior Scholars' Workshop", *Perspectives: Theory Section Newsletter*, 39(1): 24-27. [↗](#)
- 2015 Bustos, Camila, **Ricarda Hammer**, Chris Kelly, Michael Murphy, Apollonya Porcelli. "Raising the Curtain on Pseudoscientific Racism", *Brown Daily Herald*, 30 October.

#### In preparation:

- Under review **Hammer, Ricarda** and José Itzigsohn. "The Racial Structure of Comparative Historical Sociology" (invited submission for *The Racial Structure of Sociological Thought*, eds. Jennifer Mueller and Victor Ray).
- Under review **Hammer, Ricarda**. "Postcolonialism" (invited submission for *Routledge Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*)
- Hammer, Ricarda**. "Discipline and Tutelage: How Liberal Democratization Reconstituted Race"

#### FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

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- 2020 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency Travel Grant, \$1100
- 2018 Best Graduate Student Paper Terence K. Hopkins Award, ASA Section PEWS

2018	Best Graduate Student Paper Elise Boulding Award, ASA Section War, Peace and Social Conflict
2017-2018	Brown University Interdisciplinary Opportunity Fellowship, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice (CSSJ), \$25,500
2017-2019	NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award, \$11,997
2016-2017	Brown University International Humanities Travel Award, \$5,000
2016-2017	Brown University Dissertation Fellowship
2016	Joukowsky Summer Grant, \$1,500
2015-2016	Mellon Graduate Student Workshop, \$5,500
2013-2015	Graduate Program in Development Fellowship, \$22,500
2015	Joukowsky Summer Grant, \$2,000
2013-2014	Pembroke Center Graduate Fellow, \$1,000
2012	Joukowsky Summer Grant, \$2,500
2012	GPD Fieldwork Grant, \$2,500
2011	SOAS Graduate Diploma in Economics Prize for Outstanding Performance
2007-2010	Cambridge European Trust Scholarship

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

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2021	“Sylvia Wynter and Sociology: On Colonial Modernity, Race, and the Overrepresentation of Man,” <b>American Sociological Association Conference</b> [online]
2021	“The Haitian Revolution, Black Freedom, and the Pitfalls of National Independence,” <b>Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference</b> [online]
2021 Invited Talk	“Predicaments of Citizenship: Racecraft, Colonialism, and the Making of Political Modernity,” <b>University of Chicago</b> [online]
2021 Invited Talk	“The Unthinkable Revolution: Haiti and the Struggle against Racialized Modernity,” <b>American University</b> [online]
2020	“Discipline and Tutelage: How Modern Rights Made Race,” <b>American Sociological Association Conference, San Francisco, USA</b> [online]
2020	“Thinking with W.E.B. Du Bois: Commodifying Labor and the Global Veil from Slavery to the Digital Age,” <b>Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Amsterdam, Netherlands</b> [online] (with Tina Park)
2020	“From Colonial Subject to Immigrant: Nation-Making, Claudia Jones and the Coloniality of Rights,” <b>Racism, Immigration and Citizenship Conference, Johns Hopkins University, USA.</b> [cancelled]

- 2019 “Decolonizing Citizenship,” **Decolonizing Political Concepts Conference, University of Aberdeen, UK**
- 2019 “The Coloniality of Rights: The Cultural Politics of the Rights-bearing Individual, the Citizen and Colonial Technologies of Rule,” **American Sociological Association Conference, New York, USA**
- 2019 “Rethinking Subjectivity, Complicity and Sociology through Stuart Hall and James Baldwin,” **American Sociological Association Conference, New York, USA**
- 2019 Invited talk “Thinking against Empire and Cultivating an Anticolonial Imagination,” **Du Boisian Scholar National Convening, Providence, USA**
- 2018 “Seeing like a Colonial State and Failures of Recognition,” **Social Science History Association Conference, Phoenix, USA**
- 2018 “Decolonizing the Civil Sphere,” **Social Science History Association Conference, Phoenix, USA**
- 2018 “Decolonizing the Nation: Race, Twoness, and Re-Imagining the Community,” **American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, USA**
- 2018 “Racializing Welfare: Constructing the Black Worker in Colonial Jamaica,” **American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, USA**
- 2018 Invited talk “How to Mentor the Next Generation of Du Boisian Sociologists,” **Du Boisian Scholar Network Conference, Evanston, USA**
- 2018 Invited talk “Liberalism and the Colonial Construction of Difference in the British Empire: The Jamaican Morant Bay Rebellion Debate and its Implications,” **Harvard University, Cambridge, USA**
- 2018 Invited talk “Local-Global Afterlives: Thinking through the Legacies of the Slave Trade in Rhode Island,” **Providence College, Providence, USA**
- 2017 Invited talk “Civil Construction: Colonial Histories and the Civil Sphere in France,” **Constellations of Empire, Nationalism and Revolution in 1917 and 2017, Brown University, Providence, USA**
- 2017 “Temporality, Tutelage and the Politics of Difference,” **Social Science History Association Conference, Montreal, Canada**
- 2017 “Black Revolutions, Black Republics: Global Political Imaginaries,” **Social Science History Association Conference, Montreal, Canada** (with Alexandre White)
- 2017 “Decolonizing the Civil Sphere: Race, Colonial Difference and Claims for Inclusion in France,” **ASA Junior Theorists Symposium, Montreal, Canada**
- 2017 “Displacement and Race-Making in the British West Indies,” **American Sociological Association Conference, Montreal, Canada**
- 2017 “Black Revolutions, Black Republics: Inventing the Political in Haiti and Liberia,” **American Sociological Association Conference, Montreal, Canada** (with Alexandre White)

- 2017  
Invited talk “Global Rhode Island: How Rhode Island became involved in the Business of Slavery,”  
**Providence College, Providence, USA**
- 2017 “Revolutions of Colonial Subjects: Struggles for Freedom in Haiti and Liberia,”  
**Decolonizing the Social Conference, Boston University, Boston, USA** (with  
Alexandre White)
- 2017 “Black Revolutions, Black Republics: Resistance in Haiti and Liberia,” **Social Theory  
Forum, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, USA** (with Alexandre White)
- 2016 “The Public Sphere in Global Context: Civil Codes and Encounters with Empire,”  
**Workshop on The International Origins of Theory, London School of Economics,  
London, UK**
- 2016 “Civil Codes, Encounters with Empire and the Possibilities of Connected Sociologies,”  
**Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, USA**
- 2016 “Establishing Sovereignty: Dispossession, Slavery and Plantation Labor in the  
Americas,” **Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, USA** (with Michael  
Murphy)
- 2015 “Global Sociology and the Challenge of Difference: Empire, Nation and the Colonial  
Difference,” **Social Science History Association Conference, Baltimore, USA**
- 2015 “Learning to Listen: Colonial Modernity and its Epistemic Effects,” **Decolonizing  
Europe Summer School, Amsterdam, Netherlands** (group presentation)
- 2015 “Silences in History: A Cosmopolitan Genealogy of Political Modernity,” **ASA  
Comparative-Historical Mini-Conference, Chicago, USA**

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2019 “Thinking Globally: Colonialism and the Making of the Modern World, Brown  
University, Summer Pre-College Program, **Course Instructor**
- 2016 “Global Sociology: Capitalism, Colonialism and the Making of the Modern World”,  
Brown University, **Course Instructor**
- 2013 “Social Theory: Understanding Everyday Life”, Brown University, Summer Pre-College  
Program, **Course Instructor**
- 2012 “Micro-organizational Theory”, Brown University, **Teaching Assistant**
- 2012 “Reflective Teaching Certificate”, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown  
University

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2021- Present ASA Global and Transnational Section, **Council Member**
- 2020 “Nation & Nationalism,” ASA Conference, **Panel Chair & Discussant**

- 2020 ASA Global and Transnational Section, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, **Committee Member**
- 2019-Present “Empire and its Legacies,” Research Cluster, ASA Global and Transnational Section, **Research Cluster Leader**
- 2019-2020 ASA Global and Transnational Section, **Student Representative**
- 2019-2021 Studies in Comparative International Development (SCID), Brown University, **Managing Editor**
- 2019 “Second National Convening of Du Boisian Scholar Network,” Brown University, **Conference Organizer**
- 2018 “Comparative Historical and Global Sociology Mentoring Event,” ASA Conference, **Workshop Organizer**
- 2017-2019 “The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Making of the Modern World,” Director Stanley Nelson, **PBS Documentary Film Researcher**
- 2017 “Decolonizing the Social - A Junior Scholar Conference,” Boston University, **Conference Organizer**
- 2017 “The Wretched of the Earth: Revolution, Resistance and Social Change from a Postcolonial Perspective,” SSHA Conference, **Panel Organizer**
- 2016-2019 “Du Boisian Collective,” Brown University, **Founding Member**
- 2015-2016 “Silences in History: Modernity, Empire and the Colonial Difference,” Mellon Graduate Student Workshop, Brown University, **Workshop Founder**
- 2013-2018 “Brown International Advanced Research Institutes,” Brown University, **Graduate Coordinator**
- 2015 “ASA Sociology of Development Section Conference,” Brown University, **Conference Coordinator**
- 2015 “What is to be Done? The State of Development Research,” ASA Sociology of Development Section Conference, Brown University, **Panel Organizer**

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

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American Sociological Association (ASA)	Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)
Social Science History Association (SSHA)	Du Boisian Scholars Network (DBSN)

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

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<b>English</b> (Fluent)	<b>Spanish</b> (Proficient)	<b>Farsi</b> (Beginner)
<b>German</b> (Native)	<b>French</b> (Intermediate)	