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APPOINTMENTS

- 2023-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, North Carolina State University
- 2021-2023 Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford Impact Labs, VMware Women's Leadership Innovation Lab, Stanford University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, Rice University (2021)
Comprehensive Exam Areas: Gender & Sexuality and Race/Ethnicity
Dissertation: "The Black Middle-class Marriage Paradox: At the Intersection of Race, Gender, and Upward Mobility"
Committee: Dr. Jenifer Bratter, Dr. Sergio Chavez, Dr. Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Dr. Cymene Howe
- Graduate Certificate, Women & Gender Studies, Rice University (2021)
Graduate Certificate, Certificate in Teaching and Learning, Rice University (2021)
- M.A. Sociology, Rice University (2016)
Thesis: "The Deinstitutionalization of Marriage and Family among the Academic Elite: The Marriage, Family, and Career Expectations of PhD Seeking Women and Men"
Committee: Dr. Erin Cech, Dr. Jenifer Bratter, and Dr. Elaine Howard Ecklund
- B.A. World Arts and Cultures, University of California, Los Angeles (2014)
Undergraduate Independent Study: "Colored Romance in the Ivory Tower"
Supervised by: Dr. M. Belinda Tucker

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Gender/Sexuality, Race/Ethnicity, Social Mobility, Work-Family, and Qualitative Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 **Hill, Marbella E.**, Simon Fern, Rachel Kimbro, and Cayce Hughes.
"Mothering Through Food: Low-Income Single Mothers and the Embodiment of Provisional Motherhood Identities" *Journal of Marriage and Family*

- 2024 Tuthill, Zelma and **Marbella E. Hill**. “Shouldering the Double-Burden of Homophobia and Racism Alone: Challenges to Seeking Social Support and Finding Community Among Sexual Minorities of Color” (Forthcoming) *Sociological Focus*
- 2023 Simon Fern, Rachel Kimbro, **Marbella Eboni Hill**, and Cayce Hughes. “Emergency Food Support Preference and Usage During COVID-19: A Neighborhood Study of Low-Income Black Mothers’ use of School-Based Food Distribution and P-EBT” *American Journal of Public Health*
- 2022 **Hill, Marbella Eboni** “Do The Marriageable Men want to Protect and Provide? The Expectation of Black Professional Hybrid Masculinity” *Gender & Society*
- 2020 **Hill, Marbella Eboni** ““You Can Have It All, Just Not at the Same Time”: Why Doctoral Students are Actively Choosing Singlehood”” *Gender Issues*

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AT PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Hill, Marbella E. “Waiting for Mr. Right to Propose: The Preference for Gender Convention Among College Educated Black Professional Men and Women” (*Sociological Forum*, Revise and Resubmit)

INVITED BOOK REVIEWS

- 2024 **Hill, Marbella Eboni** “The Love Jones Cohort: Single and Living Alone in the Black Middle Class.” Invited Review for *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Cayce Hughes, **Marbella E. Hill**, Simon Fern, and Rachel Kimbro. ““Making it Stretch”: How Low-Income Black Mothers Manage Food Security in the Context of COVID-19”

Hill, Marbella E. ““Doctor, Lawyer, or Engineer, Those Are Your Options”: How Aspirant Class Goals Shape Major Selection and Career Decisions Among Upwardly Mobile Black Americans.”

Hill, Marbella E. “Submission Sans Second-Class Citizenship: Modern Black Professional Women and the Construction of Patchwork Femininity”

Hill, Marbella E. “Incidental Protracted Singlehood: Narrative Accounts of Gender and Ideal Marriage Timing from Never-Married Black Professionals”

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 “Seeking Companionship: A Complex Conversation About “The Red Pill,” Intimacy, and Romantic Partnering within Black America.” Panel Discussion. Lehigh University. November 2023.
- 2022 “The Sociology of the Family: Taking Stock of the Field and Imagining the Future” Panel Discussion. November 14th 2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Hill, Marbella E.** “I’m Too Young to Settle”: Partnering Preferences and Conceptions of Marriageability Among Modern Black Professionals.” *Black Love in Public and in Private* Panel. Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association Meeting, November 2023.
- 2022 **Hill, Marbella E.,** Simon Fern, Rachel Kimbro, and Cayce Hughes. “Foodwork as (Good) Motherwork: The Food-Related Practices of Low-Income Black Single Mothers,” presentation at 117th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Meeting, August 2022.
- 2022 Hughes, Cayce, **Hill, Marbella E.,** Simon Fern, and Rachel Kimbro. ““Making it Stretch”: How Low-Income Black Mothers Manage Food Security in the Context of COVID-19,” presentation at 117th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Meeting, August 2022.
- 2020 **Hill, Marbella E.** “But Do The Marriageable Men Want to Provide?: Black Professional Men, Hybrid Masculinity, and the “Progressive Husband” Construct,” presentation at 115th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Meeting, Virtual, August 2020.
- 2020 **Allen, Marbella E.** and Jenifer Bratter. “Having a plan, but not necessarily a partner: narrative accounts of marriage timing for the Black Middle Class,” presentation at 115th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Meeting, Virtual August 2020.
- 2018 Bratter, Jenifer and **Marbella E. Allen.** “Biracial or Black?: Racial Differences in Marriage Entry for Black, White, and Black-White Adults.” Presentation at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania August 2018.
- 2017 **Allen, Marbella E.** “The Grey Area: The Marriage and Career Desires and Expectations of PhD Seeking Women and Men.” Presented at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Meeting, Quebec, Canada August 2017.
- 2016 **Allen, Marbella E.** “The Deinstitutionalization of Marriage and Family Among the Academic Elite: The Marriage, Family, and Career Expectations of Graduate Students.”

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association Conference, Athens, Georgia, October 2016.

2016 **Allen, Marbella E.** “The Deinstitutionalization of Marriage Among the Academic Elite: The Marriage, Family, and Career Expectations of PhD Students.” Presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2016.

2016 **Allen, Marbella E.** “The Deinstitutionalization of Marriage among the Academic Elite: The Marriage, Family, and Career Expectations of PhD Students.” Presented at the Center for the Study of Women Gender and Sexuality Graduate Symposium, Rice University, April 2016.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020-21 Research Fellow for Dr. Rachel Kimbro, Department of Sociology at Rice University (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant)

2017 Research Assistant for Dr. Kevin Fitzpatrick, Department of Sociology at University of Arkansas

2016-2019 Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Jenifer Bratter, Department of Sociology at Rice University

2014- 2016 Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Erin Cech, Department of Sociology at Rice University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND INVITED LECTURES

Course/Program	Position	Semester	Institution
Sociology of Family Formation and Inequality	Instructor of Record	Fall 2023	North Carolina State University
Hooking Up	Invited Guest Lecture	Spring 2023	Ithaca College
Political Ideologies of Racial Inequality	Invited Guest Lecture	Spring 2022	UCLA
Intro to Sociology WMN Studies: The Family	Invited Guest Lecture	Fall 2021	Louisiana State Univ.
Sociology of Family	Invited Guest Lecture	Fall 2020	Washington State Univ.
Sociology of Family	Co-Instructor	Spring 2019	Rice University
Inequality and Urban Life	Invited Guest Lecture	Spring 2018	Rice University

Social Theory	Invited Guest Lecture	Fall 2017	Rice University
Social Theory	Teaching Assistant	Spring 2016	Rice University
Social Theory	Invited Guest Lecture	Spring 2016	Rice University
Sociology of Mental Health	Teaching Assistant	Fall 2016	Rice University

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

2019-2021 Carnegie Vanguard High School AP Research Mentor

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2020-2021 Research Fellowship (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant),
Rice University \$28,500

2020 Walter and Helen Hall Graduate Student Paper Award, Rice University \$300

2020 ASA Minority Fellowship Program Fellowship, *Alternate* \$0

2019-2020 Rice University Sociology Dissertation Writing Fellowship \$28,500

2018 Social Sciences Research Institute: Dissertation Research Improvement Grant,
Rice University \$5,000

2012- 2013 Undergraduate Research Fellows Program sponsored by the Undergraduate
Research Scholars Program, UCLA

2012 Dean of Social Science Research Honors Award, UCLA

2012 Ronald E. McNair Research Scholar's Fellowship

2009- 2013 MacDougal Endowed Annual Scholarship, UCLA \$40, 000

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Scientific Teaching Institute

(August 23-25 2022) 3-Day scientific teaching institute for training in a scientific approach to teaching for Stanford University postdoctoral fellows. Co-sponsored by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA), Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education (VPGE), and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)

Qualitative Methods

(June 21-26 2020) Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute For Advanced Doctoral Students, The University of Texas at Austin Latino Research Institute

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service Activities at North Carolina State University:

2023-2025 Sociology and Anthropology Department Visiting Scholars Committee Co-chair

Service Activities at Rice University:

2023-2025 NCSU Sociology and Anthropology Visiting Scholars Committee
2018-2019 HGSA/SSGSA Travel Grants Committee
2017-2018 Graduate Student Representative Department of Sociology, Rice University
2016-2017 Collaborative Writing Work Group, Sociology Department, Founder
2014-2017 Rice University Black Graduate Student Association, Chair

Other Service Activities:

2022 Session Presider at the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Meeting, Los Angeles, California August 2022

2016 Session Presider at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2014-Present American Sociological Association
2021-Present Sociologists for Women in Society