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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, University of Memphis, Department of Sociology, 2018 -present
Affiliate Faculty Member, Center for Workplace Diversity & Inclusion, 2018 -present

EDUCATION

2018 **Ph.D.**, Sociology, University of Maryland
2014 **M.A.**, Sociology, University of Maryland
2005 **B.A.**, Sociology, University of Memphis

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity; Social Psychology; Culture; Immigration and Migration; Qualitative Methodology; Quantitative Methodology

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2018 **Laybourn, Wendy Marie** and Devon R. Goss. Diversity in Black Greek Letter Organizations: Breaking the Line. Routledge.

Journal Articles

2018 Laybourn, Wendy M. "Being A Transnational Korean Adoptee, Becoming Asian American." *Contexts* 17(4)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1536504218812866>

2018 Laybourn, Wendy M. "The cost of being 'real': black authenticity, colorism, and Billboard Rap Chart rankings." *Ethnic & Racial Studies* 41(11):2085-2103
DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2017.1343484

- 2017 Parks, Gregory S. and **Wendy Marie Laybourn**. “Asian American Fraternity Hazing: An Analysis of Community-level Factors.” *Asian Pacific American Law Journal* 22(1):29-56.
- 2017 **Laybourn, Wendy Marie**, Devon R. Goss, and Matthew W. Hughey. “‘You’re either one of us or you’re not’: Racial Hierarchy and Non-Black Members of Black Greek-Letter Organizations.” *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* 3(4):552-565. DOI: 10.1177/2332649216680102
- 2017 Ray, Rashawn, Melissa Brown, and **Wendy Laybourn**, eds. “The Evolution of #BlackLivesMatter on Twitter: Social Movements, Big Data, and Race.” *Ethnic & Racial Studies* 40(11):1795-1796. DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2017.1335423
- 2017 Laybourn, Wendy Marie. “Teaching and Learning Guide: Korean Transracial Adoptee Identity Formation.” *Sociology Compass* 11(2) DOI: 10.1111/soc4.12449
- 2017 Laybourn, Wendy Marie. “Korean Transracial Adoptee Identity Formation.” *Sociology Compass* 11(1) DOI: 10.1111/soc4.12444
- 2016 Laybourn, Wendy Marie. “From Subjugated to Incorporated: The Racial Projects of U.S. Rap Music.” *Issues in Race & Society* 4(1):82-87.
- 2016 Gregory S. Parks and **Laybourn, Wendy Marie**. “The Sons of Indiana: Kappa Alpha Psi and the Fight for Civil Rights.” *Indiana Law Journal* 91(4):1425-1472.
- 2016 **Laybourn, Wendy Marie** and Gregory S. Parks. “Brotherhood and the Quest for African American Social Equality: A Story of Phi Beta Sigma.” *Maryland Law Journal Race, Religion, Gender and Class* 16(1):1-47.
- 2016 **Laybourn, Wendy Marie** and Gregory S. Parks. “Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Fight for Civil Rights.” *Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy* 6(1):213-301.

Book Chapters, Book Reviews, and Encyclopedia Entries

- Forthcoming Laybourn, Wendy Marie. “Reframing Adoptee Narratives: Korean Adoptee Identity and Culture in Twinsters and aka SEOUL.” *How Racialized Media is Designed, Delivered, and Decoded*, edited by M.W. Hughey and E. Lesser. NY, NY: New York University Press.
- Forthcoming Ray, Rashawn, **Wendy Marie Laybourn**, and Melissa Brown. “ATLiens: OutKast and the Saliency of Place for Black Male Identity.” *OutKasted*

Conversations: OutKast and the Hip Hop South, edited by R. Bradley. Athens, GA: University of North Carolina Press.

- 2018 Winstead, Kevin and **Wendy Marie Laybourn**. "Teaching Black Social Movements through #BlackLivesMatter: Twitter as a Lab, Knowledge Bank, and Field." *Curriculum and Pedagogy's Group 10th Edited Collection*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- 2017 Laybourn, Wendy Marie. "The Sociology of Hip Hop Music." *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, Second Edition*.
- 2016 Laybourn, Wendy Marie. Book Review of *The Scholar Denied: W.E.B. DuBois and the Birth of Modern Sociology* (2015) by Aldon Morris. *Research Connections: An Annual Publication of the Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity*.

Other Publications

- 2015 Laybourn, Wendy Marie. "New Titles, New Stories." Pp. 98-101 in *Flip the Script: Adult Adoptee Anthology*, edited by D.R. Christian, A.H.L. Transue Woolston, and R. González.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2018 The Graduate School Writing Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$2,000)
- 2017 The Graduate School All-S.T.A.R Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$10,000)
- 2017 The Graduate School Writing Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$2,000)
- 2017 Eastern Sociological Society Travel Grant (\$200)
- 2016 Dean's Research Initiative Grant, University of Maryland (\$2,500)
- 2016 The Graduate School Writing Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$2,000)
- 2016 **Laybourn, Wendy Marie** and Melissa Brown. "The Art of Storytelling: Activism, Entrepreneurship, and Community Revitalization." Pepsi Enhancement Fund Grant, University of Maryland (\$1,460)
- 2016 Ramon J. Henkel Quantitative Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland (\$2,000)
- 2016 Consortium on Race, Gender, and Ethnicity Dissertation Research Grant, University of Maryland (\$2,000)
- 2015 The Graduate School Writing Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$2,000)
- 2014 Summer Research Fellowship, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Department of Sociology, University of Maryland (\$5,000)
- 2014 The Graduate School Writing Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$2,000)
- 2012 Diversity Recruitment Fellowship, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland (\$10,000)
- 2012 Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$5,000)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Robert W. Janes Award for Excellence, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland
- 2017 Milton Dean Havron Social Sciences Award (\$5,000)
- 2017 American Sociological Association's Student Forum Travel Award (\$225)
- 2017 Dean's Research Initiative Graduate Travel Award, University of Maryland (\$1,000)
- 2017 Excellence in Diversity Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland (\$1,000)
- 2016 Pre-Doctoral Dissertation Award, Adoption Initiative (\$400)
- 2016 Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award, The Graduate School, University of Maryland
- 2016 Adoption Initiative Conference Scholarship (\$100)
- 2016 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention
- 2015 Department of Sociology Travel Award, University of Maryland (\$500)
- 2015 Goldhaber Travel Award, University of Maryland (\$800)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2019. Panel. "‘This could be any of us:’ Identity Formation, Racialized Scripts, and Collective Action in Adoptee Citizenship Act Advocacy." The International Symposium for Korean Adoption Studies. Seoul, Korea.
- 2019. Author Meets Critic. *Diversity in Black Greek-Letter Organizations: Breaking the Line*. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2019. Invited Panel. "‘This could be any of us:’ Identity Formation, Racialized Scripts, and Collective Action in Adoptee Citizenship Act Advocacy." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2019 Panel. "‘In my heart, I am Cambodian:’ Symbolic Ethnicity among Parents who Adopt Transracially." (Co-authored with Carla Goar). Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2019. Panel. "This is a family bill not an immigration bill: Racialized Scripts in Adoptee Deportations and the Adoptee Citizenship Act Advocacy." Hawaii Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Honolulu, HI.
- 2018 Panel. "‘Reframing Belonging: Korean Adoptees on the Ground and Screen.’" The Alliance for the Study of Adoption & Culture. Oakland, CA.
- 2018 Workshop. "Publishing 101." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 Roundtable. "Adopting the Model Minority Myth: Korean Adoption as a Racial Project." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

- 2018 Panel. ““This is a family bill not an immigration bill’: Adoptee Deportations, the Adoptee Citizenship Act, and the Changing Racialization of Transnational Transracial Adoptee Immigrants.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Roundtable. “White, But Not Quite: Korean Adoptees, Honorary Whiteness, and Racialization.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 Panel – Interactionist Perspectives in Race and Ethnicity. “Not Quite White and Not Entirely Ethnic: Korean Adoptees and the Transracial Adoptee Double Bind.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 Panel. “Whiteness’ without Wages: Korean Adoptees and the Challenges to Honorary Whiteness.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 Roundtable. “Creating the ‘Korean Adoptee’: Intersections of Race, Gender, Class, and Nation.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.
- 2016 Panel. “*Flip the Script: An Artistic Uplifting of Adoptee Voices.*” Adoption Initiative Biennial Conference. Montclair, NJ.
- 2016 Panel. “‘I’m just me’: The Role of Authenticity Claims in Identity Work.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Boston, MA
- 2015 Invited Panel. “What Difference Does it Make?” Research Center for Korean Community Annual Conference. New York, NY.
2015. Panel. Regular Session – Popular Culture. “The Cost of Being ‘Real’: Black Authenticity, Colorism, and Rap Billboard Chart Rankings.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Roundtable. “Is Rap Music a Racial Project? The Ideological Work of Music.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Panel. “Opposition and Incorporation: The Racial Projects of Rap Music.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- 2014 Roundtable. ““They don’t see me but they hear me’: Drug Lyrics, Rap Billboard Chart Rankings, and Black Authenticity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

- 2014 Roundtable. “Blame It On The Alcohol?": Rap Music’s Substance Consumption Scripts and Billboard Chart Rankings.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2016 Research Panel. “From Objects in Need of Rescue to Subjects Asserting Selfhood: Korean Adoptee Consciousness and Cross-National Advocacy.” Consortium on Race, Gender & Ethnicity and Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland.
- 2015 “What’s in a Name? What Difference Does it Make?” Rise Above –Isms Week, Office of Diversity & Inclusion, University of Maryland.
- 2015 #BlackLivesMatter at UMD Solidarity Event. Office of Diversity & Inclusion, University of Maryland.
- 2014 “The R Word: What It Is, What It Is Not, and What We Must Do.” FUEL (Forging, Understanding, Empowering, and Leading) Asian American Leadership Conference, University of Maryland.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Instructor of Record, University of Maryland
SOCY 105: Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems
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- 2016 Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland
SOCY 498: Black Social Movements
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland
SOCY 498: Black Social Movements
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methodology Course

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2015-2017 Research Assistant – Dr. Kris Marsh, University of Maryland
- 2013 Ethnography Intern, Southern Growth Studio
- 2012-2015 Research Assistant – Dr. Rashawn Ray, University of Maryland

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Discipline

- 2019 Co-Organizer (with Devon R. Goss), Panel: “Race, Identity, and Social Contexts.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2019. Panelist. Preparing for the Academic Job Market Workshop. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 Co-Organizer (with Devon R. Goss), Panel: “Race and Adoption.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD.
- 2017 Elected Member. American Sociological Association Student Forum Board.
- 2017 Panelist. First Time Attendees Orientation. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 Co-Organizer (with Devon R. Goss), Panel: “Race and Ideology on the College Campus.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2015 Presider. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2014 Co-Coordinator. Annual Meeting Reception Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, San Francisco, CA.

Departmental and University

- 2018-2019 Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, UM
- 2017 Admissions Committee, Graduate Cohort, Department of Sociology, UMD
- 2016 Search Committee, Tenure Track Position, Department of Sociology, UMD
- 2014-2017 Graduate Student Coordinator, Critical Race Initiative, Department of Sociology, UMD
- 2014-2017 Coordinator, Parren Mitchell Symposium, Department of Sociology, UMD
- 2016 Leadership Committee Member, Rise Above Isms Week, Office of Diversity & Inclusion, UMD
- 2015 Leadership Committee Member, Rise Above Isms Week, Office of Diversity & Inclusion, UMD
- 2014-2015 Graduate Student Representative, Policy Committee, Department of Sociology, UMD
- 2013- 2014 Committee Member, Parren Mitchell Symposium, Department of Sociology UMD

Community

- 2019 -2022 Advisory Board Member, Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Section on Social Psychology
Eastern Sociological Society
Southern Sociological Society

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction