
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025–	Assistant Professor of Sociology and Justice Studies	Shenandoah University
2023–25	Assistant Professor of Sociology	University of the Ozarks
2022–23	Visiting Assistant Professor	Colgate University
2018–22	Instructor of Sociology	Wayne State University
2017–18	Instructor of Sociology	Monroe Co Community College

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

2023	Program Coordinator, Sociology	University of the Ozarks
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EDUCATION

2022	Ph.D. Sociology	Wayne State University
2017	M.A. Sociology	Wayne State University
2015	B.A. Sociology	Wayne State University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Race/Ethnic Studies
Gender and Sexuality
Science & Technology
Media & Culture

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

- 2022 **Hunt, Whitney** and Merolla, David. Genes and Race in the Era of Genetic Ancestry Testing: The Geneticization of Identity and the Social Deconstruction of Whiteness. *Sociology Compass*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.13011>.
- 2019 **Hunt, Whitney**. “Negotiating New Racism: It’s not racist or sexist. It’s just the way it is.” *Media, Culture & Society* 41(1): 86-103. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0163443718798907>.

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

- 2019 **Hunt, Whitney**. Invited Contribution. A Culture of New Racism in Comics. *Comic Forum*.
<http://comicsforum.org/2018/09/17/a-culture-of-new-racism-in-comics/>.

UNDER REVIEW:

- 2023 **Hunt, Whitney**. “Having a cool nationality as a white person gives you an edge”
Genetic Ancestry Testing and White Identity Formation. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

IN PROGRESS:

- 2024 Dailey, Clare, **Hunt, Whitney** and Merolla, David. Genetic Testing and Essentialism Among Young Adults. *Social Psychology Quarterly*.
- 2023 Norris, Whitney, and **Hunt, Whitney** Attitudes About Transgender Athletes in Small Southern Colleges.

Hunt, Whitney. Indigeneity, Whiteness, and the Politics of Genetic Science

Hunt, Whitney. Intersectionality and the Complexity of Identity Formation in an Age of Genetics

PRESENTATIONS:

- 2025 NCSA North Central Sociological Association; Oral Presenter: “Attitudes on Race Conceptualization in the Genomic Age Among a Younger Generation”
- 2024 SSS Southern Sociological Society; Oral Presenter “Having a cool nationality as a white person gives you an edge”: Genetic Ancestry Testing and White Identity Formation
- 2023 University of the Ozarks; First Generation Scholars: Moderator and Panel Participant
- 2023 Colgate University: Brown Bag for the Social Sciences; “The Social Deconstruction of Whiteness: Genetic Ancestry Testing and White Identity Formation”
- 2023 Colgate University: Brown Bag for The Center for Women’s Studies, “Using Intersectionality to Understand the Complexity of Identity in an Age of Genetics”
- 2022 NCSA North Central Sociological Association; Session Presider
- 2022 NCSA North Central Sociological Association; Oral Presenter: “The Geneticization of Identity and Social Deconstruction of Whiteness”
- 2022 SWS Sociologists for Women in Society; Roundtable Presenter: “An Intersectional Examination of Genetic Ancestry Testing and Identity”
- 2020 SWS Sociologists for Women in Society; Roundtable Presenter: “Inequality in Film”
- 2019 MSA Michigan Sociological Association; Oral Presenter:
“Rearticulating Racial Inequality from the Perspective of a White Racial Frame: A Statistical Analysis Comparing Racial Film Tropes”
- 2019 SWS Sociologists for Women in Society; Roundtable Presenter:
“Transmedia Fandom: The Utility of New Racism in New Media Spaces”
- 2018 ISA World Congress of Sociology in Toronto, CA; Oral Presenter:
“Negotiating New Racism: ‘It’s Not Racist, It’s Not Sexist. It’s Just the Way It Is.’”
- 2017 SWS Sociologists for Women in Society; Roundtable Presenter:
“Marveling the Universe of Stereotypes: An Analysis of Online Forum Threads”
- 2016 Moderator at Comiquecon: Celebrating Women in Comics
Panel One: Inclusive Anthologies
Panel Two: Publishing and Editing DIY Comics
Panel Three: Future of Comics is Female
- 2016 SWS Sociologists for Women and Society; Workshop Facilitator: Inclusivity and ‘isms’

AWARDS:

- 2024 Dr. Helen McElree Faculty Enrichment Funds \$1,200
- 2023 Dr. Helen McElree Faculty Enrichment funds, \$1,200
- 2022 Dr. Sumareh Award for Student Teaching and Activism, \$1,500
- 2021 Summer Dissertation Award, \$5,000
- 2019 Thomas C. Rumble Fellow, \$20,000
- 2019 King-Chavez-Parks Fellow, \$11,000
- 2018 Outstanding Master’s Thesis, \$1,000.00
- 2017 Graduate Professional Scholarship
- 2016 Graduate Professional Scholarship
- 2015 AGRADE Scholarship, \$2,825.00
- 2014 Lucille Makarov Award, \$4,500.00

TEACHING HONORS:

Colgate University

2023 Torch Medal; presented by a member of the senior class, this honor represents the best of student learning and discovery

Wayne State University

2022 Nominated by Department Chair for Garrett T. Heberlein Excellence in Teaching Award

2022 Interview: Flexible Course Design with Office for Teaching and Learning

2021 Acknowledged by Office for Teaching and Learning; Thank a Teacher Program

2020 Interview: Self-Care through Self-Reflection with Office for Teaching and Learning

2020 Acknowledged by Office for Teaching and Learning; Thank a Teacher Program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Shenandoah University – Winchester, VA

Assistant Professor of Sociology

Introduction to Sociology; Social Problems; Social Class and Inequality

University of the Ozarks – Clarksville, AR

Assistant Professor of Sociology

Introduction to Sociology; Social Problems; Gender, Sex, and Sexuality; Social Research

Methods; Sociology of Deviance; Sociology of Gender; Race, Gender & Class; Social Theory;

Senior Seminar

Colgate University – Hamilton, NY

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology

Introduction to Sociology; Gender, Sexuality & Society; Sociology of Gender

Wayne State University – Detroit, MI

Graduate Teaching Assistant/Instructor of Record for Sociology

Methods of Social Research (Hybrid); Seminar: Sociology of Gender (Hybrid); Intro to Sociology

(Hybrid); Seminar: Sociology of Gender (Synchronous); Intro to Sociology (Asynchronous);

Intro to Sociology (face-to-face)

Musiker Discovery Programs @ University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI

Instructor of Record

Cancelled due to Coronavirus Pandemic

Summer sessions #1: Sociology & Society and #2: Food and Culture

Wayne State University – Detroit, MI

Invited Guest Lecture

Gender Studies: Gender and Media Representation

Monroe County Community College – Monroe, MI

Instructor of Record

Sociology 1010: Principles of Sociology

Musiker Discovery Programs @ University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI

Invited Guest Lecture

Sociology & Society (Introduction to Sociology)

Summer sessions #1 June 28, 2017, and #2 July 17, 2017

Wayne State University – Detroit, MI

Teaching Assistant

Undergraduate Capstone Course; Sociology as a Vocation

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORSHIP:

Research:

2024–25	Zaria Brown	“Gender Portrayals in Sports Illustrated Magazine”
2024–25	Madeline Merton	“Intersections of Gender and Race in the US Election”
2023–24	Jacob Squires	“Doing Gender in Baseball”
2023–24	Chloe Boyer	“Southern Attitudes around Trans inclusion in Sport”

2022–23 Clare Dailey “Genetic Essentialist Beliefs in Young Adults.”

Athletics:

2023–25 Faculty Mentor for the University of the Ozarks Women’s Soccer Team

SERVICE:

University Service

2025 Academic Affairs Committee Member
2024 Search Committee Member for TT Assistant Professor of Psychology
2024 Faculty Representative Member for the Resident Hall Director Search

Discipline Service

2021–2023 SWS Media Relations Committee and Co-Host of *Feminist Intersections Podcast*
2021–2023 SWS Podcast Committee

Peer Reviewer

Sociological Focus; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Children and Youth Services Review

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS:

2021– Member of NCSA, North Central Sociological Association
2019– Member of MSA, Michigan Sociological Association
2018– Member of ASA, American Sociological Association
2018– Member of ISA, International Sociological Association
2018– Member of SSS, Southern Sociological Society
2016– Member of SWS, Sociologists for Women in Society
2014– Member of AKD, Alpha Kappa Delta
2013– Member of Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit organization that monitors water quality in the upper, middle, and lower Rouge River watershed.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES:

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