

Curriculum Vitae

**Bria L. Young**

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**Education**

2025 *Expected* Ph.D. Sociology, Mississippi State University

**Dissertation:** “How Social Hope (Re)imagines Futures: Apprehending a Utopian Method in the Formation of BIPOC Intentional Communities”

**Committee:** Dr. Margaret Hagerman (Chair)

2019 M.A. Africana Studies, University at Albany

2010 B.A. Liberal Studies, Purchase College

**Research Interests**

Mentorship as a pedagogical tool

Sociology of Utopia – Public and Digital

Intentional Community (IC) Formation

Student-Centered Learning and Classroom Development

**Teaching Experience/Guest Speaker**

Fall 2025 Guest Speaker, *Contemporary Social Problems* (1103), Mississippi State University, MS

Fall 2025 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1963), Mississippi State University, MS

Fall 2025 Lecturer, *Introduction to Sociology* (101), University of Alabama, AL

Summer 2024 Guest Speaker, *Humanities Camp 2024*, Mississippi State University, MS

Spring 2024 Guest Speaker, *Women’s History Mixer*, hosted by the NAACP, I.D.E.A.L Woman, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Mississippi State University, MS

Spring 2024 Guest Judge, Annual *Talented 100*, hosted by Men of Excellence and I.D.E.A.L. Woman Programs, Mississippi State University, MS

Spring 2024 Moderator, *Ring Your Bell and Tell Your Tale*, Panel of Mississippi State University’s Black Pioneers (1965-1975), Black Alumni Weekend 2024, Mississippi State University, MS

Spring 2024 Guest Speaker, *Contemporary Social Problems* (1103), Mississippi State University, MS

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- Spring 2024 Panelist, *The Hair Tales*, Theta Phi chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. & I.D.E.A.L Woman, Mississippi State University, MS
- Spring 2024 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to Race and Ethnicity* (2203), Mississippi State University, MS
- Spring 2024 Moderator, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast and Day of Service*, Mississippi State University, MS
- Fall 2023 Guest Speaker, *Introduction to Sociology* (1003), Mississippi State University, MS
- Fall 2023 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS
- Summer 2023 Guest Speaker, *Humanities Camp 2023*, Mississippi State University, MS
- Spring 2023 Guest Speaker, *Introduction to Sociology* (1003), Mississippi State University, MS
- Spring 2023 Guest Speaker, *Contemporary Social Problems* (1103), Mississippi State University, MS
- Spring 2023 Moderator, *Mississippi State GRADS DAY*, Current MSU Staff and Graduate Student Panel
- Spring 2023 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS
- Fall 2022 Guest Speaker, *Contemporary Social Problems* (1103), Mississippi State University, MS
- Fall 2022 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to Race and Ethnicity* (2203), Mississippi State University, MS
- Fall 2022 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS
- Summer 2022 Guest Speaker, *Humanities Camp 2022*, Mississippi State University, MS
- Summer 2022 Lecturer, *Introduction to Race and Ethnicity* (2203), Mississippi State University, MS
- Summer 2022 Lecturer, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS
- Spring 2022 Guest Speaker, *Introduction to Sociology* (1003), Mississippi State University, MS
- Spring 2022 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS
- Fall 2021 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS

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- Summer 2021 Lecturer, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS
- Summer 2021 Guest Speaker, *Teaching Sociology* (8900), Mississippi State University, MS
- Spring 2021 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS
- Fall 2020 Guest Speaker, *Fall Motivation Speaker Series*, Troy Prep High School, NY
- Fall 2020 Guest Speaker, *Professional Seminar: Sociology* (8900), Mississippi State University, MS
- Fall 2020 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS
- Summer 2020 Instructor of Record, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS
- Summer 2020 Facilitator, *Racial Round Table*, Mississippi State University, MS
- Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS
- Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to African American Studies* (1063), Mississippi State University, MS

### **Awards**

- 2024 Nominated, Donald Zaharias Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year, Mississippi State University, MS
- 2024 Excite the Dream Scholar, Old Dominion University, VA
- 2023 Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor, Mississippi State University
- 2022 Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, Mississippi State University
- 2021 SEC Emerging Scholar Award, SEC Academics SECU
- 2019 Dr. Harold Grier Fellow, *SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program*, Mississippi State University

### **Presentations**

(2025, April). Young, Bria L. **Good News for People Who Love Bad News: Sociology and the Utopian Method Amid the Collapse of the Future**. A paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society's Annual Conference.

(2025, March). Young, Bria L. **A Bird in the American Republic: Nostalgia for a Future that May Never Exist**. A paper presented at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council for Black Studies. Cleveland, OH.

(2024, March). Young, Bria L. **The Haunting of Black Studies: Student-Centered Classrooms in the Era of History Erasure.** A paper presented at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council for Black Studies. San Jose, CA

(2023, March). Young, Bria L. **A Negro Fetch: Framing the Jim Crow Gothic in Contemporary Identity Formation in the US South.** A paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society's Annual Conference.

(2022, March). Young, Bria L. **The Surveyor's Human Girl: Sociological Fiction in World Making/Ending.** A paper presented at the ISOM Student Gender Conference. *Canceled Due to Weather.*

(2021, August). Young, Bria L. **An Invitation to Certain Ruin: Examining Deviance and Diversity in the Memoirs of Kiese Laymon and Patrisse Khan-Cullors.** A paper presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Black Sociologists.

(2019, March). Young, Bria L. **The Eurocentric Mirror: Finding Identity within Bourdieu's Theory of Social Fields.** A paper presented at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council for Black Studies. New Orleans, LA

### **Research Assistant**

2023 – Present, Research assistant to Dr. Donald Shaffer and the Black Alumni Association, forthcoming project on the desegregation of Mississippi State University.

2021 – Present, Research assistant to Dr. Sanna King concerning her work on racial injustice and apathy.

2017 – 2018, Research attendee and assistant to Dr. Amanishakete Ani at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council for Black Studies.

2009 – 2012, Assistant to literary agent Arielle Eckstut on her joint publication with writer David Henry Sterry titled, *The Essential Guide to Getting Your Book Published: How to Write It, Sell It, and Market It... Successfully.*

### **Service**

2024 – Present Facilitator of MSU's Faculty and Graduate Student's *Race and Racism Writing Group* (RRWG)

2024 - Present Graduate Advisor to the *Society of African American Studies* (SASS)

2023 – Present Graduate Advisor to the *Arts & Letters Club*

2022 – Present Mentor at Mississippi State *Templeton*<sup>1</sup> *Athletic Academic Center*

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<sup>1</sup> The *Templeton* is the academic branch available to our SEC scholar-Athletes. As a mentor, I am assigned four SEC athletes a semester (primarily from our football team). My work includes building confidence in their scholarship, organizational and time management skills, and promoting both the agency and accountability of being scholar-athletes.

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- 2022 – 2023 Secretary of *Mind Matters Initiative*, Mental Health Task Force at Mississippi State University
- 2020 – 2021 Secretary of Mississippi State University's *Sociological Graduate Student Association*, SGSA
- 2020 – 2021 Secretary of Mississippi State University's Chapter of the *International Honor Society of Sociology*, AKD
- 2018 – 2019 Instructor, *Petey Greene Program*, Wallkill Correctional Facility

### **Professional Development/Continuing Education**

- 2024 AI for the Workforce, Mississippi State University, MS
- 2023 Attendee, Feminist Pedagogy Panel, Gender Studies Program and Center for Teaching and Learning, Mississippi State University, MS
- 2022 Mental Health First Aid Certification, Mississippi State University, MS
- 2022 Striving Towards Anti-Racist Teaching in the South (STARTS), Good STARTS Inclusivity Institute, *Southern Sociological Society*
- 2021 Online Teaching (101), Mississippi State University, MS
- 2020 Preparing Future Faculty, Mississippi State University, MS

### **Professional Organizations**

- 2020 – Present Member of Mississippi State's *Sociological Graduate Student Association*
- 2020 – Present Member of Alpha Kappa Delta, *International Honor Society of Sociology*
- 2018 – Present Member of the *Association of Black Sociologists*, ABS
- 2017 – Present Member of the *National Council for Black Studies*, NCBS
- 2016 – 2019 Member, *Nefer Rohu* in Department of Africana Studies
- 2016 – 2019 Member, *Graduate Student Association* of University at Albany
- 2004 – 2006 Member of Black Student Union *Sankofa Umoja Nia* at Ursinus College.