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EDUCATION

- 2025 (expected) Ph.D. Sociology, University of Georgia
Dissertation: “Color Coded: Caricatures, Myths, Tropes, and Differentiations in Stereotypes of Black Women Based on Skin Tone in the United States”
Committee: Drs. Vanessa Gonlin (co-chair), Ronald Simons (co-chair), and Justine Tinkler
Comprehensive Exam Areas: Race and Ethnicity, Skin Tone Discrimination, Race and Health, Social Psychology of Inequality
- 2024 (expected) GradTeach Certificate
- 2020 MA. Africana Studies, Georgia State University
Thesis: “Untold Truths: Explorations of Intra-Group Colorism and the Experiences of Light-Skinned Women that Identify as Black”
Committee: Drs. Jonathan Gayles (Chair), Sarita Davis, and Rafik Mohammed
- 2018 MLS. Political Science, Clayton State University
Comprehensive Exam: May 22nd, 2018, PASSED

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race, Skin Tone Discrimination/Colorism, Intra-Racial Trauma, Public Sociology, Race and Health, Social Psychology, Theory, & Qualitative Methodology

TEACHING INTERESTS

Colorism/Hairism/Texturism/Featurism, Qualitative Methodology, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Social Psychology of Inequality, Race and Health, & Sociological and Social Psychological Theory

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Long, Krysten L. “‘She thinks she’s all that’: Intra-group Colorism, Stereotypes and the Experiences of Light-Skinned Women who Identify as Black.” *Journal of Colorism Studies*, 5(1).

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

Long, Krysten L. “Consequencing Color: Light-Skinned Black Women’s Rejoinders to and Social Negotiations with Externalized Colorism.”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Long, Krysten L. “But am I a Fetish Though?: Light-Skinned Black Women, Colorism, and Dating Black Men.”

Long, Krysten L. “Privileged in Part: Light-Skinned Black Women and Their Perceptions of Light-Skin Privilege.”

Long, Krysten L. and Vanessa Gonlin. "The Fear of Fetishization: How Skin Tone Impacts Black Women in Intimate Relationships with White Men" [working title]

Long, Krysten L., Pham, Benjamin, and Vanessa Gonlin. "Interracial Imagery: How Media Shapes Black Women's Interracial Relationships with White Men" [working title]

Peebles, Ciara, Belser, Brittany, **Long, Krysten L.**, and Vanessa Gonlin. "Between Gender Norms and Safety: Black Women's Perceptions of Gender Roles and Safety with White Men." [working title]

PAPER, PANEL, & GUEST LECTURE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 (upcoming) Krysten L. Long. "Consequencing Color: Light-Skinned Black Women's Rejoinders to and Intra-Personal Social Negotiations with Externalized Colorism." Robert E. Hall Conference on Colorism, virtual, (August)
- 2024 Krysten L. Long. "Opposing Unidirectionality in Colorism Discourse." University of North Carolina at Pembroke: Introduction to Sociology, Guest Lecture (April)
- 2024 Krysten L. Long. "Opposing Unidirectionality in Colorism Discourse." University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: Race, Beauty, and Embodiment, Guest Lecture (April)
- 2024 Krysten L. Long. "Opposing Unidirectionality: Colorism and Health in the Black Community." University of North Carolina at Pembroke: The Sociology of Health and Disparities, Guest Lecture (April)
- 2024 Krysten L. Long. "They Think That I Think I'm All That: Intra-Racial Skin Tone Discrimination and Light-Skinned Black Women's Responses to Externalized Colorism." Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (April)
- 2024 Krysten L. Long. "A Lesson on Color: Colorism in the Black American Community." Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Athens, GA, Guest Speaker (March)
- 2024 Dr. Ronald E. Hall, Dr. Neha Mishra, Dr. Donnataria Culbreth, and **Krysten L. Long**. "Melanin Stratification: The Impact of Colorism on Light-Skinned Members of Society." The Colorism Project, Inc., virtual, (February)
- 2023 Dr. Britney Miles, **Krysten L. Long**, and Shameika Daye. "Beauty, the Body, and the Black Woman: Colorism, Hairism, and Beauty Politics." Black Women's Studies Symposium, virtual, (October)
- 2023 Krysten L. Long. "'She Thinks She's All That': Intra-Group Colorism, Stereotypes, and the Experiences of Light-Skinned Women That Identify as Black." Robert E. Hall Conference on Colorism, virtual, (August)
- 2023 Krysten L. Long. "'She Thinks She's All That': Intra-Group Colorism, Stereotypes, and the Experiences of Light-Skinned Women That Identify as Black." Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC (March)
- 2023 Krysten L. Long. "'She Thinks She's All That': Intra-Group Colorism, Stereotypes, and the Experiences of Light-Skinned Women That Identify as Black." Institute for Women's Studies Symposium, Athens, GA (February)
- 2021 Krysten L. Long. "Passing and Reverse Passing." University Georgia: Colorism and Hairism in Communities of Color, Guest Lecture (February)

- 2020 Krysten L. Long. “Untold Truths: Explorations of Intra-Group Colorism and the Experiences of Light Skinned Women that Identify as Black.” National Council of Black Studies, Atlanta, GA (March)
- 2019 Krysten L. Long. “Untold Truths: Explorations of Intra-Group Colorism and the Experiences of Light Skinned Women that Identify as Black.” 25th Anniversary Conference of African American Studies at Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (November)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
 Colorism and Hairism in Communities of Color
 (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025 upcoming)
 Qualitative Research Methods
 (Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025 upcoming)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
 Colorism and Hairism
 Introductory Sociology
 Race and Ethnicity in America
 Sociology of Urban Life

Teaching Assistant, Department of Africana Studies, Georgia State University
 Race and Health
 Research Methods
 Seminar and Practicum

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021 *Graduate Research Assistant*
 “Black Women & White Men” Study on Interracial dating (PI: Dr. Vanessa Gonlin)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2023-current *The Colorism Project, Inc.*
 International Research Team
- 2023-current *Association of Black Sociologists*
 Relationships and Mentoring Program (RAMP) Committee
- 2023-current *University of Georgia*
 Department of Sociology Graduate Student Representative to the Department Recruitment Committee
- 2023 *Social Psychology Quarterly*
 Ad hoc Reviewer
- 2023 *Southern Sociological Society*
 Striving Towards Anti-Racist Teaching in the South (STARTS) Inclusivity Institute
- 2022-current *University of Georgia*
 Department of Sociology DEI Community Outreach Subcommittee
- 2021-current *University of Georgia*
 Department of Sociology DEI Graduate Representative

2021 *University of Georgia*
Department of Sociology DEI Race Comprehensive Exam Subcommittee

2021 *University of Georgia*
Department of Sociology DEI Graduate Recruitment Subcommittee

2021 *University of Georgia*
Department of Sociology Colloquium Committee

2019 *Georgia State University*
Africana Studies Department Ambassador

2018-2020 *Georgia State University*
Writing Consultant

2017 *Clayton State University*
Department of Political Science, Society of Global Affairs Conference
Coordinator

2016-2018 *Clayton State University*
Graduate Student Affairs Consultant

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2024 *University of Georgia*
Franklin College Research Assistantship (\$2,717.83)

2023 *University of Georgia*
Travel Grant (\$950)

2023 *University of Georgia*
Red Seed Grant (\$500)

2023 *University of Georgia*
Dean's Award (\$3,000)

2022 *University of Georgia*
Travel Grant (\$1,200)

2022 *University of Georgia*
Lee Roy B. Giles Recognition Recipient (\$500)

2020 *University of Georgia*
Osborn Graduate Fellowship (\$25,000)

2020 *Georgia State University*
Africana Studies Excellence in Academia Award (\$1,500)

MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Association of Black Sociologists
Black Women's Studies Association
Sociologists for Women in Society
Southern Sociological Society

REFERENCES

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