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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, Inequality
- 2020 **M.A. African American 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 Areas: Comparative Politics, American Politics

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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

TEACHING AREAS

Colorism/Hairism/Texturism/Featurism, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Race and Gender, Race and Health, Qualitative Methodology, Social Psychology of Inequality, Race and Gender, & 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), 94-119.

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.” [to be submitted to *Social Problems*]
- Long, Krysten L. “Privileged in Part: Light-Skinned Black Women, Mental Health, and Perceptions of Light-Skinned Privilege.” [to be submitted to *Journal of Black Studies*]

Long, Krysten L. and Vanessa Gonlin. "The Fear of Fetishization: How Skin Tone Impacts Black Women in Intimate Relationships with White Men" [to be submitted to *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*]

Long, Krysten L., Benjamin Vu Pham, and Vanessa Gonlin. "Interracial Imagery: How Media Shapes Black Women's Interracial Relationships with White Men" [to be submitted to *Social Forces*]

Peebles, Ciara, Brittany Belser, **Krysten L. Long**, and Vanessa Gonlin. "Between Gender Norms and Safety: Black Women's Perceptions of Gender Roles and Safety with White Men." [to be submitted to *Journal of Marriage and Family*]

PAPER & PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Dr. Abby Reiter, Dr. Claire McElvaney, **Krysten L. Long**, and Sam Hauser. "Neurodiversity in Academia." University of North Carolina Pembroke, virtual, (upcoming)
- 2024 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. "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 Dr. Ronald E. Hall, Dr. Neha Mishra, Dr. Donnamaria 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)
- 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 (4 sections)
Qualitative Research Methods (3 sections)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

Social Psychology of Race and Racism (1 section)
Colorism and Hairism in Communities of Color (1 section)
Introductory Sociology (5 sections)
Race and Ethnicity in America (3 sections)
Sociology of Urban Life (1 section)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Africana Studies, Georgia State University

Race and Health (1 section)
Research Methods (2 sections)
Seminar and Practicum (1 section)

GUEST LECTURE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2025 | Krysten L. Long. "Reframing Health: The Role of Social Context and Psychological Experience." Texas A&M University at College Station: Psychological and Social Determinants of Health Disparities, Guest Lecture (January) |
| 2025 | Krysten L. Long. "From Mindset to Environment: The Complex Factors Driving Health Disparities." Texas A&M University at College Station: Psychological and Social Determinants of Health Disparities, Guest Lecture (January) |
| 2024 | Krysten L. Long. "Color Coded: Caricatures, Myths, Tropes, and Differentiations in Stereotypes of Black Women Based on Skin Tone in the United States." Michigan State University, Invited Guest Speaker (December) |
| 2024 | Krysten L. Long. "'Passing and Reverse Passing.'" University Georgia: Race and Ethnicity in America, Guest Lecture (November) |
| 2024 | Krysten L. Long. "Interpersonal & Close Relationships." Texas A&M University at College Station: Black Psychology, Guest Lecture (October) |
| 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. "A Lesson on Color: Colorism in the Black American Community." Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Athens, GA, Guest Speaker (March) |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021 Graduate Research Assistant, “Black Women & White Men” Study on Interracial dating (PI: Dr. Vanessa Gonlin) – transcribed and analyzed qualitative interview data

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

2023-current International Research Team, *The Colorism Project, Inc.*
2023-current Relationships and Mentoring Program (RAMP) Committee, *Association of Black Sociologists*
2023 Ad hoc Reviewer, *Social Psychology Quarterly*

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2023-current Graduate Student Representative to the Department Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, *University of Georgia*
2022-current DEI Community Outreach Subcommittee, Department of Sociology, *University of Georgia*
2022-2024 Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, *University of Georgia*
2021-current DEI Graduate Representative, Department of Sociology, *University of Georgia*
2021 DEI Race Comprehensive Exam Subcommittee, Department of Sociology, *University of Georgia*
2021 DEI Graduate Recruitment Subcommittee, Department of Sociology, *University of Georgia*
2021 Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, *University of Georgia*
2019 Africana Studies Department Ambassador, Department of Africana Studies, *Georgia State University*
2018-2020 Writing Consultant, College of Arts & Sciences, *Georgia State University*
2017 Society of Global Affairs Conference Coordinator, Department of Political Science, *Clayton State University*
2016-2018 Graduate Student Affairs Consultant, College of Arts & Sciences, *Clayton State University*

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2024 Franklin College Summer Research Assistantship, *University of Georgia*, (\$2,717.83)
2023 Travel Grant, *University of Georgia*, (\$950)
2023 Red Seed Grant, *University of Georgia*, (\$500)
2023 Dean’s Award, *University of Georgia*, (\$3,000)
2022 Travel Grant, *University of Georgia*, (\$1,200)
2022 Lee Roy B. Giles Recognition Recipient, *University of Georgia*, (\$500)
2020 Osborn Graduate Fellowship, *University of Georgia*, (\$25,000)

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024 GradTeach Certificate, *University of Georgia*
2023 Striving Towards Anti-Racist Teaching in the South (STARTS) Inclusivity
Institute, *Southern Sociological Society*

MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association	National Council for Black Studies
Association of Black Sociologists	Sociologists for Women in Society
Black Women’s Studies Association	Southern Sociological Society

REFERENCES

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