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APPOINTMENTS

2015- University of California, Irvine
Assistant Professor of Sociology

FELLOWSHIPS

2017-2018 University of California, Irvine
Hellman Fellowship

2013-2015 University of California, Berkeley
UC Berkeley Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship
(Joint Appt. Dept. of Sociology/ School of Public Health)

2012-2013 Pennsylvania State University
Postdoctoral Fellowship—Africana Research Center

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego San Diego, CA
Ph.D. Sociology

University of California, San Diego San Diego, CA
M.A. Sociology

University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA
B.A. Psychology, High Honors

GRANTS/ AWARDS

2014 Yoga Dana Foundation Corte Madera, CA
**Grant in Support of Yoga in Underserved Communities for
*The Richmond Yoga Project***

2012 University of California, San Diego San Diego, CA
**African and African American Studies Research Center Outstanding
Doctoral Dissertation Award**

2012 AABHE Clarion, PA
American Association of Blacks in Higher Education Doctoral Student

Conference Grant

2011 University of California, San Diego San Diego, CA
All People's Recognition Award
(For contributions to social justice and community)

2010-2011 University of California, San Diego San Diego, CA
UC President's Dissertation Year Fellow

BOOKS

Strings, Sabrina. *Thin, White, and Saved: Fat Stigma and the Fear of the Big Black Body*. (Forthcoming with NYU Press)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Strings, Sabrina (Forthcoming, 2018). "Fat as a Floating Signifier: Race, Weight, and Femininity in the National Imaginary" in *The Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of the Body and Embodiment*, edited by Natalie Boero and Kate Mason, NY: Oxford University Press.

Strings, Sabrina. (Forthcoming, 2018). "The Rapunzel Game: Racialized Hair Fetishes in Yoga Trainings" in *Yoga Rising 30 Empowering Stories from Yoga Renegades for Every Body*, edited by Melanie Klein, MN: Llewellyn.

Strings, Sabrina and Tria Blu Wakpa. 2016. "Rethinking Yoga: Meditations on the Work We Do." *Race and Yoga* 1(1).

Strings, Sabrina, Yamini K. Ranchod, Barbara Laraia, and Amani Nuru-Jeter. 2016. "Race and Sex Differences in the Association between Food Insecurity and Type 2 Diabetes." *Ethnicity & Disease* 26(3): 427-434.

Strings, Sabrina. 2015. "Obese Black Women as 'Social Dead Weight': Re-inventing the Diseased Black woman." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 41(1): 107-130.

- ◆ Winner of American Sociological Association's Race, Gender, Class 2017 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award

Strings, Sabrina and Long T. Bui. 2014. "'She is Not Acting, She IS': The Conflict between Gender and Racial Realness on *RuPaul's Drag Race*." *Feminist Media Studies* 14(5): 1-15.

Strings, Sabrina. 2014. "Protecting What's White: A New Look at Stand Your Ground Laws." Pp. 160-162 in *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Race and Ethnicity*, (reprint) edited by Raymond D'Angelo and Herbert Douglas. McGraw-Hill Education.

Edited Volumes

Strings, Sabrina. 2011. "Teaching Social Justice in Graduate Programs." In *Teaching Diversity*, edited by Jim Lin. University Readers.

Book Reviews

Strings, Sabrina. 2017. "Book Review: Mythologizing Black Women: Unveiling White Men's Deep Frame on Race and Gender by Brittany Slatton." *Contemporary Sociology*, 46(2): 215-217.

News and Magazines articles

Strings, Sabrina. 2017. "Should we Mix Yoga and Social Justice?" *Yoga International*. Apr. 19.

Strings, Sabrina. 2015. "#Whatayogilookslike: Spotlight on Sabrina Strings." *Yoga International*, Nov. 30.

Strings, Sabrina. 2015. "Top Yoga Studios Unite to Racially-Profile Black 'Yoga Thief'" *The Feminist Wire*. Feb. 2.

Strings, Sabrina. 2014. "Protecting What's White: A New Look at Stand Your Ground Laws." *The Feminist Wire*. Jan 30.

- Reprint by *Truth-Out.org*. Feb. 3, 2014.

Other Publications

Strings, Sabrina. 2017. "Yoga for the Movement." *Yoga and Body Image Coalition*. Feb. 22 blog post. <http://ybicoalition.com/yoga-for-the-movement/>

PAPERS IN
PROGRESS

Strings, Sabrina. "Elite White Women and the (Re)Making of Whiteness: Scaling the Fear of Stout (Black) Bridgets." *In Progress*.

Strings, Sabrina A., Irene Headen, and Breana Spencer. "The Biopower of Yoga: Making (White) Women Hotter." *In Progress*.

MEDIA

Podcasts

Strings, Sabrina. 2015. "Yoga as a Tool for Social Change." *Yoga and Body Image Coalition*. Nov. 4. (<http://ybicoalition.com/yoga-as-a-tool-for-social-change/>)

Radio

DJ Calvin Gantt Interviews Sabrina Strings on Black Talk Radio, 88.9 FM Irvine/OC Public Radio, July 6, 2016.

EDITORIAL
CREDITS

Co-founding editor of *Race and Yoga* journal. University of California eScholarship Press. (https://escholarship.org/uc/crg_raceandyoga)

INVITED TALKS

2016. "Thin, White and Saved: Fat Stigma and the Fear of the Big Black

Body.” Keynote Presentation for the UC San Diego Sociology Graduate Student Conference (May 20).

2015. “Yoga and Body Image.” Piedmont Yoga (Apr 11).

2015. “Racial and Gender Differences in the Association Between Food Insecurity and Type 2 Diabetes.” UC Irvine School of Public Health (Jan 26)

2014. “Who Has Access to Yoga? Meditations on its Race, Sex, and Body Size Exclusivity” Piedmont Yoga (Jun 20)

2014. “Fear of the Big, Black Body: The History of Fat Fright and the Thin Ideal.” The Body Mass Index: Myth or Reality? Conference at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (Apr 7)

2014. “Empowering Communities of Color Through Yoga.” Co-presenter Tria Andrews. Merritt College (Apr 2)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2017. “Hidden Lineages: Women of Color as Yoga Teachers.” *Spiritual Justice Immersion*. Oakland Yoga Studio (Feb 11)

2016. “‘Now is the Time We’ve Been Practicing for’: A Yoga in Action Workshop.” Piedmont Yoga (Dec 11)

2016. “The Womyn’s Burden: Yoga for Embodied Trauma and Medical Disenfranchisement” *Yoga and Social Justice Conference*, Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley (Jun 11)

2015. “Cultural Appropriation and the Commodification of Yoga” The Yoga Collective, Venice (Sep 12)

2015. “The Racial and Sexual Biopolitics of Yoga: Making (White) Women Hotter.” American Sociological Association Meeting, Special Panel (Aug 22)

2014. “Obese Black Women as ‘Social Dead Weight’: Re-inventing the diseased Black woman.” American Sociological Association Meeting (Aug 17)

2014. “Thinness as an Investment in Whiteness.” UCLA Sociology Colloquium (Mar 7)

2014. “Thinness as an Investment in Whiteness.” UC Santa Barbara Sociology Colloquium (Feb 12)

2013. “Obesity Kills? An examination of the rhetoric of the fat black woman as the scourge of public health.” Sociologists for Women in Society bay area meeting (Sept 27)

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

2016- Council Member for American Sociological Association's Body and Embodiment Section

2016 Session Organizer for Cultural Sociology Section, ASA Annual Meeting, Seattle WA

2016 Reviewer for UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship

2016 Co-organizer of the *Yoga Justice, Yoga Violence* Conference at Mills College (Apr 22)

2015 Reviewer for *Gender and Society*

2015 Reviewer for *Race and Social Problems*

2015- Leadership Team, Yoga and Body Image Coalition

2015 Co-organizer of the *Yoga (R)evolution?* Conference at UC Berkeley (Apr 10)

2014 Co-organizer of the *Yoga and Access: Questions of Inclusion* Conference at UC Berkeley (Apr 25)

2014- Co-facilitator of the Race and Yoga Working Group, Center for Race and Gender, UC Berkeley. (raceandyoga.com)

2010-2011 Vice President of Diversity Affairs for the Graduate Student Association. University of California, San Diego