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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor — Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D. Sociology and Public Policy (*expected May 2026*)

M.A. Sociology, December 2020

Dissertation: Legacy and Loss: Preserving the Family Inheritance in South Carolina's Black Lowcountry

Committee: Luke Shaefer (co-chair), Alford A. Young, Jr. (co-chair), Sandra Levitsky, Fabian Pfeffer (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)

Preliminary Exam: Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration (High Pass)

Yale University — New Haven, CT

B.A. Sociology (*Honors Distinction*), 2014

AREAS OF STUDY

Wealth Inequality; Sociology of Race/Ethnicity; Law and Society; Housing Policy; Mixed Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Kamri Hudgins, Erykah Benson, Sydney Carr, **Jasmine Simington**, Zoe Walker, Jessica Cruz, Vincent Hutchings, Earl Lewis, Mara Cecilia Ostfeld, and Alford Young, Jr. 2024. "[Crafting Democratic Futures: Understanding Political Conditions and Racialized Attitudes towards Black Reparations in the United States.](#)" *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*.

Jennie L. Stephens and **Jasmine Simington**. 2024. "[Referral Pathways and Service Connection Amongst Heirs' Property Owners in South Carolina.](#)" *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*.

Simington, Jasmine. 2023. "[Displaced Trust: Disrupting Legal Estrangement during Disaster Recovery.](#)" *Social Forces*.

- Sociology of Law Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association
- Mark Chesler Graduate Student Paper Award, University of Michigan Sociology

Fusaro, Vincent, Shaefer, H. Luke & **Jasmine Simington**. 2021. "[Communities Moving Ahead, Falling Behind: Evidence from the Index of Deep Disadvantage.](#)" *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

Select Project Reports and Policy Briefs

Erykah Benson & **Jasmine Simington**. Forty acres and a mule? How Flint residents believe the government should repay Black Americans. Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Racial Justice, University of Michigan. October 2023.

- Covered in *The Michigan Chronicle*

Erykah Benson & **Jasmine Simington**. Collective Remembrance and Detroiters' Views Toward Racial Inequity. Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Racial Justice, University of Michigan. March 2023.

- Covered in *Michigan Radio*, *CBS News Detroit*, *University of Michigan Record*, *Fox News*, *Yahoo*, *Detroit Metro Times*, and *Detroit Free Press*

Erykah Benson & **Jasmine Simington**. The Electoral Impact of Racial Reckoning: The Implications of Candidates' Support for Reparations on Voter Engagement. Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Racial Justice, University of Michigan. November 2022.

- Covered in *Bridge Detroit News*

Fusaro, Vincent, Shaefer, H. Luke & **Jasmine Simington**. The Stifling Stability Of Deep Disadvantage. Madison, Wisconsin: Institute for Research on Poverty. March 2022.

Pindus, Nancy M., Thomas Kingsley, Jennifer Biess, Diane Levy, **Jasmine Simington**, and Chris Hayes. "Housing Needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives in Tribal Areas: A Report from the Assessment of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs." The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. January 2017.

Select Commentary

Rural Poverty (Part II) with Lanora Johnson, **Jasmine Simington**, and Meg Duffy. Rural Matters Podcast. June 12, 2020. <https://ruralmatters.libsyn.com/rural-poverty-part-ii-with-lanora-johnson-jasmine-singleton-and-meg-duffy>.

Simington, Jasmine. "Murky homeownership status derails flood relief in South Carolina." Poverty Solutions, The University of Michigan. December 2019. <https://poverty.umich.edu/news-events/news/rural-resilience-murky-homeownership-status-derails-flood-relief-in-south-carolina/>

Simington, Jasmine and Nancy Pindus. "Mortgage lending in Indian Country has jumped, but land policies remain a barrier." Urban Institute. April 2017. <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/mortgage-lending-indian-country-has-jumped-land-policies-remain-barrier>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Simington, Jasmine, Cassandra Johnson Gaither, Portia Johnson, and Jennie Stephens. "'At the end of the day, it's still my brother': How title clearance shapes family dynamics among former heirs' property owners" (*Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Rural Social Sciences*)

Johnson, Portia, Cassandra Johnson Gaither, Jennie Stephens, and **Jasmine Simington**. "Collective landownership and environmental injustice" (*Conditionally accepted at SAGE Encyclopedia of Environmental Justice*)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Simington, Jasmine. "Fragile wealth: Involuntary property loss, ownership disputes, and the contingencies of property" (*draft available*)

Simington, Jasmine. "The Spillover Effects of Marginalized Legal Categories: How Heirs' Property Shapes Its Surrounding Neighborhood." (*draft available*)

Simington, Jasmine. “Building wealth: Inherited properties, vacancy, and the limits of ownership as wealth” *(draft available)*

Johnson Gaither, Cassandra, Portia Johnson, **Jasmine Simington**, and Jennie Stephens. “Greener on the Other Side or Up Against a “White Wall”? Examining the Impact of Title Clearance on Wealth Building for Former Heirs’ Property Owners” *(draft available)*

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

External Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2024	Best Graduate Student Paper Award, <i>ASA Sociology of Law Section</i>
2022	Law and Science Dissertation Grant, <i>Arizona State University (funded by the National Science Foundation SBE #2016661)</i>
2022	Early Career and Graduate Student Workshop, <i>Global Law and Society Association</i>
2019	Graduate Research Fellowship, <i>National Science Foundation</i>
2019	Predoctoral Fellowship, <i>Ford Foundation</i>

Competitive Internal Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2023	Emerging Inequality Scholar Award, <i>Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics</i>
2022	Mark Chesler Graduate Student Paper Award, <i>Department of Sociology</i>
2022	Student Initiative Grant, <i>Ford School of Public Policy’s Center for Racial Justice</i>
2021	Race, Law, and History Fellowship, <i>University of Michigan Law School</i>
2020	Public Scholarship Grant, <i>Rackham Graduate School</i>
2017	Rackham Merit Fellowship, <i>Rackham Graduate School</i>

Additional Honors

2024	<i>University of Michigan</i> , Graduate Student Recognition Award
2014	<i>Yale University</i> , Caroline Jackson-Smith Leadership Award
2014	<i>Yale University</i> , Yale Black Women’s Coalition Senior Award
2012	<i>Yale University</i> , Dwight Hall Center for Public Service & Social Justice Summer Fellowship

INVITED TALKS

2024	Housing Inequality and Heirs’ Property Ownership, <i>University of Connecticut School of Public Policy</i>
2024	Support for Reparations across three Michigan communities, <i>Housing solutions for Health Equity Initiative, University of Michigan School of Public Health</i>
2024	The Cost of Inheritance Film Screening Panelist, <i>Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History</i>
2024	Reparations to Black Americans, <i>University of Connecticut School of Public Policy</i>

2023	Understanding Disenfranchised and Underserved Communities, <i>Climate Equity Initiative at Clean Air Task Force</i>
2023	Reparations in Detroit, <i>Poverty Solutions, University of Michigan</i>
2023	The Egalitarian Metropolis: Towards an Inclusive Recovery for Detroit, <i>University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning</i>
2021	Communities moving ahead, communities falling behind: Evidence from the Index of Deep Disadvantage, <i>Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison.</i>
2020	Understanding Communities of Deep Disadvantage, <i>Real Perspectives on Policy Solutions, University of Michigan.</i>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025	Fragile wealth: Involuntary property loss, ownership disputes, and the contingencies of property <i>American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting</i> <i>Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting</i>
2023, 2024	Inherited properties, vacancy, & the limits of housing as wealth <i>American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting</i> <i>Heirs' Property and the Racial Wealth Gap Conference, Boston College School of Law</i>
2023	Greener on the Other Side or Up Against a "White Wall"? Black Wealth Generation Post-Title Clearance, <i>Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting</i> (presented by co-author)
2023	"Not Yours to Sell:" How Heirs' Property Owners Understand Property Rights <i>Global Law and Society Association Annual Meeting</i> <i>Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting</i>
2023	Crafting Democratic Futures: Understanding Political Conditions and Racialized Attitudes toward Black Reparations in the United States of America (co-presenter), <i>Russell Sage Foundation Invited Conference: Black Reparations: Insights from the Social Sciences</i>
2022	Beyond Categorical Homeownership: The Paradox of Heirs' Property <i>American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting</i> <i>University of Michigan Law School</i>
2022	Precarious homeownership: How risky property deeds perpetuate the tax foreclosure crisis, <i>Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting.</i>

2021 “They’re going to take your property”: Disaster Recovery amidst Legal Estrangement, *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting*.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“God ain’t makin’ no more Land.” November 2022. A printed essay collection drawn from my dissertation research. *Funded by the University of Michigan’s Center for Racial Justice*.

Envisioning Real Utopias. Research assistant for a video series created by The Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics describing [US wealth inequality](#) and [housing inequality in Detroit](#). *Funded by The University of Michigan’s Arts Initiative*.

Racializing Space: Housing, Inequality and Resistance in Detroit, 1930-2020. October 2021. Research assistant for a digital map series created for the Detroit Historical Society. *Funded by the Mellon Foundation*.

[Mapping Marion County](#). May 2021. Created by the Marion County Coordinating Council, Meg Duffy, and **Jasmine Simington** (equal collaboration). *Funded by The University of Michigan Public Scholarship Grant*.

[Index of Deep Disadvantage](#). February 2020. Created by researchers at Princeton University and Poverty Solutions at The University of Michigan. *Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Center for Heirs’ Property Preservation, North Charleston, SC

2021-2023 Research Volunteer

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

2021 Consultant to Historical Roots of the Racial Wealth Divides Project
PI: Marybeth Mattingly, *Community Development Research & Communications*

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2023 - present Racial Inequality, Culture, and Knowledge (RICK) Lab

2022-2024 Research Fellow, Center for Racial Justice

2020-2021 Research Assistant to “Racialization of Space in Detroit, MI” Project
PIs: Robert Fishman (*Taubman College of Architecture and Urban planning*) & Angela Dillard (*Afroamerican & African Studies, History*)

2018-2020 Research Assistant to Understanding Communities of Deep Disadvantage Study
PIs: Luke Shaefer (*Ford School of Public Policy*), Kathy Edin (*Princeton University*) & Tim Nelson (*Princeton University*)

Urban Institute, Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center

2017 Research Associate II

2014-2016 Research Assistant

INSTRUCTION & MENTORSHIP

Instruction, University of Michigan

2023	Guest lecturer, Racial Foundations of Public Policy (<i>PubPol 750</i>)
2022 - 2023	Discussion leader, Springboard Summer Statistics Program
2020	Tutor, Sociology Opportunities for Undergraduate Leaders (SOUL), first-generation student mentorship program
2020	Guest lecturer, Evaluating Public Policies (<i>PubPol 479</i>)
2019-2023	Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Preliminary Exam Mentor, <i>Sociology Dept.</i>
2019	Guest lecturer, Social Welfare Policy (<i>PubPol 746</i>)
2018	Tutor, Quantitative Methods for Program Evaluation (<i>PubPol 639</i>)

Certification, University of Michigan

2018	Diversity and Inclusive Teaching, <i>Center for Research on Learning and Teaching</i>
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Select Mentorship

2023 - 2024	Research Supervisor, Applied Social Policy Internship and Research Experience (ASPIRE), <i>University of Michigan</i>
2022	Sociology Opportunities for Undergraduate Leaders (SOUL), first-generation student mentorship program, <i>University of Michigan</i>
2019-2020	Site Report Mentor, American Voices Project, <i>Stanford University</i>

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

University of Michigan

2019	R for Public Policy, Ford School of Public Policy
2019	Qualitative Methods II: Practicum, Dept. of Sociology
2019	Spatial Statistics, Dept. of Biostatistics
2018	Qualitative Methods: Practicum, Dept. of Sociology
2018	Quantitative Methods: Practicum, Dept. of Sociology
2018	Statistical Methods II, Dept. of Sociology

Urban Institute, Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center

2016	Spatial Analysis in ArcGIS
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

2025	<i>American Sociological Association Sociology of Law Section</i> , Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
2024-2025	<i>University of Michigan</i> , Race & Racial Ideologies Workshop Co-Coordinator
2020-2021	<i>University of Michigan</i> , Economic Sociology Workshop Co-Coordinator
2019-2020	<i>University of Michigan</i> , Detroit School Interdisciplinary Workshop, Co-coordinator <i>University of Michigan</i> , Ford School of Public Policy, Diversity, Equity and
2019-2020	Inclusion Committee Member
2018-2019	<i>University of Michigan</i> , Sociologists of Color, Co-Chair

Membership: American Sociological Association, Association of Black Sociologists, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Law and Society Association, Southern Sociological Society, Southern Rural Sociological Association, Association for Law, Property, and Society