

Curriculum Vitae  
**SABRINA PENDERGRASS**

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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

*University of Virginia*

Assistant Professor, Department of African American and African Studies, 2019-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Department of African American and African Studies, 2012-2019.

*Duke University*

Provost's Postdoctoral Fellow, 2010-2012

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**RESEARCH AREAS**

Race and Ethnicity	Migration
Stratification	Region and Place
Cultural Sociology	

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Sociology, Harvard University, May 2010

Doctoral Fellow, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

A.M. in Sociology, Harvard University, June 2006

A.B. in Sociology with High Honors, Princeton University, June 2002

Certificate in African American Studies

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**HONORS**

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| 2010 | Exemplary Diversity Dissertation Award from the National Center for Institutional Diversity, University of Michigan   |
| 2010 | Best Graduate Student Paper Award from the Poverty, Class, and Inequality Section of the Society for the Study of Social Problems for "Making Moves: Social Stratification and the Socioeconomic and Symbolic Dimensions of Black Reverse Migration to the South" |
| 2010 | Second Prize Graduate Student Paper Award from the Association of Black Sociologists for "Making Moves: Social Stratification and the Socioeconomic and Symbolic Dimensions of Black Reverse Migration to the South"  |
| 2005 | President's Award for Achievement in Instructional Technology, Harvard University   |
| 2002 | Lisa N. Bryant Memorial Award, Department of Sociology, Princeton University  |
| 2002 | First Prize Undergraduate Teaching Module Award, Sociometrics Corporation   |

2001 First Prize Undergraduate Paper Award from Association of Black Sociologists for "The Origins of Intra-Racial Skin Color Prejudice: A Critical Review"

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## GRANTS

2018 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant for Candace N. Miller, "Race, Entrepreneurship, and Urban Revitalization," \$11,781

2015-2016 UVA Sesquicentennial Sabbatical Fellowship, half salary

2015 UVA Faculty Summer Stipend, \$5000

2013 John T. Casteen III Faculty Fellowship in Ethics, University of Virginia, \$7000

2012-2013 Excellence in Diversity Fellowship, University of Virginia, \$1000

2009-2010 Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University

2005, 2008 Research Seed Grant, Harvard University Center for American Political Studies, \$1000

2003-2010 National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education Research Traineeship (IGERT) with the Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government

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## PUBLICATIONS

### *Journal Articles*

Pendergrass, Sabrina. 2017. "No Longer 'Bound for the Promised Land': African Americans' Religious Experiences in the Reversal of the Great Migration." *Race and Social Problems*. 9(1): 19-28.

Pendergrass, Sabrina. 2013. "Perceptions of Race and Region in the Black Reverse Migration to the South." *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*. 10(1): 155-178.

Pendergrass, Sabrina. 2013. "Routing Black Migration to the Urban US South: Social Class and Sources of Social Capital in the Destination Selection Process." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 39(9): 1441-1459.

Pachucki, Mark, Sabrina Pendergrass, and Michèle Lamont. 2007. "Boundary Processes: Recent Theoretical Developments and New Contributions." *Poetics*. 35: 331-351.

### *Encyclopedia Entries*

Lamont, Michèle, Sabrina Pendergrass, and Mark Pachucki. 2015. "Symbolic Boundaries." *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Ed. James Wright. Elsevier.

Pendergrass, Sabrina. 2008. "Migration of African Americans." *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*. Ed. Richard Schaefer. Sage Publications.

Pendergrass, Sabrina. 2008. "Claude M. Steele." *African American National Biography*. Eds. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham. Oxford University Press.

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## WORK IN PROGRESS

Pendergrass, Sabrina. Book manuscript about the black reverse migration to the South. (under contract with Oxford University Press).

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**RESEARCH LECTURES AND PANELS (most recent)**

- 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic). "Why Are Blacks Moving South?" Invited Lecture. Center for African American Urban Studies and Economy. Carnegie Mellon University.
- 2019 "'We Have to Get Out of Here': Examining Reasons for Recent Black Migration to the South." UVA Community Psychology Workshop. November. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2019 Invited Skype Q&A, "The Black Reverse Migration." American Communities Course – Rutgers University-Camden.
- 2019 "Geographies of Race and Religion." Panelist at the Spirit in the Dark Symposium. March. Religion, Race, and Democracy Lab. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2017 "The African American Great Migration Reverses Course: A Conversation between Sabrina Pendergrass and Joe William Trotter." November. Carter G. Woodson Institute. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2017 "Black Migration in the U.S." Guest Lecture. Migrations Pavilion Seminar Course. November. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2016 "Black Migration in the U.S." Guest Lecture. Mobility and Community Forum Course. November. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2015 "Race and Reverse Migration: What Black Newcomers to Charlotte Think about Racism in the South." March. Sociology Dept. Davidson College. Davidson, NC.
- 2015 "African American Migration and the South." Guest Lecture. Virginia Foundation for the Humanities' South Atlantic Seminar. April. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2014 "The Black Reverse Migration to the South: Dilemmas of Race and Region," April. Black Lives in the New South Speaker Series. Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, VA.
- 2014 "Meanings of Opportunity in the Black Reverse Migration to the South," Presentation to Southern Sociological Society Conference. April. Charlotte, NC.
- 2014 "African American Migration and the South: Cross-Disciplinary Possibilities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Invited Panelist at the Transforming New South Identities Symposium. University of Mississippi's Center for the Study of Southern Culture. February. Oxford, MS.
- 2013 "The Color of Money: Race and Economic Inequalities." February. Social Justice in Action Leadership Institute. Longwood University. Farmville, VA.
- 2012 "Routing Black Migration to the Urban U.S. South: The Role of Social Class and Social Capital." American Sociological Association's Sociology of Development Section's Mini-Conference. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2012 "Still Warmer Suns: African Americans Return to the South," Invited Panelist. UNC Global American South Conference. April. Chapel Hill, NC
- 2012 "Mason-Dixon Dilemmas: How Blacks Experience Race and Region in the Reverse Migration to the South," Presentation to the Southern Sociological Society Conference. March. New Orleans, LA.
- 2012 "Mason-Dixon Dilemmas: Crossing Regional Boundaries of Race in the Black Reverse Migration to the Urban South," Presentation to the Black Migration Symposium. February. Vanderbilt University. Nashville, TN.

- 2011 "The Boundary-work of Internal Migration," Roundtable presentation for the Culture Section's Symbolic Boundaries Network at the American Sociological Association Conference. August. Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 "Routing Black Migration to the U.S. South: Social Class and Sources of Social Capital in the Destination Selection Process," Presentation to the Association of Black Sociologists Conference. August. Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 "Perceptions of Race and Regional Boundaries in the Black Migration to the South," Presentation to the Duke University Sociology Colloquium. April. Durham, NC.

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**OTHER LECTURES, PANELS, AND PRESENTATIONS (most recent)**

- 2021 Panelist, "Explorations: Race, Equity, and Justice," Wahoo Welcomes: First-Year Student Orientation. August. University of Virginia.
- 2020 Guest Lecture. "Systemic Racism, Stress, and Health," The Racial Life of COVID-19 course. Department of African American and African Studies. October. University of Virginia.
- 2018 Panelist, "Applying for Postdocs: Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop." Department of Sociology. September. University of Virginia.
- 2018 Guest Critic, "Author Meets Critics Session: *Break Beats in the Bronx* by Joseph Ewoodzie." Southern Sociological Society Conference. April. New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 Moderator, "Diversity and the Disciplines." University of Virginia's Diverse Disciplines, Inclusive Institutions Symposium. March. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2018 Panelist, "Race and the Rhetoric of 'Merit' in U.S. Immigration Discourse," Currents in Conversation on Race, Racism, and Immigration. Carter G. Woodson Institute. University of Virginia. January. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2017 Panelist, "Days on the Lawn," Undergraduate Admissions Office, University of Virginia. March. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2016 Panelist, "Teaching the Sociology of Race and Ethics," Institute for Practical Ethics in Public Life Conference. University of Virginia. September. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2015 Moderator, "Black Alumni Authors Panel," Black Alumni Weekend. University of Virginia. April. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2015 Facilitator, "Diversity Research for Social Change," SEEDS at Curry School of Education Research Conference. University of Virginia. March. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2015 Panelist, "Beginning a Career in Research," Undergraduate Student Opportunities in Academic Research Program. University of Virginia. March. Charlottesville, Virginia.
- 2014 Panelist, "Race Relations in America: Post-Ferguson," Darden Business School. University of Virginia. September. Charlottesville, Virginia.
- 2014 Panelist, "UVA for First-Year Students," Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Tau Theta Chapter. University of Virginia. September. Charlottesville, Virginia.
- 2014 Keynote Speaker, Graduation Ceremony for the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies, University of Virginia. May. Charlottesville, VA.

- 2014 Panelist, "Navigating the Academic Job Market," Professional Development Session for Sociology Graduate Students, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia. March. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2013 Panelist, "Commemorating the 1963 March on Washington." Community forum sponsored by the Carter G. Woodson Institute. University of Virginia. August. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2013 Panelist. "Professional Development Session for Graduate Students: Writing Rites." Association of Black Sociologists Conference. August. New York, NY.
- 2013 Panelist. "Scandalous: Race, Sex, and Politics in the Age of Olivia Pope." Community forum sponsored by the Carter G. Woodson Institute. University of Virginia. April. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2013 Keynote Speaker. "Relationship with the Self: The Search for Identity," Black Student Association's Ladies' Soiree. University of Virginia. April. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2013 Keynote Speaker. Harambee II Celebration. Office of African American Affairs. University of Virginia. January. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2012 Panelist. "Echoes of 'Their Eyes Were Watching God' in the Black Reverse Migration," 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. September. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA.

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## ADVISING AND TEACHING

### *Dissertation Chair*

1 Student, Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Virginia.

### *Dissertation Committee Member (completed)*

3 Students, Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Virginia.

1 Student, Ph.D. in Religious Studies, University of Virginia.

### *Undergraduate Thesis Advising*

2 Students, African American and African Studies, University of Virginia.

3 Students, Program on Political and Social Thought, University of Virginia.

### *Courses*

University of Virginia

AAS 2559: The Souls of Black Folk (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

AAS 3500-002: Social Science Perspectives on African American and African Studies (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2020)

AAS 3500-003: Race, Culture, and Inequality (Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

SOC 2442: Systems of Inequality (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

SOC 4100: Sociology of African American Communities (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

SOC 4550: Topics in Ethics and Society – Race and Ethics (Spring 2014, Spring 2015)

SOC 9010: Directed Graduate Reading and Research – Qualitative Approaches to African American Religiosity (Spring 2014)

SOC 9010: Directed Graduate Reading and Research – Selected Readings in Culture and Inequality (Spring 2015)

Duke University

Ethnographic Field Methods, Part II, teaching assistant, (Spring 2012)

Harvard University

Intermediate Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences, teaching assistant, (Spring 2006)

Paradigms for Social Inquiry, teaching assistant, (Spring 2005)

Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences, teaching assistant, (Fall 2005)

Culture, Power, and Inequality, teaching assistant, (Fall 2004)

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**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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| 2019-present | Director of the Distinguished Majors Program in African American and African Studies, University of Virginia.  |
| 2019-present | Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of African American and African Studies. University of Virginia.   |
| 2020-2021    | Co-Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Race and Health in the US and/or African Diaspora. Department of African American and African Studies. University of Virginia. |
| 2020         | Subcommittee on Faculty Hiring Proposals, Department of African American and African Studies. University of Virginia.  |
| 2018-2019    | Peer Evaluation Committee, Department of African American and African Studies, University of Virginia  |
| 2017-2018    | Curriculum Committee, Department of African American and African Studies, University of Virginia   |
| 2016-2017    | Faculty Search Committee, Media Studies Department Hire in African American Media, University of Virginia  |
| 2016-2017    | Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia   |
| 2016-2017    | Curriculum Committee, Carter G. Woodson Institute, University of Virginia  |
| 2014-2015    | Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia   |
| 2013-2014    | Faculty Search Committee, Carter G. Woodson Institute Joint Hire with Sociology, Economics, Government, or History, University of Virginia                         |
| 2013-2014    | Pre-doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, Carter G. Woodson Institute, University of Virginia  |
| 2013-2014    | Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia  |
| 2012-2013    | Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia   |
| 2009-2012    | Website Developer, “Resources for Qualitative Social Science at Harvard,” with Michèle Lamont and Rakesh Khurana   |

2004-2006	Presidential Instructional Technology Fellow. Harvard Instructional Computing Group and the Office of the President
2004-2005	Junior Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Harvard University.
2003-2004	Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Harvard University.
2002-2006	Website Developer, Sociology Graduate Student Organization

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### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer:	Cambridge University Press, University of California Press, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , <i>Poetics</i> , <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> , <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> , <i>City and Society</i> , <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> , <i>Social Currents</i>
2014-2015	Member, Article Award Committee for the American Sociological Association's Race, Gender, and Class Section
2013, 2014	Session Presider, Sociology of Culture and Thematic Panels at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings
2004-2005	Graduate Student Representative, Executive Committee of the Association of Black Sociologists
2005	Graduate Student Assistant, "Workshop on Interdisciplinary Standards for Systematic Qualitative Research." Conveners: Professor Michèle Lamont and Patricia White. National Science Foundation. Washington, DC. May 2005.

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### MEDIA COVERAGE

2020	Hill, Sam and Hank Gilman. 2020. "Why Population Shifts from Red States to Blue States..." <i>Newsweek</i> July 23. <a href="https://www.newsweek.com/will-blue-invasion-red-state-america-finally-pay-off-2020-1519051">https://www.newsweek.com/will-blue-invasion-red-state-america-finally-pay-off-2020-1519051</a> .
2020	Veney, Cassandra. 2020. "From Red to Blue: The Importance of the Black Vote..." <i>The Elephant</i> November 30. <a href="https://www.theelephant.info/long-reads/2020/11/30/from-red-to-blue-the-importance-of-the-black-vote-in-the-us-presidential-election/">https://www.theelephant.info/long-reads/2020/11/30/from-red-to-blue-the-importance-of-the-black-vote-in-the-us-presidential-election/</a>
2018	Samuels, Alana. "Reverse Migration Might Lead Stacey Abrams to Victory." <i>The Atlantic</i> . May 23. <a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/05/reverse-migration-might-turn-georgia-blue/560996/">https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/05/reverse-migration-might-turn-georgia-blue/560996/</a>
2014	Allen, Reniqua. "It's Time to Admit that America Will Never Really Include Black America." <i>Quartz.com</i> . July 22. <a href="http://qz.com/237642/its-time-to-admit-that-america-will-never-really-include-black-america/">http://qz.com/237642/its-time-to-admit-that-america-will-never-really-include-black-america/</a>