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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, The City University of New York (CUNY), Graduate Center
Dissertation: *Rideout!: Freedom and Collective Movement in Black Biking Subcultures* Expected Spring 2026

M.A., Sociology, The City University of New York June 2022

B.A., International Affairs, Northeastern University May 2015

RESEARCH AREAS

Race, Black Subjectivity, Africana Studies, Culture, Social Movements, Emotions and Embodiment, Black Geographies and Urban Space, Gender and Intersectionality, Performance Studies, Postcolonial Theory, Black Feminist Theory and Methods, Ethnography and Transnational Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Miller, Kristen L., Rico D. Chapman, Stephanie D. Tilley, Di-Tu Dissassa, Sakina M. Hughes. Forthcoming, 2025. "African Americans in South Africa: The Travel Notes of Black Fulbrighters in Johannesburg and the Gauteng Province." in *Africa's Old and New Diasporas*, edited by K. Johnson and B. Wekesa.

Miller, Kristen L., and James M. Jasper. 2023. "Indignation: Immoral Shocks, Moral Actions." in *Emotions in Culture and Everyday Life: Conceptual, Theoretical, and Empirical Explorations*, edited by M. H. Jacobsen. London: Routledge.

Miller, Kristen L. 2023. Review of "Walking Mannequins: How Race and Gender Shape Retail Clothing Work," by Joya Misra and Kyla Walters. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 10(3): 438-439.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Miller, Kristen L. "'We Outside!': Bike Life and the Collective Experience of Blackness Beyond Capture." (Under Review at *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*)

- 2025 Richard A. Peterson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, American Sociological Association, Culture Section.
- 2025 Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Body & Embodiment.

Miller, Kristen L. "Dancing With Trash: Finding Freedom in Tight and Dirty Spaces." (Under Review)

Miller, Kristen L. "Black Sounds, Black Spaces: Black Sonic Atmospheres and Biking in Post-apartheid Johannesburg."

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2025-2026 Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University

2025-2026 John Mohr Dissertation Grant, American Sociological Association Culture Section (\$500)

2025-2026 Dissertation Writing Grant, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$25,000)

Summer 2025 Connect New York Summer Research Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$5,000)

Summer 2025	Doctoral Student Research Grant, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,000)
2024-2025	American Sociological Association, Minority Fellowship Program (\$20,500)
2024-2025	Dean K. Harrison Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$10,000)
2023-2024	Fulbright Research Award (\$33,769)
2023-2024	Black, Race, and Ethnic Studies (BRES) Doctoral Fellowship, BRES Collaboration Hub at The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$4,000)
Summer 2023	Doctoral Student Research Grant, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,000)
2022-2023	LaGuardia and Wagner Archives Graduate Fellowship (\$4,000)
Summer 2022	Graduate Center Early Research Initiative/ Connect New York Fellowship (\$4,000)
2021-2022	Irwin Polishook Graduate Scholarship Award, The Belle Zeller Scholarship, CUNY (\$5,000)
2019-2025	The Graduate Center Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY
2019-2025	CUNY Graduate Center GAB Fellowship
2019-2025	CUNY Graduate Center Tuition Fellowship
2019-2025	Provost Enhancement Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$50,000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Barnard College/ Columbia University Teaching Assistant, Sociology Department	New York, NY Fall 2024
Undergraduate Course: Social Movements with Professor Debra Minkoff	
Hunter College Adjunct Professor, Sociology Department	New York, NY Fall 2022
Undergraduate Course: Social Movements & Social Change	
Hunter College Adjunct Professor, Sociology Department	New York, NY Spring 2022
Undergraduate Course: Sex & Gender Roles	
Barnard College/ Columbia University Teaching Assistant, Sociology Department	New York, NY Fall 2021
Undergraduate Course: Social Movements with Professor Debra Minkoff	
Barnard College/ Columbia University Teaching Assistant, Sociology Department	New York, NY Fall 2020
Undergraduate Course: Social Movements with Professor Debra Minkoff	

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Miller, Kristen L., Anna Reumert, Gregory Valdespino and Julie Kleinman. (2025). "Valorizing Social Infrastructures and Human Mobility: Transregional Perspectives." Africa-Asia Conference. Dakar, Senegal.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2025). "'We Outside!': Bike Life and the Collective Experience of Blackness Beyond Capture." Center for Cultural Sociology Spring Conference, Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut.

- Miller, Kristen L. (2025). "Black Sounds, Black Spaces: Black Sonic Geographies and Biking in Post-apartheid Johannesburg." The Southern Centre for Inequality Studies (SCIS), University of Witwatersrand. Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2024). "Bike Life: Blackness Beyond Capture." Movement of Ungovernable Bodies panel. American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2024). "'We Outside!': Embodied Freedom, Collective Joy and Self-Conception in Black Biking Subcultures." American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2024). "'I feel, therefore I can be free': Embodied Freedom and Self-Conception in Black Biking Subcultures." The Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2023). "Performing Freedom: Minoritarian Performance Art and Social Change." American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2023). "'Right Now is the Revolution': Embodying Freedom and Resistance On and Off Stage." The Society for the Study of Social Problems. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2023). "Riding Through the City: New York's (Black) Bike Life." The Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2023). "Minoritarian Performance Art and Social Change." **Nominated** to present at the Young Scholars in Social Movements Conference at The Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2022). "Understanding Public Sociology through the Art of Social Movements." **Invited** speaker. The Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, part of the *Public Sociology and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York [Presidential Panel]* hosted by Lynn Chancer.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2022). "Performing the Prefigurative through Liberatory Embodiment: Minoritarian Performance Art in New York City." The Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2021). "Dancing with Trash." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, part of the *Performing Revolt in and of the Streets* panel.
- Miller, Kristen L., Sherry L. Deckman, Jordan Bell, Kiana Carrington, Sydoni Ellwood, Tarilyn Little, Sietta Parks, and Lucy Robins. (2021). "Moving from an Anti-Racist to a Pro-Black Classroom." Presented at the Faculty Diversity and Inclusion Conference. CUNY, Graduate Center. New York, NY.
- Deckman, Sherry L., and Kristen L. Miller. (2021). "Open Knowledge and the Emerging Field of Black Girlhood(s)." Presented at the Open Knowledge Intensive Workshop Series. Graduate Center. New York, NY.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2021). "Precarious Bodies Using Precarious Materials for Radical Street Art." Presented at the Society and Protest Workshop. CUNY, Graduate Center. New York, NY.
- Miller, Kristen L. (2015). "First In Our History and Then All Around Us: Connecting Struggles Through The Tradition of Black Radicalism." Presented at the College of Social Sciences and Humanities Undergraduate Research Forum. Northeastern University. Boston, MA.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITY

2023-2024	Faculty Membership Committee Representative, Sociology Student Association, CUNY Graduate Center
2022-2023	Organizing Committee, The Society and Protest Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center
2020-2021	Governance and Election Representative, Sociology Student Association, CUNY Graduate Center
2020-2021	Survey Team Lead, Sociology Department, University of Maryland College Park Research: The Protest Project, led by Professors Dana R. Fisher and Michael T. Heaney

2020	Research Assistant, The Center For Humanities, CUNY, Graduate Center
2019-2020	Research Assistant for Professor Erica Chito Childs, Sociology Department, Hunter College
2019-2020	Research Assistant for Professor Lynn Chancer, Sociology Department, CUNY, Graduate Center
2018-2019	Research Assistant for Sarah J. Jackson, Moya Bailey, and Brooke Foucault Welles Project: Jackson, Sarah, Moya Bailey and Brooke Foucault Welles. 2020. <i>#HashtagActivism: Networks of Race and Gender Justice</i> . Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA); Association of Black Sociologists (ABS); American Studies Association (ASA); Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

NON-ACADEMIC WORK

Color Of Change Strategic Campaign Consultant	New York, NY July 2020-April 2023
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- Provided campaign support to Color Of Change's Criminal Justice Department
- Developed campaign strategy and conducted campaign research
- Wrote campaign related press releases, op-eds, target letters, petition pages and other campaign materials

Color Of Change Senior Criminal Justice Campaign Manager (Served previously as Movement Building Campaign Manager and Criminal Justice Campaign Manager)	New York, NY August 2016- July 2019
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- Managed and won national strategic criminal justice campaigns that center a critical race analysis
- Monitor political and social events and pitch potential campaign ideas to Color Of Change leadership
- Engaged Color Of Change members to take action in campaigns and recruited new members
- Organized demonstrations, direct action, and press conferences, working closely with politicians, press outlets, and ally organizations
- Represented Color Of Change on national and local coalitions as well as grant projects.
- Was part of founding New York's Bail Bond Accountability Coalition which compelled Gov. Cuomo to investigate the bail bond industry
- Worked closely with New York City Council members in editing and passing Bill 741 which eliminated all phone call fees from city jails; this is the first bill of this kind to pass in the country
- Designed and supported district attorney accountability coalitions, campaigns, and co-governance models in Philadelphia, Brooklyn, and Queens
- Hired, trained, and managed campaign managers and organizers

Transportation Alternatives Brooklyn Community Organizer	New York, NY September 2015-August 2016
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- Managed and designed all of Transportation Alternative's Brooklyn based campaigns, conducted power mapping analyses and developed campaign strategy
 - Conducted outreach and grew Transportation Alternatives community support in Brooklyn
 - Organized and facilitated monthly general body committee meetings and public community meetings
 - Built coalitions and managed relationships with members of the press, community groups as well as New York Council Member's, Assembly Member's, and state Senators
 - Worked closely with elected officials, city agencies, New York City Community Boards, and civic organizations to advocate on behalf of the community's demand for safe and equitable streets
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REFERENCES

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