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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2025- President's Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, San Diego

## EDUCATION

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2025 **Ph.D., Sociology**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
Areas of Specialization (Comprehensive Exams): Social Demography; Medical Sociology  
Dissertation: *Black to Mexico: Contemporary Black American Emigration, Mobility, and the Quest for Freedom*  
Committee: Fatma Müge Göçek (chair), Roi Livne, Margo Mahan, Damani Partridge, Alford Young, Jr.

2020 **M.A., Sociology**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
Thesis: *"I Don't Feel Comfortable with That": How Clinicians Manage Uncertainty, Reproduce Hierarchies, and Mark Boundaries in Difficult ICU Admissions Decisions*  
Committee: Roi Livne (chair), Renée Anspach, Rachel Best, Pablo Gaston

2018 **B.A., Sociology**, *Summa Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Race, Gender, and Class; Migration and Mobility; Expatriates; Lifestyles, Leisure, and Consumption; Medical Sociology; Environmental Sociology; Historical Sociology; Critical Theory

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Hicken, Margaret T., **Lewis Miles**, Solome Haile, Michael Esposito. 2021. "Linking History to Contemporary State-Sanctioned Slow Violence through Cultural and Structural Racism." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

Valley, Thomas S., Schutz, A., Nagle, M. T., **Miles, L.**, Lipman, K., Ketcham, S. W., Kent, M., Hibbard, C. E., Harlan, E. A., & Hauschildt, K. "Changes to Visitation Policies and Communication Practices in Michigan Intensive Care Units During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.

Valley, Thomas S., **Miles, L.**, Kinni, H., Iwashyna, TJ, Cooke, CR. "Hospital Factors That Influence ICU Admission Decision-Making: An Ethnographic Study of Six Hospitals." *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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Miles, Lewis J. R&R. "'Don't Call Me Expat': Boundary-Work by Black U.S. Americans in Mexico, Migrant Categories, and Self-Definition." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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Miles, Lewis J. "Lack to Leisure, Poverty to Paradise: The Care Economy and Black Women's Lifestyle Migration to Mexico."

Miles, Lewis J. "Asymptotes of Freedom and Afro-Pessimistic Considerations for Sociological Meta-Theory: Towards an Emancipatory Sociology."

Miles, Lewis J. "'Our Black Skin is not a Death Sentence Here': The Global Color-Line, Black U.S. Americans in Mexico, and the Latin American Exceptionalism Myth."

Miles, Lewis J. "'How Do You Colonize What's Already Been Colonized?': Black Gringos, Georabitrage, and Gentrification in Three Mexican Cities."

Miles, Lewis J. "*¿De Dónde Eres, Adónde vas?*": Linking the Anti-Blackness of Mestizo Nationalism and Discrimination Against Black Migrants in Mexico through Out-of-Place Theory."

## **FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

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### ***External***

2025-2020 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship - \$159,000

2022 Social Science Research Council-Mellon-Mays Graduate Initiatives Program Research Grant - \$2,000

2019 Social Science Research Council-Mellon-Mays Graduate Initiatives Program Research Grant - \$2,000

### ***Internal***

2025 Center for the Education of Women Summer Fellowship - \$1,000

2025 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship - \$48,952 (declined)

2025-2018 Rackham Merit Fellowship (2018, 2019, 2025) - \$48,952

2023 Spanish Language Training Grant, University of Michigan - \$4,000

2022 Rackham Graduate Student Candidate Research Grant - \$3,000

2020 Rackham Graduate Student Pre-Candidate Research Grant - \$1,500

2020 Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation Summer Fellowship - \$4,000

2020-2019 Predoctoral Demography Training Fellowship, Population Studies Center, National Institute on Aging, T32 - \$21,592

2018 Schweitzer Family Foundation Fellowship - \$4,000

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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### ***External***

2020 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship - Honorable Mention

### ***Internal***

2022 Institute for Social Research New Generation Initiative Award (University of Michigan) - \$4,000

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS, WRITINGS, BLOG POSTS**

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Miles, Lewis. 2020. "The Afterlife of Slavery: How Racial Logics Maintain Racial Health Disparities." Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. [Blog Post]

## **INVITED TALKS**

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2025 "Leisure, Labor, and the Limits of Escape: Notes on Black American Emigration," Co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Inequality, Africana Studies, Latina/o Studies, and the Center for Racial Justice and Equitable Futures, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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| 2025 | Miles, Lewis J. "American Brand of Racism: Black Americans in Mexico and the Latin-American Exceptionalism Myth," Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco  |
| 2024 | Miles, Lewis J. "'Where Can We Go to Live the Kind of Life We Want to Live?': Black U.S. American Women, the Care Economy, and Migration to Mexico," Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference, Montreal           |
| 2024 | Miles, Lewis J. "'Where Can We Go to Live the Kind of Life We Want to Live?': Black Women's Migration in the Era of Blaxit, The Migration Conference, Mexico City  |
| 2019 | Miles, Lewis J. "Race Reification: Race, Kidney Function Measurement, and Potential Social Consequences." Race and Biomedicine Beyond the Lab" 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Mobilizations, King's College London, United Kingdom |
| 2017 | Miles, Lewis J. "Dressed to Impress: #TheNewStereotype, Black Dandyism, and Presentations of Self." Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Southeast Regional Undergraduate Conference, The University of Texas at Austin      |
| 2017 | Miles, Lewis J. "#TheNewStereotype: Black Men's Responses to Dominant Negative Stereotypes." 43rd Mid-South Sociological Association Conference, Chattanooga, TN   |
| 2017 | <b>Miles, Lewis</b> and Kevon Williams. "Racial Perceptions in Sex Work." Diversity Summer Student Research Conference, New York University  |
| 2017 | Bronte, Clarence, Cristian Cortez, and <b>Lewis Miles</b> . "Looking the Part: Political Judgments of Prototypical Facial Features." Diversity Summer Student Research Conference, New York University                       |
| 2017 | King, Stacia, <b>Lewis Miles</b> . Seeing Blame: Measuring Culpability and Deciding Punishment. Diversity Summer Student Research Conference, New York University  |

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#### PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

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| 2025 | Invited Panelist, "Scholars Transforming the Academy: Ph.D. Panel," UNCF/Mellon-Mays Programs Annual Conference   |
| 2023 | Invited Guest, "Black Americans in Mexico" Freedom Now with Gerald Horne, Activist News Network, KPFF radio.  |
| 2023 | Moderator, RacismLab Annual Symposium, "What's the Link?: Linking Structures to Everyday Experiences of Racism" with Christina Hughes, Kessie Alexandre, and Korey Tillman," University of Michigan |
| 2020 | Speaker, RacismLab Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium, "Building and Interdisciplinary Science on Cultural & Structural Racism," University of Michigan                              |
| 2018 | Moderator, Annual King Lecture and Conversation Series with David Thomas and Marian Wright Edelman, Morehouse College   |
| 2018 | Speaker, "The Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Black Panther Party with Bob Brown, Kathleen Cleaver, and Bobby Seale." Crown Forum After Dark, Morehouse College        |
| 2014 | Panelist, "Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Lecture Series with Jeffrey Ogbar, Professor of History and author of <i>Hip-Hop Revolution</i> ." MLK Lecture Series, Morehouse College              |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

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- 2021-2019 Research Associate  
offered sociological expertise in study design and methods, analysis, writing, and data collection, including 100+ interviews, for the following projects:
- Time Limited Trials for Critically Ill Patients - Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine (R01 Thomas Valley, MD)
  - Intensive Care Units and Organizational Responses to COVID-19 Crisis - Pulmonary and Critical Care (K23, R01 Thomas Valley, MD)
  - Intensive Care Unit Admissions and Preventing Avoidable Deaths - Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine (K23, R01 Thomas Valley, MD)
- 2018 ICPSR (Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods.  
completed two 6-week courses: (1) Regression Analysis; (2) Categorical Data Analysis: Models for Categorical, Ordinal, and Count Outcomes
- 2017 NSF REU-NYU SPAM Lab (Emily Balcetis, Ph.D.)  
8-week internship included lab-based training, in-person survey data collection, and controlled psychological experiments on perception, motivation, and action

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *Instructor of Record*

Fall 2020 SOC 422: Race and Ethnic Relations (Morehouse)

### *Teaching Assistant or Graduate Student Instructor*

Spr 2021 SOC 310: Research Methods (Michigan)

Fall 2020 SOC 475: Health, Medicine, and Society (Michigan)

Sm 2015 ENG 101: English Composition (Morehouse)

### *Grader*

Fall 2023 AAS 498: Reading James Baldwin's Fiction in the 21st Century (Michigan)

Sm 2023 AAS 104: African American Studies First Year Seminar (Michigan)

Wn 2023 AMCULT 225: Space, Story and the American Self (Michigan)

## SERVICE & COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

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- 2025-2019 Core Member, UMich RacismLab - Transdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Racism & Health Inequities, Institute for Social Research
- 2024 Faculty Mentor, ASPIRE Program, Ford School of Public Policy and Institute for Social Research
- 2023-2022 Graduate Student Co-Coordinator, Medical, Aging, Health, and Science Workshop
- 2021-2020 Graduate Student Representative, Sociology Ph.D. Program Admissions Committee (elected position, reviewed 194 applications)
- 2021-2019 Community Liason-Executive Board, Students of Color of Rackham, University of Michigan Graduate School

## ASSOCIATIONS

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- 2024 - Social Science History Association (SSHA)
- 2024- Latin American Studies Association (LASA)  
• Mexico Section
- 2019- Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)
- 2019- American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Sections:

- Race, Gender, and Class
- International Migration