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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor 2015 - Present
Center for Research in Race and Ethnicity in Society
and the Department of Sociology
Indiana University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Sociology) 2015
Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Dissertation Title: “We Came in Search of Greener Pastures”:
Sub-Saharan African Migrants Economic and Social Mobility
in Urban Japan
Dissertation Committee: Tomás Jiménez (Sociology),
C. Matthew Snipp (Sociology), John W. Meyer (Sociology)

Masters of Arts (Sociology) 2010
Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Masters Thesis: “The Influence of State-level Naturalization Policy
on Immigrant Socioeconomic Incorporation”
Thesis Committee: Tomás Jiménez (Sociology),
C. Matthew Snipp (Sociology), John W. Meyer (Sociology),
Monica McDermott (Sociology), Harumi Befu (Anthropology)

Masters of Education (Graduate School of Education) 2006
University of California Los Angeles, Westwood, CA

Bachelors of Arts (Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, with Honors) 2004
Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Honors Thesis: “Behind the Seams: West African Hip Hop
Fashion Boutique Workers in Urban Japan”

PUBLICATIONS

Ivory, Tristan. 2016. "Strategic Ethnic Performance and the Construction of Authenticity in Urban Japan." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2016.1206587>)

Ivory, Tristan. 2015. Review of Transpacific Antiracism: Afro-Asian Solidarity in 20th Century Black America, Japan, and Okinawa. *Social Science Japan Journal*, 18(1), pp.124-127.

Ivory, Tristan & Carter, Prudence L. 2012. "Cultural Reproduction," encyclopedia entry for *Encyclopedia of Diversity in Education*, ed. James A. Banks. Sage Publications.

In Progress

Journal Articles:

Ivory, Tristan. "When Marriage Means More: Intermarriage and the Origins of Social Mobility Among Migrants in Japan" Revise and Resubmit at *Social Problems*

Ivory, Tristan. "Bifurcated Incorporation and Sub-Saharan African Social Mobility in Japan"

Ivory, Tristan; Chihaya Da Silva, Guilherme; & Takenoshita, Hirohisa. "Cross-National Differences in Foreign-born Female Labor Force Participation"

Book:

Ivory, Tristan. *Greener Pastures: Sub-Saharan African Migrants and the Pursuit of Social Mobility in Japan*

"Greener Pastures" uses fifteen months of ethnographic observations and sixty in-depth interviews of Sub-Saharan Africans in Metropolitan Tokyo and Osaka to provide an account of social stratification among ethnic migrants in Japan. I argue that there are two different and unequal pathways of migrant incorporation which are largely determined by state-led skilling and de-skilling. Migrants who are deemed "unskilled" by the state face significant barriers towards inclusion within mainstream Japanese society. "Unskilled" migrants quickly discover that they must seek the intervention of native-born Japanese individuals (usually through marriage) in order to experience social mobility. "Skilled" migrants have a comparatively easier initial path towards inclusion within Japanese society because their access to relatively stable visas, intensive language training, Japanese social contacts, and desirable jobs put them at a more advantaged socioeconomic position than their "unskilled" peers. However, both "skilled" and "unskilled" migrants face limited and marginal inclusion that is largely determined by the extent of their connections to Japanese individuals and not other migrants.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Bifurcated Incorporation and Social Mobility in Japan” 2016
American Sociological Association Conference in Seattle, Washington
- “Labor Force Participation Among Foreign-Born Women: A Comparative Study of Japan, Sweden, and the US” 2016
Immigrant/Ethnic Integration Workshop at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan
- “Strategic Ethnic Performance and the Construction of Authenticity in Urban Japan” 2016
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference in Berkeley, California
- “Marriage as a Social Resource: Distinctions Among Immigrants in Japan” 2015
American Sociological Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois
- “Turning Japanese? Bifurcated Incorporation and Sub-Saharan Africans in the Tokyo Metropolitan Area” 2015
New Immigrants in Japan Workshop at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan
- “Bifurcated Incorporation and Sub-Saharan African Migrant Social Mobility in Japan” 2015
Emerging Scholars in Inequality and Transnational Sociology Speakers Series at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- “Sub-Saharan African Ethnic Entrepreneurs in Urban Tokyo: Too Little, Too Late?” 2014
3rd Conference on Chinese in Africa/Africans in China in Guangzhou, China
- “Winners from the Start: Immigrant Incorporation and Social Mobility in Urban Japan” 2014
Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association in Toronto, Canada
- “Marriage as a Social Resource: Distinctions Among Immigrants in Japan” 2014
International Sociological Association Conference in Yokohama, Japan
- “Marriage as a Social Resource: Distinctions Among Immigrants in Japan” 2014
Pacific Sociological Association Conference in Portland, Oregon
- “A Black by Any Other Name: Strategic Ethnic Performance and the Commodification of Ethnic Identity” 2013
American Sociological Association Conference in New York, New York
- “Longitudinal Survey of Immigrant Human and Social Capital Investments After Migration: A Proposal” 2013
4th Norface Conference at University College London (with Guilherme Kenji Chihaya)

“Immigration Policy, Gender, Identity and their Implications for Sub-Saharan Africans living in Japan” American Anthropological Association Conference in San Francisco, California	2012
“New Perspectives on Immigrant Human and Social Capital Accumulation” Center for the Study of Stratification and Inequality at Tohoku University	2012
“Greener Pastures: Preliminary Results of Ethnographic Fieldwork on Sub-Saharan Africans in Japan” Ethnographic Fieldwork Workshop at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan	2012
“The Influence of State-level Naturalization Policy on Immigrant Socioeconomic Incorporation” American Sociology Association Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada	2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

“Introduction to Sociology” (Instructor) Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institute, Stanford University	2016
“Race and Ethnic Relations” (Instructor) Department of Sociology, Undergraduate Course, Indiana University	2015
“Human, Cultural, and Social Capital in Post WWII US Society” (Instructor) Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Undergraduate Course, Stanford University	2013
“Racial and Ethnic Relations” (Course Assistant) Department of Sociology, Undergraduate Course, Stanford University	2013
“Introduction to Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity” (Teaching Fellow) Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Undergraduate Course, Stanford University	2013
“Introduction to Urban Studies” (Course Assistant) Program in Urban Studies, Undergraduate Course, Stanford University	2011
“Introduction to Social Stratification” (Teaching Assistant) Department of Sociology, Undergraduate Course, Stanford University	2010
“Foundations of Social Research” (Teaching Assistant) Department of Sociology, Undergraduate Course, Stanford University	2009

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

Mellon Innovating International Research, Teaching and Collaboration Workshop Grant \$5,000 competitive internal grant from Indiana University to fund an international workshop in Japan.	2016
Waseda University Travel & Conference Grant \$1,200 travel grant to present research at a small workshop hosted at Waseda University	2015
3rd Annual Conference on Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Travel Grant \$2,000 grant to cover travel and accommodations to present research at a conference in Guangzhou, China.	2014
International Sociological Association Conference Travel Grant Travel grant covering the cost of airfare from the US to Japan for ISA World Congress in Yokohama, Japan.	2014
Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS) Dissertation Fellow Office space and research affiliation for dissertation writing year.	2013-2014
Diversifying Academy Recruiting Excellence Fellowship Competitive Stanford-wide graduate fellowship. Provided a \$39,360 stipend, tuition, and health insurance each year for two years.	2012-2014
Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Graduate Teaching and Fellowship (accepted position, but declined funding)	2012-2013
Vice Provost for Graduate Education Dissertation Grant \$5,000 in research funding.	2012
Stanford Sociology Research Opportunity Grant \$4,400 in research funding.	2012
Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of Social Science at the University of Tokyo Institutional affiliation plus office space.	2012
US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship \$8,000 towards Japanese language training and living stipend.	2011
Stanford University Graduate Research Opportunity Grant Recipient \$4,239 in research funding.	2011
Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) Research Funding \$6,000 for research support.	2011-2015

Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Graduate Fellowship Competitive internal Stanford fellowship. Provided full tuition and \$32,640 stipend each year for four years.	2008-2012
UCLA Marion and Bob Wilson Scholarship \$27,400 merit-based scholarship for full tuition and living expenses.	2004
Japan Foundation Japan Studies Scholarship Award \$500 competitive scholarship awarded for excellence in research on Japan.	2004
Robert M. Golden Medal for Excellence in Thesis Writing \$300 University-wide award for best undergraduate honors thesis. (nominated by department)	2004

MEMBERSHIP/SERVICE

Member: American Sociological Association (ASA) <i>Sections: International Migration; Racial and Ethnic Minorities Global/Transnational; Inequality, Poverty, & Mobility</i>	2009 - Present
Member: International Sociological Association (ISA)	2011 - Present
Member: American Anthropological Association (AAA)	2012 - Present
Member: Social Science History Association (SSHA)	2014 - Present
Member: Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)	2016
Member: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)	2013 - 2015
Reviewer: Identities, Social Science Journal Japan	
Organizer of Workshop on Race, Ethnicity, and Migration (Indiana University)	2015 -Present
Co-Organizer of the ASA International Migration Section Mentoring Lunch	2014
Presider for Policy Implications and Debates at Pacific Sociological Association	2014
Culture and Society Reading Group Facilitator (Stanford University)	2012 - 2013
Race, Ethnicity, Immigration Reading Group Facilitator (Stanford University)	2012 - 2013
Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Senior Paper Advisor	2012 - Present
Social Co-Chair for the Stanford Association of Sociology Graduate Students	2009 to 2010
Volunteer for ASA 2009 International Migration Pre-Conference	2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Migration	Ethnography
Race and Ethnicity	Comparative and Historical Sociology
Social Mobility and Stratification	Qualitative Methods
Global and Transnational Sociology	Africana Studies

LANGUAGES

English: Native speaking, reading, and writing ability (*US Citizen by birth*);

Japanese: Advanced Intermediate speaking, reading, and writing ability;

Spanish: Intermediate reading, beginner speaking and writing ability

REFERENCES

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