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EDUCATION

2020 **Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley**

2011 **M.A., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley**

2006 **B.A., Philosophy, University of Chicago**

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2020-present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas

RESEARCH

Published Book Review

Tzeggai, Fithawee. "Centering Communities in Community Engaged Scholarship,"
a review of *Handbook on Participatory Action Research and Community Development*
Randy Stoecker and Adrienne Falcón, eds., *Contemporary Sociology*, 53, 1, 82-84.

Manuscripts under Review

Tzeggai, Fithawee. "Experimenting with Welfare Reform: How Developments in
Policy Expertise Shape Social Policy Reform," revised and resubmitted for
review in *Social Science History*

Tzeggai, Fithawee. "Reconsidering School Segregation: Contemporary Lessons from
1960s Protest against Separate and Unequal Schools," submitted for review in
The Du Bois Review

Tzeggai, Fithawee. "Burying Local Voices in School Reform: The Political Roots
and Implications of the Coleman Report," submitted for review in *American
Studies*

Manuscripts in Progress

Tzeggai, Fithawee. *Sanitizing Segregation: Urban Schools, Black Protest, and the Politics of
Knowledge*, prospectus and two chapters currently under review for an advance
contract with University of North Carolina Press

Saatcioglu, Argun, Fithawee Tzeggai, and Megan Long. "Achievement Gaps within
Charter Schools: Examining Racial Divergence in Math and Reading Scores,
Grades 3-8," manuscript in preparation for submission to *Urban Education*

GRANTS AND FUNDING

New Faculty Research Development Award, 2022

HONORS AND AWARDS

Selected for Participation in the Hall Center First Book Workshop, 2024

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2025 "Achievement Gaps within Charter Schools: Examining Racial Divergence in Math and Reading Scores, Grades 3-8," Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO, April
- 2023 "The Problem with School Segregation," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August.
- 2023 "The Radical Black Critique of School Segregation: Urban Civil Rights Movements and the Politics of Knowledge," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN, March.
- 2022 "Bridging Science Studies and Critical Race Theory to Investigate the Limits of Contemporary Racial Reform," Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November.
- 2022 "White Flight Discourse and the Persistence of Racial Segregation," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April.
- 2021 "The Logic of White Flight: Tracing the History of White Flight Discourse as a Framework for School Desegregation," Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Philadelphia, PA, November.
- 2021 Presenter, "Constructing Racial Educational Inequality," Red Hot Research Colloquium, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, October
- 2021 "Constructing the Inequality of Educational Opportunity: The Politics of School Desegregation and the History of the Coleman Report," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August.
- 2018 "Race, Education, and the Politics of Knowledge: Tracing the Political Roots of the Coleman Report," Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Phoenix, AZ, November.
- 2018 "Re-inscribing the Ghetto: Social Science and the Reproduction of Racial Educational Inequality in Post-Civil Rights Era Chicago," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April.
- 2017 "The Semantics of Segregation: Symbolic Fault Lines of School Reform in Civil Rights Era Chicago," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August.

- 2016 “The Perverse Consequences of School Desegregation Reform: Legacies of Discourse and Policy,” Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Washington, D.C., April.
- 2015 “The Politics of Precision: Welfare-to-Work and the Rise of Randomized Field Trials in Social Policy Evaluation Research,” Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section of the American Sociological Association Mini-Conference, Chicago, IL, August.
- 2015 “Segregation, Desegregation, and the Racial Roots of Contemporary Education Reform,” Invited Panel on School Closures, Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL, April.
- 2013 “Poverty Research, Desegregation, and the Politics of Educational Inequality in Chicago, 1961-1981,” The University of California Center for New Racial Studies Annual Conference, Irvine, CA, May.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lead Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas

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| 2025, Spring | Soc343: American Racial and Ethnic Relations |
| 2025, Spring | Soc780: Comparative Sociology of Race |
| 2024, Fall | Soc343: American Racial and Ethnic Relations |
| 2024, Fall | Soc427: School and Society |
| 2024, Spring | Soc 480: Sociological Theory |
| 2024, Spring | Soc 780: Comparative Sociology of Race |
| 2023, Fall | Soc343: American Racial and Ethnic Relations |
| 2023, Fall | Soc427: School and Society |
| 2022, Fall | Soc480: Sociological Theory |
| 2022, Fall | Soc427: School and Society |
| 2022, Spring | Soc780: Comparative Sociology of Race |
| 2021, Fall | Soc343: American Racial and Ethnic Relations |
| 2021, Fall | Soc427: School and Society |
| 2021, Spring | Soc522: American Racial and Ethnic Relations |
| 2021, Spring | Soc427: School and Society |
| 2020, Fall | Soc427: School and Society |

Lead Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

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| 2018, Fall | Soc190: Segregation and the Construction of Racial Difference |
| 2017, Summer | Soc113AC: The Sociology of Education |
| 2016, Summer | Soc113AC: The Sociology of Education |

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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| 2024-2025 | Director of Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology |
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2020-2024 Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology
2022-2023 Mellon DEI Teaching Scholar, Center for Teaching and Excellence

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022-2024 Advisory Board Member, RepresentEd Leadership, Oakland, CA
2022 Session Organizer. "Expertise and the Representation of Racial Inequality and Difference," Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November.
2022 Session Presider. "Structural Barriers to Equity-Oriented School Reform," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April.
2021 Workshop Leader, "Rethinking Racial Equity in Public Education," LEGAL Seminar Series, ACLU Missouri, December

STUDENT COMMITTEES

Sheila Bonner, Ph.D. Committee Member, Department of American Studies, current
Anna Poudel, M.A. Committee Member, 2023
Alanna Daniels, M.A. Committee Member, 2023
Jennifer Karen Hurst, Ph.D. Committee Member, School of Education, 2022