

Fithawee Tzeggai
Department of Sociology
University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS 66045
510-326-1991
fithawee@ku.edu
June 2026

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

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Tzeggai, Fithawee. *Sanitizing Segregation: Urban Schools, Black Protest, and the Politics of Knowledge*, under advanced contract with the University of North Carolina Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Tzeggai, Fithawee. 2026. "Reconsidering School Segregation: Contemporary Lessons from 1960s Protest against Separate and Unequal Schools," *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 23 (1): 99-118.
Tzeggai, Fithawee. "Burying Local Voices in School Reform: The Political Roots and Implications of the Coleman Report," *American Studies*, forthcoming.
Tzeggai, Fithawee. "Experimenting with Welfare Reform: The Emergence of Randomized Experiments in U.S. Social Policy Evaluation Research," *Social Science History*, forthcoming.

Articles in Progress

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

Book Reviews

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.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Grants and Fellowships Awarded

- 2025 Institute for Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education (second stage).
PI: Argun Saatcioglu, Co-PI: Missouri Department of Education, Key Personnel:
Fithawee Tzeggai. "Racial Achievement Gaps Public Charter Schools:
Challenges and Solutions for Equity and Excellence." \$1.7 million, 3 years.
Cancelled, February 2025
- 2022 New Faculty Research Development Award, University of Kansas, \$8000

Grant and Fellowship Applications Unfunded

- 2025 Research Excellence Initiative, University of Kansas, \$1000
- 2022 Franklin Grant, American Philosophical Society, \$6000
- 2020 Ford Foundational Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2020 Stanford University Office of the Provost's IDEAL early career fellowship in the
study of race and ethnicity
- 2020 National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2020 Hall Center Resident Faculty Fellowship, University of Kansas

HONORS AND AWARDS

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2025 "Failures of Integration: Civil Rights Discourse and the Attack on Public
Education," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association,
Chicago, IL, August
- 2025 "Achievement Gaps within Charter Schools: Examining Racial Divergence in
Math and Reading Scores, Grades 3-8" (with Argun Saatcioglu and Megan
Long), 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lead Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas

2026, Spring	Soc 343: American Racial and Ethnic Relations
2026, Spring	Soc 427: School and Society
2025, Fall	Soc 480: Sociological Theory
2025, Fall	Soc 343: American Racial and Ethnic Relations
2025, Spring	Soc 343: American Racial and Ethnic Relations
2025, Spring	Soc 780: Comparative Sociology of Race
2024, Fall	Soc 343: American Racial and Ethnic Relations
2024, Fall	Soc 427: School and Society
2024, Spring	Soc 480: Sociological Theory

2024, Spring	Soc 780: Comparative Sociology of Race
2023, Fall	Soc 343: American Racial and Ethnic Relations
2023, Fall	Soc 427: School and Society
2022, Fall	Soc 480: Sociological Theory
2022, Fall	Soc 427: School and Society
2022, Spring	Soc 780: Comparative Sociology of Race
2021, Fall	Soc 343: American Racial and Ethnic Relations
2021, Fall	Soc 427: School and Society
2021, Spring	Soc 522: American Racial and Ethnic Relations
2021, Spring	Soc 427: School and Society
2020, Fall	Soc 427: School and Society

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

2018, Fall	Soc 190: Segregation and the Construction of Racial Difference
2017, Summer	Soc 113AC: The Sociology of Education
2016, Summer	Soc 113AC: The Sociology of Education

STUDENT COMMITTEES

Laura Muñetón, Ph.D. Committee Chair, current
Hana Blair, M.A., Committee Member, current
Sheila Bonner, Ph.D. Committee Member, Department of American Studies, 2025
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

SERVICE

Department

2025-present	Impact and Belonging Officer
2024-present	Director of Colloquium Committee
2020-2024	Undergraduate Studies Committee

University

2022-2023	Mellon DEI Teaching Scholar, Center for Teaching and Excellence
-----------	---

National

2026	Session Organizer. Sociology of Education Section, Open Call Paper Session. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August.
------	--

2026	Session Organizer. Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section, Roundtable Sessions. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August.
2022-present 2022	Advisory Board Member, RepresentEd Leadership, Oakland, CA 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