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## **EDUCATION**

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO** Chicago, IL  
Ph.D., Sociology 2022  
M.A., Sociology, *High Honors* 2008

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY** Cambridge, United Kingdom  
B.A., Social and Political Science, *1<sup>st</sup> Class Honors* 2005

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY** Boston, MA  
B.A., Biochemical Science, *magna cum laude* 2002

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND AFFILIATIONS**

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**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY** Boston, MA  
Assistant Professor of Sociology 2022-present

Africana Studies, Joint Appointment

Affiliated Faculty - Global Asian Studies, Latin American & Caribbean Studies,  
School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, The NULab for Digital  
Humanities and Computational Social Science

Health Faculty Scholar, Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research

**YALE UNIVERSITY** New Haven, CT  
Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology 2021-2022

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY** Boston, MA  
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellow, Center for African & African American Studies 2019-2021

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA** Philadelphia, PA  
Provost Predoctoral Fellow 2018-2019

**MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY** Boston, MA  
Dean's Predoctoral Fellow 2017-2018

## **AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS (alphabetical order)**

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Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas, Afterlives of the Plantation, Black Atlantic, Black Internationalism, Culture & Identity, Comparative Historical Sociology, Du Boisian Sociology, Global Asian Studies, Immigrant Incorporation, Inequality & Public Policy, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Neighborhood Health Inequalities, Post-Colonial Sociology; Race and Ethnicity; Research Methods, Residential Segregation, Social Theory, Spatial Statistics

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **BOOKS**

Chan Tack, A.M., Book Manuscript in Progress. Expected Fall 2028. *Indo-Caribbeans in the United States: Negotiating Identity at the Black-Asian Boundary*

### **PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

#### **Published**

Chan Tack, A.M., and Small, Mario Luis (2017) “Making Friends in Violent Neighborhoods: Strategies for Elementary School Children” *Sociological Science* 4(10): 224-248

Chan Tack, A.M. (2014) “The Case for Spatially-Sensitive Data: How Data Structures affect Spatial Measurement and Substantive Theory” *Historical Social Research: Special Issue on Spatial Data & Methods* 39 (2): 315-346

Voisin, Dexter, and Chan Tack, A.M. et al. (2013) “Ethnic and Sex Differences in Sources and Preferences for HIV Prevention Information among Young Adults” *AIDS Care* 25(11): 1407-1410

Voisin, D., Chan Tack, A.M., and Wade, D. (2012). “Parental monitoring as a Pathway from Community Violence, Drug Use, and Risky Sex among Detained Youth” *Journal of Social Service Research* 38(5): 699-711

#### **Revise & Resubmit**

Chan Tack, A.M. “Panethnicity Across Race: Building Class-Grounded, Multi-Racial Black Solidarities” (R&R at *Social Forces*)

#### **Under Review**

Chan Tack, A.M. & Chris Graziul “Race-Neutral Decisions, Racially Unequal Results: A Spatial Test for Retail Redlining in the Supermarket Industry in Chicago, 1970-2000” (Submitted to *the American Journal of Sociology*)

Chan Tack, A.M. & Chris Graziul “A Spatial Test of Food Deserts in Chicago: 1970-2000” (Submitted to *Nature Cities*)

Chan Tack, A.M. “How Gender Shapes Racial Alignment: *Gendered Racial Schemas* and Ethno-Racial Identity Choice” (Submitted to *the American Journal of Sociology*)

Chan Tack, A.M. & Baji Tumendemberel “The Right Kind of Brown? – Measuring Class Stratification between Indo-Caribbeans and South Asians in the U.S.” (Submitted to *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*)

#### **Works in Progress**

Chan Tack, A.M. “Orientalizing the Asian Caribbean: West Indian Nationalism & its *Coolie* Other” (target journal: *Social Problems*)

Chan Tack, A.M. & Baji Tumendemberel “Indo-Caribbeans in the U.S.: Unpacking Asian Invisibility and Black/Asian SES Differentials among West Indian Immigrants” (target journal: *Ethnic and Racial Studies*)

Chan Tack, A.M. “Against Segmented Assimilation Theory: Alliances for Upward Mobility between Poor Immigrants and Native-Born Blacks” (target journal: *Social Forces*)

Chan Tack, A.M. Plural Society Theory Revisited: Colonial Epistemes and the Historiography of “Afro-Asian” relations in the Southern Caribbean (target journal: *Political Power and Social Theory*)

Chan Tack, A.M. Race, Rurality, and Respectability: Black American and Immigrant Resonances in the Racial Construction of Deservingness (target journal: *The Du Bois Review*)

Chan Tack, A.M. “Race, Caste, Class: Dynamics of Intra-Racial Stratification between Indo-Caribbeans and South Asians in New York City” (target journal: *Social Forces*)

Chan Tack, A.M. “Race against Ethnicity?: How Indo-Caribbeans Navigate Ethno-Racial Ambiguity in New York’s Political Field” (target journal: TBD)

## **RESEARCH DATABASES & DIGITAL SCHOLARHIP**

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Chan Tack, A.M. “**The Evolution of Food Deserts in 9 U.S. Cities: from 1960 to present**” Database building, geocoding, & GIS mapping project

Chan Tack, A.M. “**Caribbean New York**” - Digital Humanities Project

## **POLICY PAPERS, OP-EDS, & MEDIA COVERAGE**

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Chan Tack, A.M., and Small, Mario Luis (2017) “Chicago Violence Changes How Children Make Friends” *Crain’s Chicago Business* Mar 28, 2017 [Op-Ed]

- Profiled in *New York Magazine*, *Chicago Tonight*, *WTTW*, *Psychology Today*, and *Miller McCune-Pacific Standard Magazine*

Chan Tack, A.M. (2003) “Policy Responses to Children and Widows affected by HIV/AIDS.” *HIV Alliance International, India*

## **PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS** (selected)

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2025 “Against Segmented Assimilation Theory: Exorcising Sociology’s Anti-Black Epistemologies”, American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL

2025 “Analyzing Race Relations against Colonial Erasure & Epistemes: Writing Afro-Asian Histories in the Southern Caribbean from Indenture to Independence” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA. In “Decolonizing Sociology Mini-Conference”

2025 “Analyzing Race Relations against Colonial Erasure & Epistemes: Writing Afro-Asian Histories in the Southern Caribbean from Indenture to Independence” Association of Asian American Studies, Boston, MA. in Panel on “Asian American Studies & Blackness: The Case of Indo-Caribbeans”

2023 Invited Talk, “Shifting Sands: Racial Classifications and Boundaries in the United States”, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August.

2023 Invited Talk, “Indo-Caribbeans in New York City”. Department of Asian & Asian American Studies, Binghamton University, State University of New York, April.

2023 “Indo-Caribbeans and Ethnic Politics in New York City”, Asian American Studies Association, Long Beach, CA. Panel on *Indo-Caribbean Studies and Asian American Studies*, April

2023 Invited Talk, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, April

2022 “Against Segmented Assimilation Theory: Alliances for Upward Mobility between Poor Immigrants and Native Born Blacks”, Association of Black Sociologists, Chicago, IL, October. Panel on *Writing Black Life: Against White Epistemologies*

2022 “Against Segmented Assimilation Theory: Alliances for Upward Mobility between Poor Immigrants and Native Born Blacks” Yale University, Urban Ethnography Project, November

2022 Invited Talk, “Afro-Asian Relationalities in Teaching and Research”, American Studies Association, New Orleans, November.

2022 “Afterlives of the Plantation: Frequency and Frames of Domestic Violence among Indo-Caribbean Immigrants in New York City. Caribbean Studies Association, Jamaica, June

2021 “How Gender Shapes Racial Alignment: *Gendered Racial Schemas* and Ethno-Racial Identity Choice”

- Junior Theorists Symposium, Aug 2021. Session: Global Sociology, Gender, and Identity
- American Sociological Association, Aug 2021. Session: Asians and Asian America
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Aug 2021. Session: Dynamics of Gender, Race, and Allies
- American Sociological Association, Comparative and Historical Sociology Mini-Conference, Aug 2022
- New York University, Department of Sociology, November 2022, Invited talk
- Yale University, Comparative Research Workshop, April 2022, Invited talk

2021 Invited talk on “Asian Indenture”, Class on “Labor and Migration in Asian America”, Cornell University, December

2021 Theorizing *Creolization* and *Douglas Poetics* in Diaspora”, Caribbean Studies Association, June

2020 “Pure Indian”: Indo-Caribbean “Wining” Women and Black/Indian Racial Boundary Management in New York City”

- Yale University, Department of Sociology (invited talk)
- Harvard University, Hutchins Center for African and African American Studies (invited talk)

2020 “Race against Ethnicity?: How Indo-Caribbeans Navigate Ethno-Racial Ambiguity in New York's Political Field” American Sociological Association, Aug 2020 Session: Asian Americans

- 2019 “Nasty Men” and “Ghetto Girls”: Blackness, Indianness, and Sexual Visibility Politics in NYC’s Party Scene”
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 2019 (selected as a [Featured Abstract](#))
  - American Sociological Association, August 2019. Session: Culture, Racialization and Intersectionality
  - Association of Black Sociologists, August 2019. Session: Diasporic Intersections in Caribbean Spaces
- 2016 “African Influences on Diasporic South Asian Religious Practice” Colloquium on Intersections in South Asian and Africana Studies, Howard University, Washington, DC
- 2016 “How Data Structures affect Spatial Measurement and Substantive Theory.”
- Invited presentation, Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Berlin, Germany
  - American Sociological Association. Session: Advances in Mathematical Theory, Population Structures, and Dynamics
- 2015 “A Spatial Analysis of Race and Class Effects on Supermarket Access in Chicago, 1970-2000”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle. Session: Neighborhood Inequalities
  - Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans. Session: Spatial Demography
- 2015 “Unpacking Diversity within Immigrant Streams: The Indo-Caribbean Case”\_Race & Immigration Roundtable. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2014 “Comparing Afro- and Indo-Caribbean Immigrant Socio-Economic Outcomes in the Caribbean & the US” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto.

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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### ***Awarded***

- 2025 Institute for Health Equity & Social Justice Research Pilot Grant, \$2,720
- 2025 Northeastern Library Digital Archives, \$2000
- 2024 Northeastern M2AP Advance Faculty Fellowship
- 2024 Northeastern Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, “Erasure”
- 2023 Northeastern Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, “World-Making, World Building”
- 2021 Presidential Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Yale University
- 2019 Sheila Biddle Ford Foundation Fellowship at Harvard University’s Hutchins Center for African & African American Studies (First pre-doctoral awardee)
- 2018 University of Pennsylvania Provost Pre-doctoral Fellowship
- 2017 Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean’s Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2017 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (*Alternate*)
- 2016 University of Chicago Henderson Fellowship
- 2015 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant
- 2015 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2015 Social Science Division Research Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2015 Committee on South Asian Studies Research Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2015 Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture Research Fellowship, University of Chicago

- 2015 Urban Fellow, University of Chicago, Urban Network, for “A Spatial Test of the Evolution of Food Deserts Across Chicago Neighborhoods: 1970-2000”
- 2005 Social Justice Travel Award, Trinity College, Cambridge University, United Kingdom
- 2004 Cambridge University, United Kingdom, Trinity College & Commonwealth Trust Scholarships
- 2002 Michael C. Rockefeller Fellowship, Harvard University, for “Grassroots NGOs, Development, & Public Health Interventions against HIV/AIDS in India, Sri Lanka, and the Caribbean”

***Not Awarded***

- 2024 Caribbean Digital Studies Scholarship

**SPECIAL AWARDS & HONORS**

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***Academic Research & Scholarship***

- 2022 Presidential Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Yale University
- 2022 Best Graduate Paper, American Sociological Association, Section on Asia & Asian America
- 2021 Best Graduate Paper, American Sociological Association, Section on Race, Gender, and Class
- 2021 Best Graduate Paper, American Sociological Association, Section on Ethnic and Racial Minorities
- 2021 Best Graduate Paper, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Section on Ethnic and Racial Minorities
- 2020 Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Paper 2020, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Section on Community Studies
- 2019 Sheila Biddle Ford Foundation Fellowship at Harvard University’s Hutchins Center for African & African American Studies (First pre-doctoral awardee)
- 2018 University of Pennsylvania Provost Pre-doctoral Fellowship
- 2017 Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean’s Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2017 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (*Alternate*)
- 2008 Special Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Paper, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Community Studies Section
- 2008 Best Graduate Paper, University of Chicago, Division of Social Sciences
- 2008 Best Graduate Paper, University of Chicago, Department of Sociology
- 2008 Century Scholar, University of Chicago, Department of Sociology
- 2005 Social Science Essay Prize, Trinity College, Cambridge University, United Kingdom
- 2002 Finalist, Rhodes Scholarship, Caribbean Region
- 1998 Trinidad and Tobago, National Scholarship for Science, A-Level Examinations Distinction in Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry; Cambridge University, A-Levels
- 1996 Trinidad and Tobago, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award for Biological Science, O-Levels O-Level Distinctions in Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English, Literature, Spanish, and Writing

***Teaching Awards***

- Nomination, Northeastern University, College of the Humanities and Social Sciences Teaching Award, Spring 2026 & Spring 2025
- EDI Enhancement Innovation Award, Poorvu Center Award, Yale University, Spring 2022

## TEACHING

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### Instructor of Record

- *Race, Ethnicity, & Inequality*, Northeastern University, Sociology & Africana Studies, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2025
- *Research Methods: Qualitative Research*, Northeastern University, Sociology, Spring 2023
- *Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas*, Northeastern University, Sociology, Africana Studies, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Global Asian Studies, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2023 & Yale University, Spring 2022
  - Cross-listed in Sociology/Anthropology, Africana Studies, American Studies, Asian American Studies, & Latin American & Caribbean Studies
- *Immigration and Urban America*, Northeastern University, School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, Fall 2022
- *Race and Global Human Mobility*, Northeastern University, Sociology & International Affairs, Fall 2022

### Teaching Assistant

- *Social Theories of Power, Identity & Resistance*, University of Chicago Fall 2014, Spring 2015
- *Child Poverty and Chicago Schools*, University of Chicago Fall 2015
- *Urban Sociology*, University of Chicago Fall 2014, 2015

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association  
Asian American Studies Association  
Association of Black Sociologists  
Caribbean Studies Association  
Du Boisian Sociology Network  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Midwestern Sociological Society  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Sociologists for Women in Society

## EMPLOYMENT (Non-Academic)

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Social Service Administration, University of Chicago| Chicago, IL| Program Coordinator 2011 – 2014

- Youth Social Networks, Sexual Health, & Violence

Education Development Center| Chicago, IL | Evaluation Scientist 2008 – 2011

- HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health in the U.S. and Abroad

HIV/AIDS Alliance, India & Sri Lanka| Delhi, India | *Consultant* 2002 – 2003

- Consulted with 9 non-profits across Sri Lanka and 5 Indian states to improve treatment, care & support to HIV+ clients
- Pioneered need-assessments for HIV+ widows, orphans, LGBTQ clients, and for case workers

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### **General Service - Academic**

#### Northeastern University

Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, 2022-present

Graduate Committee, School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, 2022-2023

Undergraduate Curriculum Development, Africana Studies, 2022-present

### **General Service – Academic (cont’d)**

Undergraduate Curriculum Development, Global Asian Studies, 2022-present  
Undergraduate Curriculum Development, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, 2022-present  
Asian American Studies Cluster Junior Faculty Search, 2022  
Africana Studies Cluster Junior Faculty Search, 2022  
School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, Director Search, 2022  
School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, Associate-Level Faculty Search, 2022  
Organizer, Faculty Writing Group, Africana Studies Junior Faculty, 2024-present  
Organizer, Faculty Writing Group, Sociology & Anthropology Junior Faculty, 2024-present

### **External Service - Academic**

- Book Manuscript Reviewer for *Dougla in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Rutgers) &
- Ad-hoc Journal Manuscript Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Journal of Public Health*, & *HIV/AIDS Care*, *Urban Studies*, and for *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*
- Panel Organizer: *Indo-Caribbeans in the Americas: Colonial & Post-Colonial Histories*. Asian American Studies Association, Boston, MA, April 2025
- Conference Co-organizer: American Sociological Association’s Section on Comparative Historical Sociology’s Mini-Conference, *Engaging History: Legacies, Omissions, and New Directions in Comparative Historical Sociology*, Aug 2022.
- Panel Organizer, *Writing Black Life: Against White Epistemologies*, Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, October 2022
- Panel organizer, Caribbean Studies Association Annual Meeting, *Legacies of Slavery and Indenture*, June 2022
- Panel organizer, Caribbean Studies Association Annual Meeting, *The Politics of Little Guyana*, June 2021
- Organizer: Faculty Writing Group: Africana & Caribbean Studies Faculty (national)

### **University Service – Non-Academic, including Advocacy for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion**

#### Northeastern University

- Faculty Sponsor, FemPOC (Feminist Women of Color Student Organization), Fall 2025-present
- Faculty Sponsor, Caribbean Students’ Organization, Spring 2025-present
- Faculty Panelist, Africana Studies, *Let’s Talk about “Sinners”*, Spring 2025
- Faculty Panelist, Education Freedom Project, *Race in Higher Education*, Fall 2025

#### Yale University

- Innovation Grant, Center for Inclusion and Belonging, Yale University, \$2500

#### University of Chicago

- Diversity Orientation Facilitator, 2016-2018
- Undergraduate Mentor, Office of Multicultural Affairs, 2014-2018
- Instructor & Mentor, McNair Scholars and Mellon Mays Programs, 2014-2016
- Teach-In Instructor, Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, 2014-2015.

## **MENTORSHIP AND ADVISING OF STUDENTS**

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### ***Graduate Advising***

#### *Dissertation Committee- Internal*

Dr. Shavaun Sutton, 2022-Present (PhD, 2025)

***Graduate Advising, Dissertation Committee- Internal (cont'd)***

Camila Pereira, 2024- Present

#### *PhD Students - Internal*

Nischal Sidhu, Department of History, 2025-Present

Camila Pereira, Special Field Statement, 2025-Present

Virginia Martinez, Special Field Statement, Northeastern University, Sociology

Titilayo Odelele, Special Field Statement, Northeastern University

#### *PhD Students – External*

Uday Jain, University of Chicago, School of Social Thought (PhD 2024)

Dr. Christine Khan, CUNY Graduate Center (PhD, 2022)

Savita Maharaj, Emerson College, English & Africana Studies

Stephanie Lou George, CUNY Graduate Center, Ethnomusicology

Dennis Saavedra-Hamichand, Iliff School of Theology

### ***Undergraduate Advising - including Directed Study, BA Thesis, Fellowships & Research Assistants***

#### *Northeastern University*

Anandi Ramnarayan, Senior Capstone Thesis, BA International Affairs, Summer 2025-present

Solana Castillo, Senior Capstone Thesis, BA Anthropology, Fall 2025-present

Noah Patrick Loehr, Fall 2025-present

Jamie/Jasmine Huang, Fall 2025-present

Samuel Costarelis, Africana Studies, Spring 2025-present

Sage Kumar, Spring 2023-present

Health Equity Interns, Fall 2025: Emily Mayerhofer, Nardeen Ishak, Jayden Hawkins, Michele Salako, Sunghoon Ghuman

Health Equity Interns, Spring 2026: Abby Qiu, Joshua Doule, Elizabeth Delia, Ella Sonnenberg

#### *Yale University*

Baji Tumendemberel, Senior thesis, Career & Fellowship advising, 2021 to Present

Emily Anghad, Undergraduate Research Advisor, 2022-Present

Joy Liu, Undergraduate Research Advisor, 2022-Present

#### *Boston University*

Luke Bardouille, 2024-present

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- SEPAC Advocate, Brookline Public Schools System, Brookline, MA, 2024-present
- Member, Special Education Parent Action Committee (SEPAC), Brookline, MA, 2024-present
- Film & Book Club Coordinator, West Indian Community Organization New York (anonymized), 2015-2017