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EDUCATION

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, *1st Class Honors* 2005

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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

ACADEMIC POSITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND AFFILIATIONS

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 NEULab for Digital Humanities and Computational Social Science
The Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research

YALE UNIVERSITY

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

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS (alphabetical order)

Disciplinary: Inequality, Immigration, Race/Ethnicity, Race/Gender/Class
Regional: Africana Studies, Global Asian Studies, Latin American & Caribbean Studies

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Published

Chan Tack, A.M., and Mario Luis Small. 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, Cheng-Shi Shiu, Anjanette Chan Tack, Cathy Krieger, Dominika Sekulska, and Lauren Johnson. 2013. "Ethnic and Sex Differences in Sources and Preferences for HIV Prevention Information among Young Adults." *AIDS Care* 25(11):1407-1410.

Voisin, D. R., Kevin Tan, Anjanette Chan Tack, Devon Wade, and Ralph DiClemente Voisin. 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.

WORK IN PROGRESS

BOOKS

Chan Tack, A.M. *Coolies and Model Minorities: Indo-Caribbeans and the Construction of Blackness and Asianness in the Americas*. (Expected fall 2028)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Revise & Resubmit

Chan Tack, A.M. “Panethnicity Across Race: Building Class-Grounded, Multi-Racial Black Solidarities.”

Chan Tack, A.M. and Battersen (Baji) Tumendemberel. “Coolies & Model Minorities: Toward a Comparative Analysis of Asian Racialization.” (First author with undergraduate co-author)

POLICY PAPERS, OP-EDS, & MEDIA COVERAGE

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

- 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*.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Northeastern

External – Funded, N/A

External – Pending

2026 Berghel Fellowship \$30,000 (PI) 100% Effort

2026 Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research New Innovator in Food & Agriculture Research Award. (PI) 100% Effort (No budget submitted. Internal Nomination Pending)

External – Not Funded

2024 Caribbean Digital Studies Scholarship \$2,000 (PI) 100% Effort

2022 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, \$30,000 (PI) 100% Effort

Internal - Funded

2026 Northeastern Lab for Digital Humanities and Computational Social Science, Seedling Grant \$2,500 (PI) 100% Effort

2025 M2AP ADVANCE Faculty Fund \$2000 (co-PI) 15% Effort

2025 Institute for Health Equity & Social Justice Research Pilot Grant, \$2,720 (PI) 100% Effort

2025 Snell Library Digital Archives, \$2000 (PI) 100% Effort

2024 M2AP Advance Faculty Fellowship \$2,000 (PI) 100% Effort

2024 Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, “Erasure,” Course release (PI) 100% Effort

2024 M2AP ADVANCE Faculty Fund \$2810 (co-PI) 15% Effort

2023 Northeastern Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, “World-Making, World Building,” Course Release, *Declined* (PI) 100% Effort

Internal – Pending, N/A

Internal – Not Funded

2024 M2AP ADVANCE Faculty Fund \$2000 (co-PI) 75% Effort

Yale University - Internal

2022 Poorvu Center for Inclusive Pedagogical Innovation Grant \$2,100 (PI) 100% Effort

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Guest Lecture, “Indo-Caribbeans in New York City.” Course on Indo-Caribbean History, Department of Asian & Asian American Studies, Binghamton University, State University of New York, Binghamton, NY, April 28.
- 2022 “Against Segmented Assimilation Theory: Alliances for Upward Mobility between Poor Immigrants and Native-Born Blacks” Urban Ethnography Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 15.
- 2022 “How Gender Shapes Racial Alignment: *Gendered Racial Schemas* and Ethno-Racial Identity Choice”, Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University, New Haven CT, Feb 25.
- 2021 “How Gender Shapes Racial Alignment: *Gendered Racial Schemas* and Ethno-Racial Identity Choice”, Comparative Research Workshop, New York University, Department of Sociology, New York, NY, October 6.
- 2021 “Pure Indian”: Indo-Caribbean “Wining” Women and Black/Indian Racial Boundary Management in New York City”, Northeastern University, Department of Sociology, Boston, MA, Feb 24.
- 2020 “Pure Indian”: Indo-Caribbean “Wining” Women and Black/Indian Racial Boundary Management in New York City”, Bryn Mawr College, Department of Sociology, Bryn Mawr, PA, Dec 9.
- 2021 Guest Lecture on “Asian Indenture,” Course on "Labor and Migration in Asian America," Cornell University, Dec 2.
- 2020 “Pure Indian”: Indo-Caribbean “Wining” Women and Black/Indian Racial Boundary Management in New York City”, Yale University, Department of Sociology, New Haven, CT, Nov 17.
- 2019 “Pure Indian”: Indo-Caribbean “Wining” Women and Black/Indian Racial Boundary Management in New York City.”, Harvard University, Hutchins Center for African and African American Studies. Boston, MA. September 18.
- 2017 “How Data Structures affect Spatial Measurement and Substantive Theory.” Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Berlin, Germany, May.

INVITED PANELS

- 2023 Invited Panelist, “Shifting Sands: Racial Classifications and Boundaries in the United States.” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 20.
- 2022 Invited Panelist. Professional Development Panel, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, Philadelphia, PA, April 18.

2022 “Afro-Asian Relationalities in Teaching and Research,” Roundtable Dialogue, American Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, November 5.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 “Against Segmented Assimilation Theory: Exorcising Sociology’s Anti-Black Epistemologies.” American Sociological Association, Roundtable: Immigrants, Assimilation, Disjunctures, Racial Formations Chicago, IL, August 10.

2025 “Analyzing Race Relations against Colonial Erasure & Epistemes: Writing Afro-Asian Histories in the Southern Caribbean from Indenture to Independence.” Eastern Sociological Society, *Decolonizing Sociology Mini-Conference*. Boston, MA, March 7.

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, Session: Asian American Studies & Blackness. Boston, MA, April 17.

2023 “Indo-Caribbeans and Ethnic Politics in New York City.” Association for Asian American Studies, Session: Indo-Caribbean Studies and Asian American Studies. Long Beach, CA, April 7.

2022 “Against Segmented Assimilation Theory: Alliances for Upward Mobility between Poor Immigrants and Native Born Blacks.” Association of Black Sociologists, Session: Writing Black Life: Against White Epistemologies. Chicago, IL, October 13.

2022 “How Gender Shapes Racial Alignment: *Gendered Racial Schemas* and Ethno-Racial Identity Choice.” American Sociological Association, Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology Mini-Conference: *Engaging History: Legacies, Omissions, and New Directions in Comparative Historical Sociology*. Los Angeles, CA, August 5.

2022 “Afterlives of the Plantation: Frequency and Frames of Domestic Violence among Indo-Caribbean Immigrants in New York City.” Caribbean Studies Association, Session: Slavery, Indenture, and their Afterlives. Kingston, Jamaica, May 30.

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

- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Session: Dynamics of Gender, Race, and Allies. Chicago, IL, August 4.
- Junior Theorists Symposium, Session: Race, Markets, and Work. Virtual, August 5.
- American Sociological Association, Session: Asians and Asian America. Virtual, August 8.

2021 “Theorizing *Creolization* and *Douglas Poetics* in Diaspora,” Caribbean Studies Association, Session: The Politics of Little Guyana. Georgetown, Guyana, June 3.

2020 “Race against Ethnicity?: How Indo-Caribbeans Navigate Ethno-Racial Ambiguity in New York’s Political Field.” American Sociological Association, Session: Diverse Asian American Experiences in the U.S., Virtual, August 8.

2019 “Nasty Men” and “Ghetto Girls”: Blackness, Indianness, and Sexual Visibility Politics in NYC’s Party Scene”

- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Session 091: Scholarship Perspectives from Recent Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Awardees. New York, NY, August 10. (selected as a [Featured Abstract](#))

- American Sociological Association, Session: Culture, Racialization and Intersectionality, New York, NY, August 13.
- Association of Black Sociologists, Session: Diasporic Intersections in Caribbean Spaces, New York, NY, August 11.

2015 “Explaining Neighborhood Inequalities in Amenity Access: Firm Discrimination, Retail Business Models and Residential Segregation Patterns.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section on Community and Urban Sociology Paper Session: Neighborhood Inequalities. Chicago, IL, Aug 22.

2015 “Unpacking Diversity within Immigrant Streams” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Roundtable: Topics in Immigration, New York, NY, Feb 26.

2014 “How Data Structures affect Spatial Measurement and Substantive Theory.” American Sociological Association. Session: Advances in Mathematical Theory, Population Structures, and Dynamics. San Francisco, CA, Aug 19.

SPECIAL AWARDS & HONORS

Academic Research & Scholarship

- 2022 Presidential Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Yale University
- 2022 Honorable Mention, 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 Special 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
- 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, Cambridge A-Level Examinations, Distinctions in Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry
- 1996 1st Place Award for Biological Science, Caribbean Region, Cambridge O-Level Examinations, Distinctions in Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English, Literature, Spanish, and Writing

TEACHING

Courses I Have Developed and Taught – Northeastern University, Undergraduate Level

- *Race, Ethnicity, & Inequality* (AFCS/SOCL 2270) Northeastern University, Sociology & Africana Studies, Fall 2024 (16 students), Spring 2025 (24 students), Fall 2025 (15 students), Spring 2026 (18 students)

- Cross-listed in Sociology/Anthropology and Africana Studies
- *Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas* (AFCS/SOCL 4526) Northeastern University, Sociology, Africana Studies, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Global Asian Studies, Spring 2023 (14 students), Spring 2025 (12 students), Fall 2025 (5 students)
 - Cross-listed in Sociology/Anthropology and Africana Studies
 - Satisfies the Undergraduate Minor in Global Asian Studies and in Latin American & Caribbean Studies

Courses I Have Developed and Taught – Northeastern University, Graduate Level

- *Immigration and Urban America* (PPUA/SOCL 5232), Fall 2022 (11 students)
 - Cross-listed in Sociology and in the School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs
- *Research Methods: Qualitative Research* (INSH 6300) Spring 2023 (17 students)
 - Satisfies Graduate-Level Research Methods Requirement in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Courses I Have Developed and Taught – Yale University

- *Afro-Asian Relations*, Spring 2022, Graduate level

ADVISING (in reverse chronological order)

Graduate Level – Northeastern University

Academic Committee Membership

1. Dissertation Committee Member, Camila Pereira
2. Dissertation Committee Member, Shavaun Sutton, “Black Staten Island” (PhD 2025)

Directed Study

1. Camila Pereira, Graduate Teaching Practicum
2. Titilayo Odedele, Anti-Colonial Politics in Nigerian Protestantism

Undergraduate Level – Northeastern University

BA Thesis or Senior Capstone

1. Elle Sonenberg, BA Public Health and Health Sciences
2. Anandi Ramnarayan, BA International Affairs

Directed Study

1. Anandi Ramnaryan, Regional Studies Module
2. Jamie Huang, First-Generation Award for Scholarly Excellence

Health Equity Interns – Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research (IHESJR)

1. Emily Mayerhofer
2. Nardeen Ishak
3. Jayden Hawkins
4. Michele Salako
5. Sungheen Ghuman
6. Abby Qiu
7. Joshua Doule
8. Elizabeth Delia
9. Ella Sonnenberg
10. Innocentia Ashai

Undergraduate Advising – External

Yale University

1. Battersen (Baji) Tumendemberel, Senior Thesis Advisor
2. Emily Anghad, Undergraduate Research Advisor

3. Joy Liu, Undergraduate Research Advisor
Boston University
4. Luke Bardouille, 2024-present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Institution, Northeastern University

Department Service

- Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology & Anthropology
- Member, Graduate Committee, School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs
- Organizer, Faculty Writing Group, Sociology & Anthropology Junior Faculty
- Organizer, Faculty Writing Group, Africana Studies Junior Faculty

College Service

- Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Development, Africana Studies
- Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Development, Global Asian Studies
- Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Development, Latin American & Caribbean Studies

School Service

- School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, Director Search
- School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, Associate-Level Faculty Search

University Service

- Faculty Sponsor, FemPOC (Feminist Women of Color Student Organization)
- Faculty Sponsor, Caribbean Students' Organization
- Faculty Sponsor, First-Generation Student Awards
- Panelist, "Race in Higher Education." Education Freedom Project & FemPOC, Oct 20, 2025.
- Panelist "Let's Talk about Ryan Coogler's *Sinners*." Africana Studies, March 24, 2026.

External Service – Academic (in reverse chronological order)

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

- *Indo-Caribbeans in the Americas: Colonial & Post-Colonial Histories*. Asian American Studies Association, Boston, MA, April 2025.
- *Writing Black Life: Against White Epistemologies*, Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, October 2022.
- *Slavery, Indenture, and their Afterlives*, Caribbean Studies Association Annual Meeting, Kingston, Jamaica, May 2022.
- Caribbean Studies Association Annual Meeting, *The Politics of Little Guyana*, Georgetown, Guyana, June 2021.

Faculty Writing Group Organizer

- West Indian Junior Faculty Writing Group

Service to the Institution, Yale University

- Arranged a fully-funded field outing for 18 Yale Undergraduates to New York City to view *Everything Slackens in a Wreck*, the first major exhibit of Asian Caribbean art in the United States, at the Ford

Foundation Art Gallery. Arranged meetings for students with to West Indian immigrant advocacy organizations in Brooklyn and Queens, NY, June 2022.

Public Scholarship – Open Access Database Development

- 9 City Historical Geospatial Database of Food Deserts (Unpublished, in development)
- Caribbean New York Digital Archive (Unpublished, in development)

Community Service

- PTO-SEPAC Liaison: Representative for the Brookline Special Education Parent Action Committee, Brookline Public Schools System, Brookline, MA, to the Amos Lawrence Elementary Parent-Teachers Organization, 2024-present
- Member, Special Education Parent Action Committee (SEPAC), Brookline, MA, 2024-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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