

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Erica Chito Childs**

Chair and Professor of Sociology  
Hunter College/City University of New York

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Fordham University, Ph.D., Sociology, 2001

Fordham University, M.A., Sociology, 1997

San Jose State University, B.A. Sociology/African American Studies, 1995

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Hunter College/ City University of New York, Sociology Department**

**2016-Present Chair**

- Led department of 20 full time faculty, 2 staff, 40 adjuncts, 700+ undergraduate students and 50 graduate students
- Managed multiple budgets, including adjunct faculty (\$289,752), NTA (50,000), research (\$30,000) and OTPS budgets (\$10,000) per semester
- Developed and implemented student success and student engagement initiatives centered on improving retention and graduation rates
- Successfully mentored seven faculty through tenure and promotion process
- Developed and implemented professional development opportunities for faculty and adjuncts
- Created processes and structures within the departmental office to support faculty and staff
- Conducted program evaluation, including supervision of our seven-year outside review of department
- Revamped curriculum based on assessment data
- Instituted a recruitment plan for majors and a career development series to support student success and retention;
- Collaborated with faculty and administrators from other colleges
- Implemented trainings for effective use of technology in instruction and provided workshops for development of online/hybrid courses
- Participated in strategic planning for the college

**2016-Present Full Professor** (joint appt- CUNY Graduate Center)

**2008-2016** Associate Professor (joint appt-CUNY Graduate Center)  
**2005-2008** Assistant Professor

Eastern Connecticut State University  
2001-2005 Assistant Professor

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*The Boundaries of Mixedness: A Global Perspective* London: Taylor & Francis, 2020

*Fade to Black and White: Interracial Images in Media and Popular Culture.* Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2009.

*Navigating Interracial Borders: Black-White Couples and Their Social Worlds.* New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. 2005

**Reprints** “Navigating Interracial Borders” (Eds.). Margaret L. Andersen and Patricia Hill Collins, *Race, Class, and Gender: An Anthology* 6<sup>th</sup> edition. Thomson Wadsworth, 2007.

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

**Chito Childs, Erica;** Alyssa Lyons & Stephanie Laudone Jones. 2020. “Migrating mixedness: exploring mixed identity development in New York City,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, DOI: [10.1080/1369183X.2019.1654153](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2019.1654153)

Chito Childs, Erica. 2019. “Mixed matters in Australia,” *Social Identities*, 25:3, 424-438, DOI: [10.1080/13504630.2018.1499229](https://doi.org/10.1080/13504630.2018.1499229)

Chito Childs, Erica. 2018. “Critical Mixed Race in Global Perspective: An Introduction,” *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 39:4, 379-381, DOI: [10.1080/07256868.2018.1500975](https://doi.org/10.1080/07256868.2018.1500975)

Morrow, Robert; **Chito Childs, Erica;** Ferretti, Lisa; Norwood, Chris; Reich, Douglas; McCallion, Phillip; Tiburcio, Jose; McGee, Eleanor; Lopez, Jose. 2016. "The Prevention of Diabetes: A Collaborative Approach to Peer Education Across Health Sectors: A Bronx New York Pilot Project" *Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions*, Volume 36 (4): 300-306

Chito Childs, Erica. 2015. "Mixing in the Rainbow Nation: Exploring Contemporary Attitudes Toward Interracial Couples in South Africa," *Sociological Imagination*, Volume 51 (1): 13-33.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2014. "A Global Look at Mixing: Problems, Pitfalls, and Possibilities," *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, Volume 35 (6): 677-688.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2012. "Examining the Jeremy Lin Phenomenon Through a Critical Lens," *Flow*, Volume 15: February 15.7

Chito Childs, Erica. 2011. "Shades of Grey: Interracial Couples on Television," *Flow*, Volume 15: December 15.4.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2009. "Listening to the Interracial Canary: Contemporary Views on Interracial Relationships Among Blacks and Whites," *Fordham Law Review*, 76: 2771-2786.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2006. "State of the Discourse: Can We Ignore The Perspective of Black Women on Their Own Experience?" *Du Bois Review*, Volume 3 (2): 471-479.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2005. "Looking Behind the Stereotypes of the "Angry Black Woman": An Exploration of Black Women's Responses to Interracial Relationships." *Gender & Society*. Volume 19:4:544-561

Chito Childs, Erica and Eunice Matthews. 2005. "Divided We Stand: The Reality of Social Distance among Caucasian, Black and Latino Students at a Public Liberal Arts University," *The Griot*, Spring 2005, Pg. 40-57.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2002. "Families on the color-line: patrolling borders and crossing boundaries." *Race and Society* 5: 139-161.

Chito Childs, Erica. 1999. "Images of the Black Male: The Intersections of Race, Sexuality and Sports." *The Journal of African American Men*. Volume 4(3)

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

**Chito Childs, Erica** and Heather Dalmage. 2010. "Raising Biracial Children: The Experiences of Black Married Fathers," (Eds. Roberta Coles and Charles Green) *Dismissing the Myth: The Persistence of Black Fatherhood in America*. New York: Columbia University Press.

**Chito Childs, Erica;** Stephanie Laudone and LaToya Tavernier. 2010. "Revisiting Black Sexualities and Families," (Ed. Sandra Barnes) *Black Sexualities: Probing Passions, Problems, and Policies*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2006. "Black and White: Family Opposition to Becoming Multiracial" Pp.233-248 in (Ed. David Brunson) *Mixed Messages: Multiracial Identities in the 'Color-Blind' Era*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Chito Childs, Erica and Eunice Matthews. 2006. "Racial Divides on a Diverse Campus: An Exploration of Social Distance at a State Liberal Arts University." In (Ed. Robert Moore) *African Americans and Whites: Changing Relationships on College Campuses*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2005. "Black-White Interracial Marriage and Families: Theory and Methods," Pp. 202-205 in (Eds. Peggy Dilworth Anderson, Katherine Allen, Vern Bengston, and Alan Acock), *Sourcebook of Family Theory and Research*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publication.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2005. "Between Black and White: Creating a Multiracial Community." Chapter in (Ed. John Myers) *Minority Voices: Linking Personal Ethnic History and the Sociological Imagination*. Allyn & Bacon.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2004. "MULTIRACE.COM: The Promise and Pitfalls of Multiracial Cyberspace." in (Ed. Heather Dalmage) *The Politics of Multiracialism: Transforming, Transcending and Challenging Racial Thinking*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

### **Invited Book Reviews**

Chito Childs, Erica. 2019. Book review of *Mixed Race in Asia: Past, Present and Future*, by Zarine L. Rocha and Farida Fozdar (eds.), *Asian Journal of Social Science*, 47(4-5), 643-647.  
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15685314-04704011>

Chito Childs, Erica. 2014. Book review of *Beyond Loving: Intimate Racework in Gay, Lesbian and Straight Interracial Relationships*. By Amy Steinbugler. *Gender & Society*,

Chito Childs, Erica. 2009. Book review of *Making Multiracials: State, Family and Market in the Redrawing of the Color Line*. By Kimberly McClain DaCosta. *American Journal of Sociology*, Forthcoming.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2008. Book review of *The Age of Independence: Interracial Unions, Same-Sex Unions, and the Changing Family*. By Michael J. Rosenfeld. *Contemporary Sociology* 37(4): 332-333.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2002. Book review of *Beyond Black: Biracial Identity in America* By Kerry Rockquemore and David Brunnsma. *Race and Society*.

Chito Childs, Erica. 2000. Book review of *Racial Categorization of Multiracial Children in Schools*. By Jane Ayers Chiong for *Transformations: A Resource for Curriculum Transformation and Scholarship*. Volume 11(1).

Chito Childs, Erica. 2000. Book review of *Becoming and Unbecoming White: Owning and Disowning a Racial Identity*. (Eds.) by Christine Clark and James O'Donnell for *Transformations: A Resource for Curriculum Transformation and Scholarship*. Volume 1.

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS<sup>1</sup>**

Chito Childs, Erica. "Presidential Perspectives on Current Social Problems," Invited Panel Presenter at the 2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY.

Chito Childs, Erica. "NYC Public Schools and the School to Prison Pipeline" Panelist/Organizer at the 2019 American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

Chito Childs, Erica (Stephanie Laudone and Alyssa Lyons). "Migrating Mixedness," Paper presented at the 2019 American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

Chito Childs, Erica. "Mixedness in Europe" IMISCOE 4-5 July 2018, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain.

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<sup>1</sup> Since completing my Ph.D. in 2001, I have given at least two conference presentations a year at national and international conferences, and have been invited to give over 50 lectures throughout the United States, Brazil, Europe, Australia and South Africa.

Chito Childs, Erica. "What matters Globally?" Power, Intimacy and the State: Mixed Families in Europe and Beyond November 1-5 2017, Association of Humanist Sociology, Havana, Cuba.

Chito Childs, Erica. "Sex, Marriage and Global Blackness: Exploring Attitudes toward Intermarriage Around the Globe" Paper presented at the 2017 Association of Black Sociologists meeting.

Chito Childs, Erica. "What matters Globally?" Power, Intimacy and the State: Mixed Families in Europe and Beyond 12 – 13 June 2017, University of Amsterdam, Doelenzaal, Amsterdam.

Chito Childs, Erica. "A Global Mix: Towards A Global Framework for Understanding Intermarriage," Paper presented at the International Conference on Mixedness in Europe and Beyond, University of Paris-Sorbonne, November 12-13, 2015

Chito Childs, Erica. "Mixing Marriage: A Global Framework for Understanding Intermarriage," Paper presented at the 2014 XVIII World Congress of Sociology, International Sociological Association, Yokohama, Japan.

Chito Childs, Erica. "A Global Look at Mixed Couples," Paper presented at the 2010 XVII World Congress of Sociology, International Sociological Association, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Chito Childs, Erica. "Multiracial Families in a Global Context" Paper presented at the 2009 American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Chito Childs, Erica. "Fade to Black and White: Interracial Images in America" Paper presented at the 2008 American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.

Chito Childs, Erica. "Navigating Interracial Borders" Paper presented at the XVI World Congress of Sociology, International Sociological Association, Durban South Africa 2006.

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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| 2013 | U.S. FULBRIGHT Research Award, University of Lisbon, Portugal.   |
| 2011 | American Sociological Association Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Grant, "A Global Look at Mixed Families," |

- (\$7000)
- 2010 EARLY CAREER AWARD, American Sociological Association  
Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section
- 2007-2008 PSC-CUNY Grant, "Kindergarten Tracks: An Ethnographic Look  
at African American Boys in Kindergarten."
- 2008 Faculty Initiative in Technology grant, Hunter College
- 2007 CUNY Faculty Fellowship Publication Program Associate
- 2006-2007 PSC-CUNY Grant "The Prime Time Color Line."
- 2006-2007 NSF Gender Equity Project Associate
- 2003-2004 Faculty Research Grant, Eastern Connecticut State University.
- 2000-2001 Research Grant, Fordham University Center for Ethics Education  
(co-sponsored by American Psychological Association).
- 2001 Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Award, Eastern Sociological  
Society.
- 2001 Association of Black Sociologists Graduate Student Paper Award.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

- Sociology of the Family
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Introduction to Sociology
- Diversity in Families
- Contemporary Sociological Theory
- Sociology of Popular Culture
- Qualitative Research Methods (graduate course)
- Race and Multiculturalism in a Global Context (graduate course)
- Focus Groups (graduate course)
- Media and Popular Culture Analysis (graduate course)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2018-2019 Vice President, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2013-Present Associate Editor, Journal of Intercultural Studies
- 2009-2010 Nationally elected Chair, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities,  
*American Sociological Association*
- 2009 Program Committee, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting
- 2008-2010 Nationally elected Chair, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities,  
*Society for the Study of Social Problems.*
- 2008-2009 Chair-Elect, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities,  
American Sociological Association
- 2007-2009 Council Member, Section on Race, Class, Gender,  
American Sociological Association
- 2007 Program Committee, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting

- 2006-2010 Chair, Oliver Cromwell Cox Award Committee, American Sociological Association, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.
- 2004-2007 Council Member, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association.
- 2002 Professional Workshop Facilitator, "Timing Careers, Becoming Parents." American Sociological Association.

**Reviewer for:**

*American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review  
Gender and Society, Sociology of Race & Ethnicity,  
Sociological Forum, Social Forces, Symbolic Interaction  
Rutgers University Press, NYU Press, Oxford University Press  
University of California Press, Lynne Rienner Press, Palgrave  
National Science Foundation*

**INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

- 2021-Present Chair, *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee*, CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology
- 2020-Present Co-Chair, *A&S Council of Chairs Committee*, Hunter College
- 2020-2021 Co-Chair, *President's Taskforce on Anti-racism Committee on Admissions and Recruitment*, Hunter College
- 2017-2018 Co-Chair, *Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee*
- 2012-Present Member, *Personnel and Budget Committee*, Hunter College
- 2011-2012 Committee Member, *Arts Across the Curriculum Committee*, Hunter College
- 2009-2010 Committee Member, *PSC-CUNY Grant Award Committee*, CUNY
- 2008-2009 Committee Member, *First Year Seminar Horizons*, Hunter College

**ADVISEES & DISSERTATIONS**

**In Process**

Gerardi, Giselle. "*Health Management Self-Efficacy Among a National Sample of Latinx Adults*" CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Nursing (January 2022)

Li, Xuemeng. "*Africans in China*," CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology

Lyons, Alyssa. CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology

Shapiro, Andrew. CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology

## **Completed**

Bogan, Rachel “*Food-As-Medicine: An Everyday Strategy Of Health,*”  
CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology  
(September 2021)

Camacho, Carlos. “*Navigating Ocha*” *LGBT Practitioners’ Participation and Navigation of Lucumi*” CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology (September 2021)

Dormani, Carmela. “*The Life & Death of Mambo: Community & Consumption in New York’s Salsa Dance Scene,*” (May 2020).

Glass, Leah. ““*Well Intentioned Whiteness: Exploring the effects of diversity, equity, and inclusion work at an education non-profit*” CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology  
(May 2022)

Melaku, Tsedale. “*You Don’t Look like a Lawyer: Black Women and Systemic Gendered Racism,*” CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology. (May 2018)

## **CONSULTANCIES**

Research Consultant, *New York State Department of Health NYSAFP Vaccine Resistance/Hesitancy*, New York (2020-Present)

Research Consultant, *Albert Einstein College of Medicine Reproductive Health Fellowship*, Bronx, New York, (2018-Present)

Research Consultant, *Bronx Lebanon Family Medicine Residency*, Bronx, New York, (2009-2015)

Education Director/ Co-Founder, *Harlem United*, New York, New York