

## ASIA INEZ BENTO

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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Rice University, Sociology, 2021 (expected)
- M.A. University of Hawaii-Manoa, Sociology, 2014  
Thesis: “The Seoul of Black Folks: African-American Women’s Experiences with the Gaze”
- B.A. Connecticut College, East Asian Languages and Cultures, 2011  
Thesis: “The Okayama Orphanage: A Case Study for Social Reform in Meiji Japan”

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity, Inequality, Immigration, Gender and Sexuality, Health Disparities

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“‘Yes, I’m black, and it’s Not Gonna Change!’: African American Women Experience the Gaze in Japan and South Korea.”

### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 “‘The Seouls of Black Folks’: African American Women’s Experiences with the Gaze in South Korea and Japan.” Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY
- 2013 “African American Women Resist the Local Gaze in Japan and South Korea.” Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2013 “I’m American: African American Women Assert Middle-Class American Identities in South Korea and Japan.” Hawaii Sociological Association, Honolulu, HI
- 2012 “Identity Intersection in Anna Leonowens’ ‘Life and Travels’ and ‘The English Governess.’” School of Pacific and Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu, HI
- 2012 “The Okayama Orphanage: A Case Study for Social Reform in Meiji Japan.” Transnational Asia Graduate Student Conference, Rice University, Houston, TX (unable to attend)

### FELLOWSHIPS

- 2011 Achievement Scholarship, Department of Sociology UHM (1000)
- 2009-2011 Andrew W. Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship
- 2009-2011 The Holleran Center Program in Community Action and Public Policy

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Racism and Ethnicity in Hawaii, University of Hawaii, Manoa
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Topics in Sociology, University of Hawaii, Manoa
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Gender, University of Hawaii, Manoa
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology, University of Hawaii, Manoa
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Social Psychology, University of Hawaii, Manoa
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Race and Ethnic Relations, University of Hawaii, Manoa
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Survey of Criminology, University of Hawaii, Manoa

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2016-present Graduate Research Assistant, Rice University Sociology Department, Houston, TX  
2013 Volunteer Researcher, Young People We Care, United Nations Online Volunteer  
2010 Summer Intern, Kyotoshi Satooyakai-Foster Parent Support Group, Kyoto, Japan  
2009 Undergraduate Student Researcher, Holleran Center for Community Action, New London, CT  
2009 Intern, Waterford Country School, Waterford, CT

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2017 Secretary, Black Graduate Student Association, Rice University  
2014 Presider, Section on Race in Europe and Asia Roundtable, Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY  
2012-2013 Event Coordinator, Graduate Student Sociological Association (GSSA), University of Hawaii-Manoa  
2012 Chair, Annual Conference Committee, Graduate Student Organization, University of Hawaii-Manoa  
2009-2010 Treasurer, East Asian Studies Student Advisory Board, Connecticut College

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

Eastern Sociological Society  
Hawaii Sociological Association

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2016 Program Associate, United Way Bay Area, San Francisco, CA  
2015-2016 Two Generation Vista, United Way Bay Area, Americorps, San Francisco, CA  
2014 English Instructor, The Marpha Foundation, Marpha, Nepal  
2011-2013 Reference Assistant, Hamilton Library, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu, HI  
2011-2013 Mentor and Tutor, Student Athlete Academic Services, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu, HI