

Victoria S. Asbury-Kimmel

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EDUCATION	Harvard University , Cambridge, MA PhD, Department of Sociology Dissertation title: “Contemporary Contours of National Belonging: Experimental and Survey Approaches for Understanding the Structures of the American Hierarchy” Dissertation Committee: Lawrence D. Bobo (Chair), Bart Bonikowski, Michèle Lamont, Mary C. Waters	May 2023
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Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2019
MA, Department of Sociology
Thesis Committee: Lawrence D. Bobo, Mario L. Small, James Sidanius (Social Psychology), Bart Bonikowski

Stanford Graduate School of Education, Stanford, CA 2011
MA, Policy, Organization, and Leadership Studies

Stanford University, Stanford, CA 2011
BA, Program in African & African American Studies (Honors)

APPOINTMENTS Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Race, Inequality, and Social Equity Studies, September 2026-
Harvard University

Visting Scholar, Institute for Public Knowledge, **New York University** September 2026-

Faculty Fellow, Department of Sociology, **New York University**
Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

September 2023-
August 2026

Faculty Mentors: Bart Bonikowski and Maria Abascal

Visiting Scholar, **Columbia University** Spring 2019
Faculty Sponsor: Van Tran

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION Cultural Sociology, Political Sociology, Social Psychology, Immigration, Race and Ethnicity, Survey and Experimental Methods

MANUSCRIPTS

PEER-REVIEWED

Asbury-Kimmel, Victoria (2026). "Who is More American? Civic Virtue, Birthright, and Hierarchies of National Standing." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23326492261459090>

Asbury-Kimmel, Victoria (2025). "Americanness Hierarchies: Partisanship and Racial Attitudes in Perceptions of Racial Group Positions." *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfaf014>

Asbury-Kimmel, Victoria (2024). "Narratives of Worth: Analyzing the Effects of Worthy and Anti-Immigrant Narratives on Immigration Attitudes." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2024.2425214>

Asbury-Kimmel, Victoria (2023). "Attitudes toward Immigrants and Partisan Differences in Information Evaluation." *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 86(4).
<https://doi.org/10.1177/01902725231184201>

	Asbury-Kimmel, Victoria; Chang, Keng-Chi; McCabe, Katherine; Munger, Kevin; Ventura, Tiago. (2021). "The Effect of Streaming Chat on Perceptions of Political Debates." <i>Journal of Communication</i> 71(6): 947–974. https://doi.org/10.1093/joc/jqab041	
UNDER REVIEW	"Asymmetric Racial Logics in Immigration Politics: Narrative Resonance, Group Position, and National Belonging" "Conjuring Worthy and Threatening Immigrants: Political Discourse, Race, and Imagined Immigrants" "Redefining Us: Moralizing Membership and the Hierarchy of Americanness" "Competing Definitions of Americanness: Race, Group Position, and National Identity Construction"	
UNDER REVISION	"Two Roads to Disagreement: Beliefs and Standards in Perceptions of Racial Group Position" "Racialized Generosity: Racial Dynamics in Donations towards Blacks and Latinos"	
GRANTS EXTERNAL	Dissertation Research Grant, Russell Sage Foundation (\$10,000) 2022 Awarded to support innovative and high-quality dissertation research projects that address questions relevant to the foundation's priority areas. Dissertation Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (\$7,500) 2022 Awarded to promote scholarship with a social policy application that that addresses contemporary issues in the social sciences. Doctoral Dissertation Survey Research Grant, Rapoport Family Foundation 2022 Awarded to support dissertation research in American political behavior (\$15,000) Research Grant, Summer Institute in Computational Social Science 2019 Funded by Russell Sage Foundation Project: "Streaming Chats and Presidential Debates Field Experiment" (\$7,820) Co-PIs: Victoria Asbury, Keng-Chi Chang, Katherine McCabe, Kevin Munger, Tiago Ventura Travel Grant, Eastern Sociological Society (\$300) 2019	
GRANTS INTERNAL	Postdoctoral Travel Grant Award, New York University 2023 Awarded by the Faculty of Arts & Science (\$700) Research Grant, Harvard University 2022 Awarded by the GSAS Division of Social Sciences Fund (\$500) Research Grant, Harvard University 2021 Awarded by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research (\$100,000) Co-PIs: Lawrence D. Bobo and Victoria S. Asbury Seed Grant, Harvard University, Department of Government 2020 Awarded by Harvard Experiments Working Group (\$600) Seed Grant, Harvard University, Department of Government 2019 Awarded by Harvard Experiments Working Group (\$300) Seed Grant, Harvard University, Department of Sociology 2018 Awarded by the Contemporary Studies of Race & Ethnicity Workshop (\$1,400) Seed Grant, Harvard University 2018 Awarded by Center for American Political Studies (\$1,000) Seed Grant, Harvard University, Department of Government 2018 Awarded by Harvard Experiments Working Group (\$500)	

	Undergraduate Advising and Research Student Grant , Stanford University Awarded by The Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education (\$750)	2010
AWARDS	Emerging Scholars Symposium , George Mason University, Department of Sociology	2026
	Joshua Feigenbaum Award , Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Granted at the discretion of the Trustees for the most outstanding project in “Arts, Popular Culture, and Mass Communication”	2022
	Seymour Sudman Student Paper Competition , <i>Honorable Mention</i> , American Association for Public Opinion Research Awarded for “‘Truly American’: A Multidimensional Experimental Approach to Unpacking the Symbolic Boundaries Around American Identity”	2022
	Candace Rogers Graduate Student Paper Award , Eastern Sociological Society Awarded for “‘Truly American’: A Multidimensional Experimental Approach to Unpacking the Symbolic Boundaries Around American Identity”	2022
	Graduate Student Paper Competition Winner , AAPOR- New England Chapter Awarded for “‘Truly American’: A Multidimensional Experimental Approach to Unpacking the Symbolic Boundaries Around American Identity”	2022
	Graduate Student Paper Award Winner , Society for the Study of Social Problems, Awarded by the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division for “Immigration Discourse, Race-based Resource Allocation, and Political Identification: An Experiment”	2020
	Graduate Student Paper Competition Winner , AAPOR- New England Chapter Awarded for “Worthy-Immigrant Narratives: Ingroup Framing and Party Identification in Shaping Attitudes towards Immigration	2020
	Kennell Jackson Research Award , Stanford University Awarded by The Program in African & African American Studies	2011
	Academic Achievement and Service Award , Stanford University Awarded by The Black Community Service Center	2011
	Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence , Stanford University Awarded by The Deans of Earth Sciences, Engineering, and Humanities and Sciences	2008-2011
FELLOWSHIPS	Early Career Fellowship , American Political Science Association Awarded by the Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section (\$500)	2022
	Research Fellow , Harvard University Awarded by the Harvard Immigration Initiative (\$5,000)	2020-2021
	Resident Fellow , Summer Institute in Computational Social Science Awarded by the Russell Sage Foundation and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	2019
	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship , The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (\$81,000)	2017-2020
	Graduate Research Fellowship (<i>Honorable Mention</i>), National Science Foundation	2017
INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS	“Who’s More American? We Are: Motivated National Identity and Status Competition in the National Hierarchy” American Sociological Association , Annual Conference, Regular Session	2025

“Citizenship Undone: The Stigmatized Triad’s Power to Recast Native-Born Citizens as Foreign Nationals”		
Yale University, Departments of Sociology and African American Studies	December 2024	
New York University, Department of Sociology	April 2024	
Election Series Panel on White Christian Nationalism with Sam Perry, Luiza Godínez Puig, and Daniel Laurison	March 2024	
Political Sociology, American Sociological Association		
“Conflicting Perceptions of Americanness: Partisan Perspectives on the Racial Structure of the American Hierarchy”	September 2023	
Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section , Early-Career Fellowship program, American Political Science Association		
“Unveiling the Racial Structures of the American Hierarchy”	August 2023	
American Sociological Association , Annual Conference, Regular Session		
“Examining U.S. identity & political discourse through computational text analysis & beyond”	October 2022	
Data + Donuts , Harvard Kennedy School		
“What makes someone more American? Contributions of ascriptive and acquired characteristics to perceived Americanness”	September 2022	
Race and Ethnicity Workshop , New York University		
“When Citizenship is Not Enough: A Multidimensional Experimental Approach to Defining Who is (and is not) “Truly American.””		
American Sociological Association , Annual Conference, Regular Session	August 2022	
*Accepted to full paper session but withdrawn due to COVID		
Class and Race Online Seminar Series , American Political Science Association	May 2022	
American Association of Public Opinion Research , Annual Conference	May 2022	
Culture and Social Analysis Workshop , Harvard University	April 2022	
“Running Surveys & Experiments: Inside the Black Box.”	October 2021	
Professionalization Workshop , Department of Sociology, Harvard University		
<i>Panelists: Victoria Asbury-Kimmel, Laura Adler, David Pedulla, and Janet Xu</i>		
“Hardworking and Law-abiding: Effects of Immigrant Narratives on Giving-Behaviors.”		
American Association of Public Opinion Research , Annual Conference	May 2020	
American Sociological Association , Annual Conference	August 2019	
Eastern Sociological Society , Annual Conference	February 2019	
Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop , Columbia University	February 2019	
Race, Politics, and Cities in America Conference , Boston University	February 2019	
“Social Media Platforms, Presidential Debates, and Political Polarization.”	June 2019	
Summer Institute in Computational Social Science		
“Enhancing Qualitative and Experimental Sociological Research with Computational Methods.”	June 2019	
Summer Institute in Computational Social Science		
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Lawrence D. Bobo, W. E. B. Du Bois Professor of the Social Sciences, Harvard University	2017- 2020
	William J. Wilson, Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser University Professor, Harvard University	2017-2018
	Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Educational Institute, Stanford University	2009-2010

	Mind, Culture and Society Psychology Lab, Stanford University	2009-2010
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Race, Immigration & Belonging in American Society Department of Sociology, New York University	Fall 2025
	Race, Immigration & Belonging in American Society Department of Sociology, New York University	Spring 2024
	Conflict, Justice, and Healing , Teaching Fellow Department of Sociology, Harvard University <i>Distinction in Teaching Award (4.7 out of 5)</i>	Fall 2020
	Race, Racism, and American Politics , Teaching Fellow, Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University <i>Distinction in Teaching Award (4.6 out of 5)</i>	Fall 2018
SERVICE	Editorial Board Member, <i>American Sociological Review</i>	2025-2028
	Coordinator, <i>Computational Social Science Methods DataCamp Group</i> , Department of Sociology, Harvard University	2022
	Budget Chair and Faculty Liaison, <i>Scholarship Above the Veil: A Sesquicentennial Symposium Honoring W.E.B. Du Bois</i> , Harvard University Raised \$70,000 for conference support.	2018
	Founder and Graduate Student Co-Organizer, <i>Contemporary Studies of Race & Ethnicity Workshop</i> , Department of Sociology, Harvard University Raised \$25,000 for workshop support.	2017-2019
	Officer, <i>Committee on Higher Degrees</i> , Department of Sociology, Harvard University	2017-2018
	Founding Co-Organizer, <i>The Committee for Engaged Sociology</i> , Harvard University	2016-2018
	VP of Communications, <i>Black Graduate Student Alliance</i> , Harvard University	2017-2018
	Peer Reviewer: <i>Sociological Methods and Research</i> ; <i>Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race</i> ; <i>American Sociological Review</i> , <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , <i>Social Forces</i>	
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Faculty First Look , New York University, Graduate School of the Arts and Science	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	American Sociological Association Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology Section; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section; Political Sociology Section; Race, Gender, and Class Section; Sociology of Culture Section; Social Psychology Section American Sociological Review , Editorial Board Member American Association for Public Opinion Research American Political Science Association Center for American Political Studies , Harvard University Eastern Sociological Society Institute for Quantitative Social Science , Harvard University	