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# EDUCATION

2010 Doctorate of Philosophy, Sociology, Kent State University.

Dissertation Title: “Race, Education and Social Reproduction: A Study of

Educational Careers in the United States.”

2005 Master of Arts, Sociology, Kent State University.

2003 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Kent State University, Summa Cum Laude, Honor’s College

## EMPLOYMENT

2021- Present Department Chair, Sociology, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

2016- Present Associate Professor of Sociology, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

2010- 2016 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

2005- 2010 Research Assistant. The Science Study, NIH Research Grant, t, Kent State University, Kent, OH

2003- 2004 Graduate Assistant, Department of Sociology, Kent State University, Kent, OH

**SPECIALIZATIONS**

Race and Racism

Sociology of Education

Social Psychology

Quantitative Methodology

## PUBLICATIONS

2022 Tabatha Alrayes, Andrea Wait, Priya Spencer, **David M Merolla**, Kirby Lampe, Hossein Salimnia, Nirupama Kannikeswaran. “Features of an Atypical RSV Surge During the COVID-19 Pandemic” *Clinical Pediatrics*

2022 Hunt, Whitney, and **David M. Merolla.** "Genes and race in the era of genetic ancestry testing: The geneticization of identity and the social deconstruction of whiteness." *Sociology Compass* (2022): e13011.

2022 Kannikeswaran, Nirupama, **David M. Merolla,** Kersten Bond, Livia Philip, and Usha Sethuraman. "MIS-C among return visits for fever in a pediatric emergency department during the COVID-19 pandemic." *The American Journal of Emergency Medicine* 52 (2022): 184-186.

2021 Nazaretian, Zavin, Cedrick Heraux, and **David M. Merolla**. "Perceived threat and officer-involved shootings: characteristics leading to fatal vs non-fatal instances." Policing: An International Journal.

2020 Jason P. Smith and **David M. Merolla.** “Puff, Puff, Pass: The Effect of Racial Prejudice on Whites Attituds Towards Marijuana Legalization: *Du Bios Review: Social Science Research on Race 17.1 (2020): 189-206.*

2020 Elizabeth Piatt, **David M. Merolla**, and Eboni Pringle. “The role of science identity salience in graduate school enrollment for first-generation, low-income, underrepresented students” *Journal of Negro Education*, 88(3): 269-280.

2019 Jason P. Smith and **David Merolla**. “Black, Blue, and Blow: The Effect of Race and Criminal History on Perceptions of Police Violence. *Sociological Inquiry* 89(4):624-644.

2019 **David M. Merolla** and Omari Jackson. “Structural Racism as the Fundamental Cause of the achievement Gap.” *Sociology Compass*  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12696>

2019 **Merolla, David**, and Erin Baker. "University Racial Composition and Self-Esteem: Commitment, Self-Views and Reflected Appraisals." Forthcoming.  *Identities and Symbolic Interaction: Deepening Foundations: Building Bridges*. Edited by Richard T. Serpe, Robin Stryker and Brian Powell.

2018 **David M. Merolla**. “Completing the Educational Career: College Enrollment and College Completion for Black, Hispanic and White students” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 4 (2) 281-297.

2017 Savard, Dennis, Thomas Kelly and **David M. Merolla. “**Routine Activities and Criminal Victimization: The Significance of Gendered Spaces” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence 35*(23-24), 5425-5447.

2017 Michelle R. Jacobs and **David M. Merolla.** “Being Authentically Native American: Identity Non-Verification, Identity Change, and Social Structure among New Indians. *Symbolic Interaction* 40 (1): 63-82

2017 **David M. Merolla.**  “Self-Efficacy and Academic Achievement: The Moderating Role of Cultural Context.” *Sociological Perspectives* 60 (2): 378-393.

2016 **David M. Merolla** “Reflected Appraisals and Stereotype Threat: The Relationship between Role and Social Identity” PP. 415-442 in *New Directions in Identity Theory and Research*, edited by Jan E. Stets and Richard T. Serpe, NY: Oxford University. Press.

2015 Christie-Mizell, C. André, Whitney N. Laster, Benjamin D. Tyndall, and **David M. Merolla**.  2015. “Race-Gender Differences in the Impact of History of Heavy Drinking on Current Alcohol Consumption during the Transition to Adulthood.”  *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 42(3):137-158

2014 **David M. Merolla** and Omari Jackson. “Understanding Differences in College Enrollment: Race, Class and Cultural Capital. *Race and Social Problems* 6(3): 280-292.

2014 **David M. Merolla “**Beyond Oppositional Culture: A New Perspective on Racial Differences in Student Attitudes and Beliefs.” *Race, Gender and Class* 21(1/2): 112-125.

2013 **David M. Merolla** and Richard T. Serpe. “STEM Enrichment Programs and Graduate School Matriculation: The Importance of Science Identity” *Social Psychology of Education: An International Journal*: 16(4): 575-597.

2013 **David M. Merolla. “**The Net Black Advantage in Educational Transitions: An Education Careers Approach.” *American Educational Research Journal* 50(5):895-924.

2013 Zavin Nazaretian\* and **David M. Merolla.** “Questioning Canadian Criminal Incidence Rates: A Re-analysis of the 2004 Canadian Victimization Survey.” *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice* 55(2):239-261.

\*Graduate Student Co-Author

2012 **David M. Merolla,** Richard T. Serpe, Sheldon Stryker and P.Wesley Schultz**.**

**“**Structural Precursors to Identity Processes: The Role of Proximate Social Structures.” *Social Psychology Quarterly* 75(2): 149-172.

2012 Kris Baughman, Ruth Ludwick, **David M. Merolla**, Barbara Palmisano, Suzan Hazlett and Kyle R. Allen. “ Disentangling Consumer and Provider Predictors of Advance Care Planning.” *The American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care* 30(7): 717-725.

2012 Kris Baughman, Ruth Ludwick, **David M. Merolla**, Barb Palmisano, Susan Hazelett Jan Winchell and Michael Hewitt. “Professional Judgments about Advance Care Planning with Community Dwelling Consumers.” *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* 43(1): 10-19.

2011 **David M. Merolla**. Mathew O. Hunt and Richard T. Serpe. “Concentrated Disadvantage and Beliefs about the Causes of Poverty: A Multi-Level Analysis.” *Sociological Perspectives* 54 (2):  205-227.

2008 **David M. Merolla.** “The War on Drugs and the Gender Gap in Arrests: A Critical Perspective.” *Critical Sociology* 34 (2) 255-270.

2005 Gallagher, Timothy, Paul Hartung, Holly Gerzina, Sanford Gregory, and **Dave Merolla**. “Further Analysis of a Doctor-Patient Non-verbal Communication Instrument.” *Patient Education and Counseling* 57(3): 262-71.

**PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

Randall R. Wyatt and David M. Merolla. “Group Positions beyond the Binary: The Determinants of Immigration Attitudes among Black, Hispanic and White Americans”

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

2022 Mohsen Ayobbi (PI), Muksasa Ssemakula (Co-PI), Ece Yaprak (Co-PI), and **David Merolla** (Co-PI) “Assuring Students Success in Engineering Technology Programs” National Science Foundation, $1,499,830

2016 **David M. Merolla “**Racial Differences in Social Mobility across Three Generations”

Wayne State University Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship. $5,000

2012 **David M. Merolla**. “Underclass Neighborhoods and Long Term Educational Outcomes.” Wayne State University Research Grant. $10,000.

2010 **David M. Merolla**. With Kris Baughman (PI), Barbara Palmisano, Ruth Ludwick and Sue Hazlett. *Professional Judgements about Advanced Care Planning among Community Dwelling Consumers.* Funded by The Northeast Ohio Colleges University of Medicine. $20,000.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2018 Erin Baker, David M. Merolla and Jamillah Douthet. Understanding Teacher’s Evaluations of Student’s Academic Potential. Presented to the North Central Sociological Association.

2017 Brigit Dyer, Randall Wyatt and **David M. Merolla. “**Enrolling and Completing: the role of Race, Class and Cultural Capital on the Community College Student experience” Presented to the Michigan Sociological Association, Grand Rapids, MI.

2017 Erin Baker, David M. Merolla and Jamillah Douthet. Understanding Teacher’s Evaluations of Student’s Academic Potential. Presented to the American Sociological Association, Sociology of Development Conference, Detroit, MI

2017 Jason P. Smith and **David M. Merolla. “**Black, Blue and Blow: The Effects of Race and Criminality on Perceptions of Police Violence.” Presented to the North Central Sociological Association, Indianapolis, IN

2016 **David M. Merolla.** “University Racial Consonance and Self-Esteem: Commitment Self-Views and Reflected Appraisals.” Presented to Identity Conference, Kent, OH

2016 Brigit Dyer, Randall Wyatt and **David M. Merolla. “**Enrolling and Completing: the role of Race, Class and Cultural Capital on the Community College Student experience” Presented to the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA.

2016  **David M. Merolla** “Completing the Educational Career: College Enrollment and College Completion for Black, Hispanic and White students” Presented to the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.

2015 Michelle R. Jacobs and **David M. Merolla “**Being Authentically Indian: Symbolic Identity Construction and Social Structure among Urban American Indians” Presented to the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL

2014 **David M. Merolla. “**Investigating the Effects of Role and Social Identity on Sustained Interest in Science Education.” Presented to Identity Conference, Riverside, CA.

2014 **David M. Merolla. “**Academic Cultural Orientations, Race, and Academic Achievement: The Moderating Role of Neighborhood Cultural Context” Presented to the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC

2013 **David M. Merolla** and Richard T. Serpe. “STEM Enrichment Programs and Graduate School Matriculation: The Importance of Science Identity” Presented to the American Sociological Association, New York, NY

2013 **David M. Merolla.** “Oppositional Culture, Black Habitus and the Racial Gap in Educational Achievement.” Presented to the Race, Gender and Class Conference; New Orleans, LA

2011 Amy Petersen\* and **David M. Merolla**. “The Effect of Social Support on Parent and Child Distress during Painful Pediatric Oncology Procedures.” Presented to the Michigan Sociological Association, Grand Rapids, MI

\*Graduate Student Co-Author

2011 **David M. Merolla** “Believe to Achieve: Determinants of Educational Expectations During and Immediately After High School” Presented to the American Sociological Association; Las Vegas, NV

2011 **David M. Merolla. “**The Net Black Advantage in Educational Transitions: An Education Careers Approach.” Presented to the Pacific Sociological Association; Seattle, WA

2010 **David M. Merolla** and C. André Christie-Mizell. “Race, Wealth, and Mathematics Achievement over Time” Presented to the North Coast Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society (Joint Meeting); Chicago, IL.

2010 Kris Baughman, Ruth Ludwick, **David M. Merolla**, Barb Palmisano, Susan Hazelett Jan Winchell and Michael Hewitt. “Advance Care Planning: The Importance of Situational Features and Personal Characteristics.” Presented to the Gerontological Society of America; New Orleans, LA.

2009 **David M. Merolla** and C. André Christie-Mizell. “Race, Wealth, and Mathematics Achievement. Presented to the American Sociological Association; San Francisco, CA.

2009 **David M. Merolla.** “Racial Differences in the Correlates of Educational Transitions.” Presented to the Pacific Sociological Association; San Diego, CA.

2008 **David M. Merolla** and Richard T Serpe. “Cultivating Interest in Scientific Careers for Women and Minorities: The Role of Self-Concept.” Presented to the American Sociological Association; Boston, MA

2008 **David M. Merolla.** “Wealth, Race and Inequalities in Mathematics Achievement.” Presented to the North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, OH.

2008 **David M. Merolla**, Matthew O. Hunt, and Richard T. Serpe. “Local Community and Beliefs About Stratification: A Multi-Level Analysis.” Presented to the Pacific Sociological Association; Portland, OR.

2007 **David M. Merolla.** “Gender, Status and Interaction in the Medical Interview: A Quasi-Experiment in Social Psychology.” Presented to the North Coast Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society (Joint Meeting); Chicago IL.

2006 Gallagher, Timothy J. Gregory Jr., Stanford W., Bianchi, Alison, and **Dave Merolla. “**A Second Empirical Test of Expectations States Theory in Medical Interviews”. Presented to the North Coast Sociological Association; Pittsburgh PA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Graduate:**

Advanced Social Statistics, Department of Sociology Wayne State University

Advanced Survey of Approaches and Techniques of Social Research, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

Social Statistics, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

Advanced Research and Statistical Methods Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies, University of Akron

**Undergraduate:**

Methods of Social Research, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

Computing Applications for Social Sciences, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

Sociology Capstone, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

Sociological Analysis, Department of Sociology, Kent State University

Inequality in Society, Department of Sociology, Kent State University

Social Problems, Department of Sociology Kent State University

## AWARDS

2018 Wayne State Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award

2013 President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Wayne State University

2012 American Educational Research Association Faculty Institute, Funded Participant

2011 Humanities Center Resident Scholar, Wayne State University

2010 Kent State University Ph.D Fellowship

2009 Kent State University Teaching Council Graduate Applause Award

## 2008 Outstanding Ph.D Student, Department of Sociology, Kent State University

2005 Outstanding Master’s Student, Department of Sociology, Kent State

University

## SERVICE

**Departmental Service**

Alpha Kappa Delta Chapter Representative (2012-present)

Frank Hartung Award Committee (2010, 2011, 2013, 2014)

Shirley Falconer Slayman Award Committee (2012, 2015)

Coordinator for Student Research and Award Day (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

Assessment Committee (2012, 2016)

Graduate Committee (2011-2013, 2015, 2016)

Undergraduate Committee (2012, 2014)

Coordinating Committee (2011-2015)

Search Committee (2011, 2014)

External Chair Search Committee (2013)

Undergraduate Director (2016-Present)

Director of Graduate Studies (2020- Present)

**University Service**

2013-2015 Board Member, Wayne State University Humanities Center

2014 Co-Organizer, Wayne State Humanities Center Fall Symposium

2015 College of Liberal Arts and Science, Strategic Planning Committee

2015-2017 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Faculty Council

2016-2019 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Curriculum Committee

2016-2017 General Education Reform Committee

2016-2017 Academic Senate Faculty Mentoring Sub-committee

2018-2019 Big Data- Social Science, Business, and Health Committee Co-Chair

2019- 2022 Academic Senate; Student Affairs Committee

2020 Student Activities Restart Committee

**Reviewer for:**

*Social Psychology Quarterly, American Sociological Review, American Educational Research Journal, Sociology of Education, Journal of Family Issues, Sociological Spectrum, Sociological Forum, Social Forces, Journal of Early Adolescence, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Sociology Compass, Socioeconomic Review, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Focus, Journal of Early Adolescence, Sociological Currents, Sage Open, Midwest Social Science Journal, National Journal of National Medical Association, Studies in Higher Education, International Journal of STEM Education, Social Science Research, The Sociological Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly*

**Student Advising**

**Ph.D. Adviser**

**Completed (9)**

Omari Jackson (2013); Zavin Nazaretian (2014); William Charles Jackson (2014); Monita Mungo (2015); Dennis Savard (2016); Charles Bell (2018); Erin Baker (2021); Whitney Hunt (2022); Brigit Dyer (2022)

**Ph.D. Committee Member**

**Completed (31)**

Jennifer Lawson; Brian Kingry; Satis Devkota (Economics); Charlotte Winston; Amy Peterson; Tapan Seth (Business-Management), Rola Bazzi-Gates; Kala Nair; Nayan Joshi (Economics), Anthony Iafrate **;** Shelytia Cocroft; Beth Simmert, Saad Alzeer, Swati Verma (Business-Marketing), Ablaye Camara (Economics) Cagla Cavlak (Political Science); Nayeer Nassem (Business-Marketing); Rajia Rashad; Aaron Johnson (Business-Marketing); Ilker Kalin (Political Science); Somak Banjaree; (Business-Marketing); Ryan Duff; Lisa Stack; Greg Hicks; Raed Ahmed (Political Science); Abdulaziz Alkaltham; Jennifer Lendrum; Ayan Bhattacharyya (Marketing); Rachel Goutman (Counselling Psychology); Randall Wyatt; Igor Mocko (Economics)

**M.A Adviser**

**Completed (5)**

Sydney Arens (2020);Christian Genesky (2015); Linda Smith (2017); Whitney Hunt (2017); Jason Smith (2019)

**M.A. Committee Member**

**Completed (16)**

Allen Heffner; Gerald Nowak; Gabriel Lotarski; Lisa Stack; Ivy Horn; Dennis Savard, Nicole Little, Sterling Jackson; Mars Allen; Paul Henderson; Vanessa Rayford-Brown; Randall Wyatt; Catina Polk; Mitchell Jeffery; Megan St. George; Madeleine Cossin

**Undergraduate Research Mentoring**

Mrunalini Tankasala (UROP) William Alexander (McNairs Scholars); Athraa Hannawa (UROP); Jamillah Douthet (ReBuild); Jason Smith (UROP); Jennifer Anton (Honors Thesis)

## Professional Organizations

American Sociological Association

North Central Sociological Association

American Educational Research Association

Pacific Sociological Association

Southern Sociological Society

Alpha Kappa Delta

Michigan Sociological Association

**References**

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