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### **Education**

- Ph.D. Public Policy and Sociology, University of Michigan Ann Arbor 2008  
Thesis: Educational Inequality in an Affluent Setting: An Exploration of Resources and Opportunity.  
Committee: Alford Young Jr., David Cohen, Carla O'Connor, Anthony Chen
- M.A. Sociology, University of Michigan of Ann Arbor 2003
- B.A. Sociology, Cum Laude, Morehouse College 2000

### **Research Interests**

Race and Ethnic Relations; Sociology of Education; Urban policy; Mixed Methods; Mental Health

### **Academic Positions**

- Assistant Professor Department of Sociology and the Black Studies Program 2007 -Present

### **Publications**

Lewis, R. L. and Kanika Bell. 2006. "Negotiating Racial Identity in Social Interactions." Pp. 249-265 in *Mixed Messages: Multiracial Identities in the "Color-Blind" Era*, edited by D. Brunnsma. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publications.

Sellers, Robert, Nikeea Copeland-Linder, Pamela Martin and R. L'Heureux Lewis. 2006. "Racial Identity Matters: The Relationship between Racial Discrimination and Psychological Functioning in African American Adolescents." *Journal of Research on Adolescence* 16 (2): 187- 216.

O'Connor, Carla, R. L. Lewis, and Jennifer Mueller. 2005. "The Culture of Black Femininity and School Success." Pp. 163-179 in *Beyond Silenced Voices: Class, Race, and Gender in United States Schools, Revised Edition*, edited by L. Weis and M. Fine. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

Lewis, R., Mischa Thompson, Aaron Celious, and R. Khari Brown. 2002. "Rap Music, Is It Really All Bad? Why Hip-Hop Scholarship Is Important." *African American Research Perspectives* 8: 67-70.

### **Manuscripts Forthcoming:**

Lewis, R. L. "Speaking the Unspeakable: Youth's perspective on racial importance."

Lewis, R. L. "Beyond the Hood: Black and White boys and the Structure of Social Opportunity."

Lewis, R. L. "Schooling Black Boys: From Crisis to Construction"

Lewis, R.L. "Barack Obama and the 'New Black Fatherhood'" in Re-vitalizing the American Dream: Essays on Barak Obama edited by Melvin Rahming and Daniel Black.

### **Professional Presentations**

Lewis, R. L. "Schooling Black Boys: Prospects and Possibilities" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Think Tank for African American Progress, Memphis, TN 2009.

Lewis, R. L. "Beyond the Hood: Black Boys and the Structure of Opportunity in Non-High Poverty Settings." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA. 2009

Lewis, R. L. "Which Friends Matter: An Exploration of Proximal and Distal Friends on Academic and Post Secondary Outcomes." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA. 2009.

Lewis, R. L. "Refocusing Race Conscious Education Policy: Rhetoric and Interventions." Presented at the Kirwan Institute's "Toward a Transformative Agenda around Race", Columbus, OH. 2007

Lewis, R. L. "Locating Bias in Elementary Classrooms." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL. 2007

Lewis, R. L. "Suburban Mothers, Sports, and Schooling." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Montreal, Canada. 2006

Lewis, R. L. "Using Critical Race Theory to Untangle the Achievement Gap." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Sociology of Education Association, Monterey, CA. 2005

Lewis, R. L. "Triangulating the Achievement Gap." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Black Sociologists, Atlanta, GA. 2004

Lewis, R. L. "African American Mental Health: Explorations in Gender." Presented at the Eighth Annual Women's Worlds Congress, Kampala, Uganda. 2002

### **Selected Invited Lectures and Speeches**

Lewis, R. L. "Inequality in the Promised Land: New Dilemmas in Educational Opportunity." Presented at New York University – Institute for Public Knowledge. 2009

Lewis, R. L. "Brick by Brick: Rebuilding Black-Jewish Alliances." Panelist at New York University Gallatin School for Individual Study. 2009

Lewis, R. L. "Who Gets Left Behind: Education and Electoral Politics." Presented at New York University - Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. 2008

Lewis, R. L. "Shoulders on which we stand: Graduate Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Keynote at the University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School Summer Institute. 2008

Lewis, R. L. "Race and Class Exclusion In American Public Schools." Presented at Pomona College. 2008

Lewis, R. L. "There is no I in Degree: Community and Collaboration in Higher Education." Keynote at the University of Michigan Summer Research Opportunity Program. 2007

## Teaching Experience

The City College of New York

Black Studies 10100 African Heritage- American Experience

Sociology & Black Studies 31109 Sociology of the African-American Experience

Sociology & Public Policy c1266 Race, Schools and Policy

Public Policy Educational Equity Seminar

University of Michigan

Sociology 993: Graduate Student Instructor Training Program

Sociology & CAAS 303: Race and Ethnic Relations

## Grants and Honors

Wegman Brothers Faculty Fellow	2009 - 2010
Colin Powell Center for Policy Studies Public Scholarship Faculty Fellow	2009 - 2010
Principal Investigator, "Black Exodus: An Inquiry into non-Public School Attendees"	2008
AERA Research Fellowship in Education and Adolescent Health	2008
Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network Summer Fellow	2007
Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship	2006-2007
National Poverty Center Research Grant, University of Michigan	2006-2007
American Sociological Association Mental Health Fellowship	2001-2005
Minority Research Training Grant, University of Michigan	2001
Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan	2000-2006

## Professional Associations

American Sociological Association

American Educational Research Association

Association of Black Sociologists

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network

## Professional Service

Member Internal Advisory Board, The Charles Rangel, The City College of New York, New York, NY.

Member Advisory Board, The Diversity Advancement Project, The Center for Social Inclusion, New York, NY