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Education

2002 Ph.D., Clinical Psychology
St. John's University, Queens, NY

1994 B.A., Psychology, *cum laude*
Carleton College, Northfield, MN

Current Appointments

9/2010 - Associate Professor of Human Ecology &
Associate Professor of Africana Studies
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ

Previous Positions

7/2006 – 8/2010 Assistant Professor of Sociomedical Sciences
9/2004 – 7/2006 Associate Research Scientist in Sociomedical Sciences
Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY
9/2001-8/2004 Postdoctoral Fellow
Division of Cancer Prevention & Control
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

Selected Fellowships & Honors

2020 Baird Society Scholar in Residence, American Art Museum, Smithsonian Institution
2017 George E. Burch Fellowship, Smithsonian Institution (declined)
2017 Senior Fellow, EURIAS Fellowship Program, Marseille, France
2016 Senior Fellow, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution,
2016 Research Fellow, Black Metropolis Research Consortium, University of Chicago
2015 Finalist, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship Program, Wassenaar
2012 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Young Leaders Award

Selected Grant Funding

9/1/2017 – 8/31/2020

Principal Investigator: “Race and the transformation of the food environment: Fast food, African Americans, and the color line, 1955-1995” National Institutes of Health, Direct costs: \$150,000

9/2009 – 8/2013

Principal Investigator: “Immunologic Effects and a Structural "Countermarketing" Intervention: Racism, the HPA axis, and African American health” National Institutes of Health - The NIH Director's New Innovator Award, Direct costs = \$1,500,000

7/2009 – 12/2012

Principal Investigator: “On the content of our character: The myth of meritocracy and African American health” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Investigator Award in Health Policy, Direct costs = \$334,975

9/2004 – 8/2007

Principal Investigator: “Cultural and Contextual Determinants of Alcohol Use Among African American Women: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Breast Cancer Risk” Department of Defense; Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, Direct costs = \$375,000

Selected Publications

Sole-Authored Books

Kwate, N.O.A. (under contract). *Paint it Black: Race and the Transformation of Fast Food in America*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Kwate, N.O.A. (2019). *Burgers in Blackface: Anti-Black Restaurants Then and Now*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, Forerunners Series.

Edited Books

Kwate, N.O.A., (Ed.) with photographs by Camilo J. Vergara. (forthcoming, May 2021). *The Street: A Photographic Field Guide to American Inequality*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Kwate, N.O.A. (2020 online first). The corner liquor store: Rethinking toxicity in the Black metropolis. Journal of Medical Humanities. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10912-020-09645-3>

Kwate, N.O.A., & Threadcraft, S. (2017). Dying fast and dying slow in Black space: Stop and Frisk's public health threat and a comprehensive necropolitics. Du Bois Review, 14(2), 535-556.

Kwate, N.O.A. (2017). The Race Against Time: Lived time, time loss, and Black health opportunity. Du Bois Review, 14(2), 497-514.

Kwate, N.O.A., & Loh, J.M. (2016). Fast food and liquor store density, co-tenancy, and turnover: Vice store operations in Chicago, 1995-2008. Applied Geography, 67, 1-13.

Kwate, N.O.A., & Goodman, M.S. (2015). Racism at the intersections: Gender and socioeconomic differences in the experience of racism among African Americans. American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 85(5), 397-408.

Kwate, N.O.A., & Threadcraft, S. (2015). Perceiving the Black female body: Race and gender in police constructions of body weight. Race and Social Problems, 7(3), 213-226.

Kwate, N.O.A., & Goodman, M.S. (2015). Cross-sectional and longitudinal effects of racism on the mental health of urban African Americans. American Journal of Public Health, 107, 711-718.

Kwate, N.O.A., & Goodman, M.S. (2014). An empirical analysis of White privilege, social position and health. Social Science & Medicine, 116, 150-160.

Kwate, N.O.A. (2014). “Racism Still Exists”: A public health intervention using racism "countermarketing" outdoor advertising in a Black neighborhood. Journal of Urban Health, 91(5), 851-872.

Kwate, N.O.A., Goodman, M.S., Jackson, J*, & Harris, J*. (2013). Spatial and racial patterning of real estate broker listings in New York City. The Review of Black Political Economy, 40(4), 401-424.

Kwate, N.O.A., Loh, J.M., White, K., & Saldana, N.T.*. (2013). Retail redlining in New York City: Racialized access to day-to-day retail resources. Journal of Urban Health, 90(4), 632-652.

Kwate, N.O.A., & Meyer, I.H. (2011). On sticks and stones and broken bones: Stereotypes and African American health. Du Bois Review, 8 (1), 191-198.

Kwate, N.O.A., & Meyer, I.H. (2010). The myth of meritocracy and African American health. American Journal of Public Health, 100(10), 1831-1834.

Selected Professional Activities

Selected Editorial Positions, Peer Reviewed Journals

5/2020 - Editorial Board (Founding) *Journal of Bioethics and Black Studies*
1/2017 - Editorial Board, *Journal of Urban Health*

Selected Ad hoc Review, Peer Reviewed Journals

American Anthropologist
American Journal of Public Health
American Journal of Preventive Medicine
Applied Geography
City & Community
Du Bois Review
Environment & Planning A
Health & Place
Health Psychology
Preventive Medicine
Social Forces
Social Science & Medicine
Social Science Research

Standing Study Section Membership, External Funders

June 2012 - SPIP: Social Psychology, Personality and Interpersonal Processes. Center for Scientific
2016 Review, National Institutes of Health.

Selected Ad Hoc Review, External Funders

2021 Social science subcommittee, Pan-African Research Council
2020 French Institutes for Advanced Study Fellowship Programme
2019 NIH Special Emphasis Panel ZMD1 XLN (L3): NIH Health Disparities Loan Repayment
2018 NIH-CSR Anonymization in Peer Review Project
2017 NSF Division of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences
2017 European Institutes for Advanced Studies (EURIAS) Fellowship Program
2017 NIH Health Disparities and Equity Promotion (HDEP)
2016 NIH Director's Early Independence Awards
2015 RWJF New Leadership Programs