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Education

- 2018 Ph.D., Sociology, Louisiana State University
Dissertation: *Feminism and The Black Church: A Qualitative Analysis of Feminism Among Black Women in a Southern Baptist Church*
- 2014 M.A., Sociology, The George Washington University
- 2012 B.S.B.A., International Business w/ Sociology Minor, The University of Southern Mississippi
With Honors

Academic Employment

- 2021- Assistant Instructional Professor of Sociology, The University of Chicago
- 2020-2021 ACLS Emerging Voices Postdoctoral Fellow, Yale University
- 2019-2020 Instructor/Rector of Humanities & Social Sciences Residential College, Louisiana State University
- 2018-2019 Adjunct Instructor, Louisiana State University

Other Professional Employment

- 2018-2019 Project Manager, The Urban Congress on African American Males, MetroMorphosis

Research Areas & Interests

Race, Gender, & Religion; Race and Ethnicity; Black Feminism; Black Religion; Contemporary Social Theory, Stratification & Inequality; Qualitative Methodologies

Publications

Book Manuscript in Progress

We're All Women First: Black Women, Labor, and Religion

Chapters in Peer Reviewed Books

Painia, Brianne A. (2020). "Carceral Migration: An Africana Demographic Reframing of Post-Release Pathways for Formerly Incarcerated Populations." In Martin, L.L. (Ed). *Introduction to Africana Demography*. Brill

Research Reports

Painia, Brianne A. 2020. *The Last 100 Hours: Interviews with Former Inmates and Department of Corrections Staff Regarding Louisiana's Pilot 100-Hour Pre-Release Curriculum*. MetroMorphosis. Baton Rouge, LA.

Painia, Brianne A. 2019. *The State of Black Girls & Women in Baton Rouge*. MetroMorphosis. Baton Rouge, LA.

Articles in Progress

Painia, Brianne. "Feminist Identification Among Black Women in A Black Southern Baptist Church." *Under Review at Meridians*.

Painia, Brianne. "If You're a Christian, You're a Feminist": Religious Feminist Identity Reconciliation Among Black Religious Women." *Under Review at Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*.

Painia, Brianne. "Post-Release Identity Management in Formerly Incarcerated Persons." *Draft in Progress*.

Painia, Brianne and Becker, Sarah. "Dual Purposes of Gender Roles and Treatment of Women in Belief in Religious-Feminist Compatibility." *Analysis Underway*

Popular Media

Gonzalez, Susan. "[An 'emerging voice' on gender, identity, and religion](#)" YaleNews. (March 7, 2021)

OpenMinds. "[Researcher Recommends Statewide Expansion of Louisiana's Prison pilot Pre-Release Reentry Program.](#)" (April 27, 2020)

Swagher.net. "[The Last 100 Hours](#)" (February 11, 2020)

Derobertis, Jacqueline. "[Report: State prison reentry program mostly successful, some room for improvement](#)" The Advocate. (February 5, 2020)

MetroMorphosis. "Just What the Dr. Ordered: Dr. Brianne Painia on Blackness & Feminism" Urban Renewal Podcast. (March 25, 2019)

Painia, Brianne. "[Dear Disenchanted Christian: I'm Holding Space for You](#)" Unfit Christian. (October 3, 2017)

Painia, Brianne. "[For Grad Students Who Have Anxiety Conducting Interviews Because Survey Data Isn't Enough](#)" Just Tryna' Graduate. (2017)

Presentations

Invited Lecture. "Transitioning to a PhD Program." Doctoral Scholars Seminar via Zoom, August 2021.

Invited Lecture. "Religious Belief and Personal Practice: The Intersection of Religion, Identity, Gender and Race." Yale Club of DC via Zoom, April 2021.

Invited Lecture. "The Potential of the Black Religious Body." Dixwell Avenue Congregational United Church of Christ in New Haven, CT via Zoom, March 2021.

Paper Presentation. "Definitions of Successful Reentry Amongst Louisiana Correctional Administrators and Formerly Incarcerated Citizens." American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 2020.

Paper Presentation. "Black Male Sociopolitical Engagement." Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference in New York, NY, August 2019.

Paper Presentation. "Black Religious Women, The Church, and Identity." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, February 2018.

Teaching Experience

RLST 261: Religion and Identity, Spring 2021—Yale University

AAAS 3425: Black Women in America, Fall 2020 & Spring 2021—Louisiana State University

HSS 1000: Introduction to Research, Fall 2018 & 2019—Louisiana State University

HSS 1001: Introduction to Career Pathways, Spring 2019 & 2020—Louisiana State University

AAAS 2000: Introduction to African & African American Studies, Spring 2017—Louisiana State University

Introduction to Sociology (TA), Fall 2013 & Spring 2014—The George Washington University

Introduction to Criminal Justice (TA), Spring 2013—The George Washington University

Contemporary Sociological Theory (TA), Fall 2012—The George Washington University

Service to the Profession

- Ad Hoc Reviewer—*Sociology of Religion*

University Service

- African and African American Studies Affiliate Faculty, Louisiana State University (2019-present)
 - Assessment Committee
- HSS Faculty Senate, Louisiana State University (2019-2020)
 - Scholarship and Teaching Committee

Professional Affiliations

- Southern Sociological Society (2012-present)
- American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (2020)
- Association of Black Sociologists (2019-present)
- Association for the Sociology of Religion (2017-2019)
- Eastern Sociological Society (2014-2018)
- International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi (2009-present)
 - Vice President of Pledge Education, Gamma Tau chapter, Spring 2012
- Golden Key International Honor Society (2011-present)

Honors and Awards

- ACLS Emerging Voices Fellow at Yale University (2020-2021)
- SREB/BOR Graduate Fellow at Louisiana State University (2014-2018)
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship at The George Washington University (2012-2014)
- Presidential Scholar at The University of Southern Mississippi (2008-2012)
- Induction into Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society (2011)
- National Achievement Scholar, National Merit Program (2008)
- Honors Ambassador for the Honors College at The University of Southern Mississippi (2011-2012)