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#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D.	New York University, American Studies	2003
M.Phil.	New York University, American Studies	1998
B.A.	University of California at San Diego, Anthropology ( <i>magna cum laude</i> ; elected to Phi Beta Kappa)	1994

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS AND FIELDS OF EXPERTISE**

Social and historical study of science, technology, and medicine, especially genetics and new technologies; political sociology; inequality; race and ethnicity; social and political theory; qualitative methods

#### **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2019-	Harold F. Linder Chair and Professor of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study
2017-	President, Social Science Research Council
2013-2019	Professor, Department of Sociology and Institute for Research on Women, Gender and Sexuality, Columbia University
2014-2017	Dean of Social Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University
2015-2016	Interim Director, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University
2013-2014	Director, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Columbia University
2012-2013	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Columbia University
2009-2013	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Columbia University
2008	Visiting Professor, Bavarian American Academy
2004-2006	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of African American Studies, Yale University
2003-2009	Assistant Professor, Departments of African American Studies and Sociology, Yale University

#### **OTHER ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

2020-	Board of Trustees, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
2020-	Board of Directors, American Association for the Advancement of Science
2020-	Board of Directors, Russell Sage Foundation
2019-	Advisory Board Member, Obama Presidency Oral History Project
2019-	National Academy of Medicine, Committee on Emerging Science, Technology, and Innovation (co-chair)
2019-	Board of Trustees, United States International University Africa (Kenya)
2019-	Board of Trustees, The American Assembly
2019-	International Board of Overseers, Sabanci University
2019-	Academic Advisory Board, SNF Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University
2018-	Board of Directors, The Teagle Foundation
2018-	Board of Directors, Center for Research Libraries
2018-	Advisory Board, Centre for Global Knowledge Studies at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, Cambridge University
2017-	Advisory Board, Columbia World Projects, Columbia University
2017-	Academic Council, A.I. Now Institute, New York University
2017-	Board for African-American Affairs, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello

- 2017- Advisory Committee, College and Beyond II: The 21st Century Project, Mellon Foundation  
 2016- Board of Directors, Data and Society Research Institute  
 2015- Founding Co-Director, Columbia Collaborative to Advance Equity through Research  
 2015-2019 Founding Co-Chair, Precision Medicine and Society Initiative, Columbia University  
 2013-2017 Founding Co-Chair, Columbia University Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Council

#### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND HONORS

- 2020 Elected as a Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences  
 2020 Elected as a Member of the American Philosophical Society  
 2020 Morison Prize in Science, Technology, and Society, MIT  
 2020 Top 35 Women in Higher Education, *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*  
 2018 Elected as the 2019 Ernest Burgess Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Science  
 2018 Elected as a Fellow of The Hastings Center  
 2017 Elected to Membership in the Sociological Research Association  
 2014 Visiting Fellow, Academy of Advanced African Studies, University of Bayreuth  
 2014 African American Culture and Philosophy Award, Purdue University  
 2011 Visiting Senior Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science  
 2008 Poorvu Family Award for Distinguished Interdisciplinary Teaching, Yale University  
 2007 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Diversity Fellowship  
 2007 Visiting Research Fellow, Visiting Research Fellow, BIOS: Centre for the Study of Bioscience, Biomedicine, Biotechnology and Society, London School of Economics  
 2006-2007 Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation  
 2006-2007 Junior Faculty Fellowship, Yale University  
 2006-2007 Fellow, International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University  
 2006-2007 Non-Resident Fellow, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University  
 2005 Principal Investigator, *The Bioethical Implications of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing for African American Heredity Tracing*, Donaghue Initiative in Biomedical and Behavioral Research Ethics Research Grant, Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics  
 2005 Principal Investigator, *Roots in the Age of Genomics: Genetic Heredity Tracing and African American Identity*, Social Science Research Fund Grant, Yale University  
 2003-2009 Ethnicity, Race, and Migration Program Research Grant  
 2004 Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences Grant, *When 'No' Means 'Yes': Measuring Social Desirability Effects on the Expression of Biological Concepts of Race* (with Hannah Brückner and Ann Morning), National Science Foundation  
 2003-2005 Kempf Memorial Fund Grant for Race, Health, and Medicine Speakers Series, Yale University  
 2001-2002 Ann Plato Fellowship, Trinity College  
 2000-2001 Trustee Dissertation Fellowship, Skidmore College  
 1995-2000 Henry Mitchell MacCracken Fellowship, New York University  
 1995-2000 Dean's Fellowship, New York University  
 1994 Phi Beta Kappa

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### BOOKS

In progress

##### **Politics, Ethics and the Obama Office of Science and Technology Policy**

The departure of the majority of Obama-appointed staffers from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in 2017 brought with it the close to a unique experiment in science and the state. The centrality of science and technology to the practice of governance was arguably a hallmark of this presidency. This book will examine how the Obama administration pioneered a distinctly liberal democratic perspective on science and technology—one that endeavored to anticipate how emerging science and technology could both thwart and advance the common good—with mixed outcomes.

- 2016 **Alondra Nelson.** *The Social Life of DNA: Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation after the Genome.* (Beacon Press). Arabic translation published in 2017 (Jadawel Press).

**Reviews (17):** *Boston Globe; Nature; Kirkus Reviews; American Journal of Public Health; Pacific Standard; Choice Reviews; Dublin Review of Books; Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society; Library Journal; Publishers Weekly; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Ethnic and Racial Studies Review; European Journal of Sociology; Genome Magazine; The Quarterly Review of Biology; SOMATOSPHERE and New Scientist.*

**Excerpts (4):** *Salon; In These Times; Aeon; and AlterNet.*

Selected as the focus of an “Author Meets Critics” session at the annual meeting of the American Association, 2017.

Selected for SOMATOSPHERE Book Forum (Responses from Arlene Davila, Jessica Marie Johnson, Stephan Palmié, Noah Tamarkin).

Selected as a Favorite Book of 2016, *Wall Street Journal*.

Day of Common Learning Selection, Seattle Pacific University

**Award:** Finalist, *2017 Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for Nonfiction*

**Selected Media Coverage:** *New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, “On The Media,” The Atlantic, “PBS News Hour,” Salon, “All Things Considered,” Christian Science Monitor, Chronicle of Higher Education, FiveThirtyEight, and others.*

2011

**Alondra Nelson.** *Body and Soul: The Black Panther Party and the Fight Against Medical Discrimination* (University of Minnesota Press).

**Excerpt:** “‘Corps et âme’: Le parti des Black Panthers et la lutte contre les discriminations médicales,” in *Revue Agone: Quand la santé décuple les inégalités*. (Paris: Agone), 2016.

**Awards (5):**

*2013 Mirra Komarovsky Award, Eastern Sociological Society (for best book on any sociological subject authored by an ESS member)*

*2013 Finalist, C. Wright Mills Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems (for the book that best “advances social science understanding”)*

*2012 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award from the Race, Gender and Class Section of the American Sociological Association*

*2012 Association for Humanist Sociology Book Award (for the best book in “sociology or an interdisciplinary social science that approach their subjects from a humanist perspective”)*

*2012 Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Book Award, Association of Black Women Historians (for the book best exemplifying “innovative, well researched and insightful scholarship” that is “written about or by an Africana woman scholar.”)*

**Reviews (37):** *American Journal of Sociology; Contemporary Sociology; Social Forces; Mobilization; Journal of American History; The American Historical Review; Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences; Journal of American Studies; New Genetics and Society; Journal of African American History; Social Identities: Journal of Race, Nation and Culture; Bulletin of the History of Medicine; Nursing History Review; Space and Society: Environment and Planning D; Journal for the Study of Radicalism; New York Journal of Books; Boston Review; Publishers Weekly; Choice Reviews; Library Journal; Book News; Books and Ideas; TransAtlantica; Diverse Issues in Higher Education; The Crisis; Humanity and Society; ForeWord Reviews; Real Health Magazine; AlterNet; Black Commentator; The Journal of Pan*

*African Studies; The Public Archive; Port of Harlem; Truth Out; Racism Review; Real Change News; Reference and Research Book News.*

Selected as the focus of an “Author Meets Critics” session at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, 2013.

Selected as the focus of an “Author Meets Critics” session at the annual meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology, 2013.

**Selected Media Coverage:** *New York Times, Washington Post, Newsweek, The Atlantic, Diverse Issues in Higher Education, Boston Review, National Public Radio, and others.*

#### **EDITED BOOKS AND ACADEMIC JOURNAL ISSUES**

- 2018 **Alondra Nelson**, The Social Life of DNA: Racial Reconciliation and Institutional Morality, 2017 BJS Lecture and Symposium, *British Journal of Sociology*. (Responses by Yulia Erogoва, James R. Jones, Aaron Panofsky, Jenny Reardon, and Adam Rothman).
- 2016 **Alondra Nelson**, coeditor (with Alfredo Morabia), Special Section on the Black Panther Party’s health activism, *American Journal of Public Health*.
- 2012 Keith Wailoo, **Alondra Nelson**, and Catherine Lee, eds. *Genetics and the Unsettled Past: The Collision of DNA, Race and History* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press).

**Reviews (5):** *Contemporary Sociology; Health Affairs; New Genetics and Society; The Quarterly Review of Biology; Books and Ideas*

- 2002 **Alondra Nelson**, editor, Afrofuturism--Special Issue of *Social Text* (Duke University Press).
- 2001 **Alondra Nelson** and Thuy Linh Tu, eds. *Technicolor: Race, Technology, and Everyday Life* (New York: NYU Press).

**Reviews (15):** *ArtByte; Black Issues Book Review; Inquiry; IT World; Computer World; Journal of Asian Studies; New York Magazine; Industry Standard; Resource Center for Cyberculture Studies (4); Technical Communication; Scitech Book News; Information, Communication and Technology.*

#### **REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- 2019 Ann Morning, Hannah Brückner and **Alondra Nelson**, Socially Desirable Reporting and the Expression of Biological Concepts of Race, *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race* 17: 1-17.
- 2018 Gil Eyal, Maya Sabatello, Kathryn Tabb, Rachel Adams, Matthew Jones, Frank R. Lichtenberg, **Alondra Nelson**, Kevin Ochsner, John Rowe, Deborah Stiles, Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, Kristen Underhill, Paul S. Appelbaum. The Physician-Patient Relationship in the Age of Precision Medicine, *Genetics in Medicine* 21: 813–815.
- 2017 Matthew Zook; Solon Barocas; danah boyd; Kate Crawford; Emily Keller; Seeta Peña Gangadharan; Alyssa Goodman; Rachele Hollander; Barbara Koenig; Jacob Metcalf; Arvind Narayanan; **Alondra Nelson**; Frank Pasquale. Ten Simple Rules for Responsible Big Data Research, *PLOS Computational Biology* 13(3): 1-10.
- 2016 **Alondra Nelson**. The Longue Durée of Black Lives Matter. Special Section: The Black Panther Party. *American Journal of Public Health* 106(10), October: 1734-1737.
- 2014 **Alondra Nelson**. Genetic Ancestry Testing as an Ethnic Option, *Contexts*, Fall.
- 2013 **Alondra Nelson**. DNA Ethnicity as Black Social Action? *Cultural Anthropology* 28(3): 527-538.
- 2008 **Alondra Nelson**. Bio Science: Genetic Genealogy Testing and the Pursuit of African Ancestry. *Social Studies of Science* 38: 809-833.
- 2009 Revised version reprinted in *Scientific Cultures, Technological Challenges: A Transatlantic Perspective*. Publications of the Bavarian American Academy, Vol. 10, eds. Klaus Benesch and Meike Zwingenberger. Heidelberg, Germany: Winter Verlag, 125-153.

- 2007 Deborah Bolnick, Duana Fullwiley, Troy Duster, Richard S. Cooper, Joan H. Fujimura, Jonatahn Kahn, Jay S. Kaufman, Jonathan Marks, Ann Morning, **Alondra Nelson**, et al. The Science and Business of Genetic Ancestry Testing. *Science* 5849: 399-400, October 19.  
2017 Reprinted in *Beyond Bioethics: Toward a New Biopolitics*. (Berkeley: University of California Press).
- 2007 Lundy Braun, Anne Fausto-Sterling, Duana Fullwiley, Evelyn Hammonds, **Alondra Nelson**, William Quivers, Susan Reverby and Alexandra Shields. Racial categories in medical practice: How useful are they? *PLoS Medicine* 4(9): 1423-1428.
- 2002 **Alondra Nelson**. Introduction: Future Texts, *Social Text* 71: 1-15.
- 1997 Debra Wexler, Thuy Linh Tu, **Alondra Nelson**, and Alicia Headlam Hines. Communities on the Verge: Intersections and Disjunctures in the New Information Order. *Computers and Composition* 14: 289-300.

#### OTHER ARTICLES

- 2013 **Alondra Nelson**. Out of the Shadows, Into the Stars, *The Shadows Took Shape* (exhibition catalogue), Studio Museum in Harlem.
- 2009 **Alondra Nelson**. Social Text, *Social Text* 100 (Fall): 235-238.
- 2003 **Alondra Nelson**. Broadband Politics: New Media and the Presidential Campaign. *Drum Major Institute for Public Policy Journal*, Winter.
- 2001 **Alondra Nelson**. 'Aliens Who Are Of Course Ourselves': The Art of Layla Ali. *Art Journal: Journal of the College Art Association* 60: 99-100.  
2020 Reprinted in *Documents of Contemporary Art: Science Fiction*. Ed. Dan Byrne-Smith. MIT Press.
- 2000 **Alondra Nelson**. Braving the New World: Race and Technology Beyond the Digital Divide. In ed. Makani N. Themba, *Race and Public Policy*, Applied Research Center, 37-41.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- In progress **Alondra Nelson** and Tiffany Cheng, *Coding Freedom?* in eds. Nancy Hirschmann and Deborah A. Thomas, *Citizenship on the Edge*.
- 2018 **Alondra Nelson**. Our Ancestors are Angels, Too. *Kerry James Marshall: A Creative Convening*. (New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art).
- 2016 Ramya M. Rajagopalan, **Alondra Nelson**, and Joan Fujimura, Race and Science in the Twenty-First Century, in eds. Ulrike Felt, Rayvon Fouché, Clark A. Miller, and Laurel Smith-Doerr, *Handbook of Science and Technology Studies* (Cambridge: MIT Press), 349-378.
- 2016 **Alondra Nelson**, On the Black Panther Party's Health Activism, in eds. Bryan Shih and Yohuru Williams, *The Black Panthers: Portraits from an Unfinished Revolution*. (New York: Nation Books).
- 2014 **Alondra Nelson** and Joan Robinson, The Social Life of DTC Genetic Testing: The Case of 23andMe, in eds. Daniel Lee Kleinman and Kelly Moore, *Handbook of Science, Technology and Society*. (London: Routledge).
- 2012 **Alondra Nelson**. Reconciliation Projects: From Kinship to Justice, in eds. Wailoo, Nelson and Lee, *Genetics and the Unsettled Past: The Collision of DNA, Race, and History*. (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press), 20-31.
- 2012 Keith Wailoo, **Alondra Nelson** and Catherine Lee. Introduction: Genetic Claims and the Unsettled Past in eds. Wailoo, Nelson and Lee, *Genetics and the Unsettled Past: The Collision of DNA, Race, and History*. (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press), 1-12.
- 2012 Keith Wailoo, Catherine Lee and **Alondra Nelson**. Genetic Claims and Credibility: Revisiting History, Remaking Race in eds. Wailoo, Nelson and Lee, *Genetics and the Unsettled Past: The Collision of DNA, Race, and History*. (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press), 325-334.
- 2012 **Alondra Nelson**. Ruhestörung – Gräber, Knochen, DNA und eine neue afrikanisch Ahnenforschung in den Vereinigten Staaten. Translated by Yvonne Zivkovic and Marianne Sommer in eds. Sommer and Krüger, *Biohistorische Anthropology: Knochen, Körper und DNA in Erinnerungskulturen*. (Berlin: Kulturverlag Kadmos).
- 2011 **Alondra Nelson** and Jeong Won Hwang. Roots and Revelation: Genetic Ancestry Tracing and the YouTube Generation in eds. Lisa Nakamura and Peter Chow-White, *Race After the Internet*. (New York: Routledge,) 271-290.

- 2011 **Alondra Nelson.** The Factness of Diaspora: The Social Sources of Genetic Genealogy (revised and reprinted) in eds. Marianne Hirsch and Nancy K. Miller, *Rites of Return: Diaspora Poetics and the Politics of Memory*. (New York: Columbia University Press).
- 2009 Adele E. Clarke, Janet Shim, Sara Shostak and **Alondra Nelson.** Biomedicalizing Genetic Health, Diseases and Identities in eds. Paul Atkinson, Peter Glasner, and Margaret Lock, *Handbook of Genetics and Society: Mapping the New Genomic Era*. (London: Routledge), 21-40.
- 2008 **Alondra Nelson.** The Factness of Diaspora: The Social Sources of Genetic Genealogy, in eds. Barbara Koenig, Sandra Soo-Jin Lee and Sarah Richardson, *Revisiting Race in a Genomic Age*. (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press), 253-270.
- 2006 **Alondra Nelson.** 'A Black Mass' as Black Gothic: Myth and Biomedicine in African American Cultural Nationalism, in eds. Lisa Gail Collins and Margo Crawford, *New Thoughts on the Black Arts Movement*, (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press), 137-153.  
2016 Reprinted in Douglas S. Kern, *Amiri Baraka*. Detroit: Gale, Cengage Learning.
- 2001 **Alondra Nelson** and Thuy Linh N. Tu. Hidden Circuits, in eds. Nelson and Tu, *Technicolor: Race, Technology, and Everyday Life*, New York: NYU Press), 1-13.

#### REFERENCE ARTICLES

- 2005 **Alondra Nelson.** New Media and Digital Culture, in ed. Colin Palmer. *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. (New York: MacMillan Reference).
- 2005 **Alondra Nelson** and Lindsey J. Greene. Women and Minorities in the Scientific Community in ed. Sal Restivo, *Science, Technology, and Society: An Encyclopedia*. (New York: Oxford University Press), 649-665.
- 2003 **Alondra Nelson.** Medicine and Society, in ed. Sal Restivo, *Science, Technology, and Society: An Encyclopedia*. (New York: Oxford University Press), xxi-xxiv.

#### COMMENTARY AND OP-EDS

- 2018 **Alondra Nelson.** Elizabeth Warren and the Folly of Genetic Ancestry Tests. *New York Times*. 17 October.
- 2018 Gil Eyal, Maya Sabatello, Kathryn Tabb, Rachel Adams, Matthew Jones, Frank R. Lichtenberg, **Alondra Nelson**, Kevin Ochsner, John Rowe, Deborah Stiles, Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, Kristen Underhill, and Paul S. Appelbaum. The Physician-Patient Relationship in the Age of Precision Medicine, *Genetics in Medicine*, September.
- 2018 Jonathan Kahn, Joseph Graves, **Alondra Nelson** et al. How Not to Talk about Race and Genetics. *BuzzFeed News*, March 30.
- 2011 **Alondra Nelson.** Healthcare and the 99%, *Dissent*, 28 October 2011.
- 2010 **Alondra Nelson.** The Social Life of DNA, Big Ideas for the Next Decade feature, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, August 29, 2010.
- 2010 **Alondra Nelson.** Skip Gates's Extended Family, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 5, B12-13.
- 2008 Deborah A. Bolnick, Duana Fullwiley, Jonathan Marks, Susan M. Reverby, Jonathan Kahn, Kimberly TallBear, Jenny Reardon, Richard S. Cooper, Troy Duster, Joan H. Fujimura, Jay S. Kaufman, Ann Morning, **Alondra Nelson**, et al. Response to Tony Frudakis, "The Legitimacy of Genetic Tests." *Science* 319 (5866): 1039-1040. (with D. Bolnick, D. Fullwiley, J. Marks, et al.)
- 2006 **Alondra Nelson.** Beyond 'Roots,' *The Boston Globe*, February 10, 200, A19.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- 2019 **Alondra Nelson.** "The Return of Eugenics" (Review of *Backdoor to Eugenics* by Troy Duster). *Nature*, 19/26 December.
- 2013 **Alondra Nelson.** Review of *African American Civil Rights: Early Activism and the Niagara Movement* by Angela Jones. *American Journal of Sociology*, 1435-1437.
- 2009 **Alondra Nelson.** The Inclusion and Difference Paradox: A Review of *Inclusion: the Politics of Difference in Medical Research* by Steven Epstein. *Social Identities* 15 (5): 741-43.
- 2007 **Alondra Nelson.** Unequal Treatment. A Review of *Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans From Colonial Times to the Present* by Harriet A. Washington. *The Washington Post*, January 7, B11.

- 2003 **Alondra Nelson.** The Black Hacker Who Succeeded in Business. A Review of *Hacker Cracker: A Journey from the Mean Streets of Brooklyn to the Frontiers of Cyberspace* by Ejovi Nuwera and David Chanoff. Chicago Sun-Times, January 19. (reprint)
- 2002 **Alondra Nelson.** *Code Warrior.* A Review of *Hacker Cracker: A Journey from the Mean Streets of Brooklyn to the Frontiers of Cyberspace* by Ejovi Nuwera and David Chanoff. *Washington Post*, December 22, 2002, B03.
- 2000 **Alondra Nelson** and Thuy Linh N. Tu. Review of *Race in Cyberspace*, edited by Lisa Nakamura, Beth Kolko and Gilbert B. Rodman. *Politics and Culture* 2.
- 2000 **Alondra Nelson.** Review of *Dark Matter: A Century of Speculative Fiction from the African Diaspora*, edited by Sheree R. Thomas. *Artbyte*, September/October, 80.

## INTERVIEWS

- 2020 Nehal El-Hadi, An Interview with **Alondra Nelson**, *The Believer*, January/February.
- 2017 Misha Angrist, Q&A with **Alondra Nelson**, *Genome Magazine*, March 30.
- 2016 **Alondra Nelson**, “Genuine Care and Struggle: An Interview with Cleo Silvers,” Special Section: The Black Panther Party. *American Journal of Public Health* 106 (10), October 2016: 1744-1748.
- 2016 Claire Richard, "Des Tests Pour Retrouver Ses Racines: La sociologue américaine **Alondra Nelson** a étudié la façon dont les Afro-Américains s'en emparent pour repenser leur identité," *L'Obs (Le Nouvel Observateur)*, September 7.
- 2016 Georgette Jansen, “Five Questions for **Alondra Nelson** on Race, Ethnicity, and the Social Life of DNA,” *Columbia University Record*, Winter.
- 2015 Jamie Courville, “Interview with **Alondra Nelson**: Race+Gender+Technology+Medicine,” JSTOR Daily, February.
- 2015 Franck Freitas, “Les Black Studies face aux sciences et techniques. Entretien avec Alondra Nelson,” *Poli 10 (Techno Racismes): Politique de L’Image*
- 2014 Listen Up! Podcast. **Alondra Nelson** Interviewed by the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library, July.
- 2014 Leopold Lambert, Interview with **Alondra Nelson**: The Black Panthers’ Struggle Against the American Politics of Health, April.
- 2014 Nehal El-Hadi, TTRU Presents Alondra Nelson (Interview with **Alondra Nelson**), Technoscience Research Unit Blog. University of Toronto, January.
- 2013 Caroline Izambert et Claire Richard, “Blouses blanches et panthères noires entretien avec **Alondra Nelson**,” *Vacarme* 65, Automne 2013, 69-82.
- 2013 Heidi Knoblauch, Special Interview with Alondra Nelson on Criminalization and Public Health, *Just Publics* 365, November.
- 2013 **Alondra Nelson on The Social Life of DNA**, *Ethnography Matters*, October.
- 2012 Atul Gawande interviewed by **Alondra Nelson**. (“Atul Gawande: Écrivain Médecin-Interview par Alondra Nelson,” Trans. by Julie Etienne). *ArtPress* (France).
- 2012 Troy Duster interviewed by **Alondra Nelson**. *Public Culture* 24(2).  
2019 Reprinted as “Scratch a Theory, You Find a Biography: A Conversation with Troy Duster,” in Ruha Benjamin, ed. *Captivating Technology: Race, Carceral Technoscience, and Liberatory Imagination in Everyday Life* (Duke University Press).
- 2011 Pauline Peretz, Race and Health in Post Civil Rights America: Interview with **Alondra Nelson**, *Le Vie des idées/Books & Ideas*, 1 September. ISSN: 2114-074X.
- 2008 ‘Spin the Painting’: **Alondra Nelson** interviews Nadine Robinson, in ed. Paul D. Miller, *Sound Unbound: An Anthology on Sound Art, Digital Media and New Compositional Strategy*, Cambridge: MIT Press, 293-298.
- 2002 **Alondra Nelson.** ‘Making the Impossible Possible’: An Interview with Nalo Hopkinson. *Social Text* 71: 97-113.
- 2001 **Alondra Nelson** and Thuy Linh N. Tu. Appropriating Technology: An Interview with Vivek Bald in eds. Nelson and Tu, *Technicolor: Race, Technology, and Everyday Life*, New York: New York University Press, 88-99.

## INVITED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

### SELECTED DISTINGUISHED LECTURES

American Association for the Advancement of Science Plenary Lecture  
 Bellwether Lecture, Oxford University  
*British Journal of Sociology* Lecture, London School of Economics  
 Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Convocation Address  
 David Rogers Policy Colloquium Lecture, Weill Cornell Medical College  
 Davis Lecture in the Social Sciences, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University  
 Dean's Distinguished Lecture, Harvard Chan School of Public Health  
 Domna Stanton Lecture, Wellesley College  
 Dorothy Nelkin Memorial Lecture, New York University  
 Frank Bryant Memorial Lecture in Medical Ethics, University of Texas Health  
 Katz Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities, University of Washington  
 Eugene Litwak Lecture, Columbia University School of Public Health  
 John P. McGovern Lecture, Yale University  
 Elting Morison Prize and Lecture, MIT  
 Mossman Lecture, McGill University  
 National Science Foundation SBE Distinguished Lecture  
 New York City Health Commissioner's Lecture  
 NIH Director's Lecture  
 Robert Smalls Lecture, University of South Carolina  
 Sara Fine Institute Lecture, University of Pittsburgh  
 Stafford-Ellison-Wright Lecture, Occidental College  
 Two Icons Lecture, University of Rochester  
 University of Texas at Austin Humanities Institute Distinguished Lecture  
 Marion Thompson Wright Lecture, Rutgers University

### OTHER INVITED PRESENTATIONS

#### *Politics, Ethics and the Obama Office of Science and Technology Policy*

Columbia University; Emory University; Radcliffe Institute-Harvard University; Johns Hopkins University; McGill University; National Academy of Medicine; Princeton University; University of California, Berkeley; University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign; Wellesley College; Yale University; University of Maryland; Hastings Center

#### *The Social Life of DNA*

American Museum of Natural History; Aspen Ideas Festival; Bates College; Bermuda College; Boston College; Boston University; Brandeis University; Brocher Foundation, Switzerland; Brooklyn Historical Society; Brown University; Carnegie Mellon University; Chicago Humanities Festival; Columbia Mailman School of Public Health; Columbia University Medical Center; Cornell University; Columbia University School of Law; CUNY City College; CUNY Graduate Center; Data and Society Research Institute; Duke University (Keynote); Emory University (Keynote); Geisinger Health System; Georgetown University; George Washington University (Keynote); Georgia Tech; Harlem Arts Salon; Harvard Chan School of Public Health; Harvard University (History of Science); Icahn-Mount Sinai School of Medicine; Indiana University; International Association of Bioethics, Scotland (Keynote); International Slavery Museum (Keynote), England; The Jackson Laboratory; Johns Hopkins University; Lehigh University; London School of Economics; Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard University (Keynote); Massachusetts Institute of Technology; National Institutes of Health; New School for Social Research; New York Academy of Medicine; New York Genome Center; New York Institute for the Humanities; New York Public Library; New York University; New York University—NYU Abu Dhabi Institute; Ohio State University; Pratt Institute; Princeton University; Purdue University (Keynote); Raising the Bar Festival of Ideas; Ramapo College; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Keynote); Rutgers University-New Brunswick; San Diego City College; Schomburg Center for the Study of Research in Black Culture; Seattle Pacific University; Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History; Stanford University; Stevens Institute of Technology; SUNY Stony Brook (Keynote); Temple University; Texas A&M University; Trinity College; Tufts University; National Center for Bioethics-Tuskegee University; University of Buffalo; University of California at Berkeley; University of California at Davis; University of California at Los Angeles; University of



California at Santa Cruz; University of Massachusetts at Amherst; University of Michigan; University of New Hampshire; University of Paris 8; University of Pennsylvania; University of Pittsburgh; University of Rochester; University of South Carolina; University of Toronto; University of Washington; University of Zurich; US National Archives; Virginia Tech; Washington State University; Yale University; Yale University School of Law

### **Body and Soul**

Boston College; Brown University; Columbia Mailman School of Public Health; Columbia University; CUNY Graduate Center; Drexel University; Hampshire College; George Mason University; Georgia Institute of Technology; Hunter College; Montefiore Medical Center; New School for Social Research; New York City Department of Health Commissioner's Lecture Series; New York University; Northwestern University; Pitzer College; Rutgers University-Newark; Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture; Occidental College; Pennsylvania State University; San Diego State University; Université de Vincennes à Saint-Denis; University of California at Berkeley; University of California at San Diego; University of Illinois at Chicago; University of Massachusetts, Amherst; University of Michigan; University of Pennsylvania; University of Southern California; University of Wisconsin-Madison; Virginia Tech (Keynote); Weill Cornell Medical College; Yale University; Yale School of Medicine; York College

## **GRADUATE ADVISEES**

### **Dissertations Chaired**

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| 2020 | Anthony Ureña, "From Risk to Reality: Race, Sexuality, and Disease in the Age of Uncertainty," Columbia University. (with Shamus Khan)           |
| 2018 | Joan H. Robinson, "Bodies of Knowledge: Diagnosis and Control on the Maternal-Fetal Frontier," Columbia University. (with David Stark)           |
| 2018 | Warren McKinney, "Incorporating Diaspora: Blurring Distinctions of Race and Nationality through Heritage Tourism in Ghana," Columbia University. |
| 2016 | James R. Jones, III, "Black Capitol: Race and Power in the Halls of Congress," Columbia University.  |
| 2014 | Stephanie Greenlea, "Free the Jena 6!: Racism and the Circuitry of Black Solidarity in the Digital Age," Yale University.                        |

### **Dissertations Chaired (in progress):**

Emily Vasquez, "Unsettling Translation: Genomic Science and the Pursuit of Public Health in Mexico," Columbia University.

### **Dissertation Committees**

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| 2020 | Bailey Brown, "Kinder Panic: Elementary School Choice and Parent Behavior in an Era of Open Enrollment," Department of Sociology, Columbia University.                             |
| 2020 | Brittany Fox-Williams, "Trust Matters: Race, Achievement, and Student-Teacher Relationships in New York City Public Schools," Department of Sociology, Columbia University.        |
| 2020 | Dialika Sall, "(Re)Defining Blackness: Race, Ethnicity and the Children of West African Immigrants," Department of Sociology, Columbia University.                                 |
| 2019 | Christina Ciocca Eller, "Making It Through: Opportunity Structures and Student Persistence within the City University of New York," Columbia University.                           |
| 2019 | Moran, Levy, "Trial and Error: The Invention of Cancer Chemotherapy 1950-1980," Columbia University.   |
| 2019 | Ronna Popkin, "Variants of Significance? The Production and Management of Genetic Risk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer in the Era of Multi-Gene Panel Testing," Columbia University. |
| 2019 | Sarah E. Sachs, "Data in the Making: Expertise in the Transformation of Art into Data," Columbia University.   |
| 2019 | Amaya Perez-Brumer, "HIV Biomedical Prevention Science and the Business of Gender and Sexual Diversity," Columbia University.  |
| 2019 | Devin Heyward, "Racial Becoming: How Agentic (Self-Initiated) Encounter Events Inform Racial Identity Refinement," CUNY Graduate Center.   |
| 2018 | Devon Wade, "Do We Empathize Equally? A Closer Look at Empathic Patterns Associated with Vulnerable Youth," Columbia University.   |

- 2018 Vivian Giboung Shaw, "Post-disaster citizenship: the politics of race, belonging, and activism after Fukushima," University of Texas at Austin.
- 2017 Kathryn B. Hill, "Black Parents, Trust and Public Schooling: How Urban Schools Earn the Trust and/or Distrust of Parents, Columbia University.
- 2017 Althea Anderson, "Redefining What It Means to Be Free – The Social and Economic Context of Young-Adult Sexual Relationships in Post-Apartheid South Africa," Columbia University.
- 2016 James T. Roane, "Sovereignty in the City: Black Infrastructures and the Politics of Place in Twentieth Century Philadelphia," Columbia University.
- 2016 Lucie Vágnerová, "Sirens/Cyborgs: Sound Technologies and the Musical Body," Columbia University.
- 2015 Elyakim Kislev, "'Social Migration': The Changing Color of Western European Immigration to the United States," Columbia University.
- 2013 Miriam Boyer, "Transforming Nature Relations: A Brief Hiatus in Space and Time," Columbia University.
- 2013 Daniel Royles, "'Don't We Die Too?': The Political Culture of African American AIDS Activism," Temple University.
- 2013 Nicole Ivy, "*Materia Medica*: Black Women, White Doctors and Spectacular Gynecology in the Nineteenth Century US," Yale University.
- 2012 Katemari Diogo da Rosa, "Gender, Ethnicity, and Physics Education: Understanding How Black Women Build Their Identities as Scientists," Columbia University.
- 2010 Caroline Gray, "Disfigured Forms: Disability and Contemporary Surgical Interventions," Yale University.
- 2009 Cassie Hays, "The Sociology of Safari," Yale University.
- 2009 David Scales, "The Actors, Mechanisms and Influences that Construct 'Global' Governance of Infectious Disease," Yale School of Medicine.
- 2008 Lauren J. Bierbaum, "Taking the Plunge!: Negotiating Cultural Immersion, Social Mobility, and Inter-Class Collision in an Elite Summer School Program," Yale University.
- 2008 Manuella Meyer, "Enlightened Reason in the Tropics: Madness, Society and the State in Rio de Janeiro, 1808-1930," Yale University.
- 2006 Besenia Rodriguez, "Beyond Nation: The Formation of a Tricontinental Discourse," Yale University.
- 2006 Lucia Trimbur, "Training Fighters, Making Men: An Ethnographic Study of Gleason's Boxing Gym," Yale University.
- 2005 Lisa Gary, "To Voice or to Exit: Racial Differences in Consumer Responses to Problematic Health Care Experiences," Yale School of Public Health.
- 2004 Ivette Rodriguez-Santana, "Disease, Health and Hygiene in the Formation of a Social Body (Puerto Rico, 1880-1929)," Yale University.

**Dissertation Committees (in progress):**

Larry Au, "The Global Emergence of a Techno-Scientific Field: Precision Medicine in China and the United States, Columbia University.

Jordan Brensinger, "Identity Theft and the Production of Economic Insecurity," Columbia University.

Ayah Nuriddin, "Liberation Eugenics: African Americans and the Science of Black Freedom Struggles 1890-1970," Department of the History of Science, Johns Hopkins University.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

4S, Society for Social Studies of Science  
 American Association for the Advancement of Science  
 American Historical Association  
 American Sociological Association  
 Association of Black Sociologists  
 International Sociological Association  
 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics  
 Society for the Study of Social Problems

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2019- Co-chair, National Academy of Medicine Committee on Emerging Science, Technology, and Innovation (CESTI)
- 2018- Carnegie Fellows Program Selection Jury, Carnegie Corporation of New York
- 2019-2021 Past Chair, Science, Knowledge and Technology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2019-2020 Working Group on New and Emerging Forms of Data, Economic & Social Research Council/UK Research and Innovation
- 2019 *Science* Editor-In-Chief Search Committee
- 2017-2019 W. E. B. Du Bois Career of Distinguished Scholarship Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association
- 2017-2019 Chair, Science, Knowledge and Technology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2016-2020 Exhibition Advisor, “Taking Care of Brooklyn: Stories of Sickness and Health,” Brooklyn Historical Society
- 2016-2018 World Economic Forum Network on AI, the Internet of Things and the Future of Trust
- 2016-2017 Inaugural Aspen Words Literary Prize Jury, The Aspen Institute
- 2015-2017 Chair-Elect, Science, Knowledge and Technology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2015-2017 Steering Committee, American Sociological Association Task Force on Media and Public Engagement; Report: “What Counts?: Evaluating Public Communication in Tenure and Promotion”
- 2014-2016 Board of Advisors, Data and Society Research Institute
- 2013-2016 Executive Committee (elected), Eastern Sociological Society
- 2013-2016 Steering Committee, Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory (HASTAC)
- 2012-2015 Dissertation Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association
- 2014 John Hope Franklin Publication Prize Committee, American Studies Association
- 2010-2011 Co-Chair, Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association
- 2008-2017 Lecturer, Mellon-Schomburg Humanities Summer Institute, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library
- 2007-2020 Featured Researcher in “Race-Are We So Different?” a project of American Anthropological Association that has been exhibited at more than 40 museums and science centers across the U.S.
- 2007 Evaluator, MacArthur Foundation Digital Media and Learning Award Competition
- 2003-2006 Council Member (elected), 4S: Society for Social Studies of Science
- 2003 Nominations Committee, Rockefeller Foundation New Media Grants

**EDITORIAL BOARDS**

*Public Culture*, 2015-

*Social Studies of Science*, 2008-

**PEER REVIEW**

*American Journal of Public Health*; *American Quarterly*; *American Sociological Review*; *Bioethics*; *BioSocieties*; Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR); *Culture, Psychiatry and Medicine*; *Du Bois Review*; Duke University Press; *Information and Culture*; Knight Foundation; National Science Foundation; *New Genetics and Society*; New York University Press; Oxford University Press; Princeton University Press; *Public Understanding of Science*; *Raison Publique*; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Routledge; Russell Sage Foundation; *Social Identities: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture*; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; *Social Studies of Science*; *Social Text*; *Sociology Compass*; Stanford University Press; *The Scholar & Feminist Online*; *Transforming Anthropology*; University of Alabama Press; University of Minnesota Press

Institutional/Departmental Review: Purdue University; Amherst College; Institute for New Economic Thinking

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- 2016 Inaugural BioDesign Challenge Jury, Museum of Modern Art and Genspace
- 2006 Consultant, ELSI Genomics Working Group, Connecticut Department of Public Health

- 2004 Expert Witness, Public Hearing on Unequal Health Care Based on Race and/or Ethnicity, Connecticut Health Foundation  
 2000 Consultant, Race and Digital Culture Project, New Museum of Contemporary Art  
 1999 New Media and Digital Arts Fellowship Jury, Creative Capital Foundation

#### **SELECTED SERVICE – INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY**

- 2019- Academic Affairs Committee, School of Social Science  
 2019- IAS Diversity Committee

#### **SELECTED SERVICE - COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

- 2014- Board of Advisors, Center for Research on the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Psychiatric, Neurologic and Behavioral Genetics, Columbia University Medical Center  
 2016-2017 Executive Committee, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy  
 2016-2017 Search Committee, Director of The Earth Institute  
 2015-2016 Arts and Sciences Selection Committee, Mellon New Directions Fellowship  
 2015 Arts and Sciences Selection Committee, Whiting Public Engagement Fellowship  
 2015 George S. McGovern Visiting Professor Selection Committee  
 2014-2017 Provost Advisory Council for the Enhancement of Faculty Diversity  
 2014-2019 Steering Committee, Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowships in Society and Neuroscience  
 2014 Search Committee, Dean of the School of Continuing Education  
 2014 Committee on Honors, Awards, and Prizes, Columbia College  
 2013 Senior Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Barnard College  
 2013-2016 Board of Governors, Society of Fellows, Columbia University  
 2012-2017 Phi Beta Kappa Selection Committee, Columbia College  
 2012-2015 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology  
 2012-2014 Executive Committee, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
 2012-2013 Search Committee, EVP/Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
 2010-2017 Faculty Advisory Board, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Columbia College  
 2010-2013 Executive Committee, Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race  
 2010-2011 Junior Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology

#### **SELECTED SERVICE - YALE UNIVERSITY**

- 2003-2009 Yale College Executive Committee  
 2008 Search Committee, Yale College Dean  
 2008 Mellon/Bouchet Fellowship Committee  
 2008-2009 IRB/Human Subjects Committee, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
 2007 Frederick Douglass Book Prize Review Board Member  
 2006-2008 Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty  
 2005-2008 Health Studies Advisory Board, Yale College  
 2005-2009 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of African American Studies  
 2004-2006 Faculty Advisor, *Maroon: Yale Journal of African American Studies*, Department of African American Studies  
 2003-2009 Women's, Gender and Sexualities Studies Graduate Studies Council  
 2003-2009 Advisory Committee, Ethnicity, Race and Migration Program  
 2006 Rosen Women's Health Prize Committee, Yale College  
 2002-2009 Faculty Fellow, Trumbull College

#### **SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2018- Board of Directors, The Brotherhood Sister/Sol  
 2016-2017 Member, Program Committee, YWCA of New York City  
 2014-2017 Academic Curator, YWCA of New York City  
 2009-2011 Mentor, Social Science Research Program, Bronx High School of Science  
 2007-2011 Member, Board of Directors, Science Saturdays, Yale Peabody Museum  
 2007-2008 Beacon/Futures Program for High School Students, Harlem Children's Zone  
 2004-2007 NAACP Connecticut Statewide Blue-Ribbon Health Advisory Committee (Report: "A Health Status Report on African Americans in Connecticut," 2007)