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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow, **Brown University**
Department of Sociology
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

EDUCATION

2023 Dual Ph.D. in Sociology, **Northwestern University & Sciences Po**
Dissertation: “Racialized Assimilationism and the Dilemmas of Cultural Transmission: Immigrant Families in Chicago and Paris.” Dual defense jury: Jean Beaman, Philippe Coulangeon (co-chair), Wendy Griswold, Tessie Liu, Mary Pattillo (co-chair), Lincoln Quillian, Agnès Van Zanten

2019 M.A. in Sociology, **Northwestern University**
Thesis: “Cultural Capital and Achievement Returns: The Case of Middle-School Children with an Immigrant Background in France” (committee: Lincoln Quillian, Mary Pattillo)

2016 M.A. *Cum Laude* in Sociology, **Sciences Po**
Thesis: “La naturalisation chez les immigrés âgés : déterminants, conditions et rapport au cadre étatique” (advisor: Mirna Safi)

2014 B.A. in Social Sciences, **Sciences Po**
Economics, History, Law, Political Science, Sociology

2013–14 Visiting student, **University of Virginia**

AREAS of INTEREST

Race; immigration; culture; education; family; socialization; inequality; citizenship; comparative and transnational sociology, mixed methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

Planson, Sonia. Forthcoming. “Considering Genres in Gendered and Racialized Cultural Capital.” *Poetics*.

Planson, Sonia. 2023. “Race, Cultural Capital, and School Achievement in Race-Blind France.” *Sociology of Education* 96(1):19–42. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00380407221139220>

In Progress

Planson, Sonia. “‘You Should Put Your Past Behind:’ How Immigrant Families Experience Racialized Assimilationism.” (to be submitted)

Planson, Sonia. “Late Naturalizations.” (in progress)

Open Access

Planson, Sonia. 2016. « La naturalisation chez les immigrants âgés : déterminants, conditions et rapport au cadre étatique » Master’s thesis in Sociology, Sciences Po, Paris. Available in open access on HAL open archive: [dumas-01401036](https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/dumas-01401036)

AWARDS, GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

2023	Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship, Brown University
2022	Graduate Fellowship, Council for Race and Ethnic Studies, Northwestern University (one year funding and \$4,000 research funds)
2021	PhD Summer School in Barcelona, European Sociological Association
2021	Maurice J. and Fay B. Karpf Peace Prize Award, Northwestern University (\$5,500)
2020	Doctoral School Exceptional Funding, Sciences Po (€1,000)
2019	Buffett Graduate Student Dissertation Research Award, Northwestern University (\$5,000)
2019	The Graduate School Research Grant, Northwestern University (\$3,000)
2019	Dispute Resolution Research Center Research Grant, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University (\$3,000)
2019	Sociology Fieldwork Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University (three months funding)
2019	Buffett Institute Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University (\$400)
2018	Computing Essentials for Social Scientists, Northwestern University (\$1,500)
2018	2 nd year paper alumni funds, Department of Sociology Northwestern University (\$600)
2017	France Chicago Center Exchange Fellowship in the Social Sciences Division at the University of Chicago (\$12,000 – declined)

PRESENTATIONS and INVITED TALKS

- 2023 “Considering Genres in Gendered and Racialized Cultural Capital” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 17-21.
- 2022 “What Culture Do Immigrant Families Wish to Pass On?” Masterclass with Jennifer C. Lena (invited talk), Sciences Po Department of Sociology, 1 July.
- 2022 “Cultural Transmission Among Immigrant Families,” Culture Workshop – NU Sociology, 12 May.
- 2022 “Transmission Wishes: Three Family Case Studies,” Culture Workshop – NU Sociology, 17 February.
- 2021 “Racialized Assimilationism and Cultural Transmission in First- and Second-Generation Immigrants’ Experiences,” European Sociological Association PhD Summer School, Barcelona, Spain, August 28-30.
- 2021 “Racialized Assimilationism and Cultural Transmission in First- and Second-Generation Immigrants’ Experiences,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 6-10.
- 2021 « Assimilationnisme racialisé et transmission culturelle intergénérationnelle aux États-Unis » French Sociological Association Congress, July 6-9.
- 2020 “Cultural Capital and Achievement Returns: The Case of Minoritized Students in France,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (presentation cancelled due to Covid-19)
- 2019 “Cultural Capital and Achievement Returns: The Case of Minoritized Students in France,” Race & Society Workshop, NU Sociology, 14 October.
- 2019 “‘Presumption of Assimilation’ and the Sacralization of Citizenship: the case of Aging Post-Colonial Immigrants in French Naturalization Law,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 30 May-2 June.
- 2018 “Capital culturel et résultats scolaires : les collégiens enfants d’immigrés sont-ils moins récompensés ?”, International and interdisciplinary Symposium ‘Racism and racial discrimination, from grade school to the university’ – University of Paris Diderot, Paris, France, September 27-29.
- 2018 “Naturalization Among Elderly Immigrants in France,” Global Café (invited talk) – NU International Studies, 10 January.
- 2017 “Naturalization Among Elderly Immigrants in France,” (Im)migration Working Group – NU Sociology, 3 November.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2021 Introduction à la Sociologie, Pr. Pierre François, Sciences Po
“ATER” Temporary Research and Teaching Attaché (teaching sections)
- Fall 2020 Sociology and Gender, Pr. Marta Dominguez Folgueras, Sciences Po
“ATER” Temporary Research and Teaching Attaché (teaching sections)
- Spring 2019 Legal Studies Research Methods, Pr. Robert Nelson, Northwestern University
Teaching Assistant
- Winter 2019 Class and Culture, Pr. Beth Redbird, Northwestern University
Teaching Assistant
- Fall 2018 Law and Society, Pr. Joanna Grisinger, Northwestern University
Teaching Assistant, with sections
- Spring 2017 Introduction to Sociology, Pr. Anne Revillard, Science Po American campus
Teaching Assistant, with sections
Social Inequalities in Europe, Pr. Ettore Recchi, Sciences Po American campus
Teaching Assistant

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019 **Chicago Cultural Alliance** – Intern through Northwestern’s Civic Engagement Center’s Graduate Opportunities Program. After I complete my analyses, I will write a report for CCA to help members organizations implement strategies for youth engagement.
- 2016 **Sciences Po, CRIS** – Research assistant for Carlo Barone’s project “Social origins and tracking in French upper secondary schools: a longitudinal, experimental study.” I organized and conducted 50 interviews over a three-months period with middle-school students, parents, and teachers. After reporting on this qualitative pilot study, I participated in the preparation and testing of a questionnaire implementing insight from the interviews.
- 2015 **EDF R&D** – Intern in a team of social sciences researchers (Research & Development branch of EDF). I conducted a research report about demographic aging and its impacts on society.

SERVICE

- 2017-2019 Co-founder of the (Im)migration Working Group, Sociology Department, Northwestern University
Organization of seminars, in collaboration with the Chicago Network of Immigration Scholars, and the Race & Society Workshop

TRAINING

- 2018 Computing Essentials for Social Scientists, \$1,500 stipend awarded

LANGUAGES and OTHER SKILLS

French	Native
English	Fluent
Persian	Intermediate
German	Beginner
Spanish	Beginner
Technical skills	Stata, NVivo

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
European Sociological Association
French Sociological Association

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Buffet Institute for Global Studies at Northwestern University (2018-2023)
Center for Legal Studies at Northwestern University (2018-2023)
Council for Race and Ethnic Studies at Northwestern University (2022-2023)

REFERENCES

Mary Pattillo

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