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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2023- Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis
2024

EDUCATION

- 2023 PhD Sociology, Northwestern University
◦ With certificate in African American and Diaspora Studies
- 2020 MA Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2015 MSc Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam
- 2013 BSc Human Geography, University of Amsterdam

AREAS of INTEREST

Race; Historical Sociology; Urban Sociology; Political Sociology; Black Studies; Culture

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

Coenders, Yannick. 2024. "[Colonial Recursion: State Categories of Race and the Emergence of the Non-Western Allochthone.](#)" *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* 12(4): 698–729.

- Winner of the 2022 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

Balkenhol, Markus, and Yannick Coenders. 2021. "[Metahistory as Diaspora Practice: Mobilising the Dutch Black Radical Tradition.](#)" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 47(18): 4256–68.

Chauvin, Sébastien, Yannick Coenders, and Timo Koren. 2018. "[Never Having Been Racist: Explaining the Blackness of Blackface in the Netherlands.](#)" *Public Culture* 30(3): 509–26.

Coenders, Yannick, and Sébastien Chauvin. 2017. "[Race and the Pitfalls of Emotional Democracy: Primary Schools and the Critique of Black Pete in the Netherlands.](#)" *Antipode* 49(5): 1244–62.

Book Reviews

Coenders, Yannick. 2022. "Black Masculinity: A sobering Assessment." (Review of *A Man Among Other Men: The Crisis of Black Masculinity in Racial Capitalism* by Jordanna Matlon) *Perspectives a Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section* 44(1): 19–22.

Coenders, Yannick. 2016. "Historiseren, Relaties Leggen en Taboes Doorbreken." (Review of *Dutch Racism* by eds. Philomena Essed and Isabel Hoving) *Sociologie* 12(2): 231–236. [In Dutch]

Other

Coenders, Yannick. 2022. "Solving the West." *Trajectories: Newsletter of the ASA*

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Coenders, Yannick. “White Vigilantism and the Mechanics of White appeasement: On the Political Power of Race Riots.” [Revise and Resubmit]

Planson, Sonia, and Yannick Coenders. “Towards a Sociology of Racial Assimilationism: Racial Pedagogy and the Responsibilization of Racial Minorities” [Under Review]

Coenders, Yannick. “Territoriality and the Reproduction of Whiteness in Postcolonial Urban Europe.”

AWARDS, GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025-2026 ACLS Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies.
- 2026 Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis (declined)
- 2025 Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity, Washington University in St. Louis (declined)
- 2023 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard University (declined)
- 2022 Best Graduate Student Paper, Global and Transnational Sociology section ASA
- 2021 Sociology Fieldwork Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2021 AANS Research Scholarship, American Association for Netherlandic Studies
- 2020 Buffett Dissertation Research Travel Award. Buffett Institute for Global affairs, Northwestern University
- 2020 DRRC Grant. Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
- 2018 Alumni Funds for Second Year Paper Research. Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2017 Mellon Cluster Fellowship Research Grant: Comparative Race and Diaspora Cluster, Northwestern University
- 2016 Junior Teacher Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

“Nativist Violence and the State: Understanding White Appeasement”
Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley (2025)

“From Racial Vigilantism to White Appeasement.”

Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis (2022)

Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Denver (2022)

Department of Sociology, Colorado State University (2022)

Department of Sociology, Colorado College (2022)

Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College (2022)

Conference Presentations

“Understanding State Responses to Collective Nativist Violence: White Appeasement in Rotterdam, 1972.” International Sociological Association, Forum of Sociology, Rabat (2025)

“Colonialisms’ Spatiality: Urban Sociology and the Geopolitics of Race.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto (2024)

“Assimilationism and the Logic of Everyday Racism” (with Sonia Planson). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal (2024)

“Dispersal in Birmingham: Contradictions of Antidiscrimination and Assimilation.” Annual Conference of Europeanists, Lyon (2024)

“White Appeasement: Theorizing Government Responses to Racial Vigilantism in Liberal Democracies.” International Studies Association, Early Career Workshop, San Francisco (2024)

“Dispersal: Integration and the Contradictions of anti-Discrimination in Birmingham, 1969-1976.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (2023)

“White Vigilantism and the Introduction of Migrant Dispersal Policies in Rotterdam: The Afrikaanderwijk Riots, 1972.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (2022)

“Racist Mob Violence and the Mechanics of White Appeasement in Rotterdam, 1972.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles (2022)

“Colonial Recursion: State Categories of Race and the Emergence of the non-Western Allochthone.” CHS Section ASA Mini-Conference, Los Angeles (2022)

“The Colonial Durability of Racial Categories: A History of the Dutch ‘Allochthone’.” European Social Science History Conference, Virtual (2021)

“Inventing ‘Allochtonen’: the Colonial Management of Postcolonial Migrants in the Netherlands.” Annual Conference of Europeanists, Madrid (2019)

“The Recurrent Return of Antiracism - Black Movements in the Netherlands” Annual Conference of Europeanists, Chicago (2018)

“Innocent Colors and Multicultural Horses.” Migration and Refugees Today: Giving History its Place in Debates and Research, Budapest (2016)

Other Presentations

“Solving the West.” Solving Empire Symposium, Northwestern University (2021)

“Never Having been Racist.” Symbolic Boundaries workshop in celebration of the honorary doctorate of Michèle Lamont, University of Amsterdam (2017)

“Disconnecting Uncomfortable Pasts: Explaining the Blackness of Blackface in the Dutch Sinterklaas Tradition.” Workshop: Giving History its Place in Migration and Refugee Debates and Research, Paris (2015)

Organized Conference Panels

“Black Self-Determination: Histories of Practice and Vision” Social Science History Association Annual Conference (2023)

Panelists: Ricarda Hammer, UC-Berkeley; Luna Vincent, Northwestern University; Khemani Gibson, Brooklyn College; Christopher Montague, Northwestern University

“Power and Normativity in Society and History III: (Re)organizing Racial States” Social Science History Association Annual Conference (2023)

Panelists: Owen Brown, Scripps College; Sherilyn Deen, University of Amsterdam; Chelsea Shields, UC-Irvine; Yannick Coenders, Washington University in St. Louis

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Washington University in St. Louis
“Social Theory” (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

School of the Art Institute Chicago
“Against Race” (Spring 2020)

University of Amsterdam
“Sociology as a Craft I” (Fall 2016)
“Sociology as a Craft II” (Fall 2016)

Mentor

University of Amsterdam
First Year Sociology Majors (2016, 2017)

SERVICE

Ad-hoc Peer Reviewer

American Journal of Cultural Sociology, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Social Problems, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, University of Toronto Press

External

American Sociological Association

- Co-organizer, Comparative and Historical Sociology mini-conference (2025)
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member, ASA Section on Global and Transnational Sociology (2023)

University

Washington University in St. Louis
St. Louis Project Committee (2024-2025)

Co-founder and organizer of Race, Space, Place workshop (2024-2025)
Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2024-2025)

Northwestern University
Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2019-2021)

University of Amsterdam
Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2016-2017)

LANGUAGES

Dutch (native); English (fluent); Sranan (basic); German (basic)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; Social Science History Association; Council for European Studies