

# ITEOLUWAKIISHÍ (RÉBECCA) ARIGBABU

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## EDUCATION

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### **Washington University-St. Louis, MO**

*Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, August 2023-Present*

*Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity Graduate Student Affiliate*

Advisor: Cynthia Feliciano, Professor of Sociology

### **University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

*Master of Arts, Social Sciences, Concentration, Sociology, August 2022*

Thesis: “Structural Violence and Blackness: Exploring the Ethno-Racial Identities of African Immigrants in the U.S.”

Advisor: Joyce Bell, Associate Professor of Sociology

### **Texas A&M University, College Station, TX**

*Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Minor in Philosophy, (Honors), May 2020*

### **Navarro College, Corsicana, TX**

*Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice (Honors), May 2018*

## SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

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Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration; Integration; Black/African Immigrants; Social Demography; Ethno-Racial Identities; Mixed-Methods

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- “Neighborhood (De)Stigmatization and (Non-)Performativity among Immigrant and Native-Born Swedish Residents”
  - Second author with Elizabeth Korver-Glenn (first author), Alisa Rogers, Elizabeth Roberto, and Sarah Valdez.
  - Accepted for publication in *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **Washington University-St. Louis, MO**

*Research Collaboration, Department of Sociology, January 2025-present*

- Collaborating with Professor Sam Kye on a project exploring how current methods of measuring neighborhood change may have underestimated the persistence of hypersegregated Black neighborhoods, particularly in the context of demographic trends like gentrification and immigrant population growth.
- Applying quantitative methods to analyze neighborhood dynamics and their implications for racial segregation.
- Contributing to developing, analyzing, and writing a co-authored paper for future academic publication.

*Graduate Student Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, February 2024-present*

- Collaborating with Professor Ariela Schacter on the Moving Stories Project, an interdisciplinary and collaborative research project, we are currently developing a web-based app to collect and share migration narratives.
- Contributing to developing, analyzing, and writing a co-authored paper (with Professor Schacter and Selin Toprakkiran) for future academic publication.
- Developing and refining narratives used in Randomized Control Trials to assess the effectiveness of our web-based app.
- Creating and analyzing narratives based on pilot testing and feedback to ensure alignment with research objectives.
- Facilitated focus groups with immigrant populations to gather qualitative insights into their experiences with a research-based app aimed at improving immigrant inclusion in St. Louis.
- Developed structured yet open-ended discussion guides to foster in-depth conversations among immigrant participants.
- Analyzed focus group data using thematic coding techniques to identify key patterns and trends.

*Graduate Student Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, October 2023-present*

- Assisting Professor Cynthia Feliciano with her current project, which uses the Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Survey (CILS) data.
- Analyzed and transferred coded data from Dedoose into Excel to ensure accurate organization and formatting for further analysis.
- Organized and categorized coded excerpts from transcripts into Excel for easy retrieval and interpretation of qualitative findings.
- Verified data integrity during the transfer process to maintain research integrity and consistency.

- Proofread and formatted written materials for accuracy to ensure alignment with research guidelines.

**Mentored Research Collaboration, Department of Sociology, August 2023- December 2024**

- Collaborating with Professor Elizabeth Korver-Glenn on a project that examines housing disparities among Immigrant and Native-Born Swedish Residents.
- Worked with Professor Elizabeth Korver-Glenn and Professor Sofia Locklear on their project, which examines housing disparities among the Native population in the United States.
- Coding and analyzing transcripts in Dedoose for the research project.

**Texas A&M University, College Station, TX**

**Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, October 2019 – July 2021**

- Assisted Professor Theresa Morris in collecting data for a large-scale research project.
- Data from the hospital's database was transcribed and coded into Excel for the research project.
- Compiled peer-reviewed journal articles about labor and pain.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Washington University-St. Louis, MO

**Mentored Teaching Experience, Fall 2024**

Course: Sociology 106: Social Problems and Social Issues

Professor Assisted: Dr. Sam Kye

**Mentored Teaching Experience, Spring 2025**

Course: Sociology 3001: Social Theory

Professor Assisted: Dr. Yannick Coenders

**Mentored Teaching Experience, Fall 2025**

Course: Sociology 2070: Families and Social Inequality

Professor Assisted: Dr. Patrick Ishizuka

**HONORS & AWARDS**

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Department of Sociology Internal Funding, Washington University in St. Louis (\$995), 2024

Quadrangle Scholar Research Award, University of Chicago (\$40,000 – 2/3 Tuition), 2021-2022

Director's Fund for Applied Research, University of Chicago (\$3,000), 2021-2022

Bouchet Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Yale University, Summer 2020

Dean's Honor Roll, Texas A&M University, 2019

Distinguished Student, Texas A&M University, 2019

Dean's List, Navarro College, 2017-2018

Most Outstanding Female Recipient, 2018

Top Dawg Recipient, 2018

State Vice President Representative Award, Texas Junior College Student Government Association, 2018

THANK YOU, Award, Texas Junior College Student Government Association, 2018

President's List, Navarro College, 2017

**LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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Graduate Student Association Representative, Washington University-St. Louis, 2023-2024

Speech and Debate, Texas A&M University, 2018-2020

Pre-Law Society, Texas A&M University, 2018-2020

Sociology Student Association, Texas A&M University, 2018-2020

Volunteer, Texas A&M Disability Services, 2018-2019

State Vice President Representative, Texas Junior College Student Government Association, 2017-2018

State Vice President / Chapter Vice President, Texas Junior College Student Government Association, 2017-2018

Texas Junior College Student Government Association, Navarro College, 2016-2018

IMPACT Coalition, Navarro College, 2016-2018

Navarro College Beau Camp Leader, 2017

**NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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**Flanigan Law Firm, College Station, TX**

Legal Assistant / Law Clerk, January 2019 – May 2019

- Conducted legal research regarding criminal issues.
- Performed client intake and client interviews via telephone.
- Created and managed client database to ensure timely case completion.

**Corsicana District Attorney's Office**

Legal Assistant / Law Clerk, 2017-2018

- Collaborated with senior investigators and key stakeholders.
- Provided research and administrative support in daily operations; Maintained victims' database.

**SKILLS**

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**Technical Proficiencies:** MAXQDA, Dedoose, Stata

**Languages:** Yoruba (Native), English (Primary)