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Education

- Ph.D. Washington University in St. Louis, Sociology, Expected in 2029
affiliated with the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity (2024—)
Race & Ethnicity Scholar (2025—2027)
affiliated with the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy (2025—)
Graduate Fellow (2025—2029)
- A.M. Washington University in St. Louis, Sociology, Expected in 2026
Thesis: “Systematic Racial Misclassification in Administrative Records favoring the Institution:
Evidence from the Police, Implications, Mechanism”
Committee: Ariela Schachter (chair), Kenneth T. Andrews, Kiara Wyndham
- B.A. New York University Abu Dhabi, Political Science, 2023
University Honors Scholar
Recommendation letters from: J. Andrew Harris (NYU Abu Dhabi Political Science),
Kwame Anthony Appiah (NYU Philosophy), David Stasavage (NYU Politics)
Exchange: NYU in New York, NYU in London

Research Interests

Substantive Criminal Justice; Punishment & Social Control; Political Sociology; Race Relations
Methods Computational, Experimental, Causal Inference, Quantitative & Mixed

Working Papers

(* denotes equal co-authorship)

Andrews, Kenneth T.* and **Khoi Ngo***. “The Scope, Issues, and Tactics of Recent College and University Protest, 2017-2024.” (*revise & resubmit*)

Moinester, Margot, Ariela Schachter, and **Khoi Ngo**. “Immigration Enforcement Exposure and its Consequences for Mental Health.” (*under review*)

Selected Research in Progress

Ngo, Khoi. “Conditionally Desirable Diversity: Two Survey Experiments on Neighborhood Perceptions.” (*preparing for journal submission in Fall 2025*)

Ngo, Khoi. “Systematic Racial Misclassification in Administrative Records favoring the Institution: Evidence from the Police, Implications, Mechanism.” (*preparing for journal submission in Spring 2026*)

Ngo, Khoi and Kenneth T. Andrews. “Diverging Mechanisms of Mobilization in Recent College and University Protest.” (*data collected & analysis in progress, tentative title*)

Schachter, Ariela, Margot Moinester, and **Khoi Ngo.** “Enforcement Exposure as a Racially Othering Experience for Hispanic and Asian U.S. Immigrants.” (*data collected & analysis in progress, tentative title*)

Awards, Honors, & Additional Funding

2025 WashU, Sociology (\$1,000)
Conference travel funding

WashU, Weidenbaum Center (\$5,000, plus stipend coverage)
Graduate Fellow

WashU, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity (\$2,000, renewable)
Race & Ethnicity Scholar

2024 WashU, Sociology (\$995)
External training funding

2023 NYU
Founders Day award

NYU Abu Dhabi, Office of Inclusion and Diversity (\$2,500)
Fund for Inclusion and Innovation, used as Capstone data collection funding (2nd round)

2022 NYU Abu Dhabi, Division of Social Science (\$4,500)
Capstone data collection funding (2nd round)

NYU Abu Dhabi, Division of Social Science (approx. \$1,000)
Capstone data collection funding (1st round; omnibus survey)

2021 NYU, Africa House and the Center for Technological & Economic Development (\$1,500)
Development Impact Fellowship

2019 NYU Abu Dhabi (\$350,000)
Full-ride scholarship

2017 United World College Costa Rica (\$55,000)
Highly competitive national scholarship, awarded through the UWC National Committee in Vietnam

Presentation & Talks

- 10/2025 “Systematic Racial Misclassification as the Police’s Response to (Local) Group Threat: Evidence from Florida.” Race, Space, and Place Workshop. Department of Sociology, WashU. St. Louis, MO.
- 08/2025 “Conditionally Desirable Diversity: Two Survey Experiments on Neighborhood Perceptions.” Urban & Community section’s *Fragile Communities: Residents Coping with Shocks, Changes, and Inequities* Regular Session. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- 08/2025 “Campus Protest and Gaza.” *Global Crises and Social Movements* Special Session (invited panel, with Kenneth T. Andrews). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- 05/2025 “Systematic Racial Misclassification as the Police’s Response to (Local) Group Threat: Evidence from Florida.” Poster Presentation for *Causal Inference*. Department of Political Science, WashU. St. Louis, MO.
- 09/2024 “Immigration Enforcement Exposure and its Consequences for Mental Health.” Annual Meeting of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences Conference. St. Louis, MO.
- 09/2024 “Diversity as Desirability? Experimental Evidence on How Americans Form Neighborhood Perceptions.” The 4th Annual Workshop on Experimental Sociology. (*Virtual*)
- 05/2023 “Diversity as Desirability? Experimental Evidence on How Americans Form Neighborhood Perceptions.” NYU Abu Dhabi Political Science Capstone Series. Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- 05/2022 “On LGBTQ-targeting Affirmative Action.” TEDx Ho Chi Minh University of Science. Vietnam.
- 04/2022 “Disentangling Mistakes and Mischief in Malawi’s 2019 Presidential Election.” NYU Africa House Award Ceremony 2022. New York, NY. (*Virtual, as 2021 Fellow*)
- 05/2017 “Intersectional Discrimination.” LGBTIQ Vietnam National Workshop 2017. Hanoi, Vietnam. (*while in high school*)

Teaching

As Teaching Assistant

- SP2025 Inequality by Design: Understanding Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities
Teaching evaluation: 4.73/5.0 (above Department’s and College of Arts & Sciences’ means)

- “Khoi was kind whilst also direct and educational; his lecture was beautiful, and he was a wonderful addition to the classroom.”
- “I loved his lecture it was one of my favorites all semester.”
- “[Khoi] [...] always enhanced his lectures with the use of humor. Also, in prepping for the exam, he was very helpful and answered everyone’s questions well.”

Response rate (course evaluation): 95% (35 out of 37)

FL2024

Social Problems and Social Issues (Introduction to Sociology)

Teaching evaluation: 4.61/5.0 (above Department’s and College of Arts & Sciences’ means)

- “[Khoi was] very fun and uplifting. He made sure to relate to students’ lives.”
- “I really enjoyed Khoi’s lecture talking about issues within the U.S. police departments. The lectures he gave were very fun and valuable.”

Response rate: 96% (48 out of 50)

Additional Training

2025 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, UCLA

2024 Statistical Horizons

Machine Learning Seminar (3 full days)

Services

To the Department

2023—2024 Graduate Student Representative for Colloquium

Selected Past Experience

2022 World Bank Group, Development Impact Evaluation Division

Summer Research Intern

2020—2022 New York University Abu Dhabi, Professor J. Andrew Harris (Political Science)

Research Assistant

2021 New York University, Tandon School of Engineering, the Governance Lab

Summer Research Intern

2020 People’s Participation Working Group in Hanoi, Vietnam

Research Intern

2016—2019 Sex Speak Organization (*first student-run non-profit on sex education in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, with several newspaper features, accolades, and award nominations*)

Founder & former President (while in high school)

named as one of Vietnam’s Outstanding Young People of 2017 by Tuoi Tre News for social contributions

2016 ICS Center (*Vietnamese LGBTI+ civil, grassroots & legislative advocacy*)

Intern (while in high school)

Personal

Languages English (fluent), Vietnamese (fluent)

Citizenship Vietnam

Background First-generation (high school + undergraduate + graduate)

Low-income (parents work as truck driver & kitchen assistant, as of 07/2025)