

# Ashley L. Smith-Purviance

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## **Education**

- 2020 Ph.D., Educational Policy Studies; Minor: Gender and Women's Studies,  
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2014 M.S., Higher Education, Syracuse University
- 2012 B.S., Business Management, DePaul University

## **Academic Appointments**

- 2022-Present Assistant Professor, African American and African Studies and Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2020-2022 Assistant Professor, Black Studies Program and the Department of Public and Community Service Studies, Providence College, Providence RI  
Affiliate: Women and Gender Studies Program

## **Research and Teaching Interests**

Community-Engaged Research and Organizing, Black Girlhood, Black Feminism, Black Youth, Black Studies, Educational Policy, Gender and Women's Studies, Sociology, Sociology of Race, Sociology of Education, LGBTQ Studies, Intersectionality, Violence, School Discipline, Narrative Inquiry, Qualitative Research Methods

## **Awards**

- 2021 AERA Division G: Social Context of Education Distinguished Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention
- 2021 AERA Critical Educators for Social Justice Distinguished Dissertation Award, Finalist
- 2015 First Place, Graduate Student Paper Competition, Association of Black Sociologists

## **Grants & Fellowships**

- 2023 College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Discretionary Community Engagement Fund, The Ohio State University (\$7,500)
- 2022 National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$70,000)
- 2021 School of Arts & Sciences Summer Scholars Grant, Providence College (\$4,250)
- 2020 Educators for Black Lives Grant, Nellie Mae Education Foundation (\$15,000)
- 2019 National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship (\$27,500)
- 2017 School of Education Network Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$1,000)
- 2017 Center on Race and Wealth and Institute for Research on Poverty's Dissertation Proposal Workshop, Howard University
- 2016 Education Graduate Research Scholar (Ed-GRS) Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Education

## **Publications**

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

\*Indicates undergraduate student author

Smith-Purviance, A.L., \*Jackson, S., \*Merandisse, J., \*Harper, B., \*Smith, B., \*Hussey, K., and \*Lopez, E. (2022). Toward Black Girl Futures: Rememorying in Black Girlhood Studies. *Girlhood Studies*, 15(3), 67-83.

Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2021). Masked Violence Against Black Women and Girls. *Feminist Studies*, 47(1), 175-200. doi:10.15767/feministstudies.47.1.0175

Smith, A.L. (2016). #BlackWomenMatter: Neo-Capital Punishment Ideology in the Wake of State Violence. *The Journal of Negro Education*, 85(3), 261-273.

### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

Smith, A.L. (2019). Theorizing Black Girlhood. In Aria S. Halliday (Ed), *The Black Girlhood Studies Collection*. Women's Press, Canadian Scholars' Press.

### **Book Chapters**

Smith, A.L., Johnson, J.M. (2017). Confronting Hate: Addressing Crimes and Incidents Targeting QPOC Communities. In J.M. Johnson and G. Javier (Eds.), *Queer People of Color in Higher Education*. Information Age Publishing.

### **Book Manuscripts in Progress**

Smith-Purviance, A.L. (Un)Schooling Black Girls: Navigating Suburbia, Anti-Black-Girl Violence & Mechanisms of School Survival.

### **Book Reviews**

Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2021). Review of the book *Progressive Dystopia: Abolition, AntiBlackness + Schooling in San Francisco*, by Savannah Shange. *Anthropology and Education Quarterly*.

### **Conference Presentations and Panels**

Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2023, April 15) Post-Pandemic Possibilities: Black Women Youth Workers Reimagining Education. [Poster Session]. American Educational Research Association. Chicago, IL.

Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2023, April 13) The Spatiality of Black Girlhood and Educational Fugitivity. [Symposium]. American Educational Research Association. Chicago, IL.

Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2022, November 13) Toward Black Girl Futures: Rememory in Black Girlhood Studies. [Symposium]. National Women's Studies Association. Minneapolis, MN.

Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2022, April 26) "We Were Never Allowed to Be Children": Understanding Black Girlhood in Predominantly White Schools. [Symposium]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.

Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2022, April 25) Deceptive Progress: The Kinship of Anti-Black Girl

- Violence, “Equity” Discourse, and School Discipline “Reform”. [Symposium]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.
- Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2022, April 24) Mapping the Geographies of Black Girl Fugitivity and Refusal in Fugitive Black Girl Spaces. [Symposium]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.
- Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2021, October 9) Geographies of Black Girl Fugitivity: Navigating and Resisting Anti-Black-Girl Violence in Fugitive Black Girl Spaces. Locating the Geographies of Black Girlhoods in Education Research Virtual Conference.
- Smith-Purviance, A.L. & Johnson, J.M.** (2021, April 12) Confronting Hate: Addressing Crimes and Incidents Targeting QPOC Communities. BIQTPOC in Higher Education Virtual Symposium.
- Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2021, April 10) Anti-Black Girl Violence: Exploring the Specificities of School Violence Against Young Black Girls [Symposium]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2021, April 12) “You made me just breathe”: A Case for Fugitive Black Girl Spaces in Education [Symposium]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2020, Apr 17-21) *The Realities of School Discipline Interventions in Shaping Symbolic Antiracist Girl Violence for Middle School Black Girls* [Invited Poster Session]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA (Conference Cancelled)
- Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2020, Apr 17-21) “*What Does It Mean to Be in My Skin?*” *Black Girls’ Resistance to Antiracism* [Symposium]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA (Conference Cancelled)
- Smith-Purviance, A.L. (2020, Apr 17-21) “*We Were Never Allowed to Be Children*”: *Understanding Black (Non)girlhoods in Predominantly White Schools* [Symposium]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA (Conference Cancelled)
- Smith, A. (April, 2019). *After-School and Out-of-Class Support Spaces for Black Girls in Predominantly White, Suburban Middle Schools* [Roundtable]. American Educational Research Association. Toronto, Ontario.
- Smith, A. (March, 2019). *The Everydayness of School for Middle School Black Girls at Two Predominantly White Suburban Middle Schools* [Symposium]. *Educational Policy Studies Graduate Student Symposium*. Madison, WI.
- Smith, A. (March, 2019). “*This place is a hell hole*”: *The Day-to-Day Experiences of Black Girls in Two Predominantly White, Suburban Middle-Schools*. 21<sup>st</sup> Chicago Ethnography Conference: Issues of Gender in Ethnography. Northwestern University. Chicago, IL.
- Smith, A. (November, 2018). *Black Girlhood in Theory & Practice: Centering the Experiences of*

*Middle School Black Girls in the Black Girl Magic Girls Group*. 2018 Conference: Moving Past Failed Student Outcomes into Models of Success Through Cultural Practices That are Relevant. Madison, WI.

Smith, A. (April, 2018). *Theorizing Black Girlhood: Expanding Black Feminism as a Pedagogy of Love for Black Girls*. Pedagogies of Love to End Black Girl's Suffering in Schools Panel. American Educational Research Association. New York, NY.

Davis, M.A. and **Smith, A.** (April, 2018). *Schooling While Black: A Community Resistance Model to Antiracist Education*. Centering Our Most Marginalized: Co-Creating Possibilities and Justice Roundtable. American Educational Research Association. New York, NY.

Smith, A. (November, 2017). *#BlackWomenMatter: Neo-Capital Punishment Ideology in the Wake of State Violence*. Push Back: Black Girls and State Violence Panel. National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.

Smith, A. (October 27, 2017). *Theorizing Black Girlhood*. Contemporary Girlhood in Words and Images Panel. The Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present, Oakland, CA.

Smith, A. (April, 2016). *Black Women and State Violence*. Women and Law Enforcement Panel. Engendering Change Graduate Student Gender and Sexuality Conference. Chicago, IL

Smith, A. and Canty, A. (December, 2015). *Racial and Gender Microaggressions at PWIs: The Experience of African American Sorority Women*. Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors Annual Meeting. Fort Worth, Texas

Smith, A. (August, 2015). *#BlackWomenMatter: The Invisible Victims of the Movement in the Wake of State Violence*. But Some of Us Are (Still) Brave: Black Women, Movement Politics, and Human Rights Panel Presentation. Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL

Smith, A. (June, 2015). *Examining Contemporary and Historical Tropes of Black Women and Girls*. Brotherhood African American Male After School Program. Madison, WI

Smith, A. (March, 2015). *The Era of Michelle Obama, Beyoncé, and Olivia Pope: Examining the Contemporary and Historical Tropes of the Black Woman*. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Educational Policy Studies Conference. Madison, WI.

### **Invited Talks**

Smith-Purviance, A.L. (February 9, 2023). Black Girls Still Matter. Freedom Inc. Black Lives Matter Week of Action. Madison, WI. (Postponed due to weather).

Smith-Purviance, A. (March 2, 2021). Women's Week Faculty Panel: Feminisms Inside and Outside the Classroom. Panel. Providence College Democrats, Providence College, Providence, RI (Virtual).

Smith-Purviance, A. (November 18, 2020). All Black Lives Matter: Intersectionality and Solidarity. Panel. Panel. Black Studies Program, Providence College, Providence, RI (Virtual).

Smith-Purviance, A. (November 17, 2020). Clarifying Our Purpose, Setting Our Course: Engaged Scholars Reflect on How the Current Moment is Shaping their Professional Identities, Commitments, Practices, and Relationships. Panel Discussion, International Association for Research on Service Learning & Community Engagement. (Virtual).

Smith-Purviance, A. (October 29, 2020). STOP Sexual Assault and Harassment. Panel. Board of Programmers Diversity Committee, Providence College, Providence, RI (Virtual).

Smith-Purviance, A. (March 4, 2020). "I am also suffering": The State of Black Women and Girls' K-12 & Postsecondary Experiences. Campus Talk for Faculty and Staff, American River College. Sacramento, CA

Smith-Purviance, A. (March 4, 2020). Brown Skin Girl: A Healing Conversation at the Intersection of Blackness and Womanhood. Student Workshop, American River College, Sacramento, CA

Smith, A. (March 31, 2017). *Discipline in (Madison's) Schools*. Teacher In-Service Day, Lafollette High School, Madison, WI

Smith, A. (February 23, 2017). *Black Girls, Education, and the Politics of Black Femininity*. Teach for America, African American Corp Member Summit, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

Smith, A. (February 3, 2017). *Black Girls and Education: Discipline Practices in Schools and the Politics of Black Femininity*. Teacher In-Service Day, Lafollette High School, Madison, WI

Smith, A. (December 6, 2016). "How Much Policing Do Madison Schools Need?" The Cap Times, Madison, WI

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **The Ohio State University**

Black Women from Slavery to Freedom (Fall 2023)

#### **Providence College**

Introduction to Black Studies (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)

Community Organizing (co-taught with Bianca Gomez of Freedom Inc.) (Fall 2020)

Black Feminisms (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

Best Practices in Community Engagement (co-taught with Mary Johnson, PhD Candidate at University of Maryland) (Spring 2021)

Black Girl Magic: Black Feminist Approaches to Community Organizing (Fall 2021)

Community Engaged Research (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

#### **University of Wisconsin-Madison, Lecturer**

Gender and Education

School and Society

#### **University of Wisconsin-Madison, Teaching Assistant**

Approaches to Critical Thinking and Writing

Women & Their Bodies in Health and Disease

Issues in Urban Education

## **Invited Course Lectures**

Smith-Purviance, A. (September 21, 2023). *Black Girl Spaces*. Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education: Black Education Theories: PreK-12 Pedagogy and Practice. Dr. Wintre Foxworth Johnson, University of Virginia.

Smith-Purviance, A. (May 25, 2023). *Engaging Critical Theory and Ethnographic Methods in Black Girlhood Studies*. Department of Teaching and Learning: Critical Ethnographies of Education. Dr. Dinorah Sanchez-Loza, The Ohio State University.

Smith-Purviance, A. (October 6, 2022). Theorizing Black Girlhood. Black Studies Program: Introduction to Black Studies. Dr. Rahsaan Mahadeo, Providence College.

Smith-Purviance, A. (February, 2021). *Masked Violence against Black Women and Girls*. Educational Policy Studies: Feminisms & Education. Dr. Kathryn Moeller, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Smith-Purviance, A. (September, 2019). *Gender and Childhood Socialization: Black Students' Experiences in Schools*. Department of Sociology 138: Sociology of Gender. University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Smith, A. (March, 2019). *The Dichotomy of Surviving and Learning: The Everydayness of Schooling for Black Girls in Suburban Middle Schools*. Educational Policy Studies 780: Race, Poverty, and Inequality in Suburban Schools & Communities. Dr. Linn Posey-Maddox, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Smith, A. (February, 2017). *Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality and Intersecting Oppressions in Urban Schooling*. Educational Policy Studies 200: Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality in American Education. Dr. Larry Brown, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Smith, A. (November, 2016). *Gender, Sexuality, and Intersecting Oppressions in Urban Schooling*. Educational Policy Studies 505: Issues in Urban Education. Dr. Linn Posey-Maddox, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Smith, A. (October, 2016). *Discipline Practices and Black Girls in Schools*. Guest Lecture to Educational Policy Studies 210: Youth, Education, & Society. Dr. Larry Brown, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Smith, A. (April, 2016). *Violence Against Black Women and Girls: Analysis of the Black Lives Matter Movement and School Discipline*. Guest Lecture to Curriculum and Instruction 975: W.E.B. Du Bois, Black Lives Matter & Education. Dr. Carl Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **Service to Profession**

2023-Present Manuscript Reviewer  
Equity & Excellence in Education

2022-Present Program Co-Chair

AERA Critical Educators for Social Justice Special Interest Group

2022-Present Manuscript Reviewer  
Sociology of Education

2020-Present Manuscript Reviewer  
Urban Education

2016-Present Manuscript Reviewer  
The Journal of Negro Education

**Community Engagement**

2021-Present Member, Black Feminist Future

2021 Participant, Canon: Theorizing and Resisting in Black Feminisms Organizing School

2017-Present Black Girl Magic, Creator and Co-Facilitator

2017-2018 Circles of Support, Co-Facilitator, Hawthorne Elementary School

**Service to Campus Communities**

**The Ohio State University**

2023-Present Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme Advisory Committee, College of Arts and Sciences

2023 Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Black Sexualities, Department of African American and African Studies

2023 Participant, College of Arts and Sciences ASC Community of Scholars Mentor Program

**Providence College**

2021 Community Partner, The Feinstein Institute for Public Service and Prepare RI

2021 Organizer, Public and Community Service Spring 2021 Speaker Series, The Breathe Collective featuring Ashley Ellis

2020 Participant, Assistant Professor of Black Studies and Health Policy Management Search

2020 Participant, Assistant Professor of Black Studies and Sociology Search

2020 Participant, Assistant Professor of Black Studies and Spanish/French Search

2020 Panelist, All Black Lives Matter: Intersectionality and Solidarity, Black Studies Program

2020 Panelist, Women's Week Faculty Panel: Feminisms Inside and Outside the Classroom, Providence College Democrats

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

2018-2019 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Educational Policy Studies

2016-2018 Facilitator, Ubuntu Undergraduate Black Student Support Group

2016-2017 Co-Advisor, Sisters in Solidarity Undergraduate Women of Color Support Group

2015-2016 Graduate Student Member, University Hate and Bias Response Team

2015-2016 Graduate Student Member, Black History Month Committee

**Professional Affiliations**

American Educational Research Association

- Member, Division G: Social Context of Education
- Member, Critical Educators for Social Justice SIG

American Sociological Association

- Member, Section on Race, Gender, and Class
- Member, Section on Sociology of Education

American Studies Association

Association of Black Sociologists

International Association for Research on Service Learning & Community Engagement

National Women's Studies Association

- Girls and Girls Studies Caucus
- Women of Color Caucus