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EMPLOYMENT

- 2018- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Yale University
Courtesy appointment in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- Faculty Affiliate:*
History of Science and Medicine Program
Council on Southeast Asian Studies, MacMillan Center
Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration
Saybrook College
- 2010-2011 Public Health Associate, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA
and Houston, TX. Stationed at the City of Houston Bureau of Tuberculosis Control.

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University
2013 M.A., Sociology, Northwestern University
2010 B.A., College Scholar and Biological Sciences, Cornell University
Honors: *Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Papademetris, Xenophon, **Alka V. Menon**, and Emily Johns. *AI, Medicine and Society*, under advance contract with Cambridge University Press.

Menon, Alka V. 2023. *Refashioning Race: How Global Cosmetic Surgery Crafts New Beauty Standards*. University of California Press. <https://doi.org/10.1525/9780520386730>

Awards: 2024 Sociology of Body and Embodiment Best Book Award, American Sociological Association; Finalist, 2024 Ludwik Fleck Prize, Society for the Social Studies of Science

Reviews: [American Journal of Sociology](#), [Gender & Society](#), [Sociology of Race and Ethnicity](#), [Social Forces](#), [Contemporary Sociology](#), [Symbolic Interaction](#), [Contexts](#), [International Sociology](#), [The Sociological Review](#)

Author Meets Critics: American Sociological Association (2024); Eastern Sociological Society (2024)

Book Manuscript in Progress

Menon, Alka V. *The Weight of Inequality: How Ozempic Changed American Health*. Under review.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

[§] Denotes graduate student co-author, ^u denotes undergraduate co-author, *denotes equal co-authors

Humphrey, Ja'Neil[§], **Alka V. Menon**, and Miles Pfaff. 2025. "Passing: Fred Korematsu and the Wartime Reconfiguration of Facial Plastic Surgery." *FACE: Journal of the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons*. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/27325016251377075>

Khubchandani, Jasmine A., Sakinah C. Suttiratana, Rosetta Washington, Dawn White-Bracey, Madhav KC, Andrea Silber, Oluwadamilola M Fayanju, Paris D. Butler, **Alka Menon**, Rachel A. Greenup. 2025. "[Living Flat: Stories from Women of Color After Mastectomy](#)." *Annals of Surgical Oncology*.

Menon, Alka V. and Carlo Sariego[§], 2022. "Engendering connection: The embodied emotional labor of U.S. cosmetic surgeons." *Social Science & Medicine* 306: 115092. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115092>

Nelson, C.A., L.M. Pérez-Chada, A. Creadore, S.J. Li, K. Lo, P. Manjaly, A. Pournamdari, E. Tkachenko, J.S. Barbieri, J.M. Ko, **A.V. Menon**, R.I. Hartman, A. Mostaghimi. 2020. "Patient perspectives on the use of artificial intelligence for skin cancer screening." *JAMA Dermatology* 156(5):501-512. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamadermatol.2019.5014>

Menon, Alka V. 2019. "Cultural gatekeeping in cosmetic surgery: Transnational beauty ideals in multicultural Malaysia." *Poetics* 75: 101354. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2019.02.005>

Menon, Alka V. 2017. "Do online reviews diminish physician authority? The case of cosmetic surgery in the U.S." *Social Science & Medicine* 181: 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2017.03.046>

Menon, Alka V. 2017. "Reconstructing Race in American Cosmetic Surgery." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40(4): 597-616. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2016.1206590>

Linster, C., **Menon, A.V.**, Singh, C.Y., & Wilson, D.A. 2009. "Odor-specific habituation arises from interaction of afferent synaptic adaptation and intrinsic synaptic potentiation in olfactory cortex." *Learning & Memory* 16(7): 452-59.

Refereed Conference Proceedings

Kim, Theodore, **Alka V. Menon**, Julian Posada, and Alexa Schor.[§] "The Racial Character of Computer Graphics Research." Accepted for the 2026 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency, scheduled June 2026.

Menon, Alka V., Zahra Abba Omar[§], Nadia Nahar[§], Lynn E. Fiellin, Xenophon Papademetris, and Christian Kästner. 2024. "Lessons from clinical communications for AI systems." Proceedings of the Seventh AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society (AIES-24),

Volume 7, pp. 958-970, October 16.

<https://ojs.aaai.org/index.php/AIES/article/view/31695/33862>

Nahar, Nadia[§], Jenny Rowlett^u, Matthew Bray^u, Zahra Abba Omar[§], Xenophon Papademetris, **Alka V. Menon**, and Christian Kästner. 2024. “Regulating Explainability in Machine Learning Applications: Observations from a Policy Design Experiment.” Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT '24). June 7. <https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3630106.3659028>

Book Chapters, Essays, and Book Reviews

Menon, Alka V. Forthcoming. “Beauty, Race, and Hierarchy.” *Routledge Resources Online- Race and Racism* (formerly the *Routledge Encyclopedia for Race and Racism*). Edited by J. Solomos.

Menon, Alka V. 2026. “Cosmetic surgery,” *Handbook of Beauty and Inequality*, edited by Giseline Kuipers and Outi Sarpila. Springer, p.299-208. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-032-08035-6>

Khubchandani, J.A., S.C. Suttiratana, R. Washington, D. White-Bracey, M. KC, A. Silber, O.M. Fayanju, P.D. Butler, **A.V. Menon**, R.A. Greenup. 2025. “[ASO Author Reflections: A Community Partnered Approach to Studying Living Flat after Mastectomy](#).” *Annals of Surgical Oncology*. <https://doi.org/10.1245/s10434-024-16400-8> [Invited commentary.]

Menon, Alka V. 2021. “Global disease surveillance systems and cooperation in COVID-19: Lessons not learned,” in *Corona: Weltgesellschaft im Ausnahmezustand?*, edited by Markus Heidingsfelder and Maren Lehmann. Germany: Velbrück Wissenschaft, pp.117-126.

Menon, Alka V. 2021. *Beauty Diplomacy: Embodying an Emerging Nation*, by Oluwakemi M Balogun. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 50(5):394-395. DOI: [10.1177/009430612111036051a](https://doi.org/10.1177/009430612111036051a)

Menon, Alka V. 2020. *Mobilizing Mutations: Human Genetics in the Age of Patient Advocacy* by Daniel Navon. University of Chicago Press. *American Journal of Sociology* 126(3): 741-743. DOI: [10.1086/710827](https://doi.org/10.1086/710827)

Menon, Alka V. 2016. *Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-first Century*, by Dorothy Roberts. *Spontaneous Generations* 8(1): 109-111.

Op-eds

Amir, Sulfikar and **Alka Menon**. 2021. “Kerentanan Pandemi dan Paradoks Resiliensi.” (Title in English: “Pandemic vulnerability and the paradox of resilience”) *Media Indonesia* Kolom Pakar. September 27, p. 6.

Lanzarotta, Tess and **Alka Menon**. 2020. “Public health needs the mail: The surprising history of the USPS delivering vaccines and drugs.” *Slate*. September 2, 2020. <https://slate.com/technology/2020/09/usps-is-a-public-health-tool.html>
Reprinted in the North Carolina Examiner. <https://ncexaminer.com/public-health-needs-the-mail/>

Working Papers

Menon, Alka V. “The Moral Narratives of GLP-1 Use in the U.S.” (in preparation)

Menon, Alka V., Zahra Abba Omar[§], Nadia Nahar[§], Lynn E. Fiellin, Xenophon Papademetris, Christian Kästner. “Opening the Black Box: Explaining Automated Software Systems.” (in preparation)

Jeske, Melanie, **Alka V. Menon**, Heather Welty. “Prophetic Devices: The Prophetic Nature of Wearable Health Technologies.” (in preparation)

Abba Omar, Zahra[§], Nadia Nahar[§], Ines M. Gilles^u, Fikir Mekonnen^u, Jacob Tjaden^u, Erika Okeh^u, Jane Hsieh[§], Christian Kästner, and **Alka V. Menon**. “Beyond SHAP, Anchors: how developers struggle to design meaningful end-user explanations.” arXiv preprint: <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2503.15512>

AWARDS

- 2024 American Sociological Association Sociology of Body and Embodiment Section Best Book Award, for *Refashioning Race*
- 2024 Society for the Social Studies of Science Ludwik Fleck Prize Finalist for *Refashioning Race*
- 2021 American Sociological Association Section on the Body and Embodiment Best Publication Prize for “Cultural gatekeeping in cosmetic surgery”
- 2017 American Sociological Association Section on the Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award for “Reconstructing Race and Gender in American Cosmetic Surgery”
- 2016 Robert F. Winch Award for Best Published Graduate Student Paper for “Reconstructing Race and Gender in American Cosmetic Surgery,” Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2010 Cornell University LGBT Studies Undergraduate Thesis Prize

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Funding

- 2021-2025 Designing Accountable Software Systems, CISE/CCF 2131466, U.S. National Science Foundation. **PI: Alka V. Menon**. Co-PIs: Xenophon Papademetris, Lynn Fiellin, and Christian Kästner (Carnegie Mellon University).
- 2024 National Science Foundation Grant Supplement: Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates.
- 2021-2024 Academic Research Fund Grant for “State Politics and the Covid-19 Mitigation in Southeast Asia,” Singapore Ministry of Education. PI: Sulfikar Amir, **Collaborator: Alka V. Menon**.

- 2016-2018 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, SES 1556591, Section of Science, Technology & Society, U.S. National Science Foundation, PI: Steven Epstein, **Co-PI: Alka V. Menon.**
- 2014 Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, **PI: Alka Menon.**

At Yale University

- 2025-2026 Griswold Faculty Research Fund, Whitney Humanities Center (for *Weight of Inequality* book project)
- 2025-2027 AI Course Revision Grant, Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2025 Cross-Divisional Teaching Award (with Xenophon Papademetris for AI, Medicine, and Society course)
- 2024-2026 Institution for Social and Policy Studies Conference Support Award (for Revisiting Biomedicalization workshop)
- 2024 Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund Award (for Revisiting Biomedicalization workshop)
- 2024 Institution for Social and Policy Studies-MacMillan Center for Area and International Studies Multidisciplinary Research Grant (for *Weight of Inequality* book project)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS – SOCIAL SCIENCES

“Shame, Blame, and Ozempic: The Social Meanings of GLP-1 Use”

Yale University, Urban Ethnography Workshop, October 2025

“Beauty Standards and Aesthetics”

Invited Panelist, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, [Creative Convening on Monstrous Beauty](#): A Feminist Revision of Chinoiserie, May 2025

“AI, Transparency, and Health: Challenges for Trust and Accountability”

Smith College, Kahn Liberal Arts Institute, March 2025

“Refashioning Race: How Global Cosmetic Surgery Crafts New Beauty Standards”

- University of Michigan, Science, Technology, and Society Program, February 2025
- University of California at San Francisco, Innovative and Critical Perspectives in Social Science Colloquium, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, January 2025
- Northwestern University, Sociology Department, March 2024
- Texas A&M University, Sociology Department, April 2024
- Colby College, Sociology Department, October 2023
- University of Toronto, Global and Transnational Studies Department, October 2023
- Yale University, Program in History of Science and History of Medicine Colloquium and Center for Cultural Sociology, January 2022
- University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Sociology Department, October 2021

- University of California at Los Angeles, Health and Society Working Group (virtual), November 2021
- Wesleyan University, Fries Center for Global Studies, March 2019
- St. Francis College, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, October 2019
- Boston University, Sociology, October 2019
- Cornell University, Science and Technology Studies Department, November 2019
- University of California at Santa Barbara, Sociology Department, November 2019
- Columbia University, Science, Knowledge and Technology Workshop, October 2019
- Brown University, Science and Technology Studies Colloquium, December 2018
- Yale University, Health, Humanities, and History Workshop, Fall 2018

“Opening the Black Box: Explaining Automated Software Systems”

Columbia University, Sociology of Algorithms Workshop, November 2023

“Beauty Matters: Race and Inequality in US Cosmetic Surgery”

Beauty and Inequality Workshop, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium (virtual), May 2021

“Race, Beauty, and Bodily Capital in a Comparative Perspective”

Invited Panelist, Harvard University, Social Analysis Workshop (virtual), October 2021

“Constructing an Asian Look: Beauty Ideals and Cosmetic Surgery in Malaysia”

- Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies, February 2020
- Monash University Malaysia, School of Arts and Social Sciences, March 2020
- New York University, Sociology of Culture Workshop, October 2019
- Yale University, Southeast Asian Studies Colloquium, October 2019
- Yale University, Comparative Research Workshop, February 2019

Other

“No Easy Way Out: How Ozempic Transformed American Health,” Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University, September 2025

“Cosmetic Surgery,” Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Colloquium, Yale University, January 2024

Panelist, “Biomedical Technology and Society,” Yale Alumni Association, Yale University, November 2023

“Medical Software Regulation, AI, and Explanations,” AI Workshop, Schmidt Program on Artificial Intelligence, Emerging Technologies, and National Power, Jackson School of Global Affairs, Yale University, November 2023

Panelist, *Refashioning Race: How Global Cosmetic Surgery Crafts New Beauty Standards*. With Ann Morning, Anthony Ryan Hatch, Joanna Radin. Comparative Research Workshop, September 2023

INVITED PRESENTATIONS – MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

“Erosion and Impact: Case Studies in Declining Trust”

Invited Panelist, Rebuilding Trust in Public Health: Causes, Consequences, and Responses conference, Yale School of Public Health, February 2026

“AI in Healthcare: A Sociotechnical System of Systems Lens”

Hello AI Professional Series, GE Healthcare, November 2025

“AI, Transparency, and Health: Challenges for Trust and Accountability”

Department of Biomedical Informatics and Data Science Rising Star Monthly Colloquium, Yale University, May 2025

“Race, Standardization and Cosmetic Surgery”

Grand Rounds, Department of Plastic Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, July 2021

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

“Deserving Patients and Undeserving Consumers: Intersecting Identities in Narratives of GLP-1 Takers,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, scheduled for August 2026, New York, NY

“In Pursuit of Health: The Many Meanings of Ozempic,” Society for the Social Studies of Science annual meeting, September 2025, Seattle, WA

“Shame, Blame, and Ozempic: The Social Meanings of GLP-1 Use,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 2025, Chicago, IL

“In Pursuit of Health: The Many Values of Ozempic,” Revisiting Biomedicalization: Toward a Technological-Focused Approach Workshop, Yale University, February 2025

“Opening the Black Box: Explaining and Justifying Automated Software Systems” (with Zahra Abba Omar), American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 2024

Book Forum on *Refashioning Race*, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montreal, QC, August 2024

“Opening the Black Box: Explaining Automated Software Systems” (with Zahra Abba Omar), Society for the Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Amsterdam, the Netherlands; also Making and Doing session, Stitching Solutions: Policy Solutions, July 2024

“Making AI Experts? Thinking Across Disciplines and Career Stages,” (with Zahra Abba Omar, Fikir Mekonnen, and Matthew Bray), Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Washington, D.C., February 2024

Authors Meets Critics session, *Refashioning Race*, Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Washington, D.C., February 2024

“Ethnic Options?: Navigating Racial Boundaries in Cosmetic Surgery,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2023

“Opening the Black Box: Explaining Automated Software Systems” (with Zahra Abba Omar), Law and Society Association annual meeting, San Juan, PR, June 2023

“Opening the Black Box: Explaining Automated Software Systems” (with Zahra Abba Omar), (un)Stable Diffusions, Concordia University, Montreal, QC (virtual), May 2023

- “Opening the Black Box: Explaining Automated Software Systems,” (with Zahra Abba Omar), Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD, February 2023
- “Tracing a New Regime of Global Health Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 2022
- “Beauty Matters: Cosmetic Surgery, Race, and Technologies of Adornment,” Society for the Social Studies of Science, Toronto, CA (virtual), October 2021
- “‘Looking Right’: Racialized Clinical Judgment in U.S. and Malaysian Cosmetic Surgery,” Session on Culture and Identity, American Sociological Association annual meeting (virtual), August 2021
- “Racial Projections and the Role of Clinical Judgment in U.S. Cosmetic Surgery,” Body and Embodiment Section Roundtables, American Sociological Association (virtual), August 2020
- “Guidelines and Global Expertise in the Prevention and Treatment of Ebola Virus Disease,” Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop, Singapore Management University, March 2020
- “Selling Surgery: The Role of Race in Transnational Medical Markets,” Race in Medicine Beyond the Lab: 21st Century Mobilizations, King’s College London, September 2019
- “Selling Surgery: The Role of Race in Transnational Medical Markets,” Race in the Marketplace (RIM) Research Forum, Universite Paris-Dauphine, Paris, France, June 2019
- “Cultural gatekeeping in cosmetic surgery: Transnational beauty ideals in multicultural Malaysia” Session on Popular Culture, American Sociological Association meeting, New York, NY, August 2019
- “‘Objectifying the Face’: Visualization Technologies and the Doctor-Patient Relationship in Cosmetic Surgery,” Society for the Social Studies of Science annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 2019
- “Cosmetic Surgery and the Problem of Doctor Patient-Communication,” 2nd International Conference on Global Science, Technology, and Society (Global STS 2.0), Hasanuddin University, Makassar and Gowa, Indonesia, July 2019

TEACHING & ADVISING

Yale University

- SOCY 127 (now 1601) Health and Illness in Social Context—Undergraduate lecture
Spring 2026, Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2018 (Average Enrollment: 72)
- SOCY 351 (now 3760) / 545 Race, Medicine and Technology—Undergraduate/graduate seminar
Spring 2026, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2021 (Average Enrollment: 12)
- SOCY/BENG 2048 AI, Medicine, and Society—Undergraduate seminar
Fall 2025 (Enrollment: 15)
- SOCY 160/URBN 369 Methods of Inquiry –Undergraduate seminar
Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021 x 2 sections taught remotely, Spring 2019
(Average Enrollment: 21)
- SOCY 577 (now 7700) Sociology of Racial Knowledge—Graduate seminar
Spring 2025 (Enrollment: 6)

SOCY 560/PLSC 734 Comparative Research Workshop—Graduate seminar and training workshop averaging 25 attendees (faculty, postdoctoral fellows, visiting students, and doctoral students) Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2022 (Average Enrollment for credit: 5)

SOCY 491/492 Senior Essay and Colloquium Seminar—Undergraduate seminar Spring 2019, Fall 2018 (Average Enrollment: 2)

Yale School of Medicine

Medical Software and Medical AI Certificate Program—lecturer for online program

Northwestern University

Sociology of the Body—undergraduate seminar, seminar for medical students

Sociology of Infectious Disease—seminar for medical students

Advising

* Denotes chair or co-chair; students at Yale unless otherwise noted

Current Dissertation Committees:

- * Zahra Abba Omar, Sociology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Also field exam chair and second year paper reader)
- Gracia Lee, Sociology (Also field exam reader)
- Adora Svitak, Sociology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- Narges Pirhayati, Sociology, KU Leuven

Past Dissertation Committee Memberships and Placement of Trainees:

- Meera Choi, Sang-Kee Kim Postdoctoral Fellow at the Weatherhead Center at Harvard University
- Kayla Thomas, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies at Bates College
- Sarah Brothers, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Public Policy, Penn State University

Field Exam Committees:

- * Génesis Luigi Bravo, Sociology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (also second year paper co-chair)
- Sophie Grapentin, History of Science/History of Medicine (Reader)
- Wonik Son, History of Science/History of Medicine (Reader)
- Danielle McCarthy, Sociology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst (Reader)

Second Year Paper Committees:

- * Shirin Purkayastha, Sociology and Black Studies
- Cassidy Gabriel, Sociology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Reader)
- Jiwon Yun, Sociology (Reader)

Undergraduate Thesis Advising:

Celene B., Hannah Q., Ivy T., Yvonne W., Sarah T., Matthew B., Ishani S., Raj P., Jeremy O., Simone K., Ngozi O., Jason C. (winner of the 2021 Mildred Priest Prize for Best Sociology Thesis), Trey P., Emily E., Tsedenya S., Jenan C., Trisha V., Olivia G.

Undergraduate Thesis Evaluation:

Ivy T. (Ed Studies capstone), Laurie J., Fikir M., Abrianna B., Laz C., Sasha W., Jaime L.

Other Advising:

History of Science and History of Medicine Major Advisor (16); Sophomore Advisees (2), Freshman Advisees (2); National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU) students (3); Visiting Graduate Students on Exchange (4); Independent Study (1)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Conference Organized

2025 *Revisiting Biomedicalization: Toward a Technology-Focused Approach*, Yale University.
Organized in-person convening with 30 researchers (sociologists, anthropologists, and historians) to draft a new agenda for revitalizing study of biomedicalization with support from Yale's MacMillan Center and Institute for Social and Policy Studies, February 28-March 1.

Editorial Boards

2024-present *Sociological Forum*, Eastern Sociological Society
2023-present *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*
2020-2023 *Sociological Theory*, American Sociological Association
2014-2015 *Social Problems*, Student Advisory Board, Society for the Study of Social Problems

National Professional Associations

2025 Society for the Social Studies of Science Panel organizer
2022-2025 American Sociological Association Body and Embodiment Section Council Member
-Mentorship and Membership Committee Chair (2023-24)
-Book Award Committee Chair (2024-25)
2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting – Organizer, Regular Sessions on Sociology of Science
2021 Society for the Social Studies of Science Panel organizer
2019-2022 American Sociological Association Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section Council Member
-Star-Nelkin Best Paper Award Committee Chair
-Mentoring Committee Chair
2018 American Sociological Association Body and Embodiment Section Graduate Paper Award Committee
2015-2018 Elected Student Council Member, Science, Knowledge and Technology section, American Sociological Association

Ad-Hoc Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Theory*, *Gender & Society*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Poetics*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Sociological Forum*, *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, *Kybernetes*, *Cultural Sociology*, *Theory & Social Inquiry*, Oxford University Press

To Yale University

2025-26 Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department Steere Prize in Women's Studies Committee
2025-26 Council on Southeast Asian Studies Grant Committee

2025-26	Sociology Committee for Lecturer Reappointment and Promotion
2025-26	Sociology Department Sussman Dissertation Prize Committee
2025	Committee for the Marshall and Rhodes Scholarships
2025-present	Yale Certificate in Computing, Culture & Society Advisory Board
2024-2025	Sociology Department Hollingshead Lecture Committee
2023	Committee for the Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarships
2023	Yale Institute for Global Health Hecht Award Reviewer
2022-present	First Generation, Low Income (FGLI) Faculty Mentor
2022-23	Council on Southeast Asian Studies Grant Committee
2022-23	Sociology Department Sussman Dissertation Prize Committee
2022-23	Sociology Department Graduate Admissions Committee
2021-22	Yale Ethnography Hub Working Group
2021	Committee for the Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarships
2021	Sociology Department Junior Faculty Search Committee
2021	First-Year Scholars Summer Program Panel on Faculty Perspectives
2020	Graduate student professionalization workshop on “Troubleshooting Qualitative Research in the Time of Covid-19,” Qualitative Social Science Working Group
2020-21	Program in the History of Science and Medicine Students for Health Equity Action (SHEA) Committee
2020-21	School of Public Health Racism and Health Junior Faculty Search Committee
2020-21	Council on Southeast Asian Studies Postdoctoral Fellow Selection Committee
2020-21	Sociology Department Graduate Admissions Committee
2018-19	Sociology Department Sussman Dissertation Prize Committee
2018-19	Sociology Department Mildred Frank Priest Prize Committee
2018-19	Gender and Social Science Working Group
2018-19	Postgraduate Fellowships Committee

Professional Development at Yale

2025	Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning Pedagogical Partners Program
2024	Women’s Faculty Forum Seed Grant (for <i>Weight of Inequality</i> book project)
2024	Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science Workshop
2021-2022	Race, Indigeneity and Transnational Migration Faculty Fellowship
2021-2022	Public Voices Fellowship (by the Op-ed Project)
2021	Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning Accessibility Professional Development Program

Press: [Washington Post](#), [Opera Mundi](#), Uol, [Folha de São Paulo](#), [Deutsche Welle](#), [Göteborgs-Posten](#), [Mother Jones](#), [Highsnobiety](#), [The Zoe Report](#), [Salon](#), [LAist](#), [Connecticut WNPR](#), [CNN](#), [WIRED](#), Media Studies Asia

Public Engagement: KU Leuven [Culture and Inequality](#) podcast, [BBC History’s Heroes](#) episode on Madame C.J. Walker, The Annex Sociology Podcast, New Books Network Podcast, [Instagram interview with Alok Vaid-Menon](#), Brown Girl Bookshelf, Top Rank Podcast