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EMPLOYMENT

2018- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Yale University
2023- Assistant Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (by courtesy)

Faculty Affiliate of Program in the History of Science and Medicine, Council on Southeast Asian Studies, MacMillan Center for Area and International Studies, Yale Institute for Global Health, Yale Ethnography Hub, Saybrook College

2010-11 Public Health Associate, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Houston, TX

EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University
2013 M.A., Sociology, Northwestern University
2010 B.A., Cornell University
Honors: *Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

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

Books

Menon, Alka V. *Weighing Inequality: How Ozempic Changed Health*, under advance contract with University of California Press.

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

Reviewed in [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)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 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://doi.org/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*. <https://doi.org/10.1245/s10434-024-16337-y>
- Menon, Alka V. and Carlo Sariago.[§] 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. <https://doi.org/10.1101/lm.1403509>

Refereed Conference Proceedings

- Theodore Kim, Alexa Schor,[§] Julian Posada, and Alka V. Menon. 2026. The Racial Character of Computer Graphics Research. In Proceedings of the 2026 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT '26). Association for Computing Machinery. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3805689.3812275>
- 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://doi.org/10.1609/aies.v7i1.31695>
- 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://doi.org/10.1145/3630106.3659028>

Book Chapters and Essays

Forthcoming Menon, Alka V. "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.299-308. <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>

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.

Book Reviews

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: [10.1177/00943061211036051a](https://doi.org/10.1177/00943061211036051a)

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. Reprinted in the North Carolina Examiner.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Menon, Alka V. "Therapy or Enhancement? The Moral Meanings of GLP-1s in the United States," For *Social Science & Medicine* special issue on weight-loss drugs.

Abba Omar, Zahra^g, Nadia Nahar^g, Ines M. Gilles^u, Fikir Mekonnen^u, Jacob Tjaden^u, Erika Okeh^u, Jane Hsieh^g, Christian Kästner, and Alka V. Menon (senior author). "Beyond SHAP, Anchors: how developers struggle to design meaningful end-user explanations." arXiv preprint: <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2503.15512> Revised version under review at TOSEM.

Jeske, Melanie and Alka V. Menon. "Obesity." The Elgar Encyclopedia on Health and Medical Sociology. Under review.

AWARDS

2024	American Sociological Association Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Section Best Book Award, for <i>Refashioning Race</i>
2024	Society for the Social Studies of Science Ludwik Fleck Prize Finalist for <i>Refashioning Race</i>
2021	American Sociological Association Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Section Best Publication Prize for "Cultural gatekeeping in cosmetic surgery"
2017	American Sociological Association Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Section 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	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Undergraduate Research Prize, Department of Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Cornell University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Funding

2021-25	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
2021-24	Academic Research Fund Tier-1 Grant for "State Politics and the Covid-19 Mitigation in Southeast Asia," Singapore Ministry of Education. PI: Sulfikar Amir, Collaborator: Alka V. Menon
2016-18	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

2026	AI at Yale Seed Grant
2026	Faculty Research Grant, MacMillan Center for Area and International Studies

2025	Griswold Faculty Research Fund, Whitney Humanities Center
2025-27	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	Institution for Social and Policy Studies Conference Support Award (for Revisiting Biomedicalization workshop)
2024	Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund Award, MacMillan Center for Area and International Studies (for Revisiting Biomedicalization workshop)
2024	Institution for Social and Policy Studies-MacMillan Center for Area and International Studies Multidisciplinary Research Grant

INVITED TALKS

“Artificial Intelligence and Behavioral Health: Governance, Regulation, and Accountability”

Invited Panelist, National Dialogues on Behavioral Health, New Orleans, LA, November 2026 [scheduled]

“The Weight of Inequality: Ozempic, Race, and Health in America”

Georgia Institute of Technology, School of History and Sociology, December 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

Book Forum: *Refashioning Race: How Cosmetic Surgery Crafts New Beauty Standards*

American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montreal, QC, August 2024

“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

-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

“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

Campus Talks

“Shame, Blame, and Ozempic: The Social Meanings of GLP-1 Use,” Urban Ethnography Workshop, October 2025

“AI, Transparency, and Health: Challenges for Trust and Accountability,” Department of Biomedical Informatics and Data Science Rising Star Monthly Colloquium, May 2025

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

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

Panelist, “Biomedical Technology and Society,” Yale Alumni Association, 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, 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

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

-Southeast Asian Studies Colloquium, October 2019

-Comparative Research Workshop, February 2019

“Covid-19 and Global Health,” Comparative Research Workshop, February 2021

“Refashioning Race: How Global Cosmetic Surgery Crafts New Beauty Standards,” Health, Humanities, and History Workshop, Fall 2018

Other

“Weighing the Costs: Ozempic and the U.S. Healthcare System,” Pints of Science New Haven, May 2026

“Erosion and Impact: Case Studies in Declining Trust,” Invited Panelist, Rebuilding Trust in Public Health: Causes, Consequences, and Responses conference, School of Public Health, February 2026

“AI in Healthcare: A Sociotechnical System of Systems Lens,” Hello AI Professional Series, GE Healthcare, November 2025

“Race, Standardization and Cosmetic Surgery,” Grand Rounds, Department of Plastic Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, July 2021

“The Cutting Edge?: Cosmetic Surgery in Malaysia,” Invited Montgomery Lecture, Medical Humanities & Bioethics Program, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, May 2015

Q&A and Classroom Visits for *Refashioning Race*

- Loyola University Chicago, Transnational Gender and Sexuality Studies, Graduate Seminar, February 2026 [invited]
- Williams College, Introduction to Sociology, Undergraduate Seminar, April 2025
- Yale University, Methods of Inquiry, Undergraduate Seminar, February 2025
- Colby College, Topics in Sociology, Undergraduate Seminar, October 2024
- University of Chicago, Technology of the Body, Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar, December 2023
- Yale University, Feminist Technoscience, Undergraduate Seminar, November 2023
- University of Toronto, Global and Transnational Studies, Graduate Seminar, October 2023
- University of Notre Dame, Cultural Sociology, Graduate Seminar, September 2023

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

- 2026 “Seeing Like AI: Negotiating Boundaries Between Screening and Diagnosis,” Society for the Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Toronto, September [scheduled]
- 2026 “Ask Our Doctors: Direct-to-Consumer Telehealth, GLP-1s, and The Evolving Landscape of U.S. Healthcare,” Science, Knowledge and Technology (SKAT) Today Mini-Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, August
- 2026 “Deserving Patients and Undeserving Consumers: Intersecting Identities in Narratives of GLP-1 Takers,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY, August
- 2025 “In Pursuit of Health: The Many Meanings of Ozempic,” Society for the Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Seattle, WA, September
- 2025 “Shame, Blame, and Ozempic: The Social Meanings of GLP-1 Use,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, August
- 2025 In Pursuit of Health: The Many Values of Ozempic,” Revisiting Biomedicalization: Toward a Technological-Focused Approach Workshop, Yale University, February

- 2024 “Opening the Black Box: Justifying Automated Software Systems” (with Zahra Abba Omar*), American Sociological Association annual meeting, 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, July
- 2024 “Stitching Solutions: AI Policy Solutions,” (with Zahra Abba Omar*) Making and Doing session, Society for the Social Studies of Science, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, July
- 2024 “Making AI Experts? Thinking Across Disciplines and Career Stages,” 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
- 2023 “Ethnic Options?: Navigating Racial Boundaries in Cosmetic Surgery,” Invited Panelist, 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*), Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD, February
- 2022 “Tracing a New Regime of Global Health Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November
- 2021 “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,” American Sociological Association annual meeting (virtual), August
- 2020 “Racial Projections and the Role of Clinical Judgment in U.S. Cosmetic Surgery,” 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
- 2019 “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,” 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

TEACHING & ADVISING

Yale University (Instructor)

Course	Level
Health and Illness in Social Context	Undergraduate introductory lecture
Race, Medicine and Technology	Undergraduate/graduate seminar
Methods of Inquiry	Undergraduate seminar
AI, Medicine, and Society	Undergraduate seminar
Sociology of Racial Knowledge	Graduate seminar
Comparative Research Workshop	Graduate seminar and department workshop
Medical Software and Medical Artificial Intelligence (Yale School of Medicine)	Certificate program for professionals

Northwestern University (Instructor)

Course (Department)	Level
Second-Year Paper Seminar (Sociology)	Graduate
Sociology of Beauty (Sociology)	Undergraduate seminar
Sociology of Infectious Disease (Medical Humanities and Bioethics Program, Feinberg School of Medicine)	Graduate seminar for medical students
Sociology of the Body (Medical Humanities and Bioethics Program)	Graduate seminar for medical students

ADVISING

Past Dissertation Committee Memberships and Placement of Trainees

- Meera Choi, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Lafayette College
- Kayla Thomas, Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor of Race & Ethnic Studies, Babson College
- Sarah Brothers, Assistant Professor of Sociology & Public Policy, Pennsylvania State University

Current Dissertation Committees: 6, 2 as chair/co-chair

Field Exam Committees: 9, 4 as chair

Second Year Paper Committees: 5, 2 as chair

Senior Thesis Advising and Evaluation: 25, 18 as primary advisor

Other Advising: 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 the study of biomedicalization. Supported by Yale MacMillan Center for Area and International Studies 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*
2020-23 *Sociological Theory*, American Sociological Association
2014-15 *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
2022-25 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
2019-22 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
2015-18 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*, *ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency*, *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*, *Critical Fashion & Beauty Studies*

Reviewer for Book Presses: *Oxford University Press*, *Polity Press*

To Yale University (selected)

- 2026-27 WGSS Undergraduate Fellowships and Prizes Committee
2025-26 WGSS Steere Prize in Women's Studies Committee
2025-26 Sociology Committee for Lecturer Reappointment and Promotion
2025-26 Sociology Department Sussman Dissertation Prize Committee (also 18-19, 22-23)
2025-present Yale Certificate in Computing, Culture & Society Advisory Board
2024-25 Sociology Department Hollingshead Lecture Committee
2023 Yale Institute for Global Health Hecht Award Reviewer
2022-present First Generation, Low Income (FGLI) Faculty Mentor
2022-23 Sociology Department Graduate Admissions Committee (also 20-21)

2021-22	Yale Ethnography Hub Informal Working Group
2021-present	Committee for the Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarships
2021	Sociology Department Junior Faculty Search Committee
2020-21	History of Science and Medicine Students for Health Equity Action Committee
2020-21	School of Public Health Racism and Health Junior Faculty Search Committee
2018-19	Sociology Department Mildred Frank Priest Prize Committee
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
2021-22	Race, Indigeneity and Transnational Migration Faculty Fellowship
2021-22	Public Voices Fellowship (by the Op-ed Project)
2021	Poorvu Center Accessibility Professional Development Program

Press and Public Engagement (selected):

2026	Quoted in an article on GLP-1s and telehealth in Mother Jones
2025	Interviewed on BBC History's Heroes bonus episode about beauty entrepreneur Madame C.J. Walker
2025	Interviewed on the Culture and Inequality podcast about "Beauty, Botox, Boundaries: Aesthetic Medical Procedures and Social Inequality"
2025	Quoted in an article about changing beauty ideals, Washington Post
2025	Quoted in several articles about the advent of Korean skincare in Brazil Opera Mundi , Folha de São Paulo , Fol , Deutsche Welle (Portuguese)
2025	Quoted in an article about buttocks lifts, Göteborgs-Posten (Swedish)
2025	Quoted in an article about MAGA face, Mother Jones
2024	Interviewed on The Annex Sociology Podcast about <i>Refashioning Race</i>
2024	Quoted in an article about ethnic rhinoplasty, The Zoe Report
2024	Interviewed on New Books Network Podcast about <i>Refashioning Race</i>
2023	Q&A about <i>Refashioning Race</i> , American Sociological Association Science, Knowledge, and Technology (SKAT) Fall 2023 Newsletter
2023	Quoted in an article about buttocks lifts, Salon
2023	Radio interview, the Los Angeles NPR (KPCC) 's AirTalk episode on cosmetic surgery trends
2022	Radio interview, Connecticut WNPR 's Where We Live episode on the rising standards of beauty culture
2021	Interviewed on Top Rank Podcast about "Identity politics and cosmetic surgery: A conversation with Alka Menon,"
2021	Quoted in an article about social media and plastic surgery in WIRED
2020	Quoted in an article about plastic surgery and Snapchat filters in CNN (Spanish and English)
2020	Q&A, Media Studies Asia , on beauty ideals and COVID-19s