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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2022 – Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Department of Health Behavior  
Department of Maternal and Child Health  
Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity  
Gillings School of Global Public Health  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

### EDUCATION

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2016 – 2022 Ph.D., Community Health Sciences  
University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
Doctoral Minor, Urban Planning  
  
Dissertation Title: *Gentrification, Residential Mobility, and Preterm Birth Among Black Women: A Mixed-Methods Examination of Racial Resegregation in Northern California*  
Advisor: Chandra L. Ford, Ph.D.

2011 – 2013 M.A., Sociology  
American University, Washington, DC  
Graduate Certificate, Social Research

2007 – 2011 B.A., Double Major in Sociology and Political Science  
Minor, Social and Economic Justice  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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2021 Research Fellowship for the Study of Black Life, Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles

2021 Summer Mentored Research Fellowship, Community Health Sciences, University of California, Los Angeles

2021 Jean Stone Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of Women, University of California, Los Angeles

2021 University Credit Union Scholarship, Los Angeles, CA

2020 – 2021 Eugene and Sallyann Fama Fellowship, Fielding School of Public Health, University of California, Los Angeles

- 2020 Health Policy Research Scholars Dissertation Award
- 2020 Graduate Council Diversity Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2019 – 2020 Ziman Center for Real Estate Research Grant, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2019 – 2020 Institute of American Culture Social Justice Graduate Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2018 – 2019 Graduate Research Mentorship (GRM) Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2017 – 2021 Health Policy Research Scholars Predoctoral Fellowship, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2017 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM) Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2017 Student Research Award, Public Health Student Association, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2016 – 2017 University Fellowship, Department of Community Health Sciences, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2007 – 2011 Carolina Covenant Scholarship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer Reviewed**

1. Thomas Tobin, C. S., Huynh J., Farmer, H., **Cross, R. I.**, Barve, A., Robinson, M.N. Erika Perez Leslie, Roland Thorpe, Jr. (2022) Perceived Neighborhood Racial Composition and Depressive Symptoms among Black Americans across Adulthood: Evaluating the Role of Psychosocial Risks and Resources. *Journal of Aging and Health*
2. Nguyen, T. T., Shaniece Criss, S. Michaels, E.K., **Cross, R. I.**, Michaels, J. S., Dwivedi, P. Huang, D., Hsu, E., Mukhija, K., Nguyen, L. H., Yardi, I. Allen, A. M, Nguyen, Q. C. and Gee, G. C. (2021). Progress and Push-Back: How the murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd Impacted Public Discourse on Race and Racism on Twitter. *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health*
3. Jimenez, T., Restar, A., Helm, P. J., **Cross, R. I.**, Barath, D., & Arndt, J. (2020). Fatalism in the context of COVID-19: Perceiving coronavirus as a death sentence predicts reluctance to perform recommended preventative behaviors. *SSM-Population Health*, 100615.
4. Gailey, S., **Cross, R. I.**, Messer, L. C., & Bruckner, T. A. (2021). Characteristics associated with downward residential mobility among birthing persons in California. *Social Science & Medicine*, 279, 113962.
5. **Cross, R. I.** (2018). Can Critical Race Theory Enhance the Field of Public Health? A Student's Perspective. *Ethnicity & Disease*, 28(Suppl 1):267-270.

### **Under Review**

**Cross, R. I.**, Huynh, J., Bradford, N. J., Butler, B. N., Racialized Housing Discrimination and Population Health: A Systematic Review. *Revise & Resubmit*

Ford, C. L., Cook, M. and **Cross, R. I.** Racism and HIV Care Continuum Engagement Among African Americans: State of the Science, Recommendations for Future Research, and Implications for COVID-19 Inequities. *Revise & Resubmit*

### Book Sections

1. **Cross, R. I.** (2019). Appendix B: Selected Measures of Racism. In C.L. Ford, D. Griffith, M. Bruce, and K. Gilbert (eds). *Racism: Science & Tools for the Public Health Professional*. Washington, DC: APHA Press.  
<https://doi.org/10.2105/9780875533049appB>
2. **Cross, R. I.**, Butler B. N., Roberson M. L. (2022). The Past, Present, and Future of Black Women in Health Policy. In S.Y. Evans, (eds.). *Black Women and Public Health: Regenerative History, Practice, and Planning*. SUNY Press.

Book sections under review

Butler B. N., **Cross, R. I.**, Davis, B.A, Medina, E. M. & Hardeman, R. R. Endemic Stress/Racism in F. Gary and M. Lotas (eds.) *A Population Health Approach to Health Disparities for Nurses: Care of Vulnerable Populations*. Under Review at Springer Publishing.

### Non-refereed, creative, and other work

**Cross, R. I.** (2019). Black, Pregnant, and Studying the Impact of Racism on Health. Blog Post on Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice, & Health Blog.  
<https://www.racialhealthequity.org/blog/black-pregnant-and-studying-racism>

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Conceptualization and measurement of structural racism; Critical Race Theory; housing and community development policies as social determinants of health; history of public health; progressive public health pedagogy

## RESEARCH

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- 2021 – 2022 Graduate Student Researcher (PI: Dr. Courtney S. Thomas), UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 – 2020 Graduate Student Researcher (PI: Dr. Terence Keel), UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 – 2019 Graduate Student Researcher (PI: Dr. Chandra L. Ford), Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice & Health, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 – 2018 Graduate Student Researcher (PI: Dr. Courtney S. Thomas), Department of Community Health Sciences, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conferences

#### Panels Organized/ Discussant

- 2021 Brittney Butler, **Cross, R. I.**, Brigitte Davis, Tongtan Chantararat and Rachel R. Hardeman (Moderator). *Structural Racism and Health Inequities: Lessons Learned from the Last Decade and New Innovations Moving Forward*. A Panel discussion at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 14-17, 2021. Virtual Conference.
- 2021 Brittney Butler, **Cross, R. I.**, Brigitte Davis, Tongtan Chantararat and Rachel R. Hardeman (Moderator). *Structural Racism and Health Inequities: Lessons Learned from the Last Decade and New Innovations Moving Forward*. A Panel discussion at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual RacismLab symposium. University of Michigan. February 24, 2021. Virtual Symposium.
- 2019 **Cross, R. I.**, Brittney Butler, Samuel Baxter, Hawi Teizazu, and Brigitte Davis. *An Adjusted Lens: An Examination of Structural Racism in Population Health Research and Policy*. A Panel discussion at the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Conference. October 1-4, 2019. Seattle, WA.

#### Papers Presented

- 2022 Cross, R.I. *Racial Resegregation and Preterm Birth in Northern California*. Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Conference. September 20-23, 2022. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2016 **Israel, R.** *What's Missing in HIV Leadership?: Achieving Universal Science Literacy*. Roundtable presentation at the United States Conference on AIDS, Hollywood, FL (September 15-18, 2016).
- 2016 **Israel, R.** *African American HIV University, Science and Treatment College: a model to address HIV-related stigma and low health literacy in Black communities*. Presentation at the 21<sup>st</sup> International AIDS Conference, Durban, South Africa (July 17-22, 2016)

### Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

- 2021 **Cross, R. I.** *Introduction to Critical Race Theory*. RWJF Community Change Leadership Network Anti-Black Racism Peer Learning Circle Series, July 2021
- 2021 **Cross, R. I.** *Structural Racism, Critical Race Theory and Public Health: A Disciplinary Self-Critique*. Structural Oppression Seminar Series, University of Minnesota, April 2021
- 2020 **Cross, R. I.** *Using the Elaboration Model to Build Testable Conceptual Models for Public Health Research*. Course: Psychosocial Factors in Health-Related Behaviors, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, November 2020
- 2020 **Cross, R. I.** *Measuring Racism for Research on Older Adults*. Course: Aging and Social Policy, School of Gerontology, University of Southern California, September 2020

- 2020 **Cross, R. I.** *Future of Black American Health, Critical Race Theory and Beyond*. Course: Black American Health, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, April 2020
- 2017 **Cross, R. I.** *Housing and Health in the U.S.: What's Racism Got to do with It?*, Course: Multicultural Health, Division of Public Health, California State University, Dominguez Hills, November 2017

## TEACHING

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- 2021, 2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Problems at the Biology/Society Interface: What is Race?*; Institute for Society and Genetics, University of California, Los Angeles, Winter 2021, Winter 2019
- 2020 Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Race and Ethnicity in American Life*; Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, Fall 2020
- 2012 Graduate Teaching Assistant, *U.S. Society in a Global Context*; Department of Sociology, American University, Spring 2012
- 2012 Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Contemporary Social Problems*; Department of Sociology, American University, Fall 2012

## SERVICE

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### Profession

- 2021 – Co-chair, Public Relations Committee, Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues
- 2020 – Manuscript Reviewer, *Ethnicity & Disease, American Journal of Public Health, Social Problems*
- 2017 – Abstract Reviewer, Caucus on Homelessness APHA Annual Meeting, Community Health & Health Policy Development APHA Annual Meeting, AcademyHealth, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science
- 2016 Reviewer, United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) Abstracts

### University

- 2022 – Resident Scholar, Carolina Housing, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2019 Graduate/Undergraduate Mentor (GUM), University of California, Los Angeles, January – June 2019
- 2019 Reviewer, UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Research Undergraduate Research Fellowship
- 2018 Panelist, *Black Lives and the University*, UCLA Equity, Inclusion, & Diversity Graduate Student Welcome Day, September 21, 2018
- 2017 Panelist, *Getting In and Through a PhD Program*, Minority Training Program in Cancer Control Research, June 5, 2017

### School/Department

- 2020 Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) Accreditation Contributor, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, October 2020

- 2018 – 2022 Reviewer, UCLA Public Health Scholars Training Program Applications  
2017 – 2018 Doctoral Student Representative, Faculty Committee, Department of  
Community Health Sciences, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, April  
2017 – May 2018  
2017 – 2018 Executive Board Member, Students of Color for Public Health, UCLA Fielding  
School of Public Health, 2017-2018

### **Community**

- 2019 Volunteer, UCLA Health Installment, Taste of Soul, Los Angeles, CA, October  
2019  
2018 Volunteer, Black AIDS Institute Installment, LA PRIDE Parade and Festival,  
June 2018

### **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

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- 2016 – 2017 Assistant Director, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion UCLA Fielding  
School of Public Health, Los Angeles, CA  
2015 – 2016 Training and Capacity Building Manager Black AIDS Institute, Los Angeles, CA  
2013 – 2015 Evaluation Coordinator, Black AIDS Institute, Los Angeles, CA

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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- 2020 Panel Study of Income Dynamics Data User Workshop, Inter-university  
Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan  
2020 Introduction to Multilevel Modeling, California Center for Population Research,  
Los Angeles, CA  
2018 Health Policy Training, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, George Washington  
University, Washington, DC (21 days)  
2017 – 2022 Doctoral Minor in Urban Planning, Advisor Dr. Michael Lens, Department of  
Urban Planning, Luskin School of Public Affairs, University of California, Los  
Angeles  
2017 NIH Grant Writing Workshop, University of California, Los Angeles, Los  
Angeles, CA

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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- 2015 American Public Health Association  
2015 Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues  
2018 American Sociological Association  
2018 Association of Black Sociologists  
2019 Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences

### **REFERENCES**

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Available upon request.