

## Michelle Rungamirai Munyikwa

### Education

#### *University of Pennsylvania*

- 2021 MD, Perelman School of Medicine  
2019 PhD, Anthropology  
Dissertation Title: “Up from the Dirt”: Racializing Refuge, Rupture, & Repair in Philadelphia  
Committee: Deborah Thomas (chair), Adriana Petryna, John Jackson, Ramah McKay

#### *College of William and Mary*

- 2011 B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies, Self-Designed (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology) & B.A. Anthropology

### Selected Publications

#### *Peer-Reviewed Publications*

- Forthcoming Thompson, Latisha; Munyikwa, Michelle; Aysola, Jaya. ‘We Are Only as Safe as Our Most Vulnerable Citizens’: Healthcare Systems’ Role in Reducing Exacerbating Social and Economic Inequities Before, During, and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Forthcoming Munyikwa, Michelle. “Locating Refuge: Racialized Displacement and the Spatial Politics of Belonging.” An invited contribution to a special issue of *Humanity*. [Revise & Resubmit]
- 2021 Munyikwa, Michelle. “What could be, but never has been: horizons of human rights & racial justice.” A contribution to a special issue in *Medicine Anthropology Theory*.
- 2021 Munyikwa, Michelle. “Health.” Invited entry for the *SAGE Handbook for Cultural Anthropology*.
- 2021 Amutah, Christina\*; Greenidge, Kaliya\*; Mante, Adjoa\*; Munyikwa, Michelle\*; Surya, Sanjna\*; Jones, David; Lavizzo-Moury, Risa; Roberts, Dorothy; Tsai, Jennifer; Aysola, Jaya. Misrepresenting Race: the Role of Medical Schools in Propagating Physician Bias. *New England Journal of Medicine*. (\*co-first authors)
- 2020 Munyikwa, Michelle. My COVID-19 Pandemic Diary, parts 1 and 2. *Anthropology Today*.
- 2020 Munyikwa, Michelle. “(De-)Racializing Refugee Medicine.” An invited contribution to a special issue of *Science, Technology, and Human Values* on “Race as a Ghost Variable in Biomedical Research.”
- 2019 Zeidan, Amy; Khatri, Utsha; Munyikwa, Michelle; Barden-Maja, Aba; Samuels-Kalow, Margaret. “Barriers to accessing acute care for newly arrived refugees.” *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine*.
- 2018 Dao, Diane\*; Goss, Adeline\*; Hoekzema, Andrew\*; Kelly, Lauren\*; Logan, Alex\*; Mehta, Sanjiv\*; Sandesara, Utpal\*; Munyikwa, Michelle; and DeLisser, Horace. “Integrating Theory, Content, and Method to Foster Critical Consciousness in Medical Students: A Comprehensive Model for Cultural Competence Training.” *Academic Medicine*. (\*co-first authors)

*Public Scholarship*

- 2021 Munyikwa, Michelle. "A Mature Defense." *Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal*.
- 2021 Franklin, Josh and Munyikwa, Michelle. "The Thinness of Care: The Promise of Medical Anthropology in MD/PhD Training." *Somatosphere*.
- 2020 Munyikwa, Michelle. "On Physician Advocacy." *Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal*.
- 2020 Munyikwa, Michelle. "On Iatrogenesis." *Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal*.
- 2019 Munyikwa, Michelle. "On gratitude, ethnography, and care." *Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal*.
- 2019 Munyikwa, Michelle. "asylum/human: a meditation in 8 parts." *Tendon Mag.*
- 2019 Munyikwa, Michelle. "Vigilance as coping, vigilance as injury." *Somatosphere*.
- 2017 Munyikwa, Michelle. Interview with Mariam Durrani for *Anthropological Airwaves*.
- 2017 Munyikwa, Michelle. "Racialization, Affect, and Refuge." *Anthropology News*.
- 2015 ELISS Fellows.\* "Reimagining Epidemic Communications." *DomPrep Journal*. (\*Erion, Grubert, Mosbah, Munyikwa, Paul, Tran; all authors contributed equally)
- 2014 Munyikwa, Michelle. "(Hi)stories our bodies tell: Experiencing racism." Guest post on *Absolutely, Maybe, A Scientific American Blog*.
- 2014 Munyikwa, Michelle. "Vulnerability as Strength: Thoughts on Changing Medicine's Hidden Curriculum." Guest post on *Absolutely, Maybe, a Scientific American Blog*.
- 2014 Munyikwa, Michelle. "Out from the shadows of racist anthropology." Guest post on *Absolute, Maybe, a Scientific American Blog*.

*Book Reviews*

- 2018 Review of *Last Project Standing* by Catherine Fennell. *City*.
- 2018 Review of *Race Becomes Tomorrow* by Gerald Sider. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*.
- 2015 Review of *Anthropology of Infectious Disease* by Merrill Singer. *Emerging Infectious Diseases* 21(10): 1890.

*Awards, Grants, & Fellowships*

- 2021 Gail Morrison Medical Student Research Paper Prize, University of Pennsylvania
- 2020 – pres. Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania Center for Health Equity Advancement
- 2019 – 2020 GATHER Fellowship, Drexel University [declined]
- 2018 – 2019 American Fellowship for Dissertation Completion, American Association of University Women [declined]
- 2018 – 2019 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018 Kathryn Davis Fellow for Peace, Middlebury Language School

- 2017 – 2018 Perry World House Graduate Fellow, Program on Global Shifts, Urbanization, Migration, and Demography, University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016 – 2017 Hopkinson Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016 Martin Luther King Community Involvement Student Award, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016 – 2017 Dissertation Research Fellowship Fieldwork Grant, University of Pennsylvania
- 2015 – 2016 Judith and William Bollinger Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 – 2015 Emerging Leaders in Science and Society Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 2013 – 2021 Medical Scientist Training Program Grant, National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the NIH, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine
- 2013 – 2018 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship for Graduate Education, University of Pennsylvania
- 2011 Phi Beta Kappa, College of William and Mary
- 2011 – 2013 Gamble Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine
- 2010 UNCF-Merck Undergraduate Science and Research Scholarship Award
- 2007 Murray Scholarship (now 1693 Scholarship), College of William and Mary

### Selected Scholarly Participation

#### *Invited Lectures and Panels*

- 2021 “The Spatial Promise of Refuge.” Johns Hopkins University Department of Anthropology.
- “The Spatial Promise of Refuge.” Duke University Department of Anthropology.
- “Anti-racism and Medical Anthropology.” Invited panelist with Adia Benton and Chelsey Carter at the Duke University Department of Anthropology Colloquium.
- “Tools of the Master: Countering Structural Racism in Clinical Practice.” Co-presented with Angela Zhang for the Division of Hospital Medicine Grand Rounds at the Ohio State University.
- “A Trauma-Informed Approach to Caring for Immigrants & Refugees in the Emergency Department.” Grand Rounds at the University of Pennsylvania Department of Emergency Medicine.
- 2020 “Tools of the Master: Countering Structural Racism in Med-Peds Clinical Practice.” Co-presented with Angela Zhang at the National Med-Peds Resident Association Annual Conference.
- “Structural Competency and Infectious Disease.” Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine.
- “Structural Competency: New Medicine for the Inequalities that are Making Us Sick.” Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine.

- “Structural Competency: Anthropological Perspectives on Health.” Co-presented with Sara Rendell at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.
- Invited Panelist. “Empowering Health Professionals as Human Rights Advocates.” Physicians for Human Rights Expert Webinar Series.
- “Humanitarian Anthropology: Complicity & Action in a Time of Crisis.” Yale University Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series. New Haven, CT. Postponed due to COVID-19.
- 2019 “Structural Competency: Anthropological Perspectives on Health.” Co-presented with Sara Rendell at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.
- “Structural Competency and Medical Practice.” University of Pennsylvania Student Health Services. Philadelphia, PA. (Approved for 1 CME credit.)
- 2018 “Intersections of Health & Justice.” Philadelphia Human Rights Clinic Speaker Series. Philadelphia, PA.
- “Structural Competency: Anthropological Perspectives on Health.” Co-presented with Utpal Sandesara at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.
- “Inequality, Racial Justice, & Global Health: Grappling with our complicity.” Internal Medicine Resident Workshop, Brigham & Women’s Hospital. Boston, MA.
- “Locating Refuge: Refugee Resettlement, Race, and Belonging in the Contemporary United States.” Anthropology Colloquium Series, University of Delaware. Newark, DE.
- Ethnographic Field Methods. Workshop given to the Creative Resilience Collective. Slought Foundation.
- 2017 “Refugees in Philadelphia,” Central High School. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2015 Invited Panelist. The Voices: Black Girls and Women Speaking Out at the Summit on Black Girls and Women in Education. Philadelphia, PA.

*Workshop Participation*

- 2019 De-exceptionalizing Displacement: Precarity and Mobility in a Neoliberal World. University of Pittsburgh.

*Panels Organized*

- 2020 “Cruel Optimism, Care, and Aspirations for Producing a Liveable Future.” 2020 Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. St. Louis, MO. \*Postponed due to COVID-19.
- Co-chair. “Legal Concerns: the Intra-Judicial Character of anti-Blackness.” Panel presentation at the 119<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. \*Postponed due to COVID-19.
- 2019 “Black Feminist Health Science Studies: Exploring New Possibilities.” 2019 Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 “(under)exposed: ethnographic investigations of racialized recognition, refusal, and elision.” Panel co-organized with Sara Rendell for the American Ethnological Society Conference on the theme “Exposure.” Stanford, CA.

*Presentations & Panel Participation*

- 2021 “Critical Refugee Studies, Settler Colonialism, and Racial Capitalism.” Panel presentation at the Association for Asian American Studies. Virtual Conference.
- 2019 “Projects and Projections of Care for Human Rights in Detention and Resettlement.” with Sara Rendell. Presentation at the National Conference for Physician-Scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Ann Arbor, MI.
- “Intersections of Anthropology and Medical Education.” with Josh Franklin and Utpal Sandesara. Presentation at MD/PhD Grand Rounds, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2018 “Working with and For Immigrants and Refugees in the Era of Zero Tolerance: Practical, Ethical, and Theoretical Challenges.” Panel presentation at the American Anthropological Association 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on the theme “Resistance, Resilience, Adaptation.” San Jose, CA.
- “Locating Refuge.” American Studies Association conference on the theme “States of Emergence.” Atlanta, GA.
- “It’s a sin to be a woman, to be black’: Imagining Sites of Refuge from Blackness.” Princeton African American Studies Conference on the Theme “‘i am my ancestors’ wildest dreams’: Contemporary Cultures of Black Impossibility. Princeton, NJ.
- “For a New and More Possible Meeting: Theorizing Afropessimism in Sites of Care.” Participation in Portraits of Black Women at the Intersections of Science, Medicine, and Media. Black Portraiture[s] IV Conference on the Theme “The Color of Silence.” Cambridge, MA.
- “On the Comparative Racialization of Refuge: a Response to the Work of Jemima Pierre.” Scholar for a Day, Conference in honor of Jemima Pierre, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2017 “Resilient communities, resilient city: Risk, refugees, and race in Philadelphia.” American Anthropological Association 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on the theme “Anthropology matters.” Washington, DC.
- “Political Diagnosis: Illness Narratives as a Site for Resistance.” Workshop co-presented with Sourik Beltràn at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Racism and Health Conference, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.
- “Racializing Refugees: On Medical Practice & Research.” 2017 Meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Boston, MA.
- “Freedom Dreams: Thinking Refuge as an Imaginative Tool for the Anthropocene.” An Ecotopian Toolkit for the Anthropocene, conference at the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.
- “Refugees and the Emergency Room.” Poster presented at Health Equity Week, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.
- “I Just call 911...’: Refugees and the Emergency Department.” Co-presented with Amy Zeidan and Utsha Khatri at Emergency Medicine Research Day, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.
- “‘it’s a sin to be a woman, to be black’: on asylum and difference.” American Ethnological Society Conference on the theme “Exposure”. Stanford, CA.

- 2016 “‘Making a Difference’: Imagining Humanitarianism in Philadelphia.” American Anthropological Association 115th Annual Meeting on the theme “Evidence, Accident & Discovery.” Minneapolis, MN.
- “Toward a Decolonial Practice of Refugee Women’s Health.” National Women’s Studies Association Meeting on the theme “Decoloniality.” Montreal, Quebec, CA.
- “Seeking Refuge: Black Americans Seeking the Otherwise.” New School for Social Research, Anthropology Student Conference on the theme “Refuge.” New York, NY.
- “Refuge from Blackness: On the Case of Kyle Lydell Canty.” University of Pennsylvania Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Conference on the theme “Protest.” Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014 “Writing Our Worlds: Creating Narratives for Social Justice.” Co-presented with Irène Mathieu at Examined Life Conference. Iowa City, Iowa.

### Teaching Experience

#### *Instructor of Record*

- 2019 Introduction to Medical Anthropology, University of Delaware; Spring 2019
- 2018 Introduction to Medical Anthropology, Haverford College; Spring 2018

#### *Teaching Assistantships*

- 2015 Global Health: Anthropological Perspectives, University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Adriana Petryna
- 2015 Becoming Human, University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Janet Monge
- 2014 Introduction to Medical Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Fran Barg

#### *Other positions*

- 2020 Course Co-developer. Service Learning During COVID-19, Perelman School of Medicine
- 2015 – 2017 Graduate Fellow. Center for Africana Studies Summer Institute for Pre-Freshmen, University of Pennsylvania [TA Assignments: Race, Science, & Society; Slaves, Rebels, & Abolitionists in History; Philosophy of Race]
- 2014 – 2015 Course Liaison/Co-Director. Doctoring IA: Introduction to Medicine and Society, Perelman School of Medicine
- 2013 Facilitator. Doctoring IA: Introduction to Medicine and Society, Perelman School of Medicine

### Research Experience

- 2017 – 2018 Research Assistant: Refugee Experiences with Acute Care [PIs: Amy Waldner, MD and Margaret Samuels-Kaslow, MD]
- 2015 – pres. Analyst: Topos Partnership

### Training & Professional Development

- 2020 – 2021 Medical Education Certificate Program, University of Pennsylvania
- 2019 Summer Institute on GIS and Public Health, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018 Course in College Teaching, University of Pennsylvania Center for Teaching & Learning
- 2018 Middlebury Language School: French, Middlebury College
- 2018 Text Analysis, Humanities Intensive Learning and Teaching, University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 Introduction to Freud, Brooklyn Institute for Social Research
- 2017 Python for Humanists, University of Pennsylvania Price Lab/Wolf Humanities Center
- 2014 NSF Summer Institute for Research Design in Cultural Anthropology
- 2012 LGBT Health Student Symposium, Chicago

### Service

- 2020 – pres. Pre-med mentor, Prescribe it Forward.
- 2020 – 2021 Co-chair. Physicians for Human Rights Student Advisory Board.
- 2019 – pres. Volunteer, Mobile Medical Unit. Global Response Management Matamoros Project, Mexico.
- 2019 – pres. Contributing writer. *Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal*.
- 2018 – 2020 Advocacy Committee Member. Physicians for Human Rights Student Advisory Board.
- 2017 – pres. Contributing Section Editor. Association of Black Anthropologists Section, *Anthropology News*, American Anthropological Association.
- 2016 - 2017 Health Ecologies Lab Core Team Member. University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice and Slought; director: Aaron Levy, PhD.
- 2017 Volunteer Health Educator. Multicultural Community Family Services, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.
- 2015 – 2017 Co-webmaster. Penn Anthropology Graduate Student Blog.
- 2015 Co-organizer. 6th National Conference for Physician-Scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities
- 2014 - 2016 Student Volunteer Co-Coordinator. Women's Refugee Clinic, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2012 – pres. Student Volunteer. Penn Human Rights Clinic, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2011 - 2012 Co-Coordinator. Cut Hypertension Clinic, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### Languages

French: Advanced reading, writing, and speaking

Spanish: Intermediate reading, writing, and speaking