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## EDUCATION

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- In progress     **Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Department of Sociology  
Minor: Political Science  
Preliminary Exams: Race & Ethnicity; Cultural Sociology
- 2020             **M.G.P.S., University of Texas at Austin**, Global Policy Studies  
Thesis: "Russian Racial Logic: Examining White Nationalism and Narratives of Race in Russia"
- 2020             **M.A., University of Texas at Austin**, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
Thesis: "Russian Racial Logic: Examining White Nationalism and Narratives of Race in Russia"
- 2015             **B.A., Fordham University**, Department of History

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Race & Ethnicity; Culture; Nationalism; Whiteness Studies; Social Hierarchization; Transnational Comparison; Comparative Politics; Qualitative Methods

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2024-2025     **Research Assistant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for German & European Studies, PI: Brandon Bloch, Liina-Ly Roos, Leonie Schulte
- 2024             **Research Assistant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, PI: Theodore Gerber
- 2020-2021     **Research Assistant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, PI: Theodore Gerber
- 2018-2019     **Researcher**, School of Russian & Asian Studies, PI: Joshua Wilson

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Areas: Intro to Sociology, Race & Ethnicity, Culture, Russia, Geography, History, Politics, High School

**Lecturer**, Madison Area Technical College  
10-809-196-1003: Intro to Sociology (*Fall 2024*); 20-809-252-7001: Sociology of Race & Ethnicity in the United States (*Spring 2025*)

**Lecturer**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

SOC 134: Sociology of Race. & Ethnicity in the United States (*Fall 2023; Summer 2024*)

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
SOC 134: Sociology of Race. & Ethnicity in the United States (*Fall 2022; Spring 2023; Spring 2024*)

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Texas at Austin  
REE F325: Rebels & Revolution in Russian History and Literature (*Summer 2020*)  
GRG 305: This Human World — Intro to Cultural Geography (*Fall 2019; Spring 2020*)  
HIS 315L: The United States Since 1865 (*Fall 2018*)

**Teacher/Tutor**, Galin Education, Madison, WI  
SAT/ACT Preparatory Courses (*Fall 2021; Spring 2022; Summer 2022; Fall 2022; Spring 2023; Fall 2024; Spring 2024; Fall 2024; Spring 2025*)

**Substitute Teacher**, Madison Metropolitan School District, Madison, WI

**Teacher**, Madison Metropolitan School District, Madison, WI  
SAT/ACT Preparatory Courses (*Summer 2022*)

**Teacher/Tutor**, Sylvan Education, Tacoma, WA & Austin, TX  
SAT/ACT Preparatory Courses *Spring 2016; Summer 2016; Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Summer 2017; Spring 2018; Summer 2018*)

**Teacher**, Steilacoom School District, Steilacoom, WA  
SAT/ACT Preparatory Courses (*Spring 2016; Fall 2016; Spring 2017*)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **ACADEMIC BLOGS**

**Henson, Morgan L.** “Can we be Pro-Ukrainian without being Anti-Black?”  
<https://historianspeaks.org/f/can-we-be-pro-ukrainian-without-being-anti-black--morgan-henson>. March 2022.

**Henson, Morgan L.** “Chechen-Ingush Land Dispute: A Policy Primer.”  
<https://geohistory.today/author/mhenson/>. Nov 2018.

**Henson, Morgan L.** “Yulia Tymoshenko & Batkivshchyna (Fatherland) Party.”  
<https://geohistory.today/author/mhenson/>. Jan 2019.

**Henson, Morgan L.** “Who’s Who in Ukrainian Politics.” <https://geohistory.today/author/mhenson/>. Jan 2019.

**Henson, Morgan L.** “Petro Poroshenko & His Bloc.” <https://geohistory.today/author/mhenson/>. Feb 2019.

### **IN PREPARATION**

**Henson, Morgan L.** “German Conceptions of Race Through Time: How Major World Events Have Shifted German Conceptualizations of Race”

**Henson, Morgan L.** “Racism without Race: Narratives of Race and White Nationalism in the Russian Federation”

**Morgan L. Henson**, Gerber, Theodore. “Who are We in War? Identity and Immigration during the Russo-Ukrainian War”

## **UNIVERSITY POLICY EXPERIENCE**

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- 2023- Present    **Lead Creator**, Pilot program for the safety and support of TAs and Instructors of color, Teaching & Learning Administration, Letters & Sciences University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2023-Present    **Program Specialist**, TA Training & Support Team, Letters & Sciences University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2024-2025        **Member**, Teaching & Learning Advisory Council, Letters & Sciences University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2024-2025        Gullickson Fellow, College of Letters & Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2024-2025        RA Competition Award, Center for German & European Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2023-2024        Community Engaged Research Fellow, Morgridge Center for Public Service, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2023-2024        Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellow, Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2022               Honored Instructor Award, College of Letters & Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2022               Graduate Student Commitment to Engagement and Activism Award, Office of Student Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2020-2021        Graduate Research Fellow, College of Letters & Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019-2020        Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellow, Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2018-2019        Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellow, Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2018-2019        Home & Abroad Scholar Award, School of Russian & Asian Studies
- 2017-2018        Diversity Mentor Fellow, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin

## **PANELS & PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2025               **Presenter**, Engagement, Equity, & Diversity Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School, “Strengthening Diversity in the Graduate School”

- 2023      **Presenter**, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, “Russian Racial Logic: Examining White Nationalism & Narratives of Race in Russia”
- 2023      **Presenter**, Society for Novel Studies, “How Can a Novel Serve as a Source for a Sociologist?”
- 2021      **Discussant**, University of Texas at Austin History Symposium, “African-Soviet Encounters: New Histories”
- 2020      **Presenter**, University of Wisconsin-Madison Sociology Race & Ethnicity Workshop, “Russian Racial Logic: Examining White Nationalism & Narratives of Race in Russia”

## **COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- 2023- Present    **Co-Chair**, Solidarity (*graduate student-led organization*), Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2022-Present    **Creator**, Black Fellowship Writing Group (*interdisciplinary graduate student-led writing group for Black graduate students*), University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2022-2024      **Co-Creator**, Interrogating Whiteness Group (*interdisciplinary graduate student-led reading group for students studying Whiteness in different academic contexts*), University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2022-2024      **Author**, Woodland Montessori School Microaggression Policy, Madison, WI
- 2023              **Guest Instructor**, Charles B. Rangel Fellowship “Summer Enrichment Program,” Washington, DC
- 2021-2023      **Volunteer Whiteness Speaker**, Summit Climbing Gym (*a gym trying to deconstruct racial and sexuality-based discrimination in sports*), Madison, WI

## **AFFILIATIONS**

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- 2023-Present    American Sociological Association  
                          Section for Racial and Ethnic Minorities, ASA  
                          Section for First-Generation/Working-Class Sociologists, ASA  
                          Section for Political Sociology, ASA  
                          Section for Cultural Sociology, ASA  
                          Section for Global & Transnational Sociology, ASA
- 2023-Present    Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- 2022-Present    Association of Black Sociologists

## **LANGUAGES & SKILLS**

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**Advanced:** Russian  
**Intermediate:** German

**Elementary:** Ukrainian