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EDUCATION

- 2005 **Brown University**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Taubman Center for Public Policy
- 2004 **Harvard University**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Racial and Ethnic Studies
- 2004 **Stanford University**, Ph.D. in Sociology
- 1997 **Harvard University**, A.B. in Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Beasley, Maya and Mary Fischer. "Why They Leave: The Role of Stereotype Threat in the Attrition of Women and Minorities from Science, Math and Engineering Majors" *Social Psychology of Education*. Forthcoming

Beasley, Maya. "Examining Collateral Damage in the War on Terror: The Relationship between Civilian Casualties, Insurgency, and International Humanitarian Law." *Sociology Compass*. Forthcoming

Beasley, Maya. 2011. "Black Professionals in Racialized and Community-Oriented Occupations: The Role of Equal Opportunity Protections and Affirmative Action in Maintaining the Status Quo." *Race and Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Contexts*. 4(2): 285-301.

Beasley, Maya. 2011. *Opting Out: Losing the Potential of America's Young Black Elite*. University of Chicago Press

Beasley, Maya. 2011. "Is the West Too Hard on Terrorism: How Decentralization Makes The War on Terror Obsolete?" *Muftah: A Mid East and North Africa Foreign Policy Magazine*. December 12, 2011.

Beasley, Maya. 2009. "Terrorism as a Social Movement Tactic Theory, Mobilization." *Protecting the Homeland from International and Domestic Terrorism Threats: Current Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives on Root Causes, the Role of Ideology, and Programs for Counter-*

radicalization and Disengagement, White Paper for Joint Staff J3, Strategic Command Global Innovation and Strategy Center (STRATCOM/GISC) and Office of the Secretary of Defense Department of Development Research and Engineering (OSD/DDRE).

Beasley, Maya. 2008. "The Impact of Counterterrorism and Strain on Palestinian Terrorism" in *Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution*. Caforio, G., Kuemmel, G. and Purkayastha, B. Eds. Emerald Group Publishing.

Olzak, Susan, Maya Beasley, and Johanne Olivier. 2003. "The Impact of State Reforms on Protest Against Apartheid in South Africa." *Mobilization*. 8(1): 27-50.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2010 Faculty Development Grant. "Study of Public International Law", The Hague, Netherlands \$3,900
- 2009-2011 Beasley, Maya and Bienenstock, Elisa Principal Investigators. "A Multi-Method, Multi-Community Study of Islamic Diaspora: Discovering Correlates of Terrorism and Radicalism." Office of Naval Research. To date received \$58,000 of \$245,000 (Beasley Portion).
- 2007 Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, Grant for Research on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- 2002-2003 Research Institute of the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Dissertation Fellow, Stanford University.
- 2002-2003 Office of Provost, Stanford University, Research Grant. Secured \$10,000 for research on African-American aspirations in higher education.
- 2002-2003 Graduate Research Opportunity Grant, Stanford University.
- 2000-2001 Stanford – UCLA Working Group on Ethnicity and Nationalism
- 2000-2001 Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation Graduate Fellow.

PRESENTATIONS

"Opting Out" Invited Speaker. Stanford University. Palo Alto, February 2012.

"Beyond the Study of Race and Poverty." Race, Gender, Class Conference. New Orleans, March 2011.

"Israeli Counter-Terrorism and Palestinian Suicide Bombing." Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa." Annual Conference. Washington, DC October 2009.

“The Relative Impacts of the RDP and TRC on Race Relations in South Africa.” International Conference on Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution in a Globalized World. Seoul, Korea, July, 2008

“The Impact of Counterterrorism and Strain on Palestinian Terrorism.” 7Pth Global Conference – Violence and the Contexts of Hostility, Budapest, Hungary, May 2008.

“Civil Rights Legislation, Black Optimism, and Approaches to Political Action.” National Association for Ethnic Studies 36th Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA, April 2008.

“The Perception of Racism among Black College Students: Barriers to Occupational Aspirations and Choices.” Session entitled Black Canaries in Traditionally White Mines, at the Annual Meetings of the American Educational Research Association, Montreal, Canada, April 2005.

"Vestiges of Racism: Social Psychological Barriers to African-American Aspirations and Choices." Thematic session on Reproducing Unequal Power Relations at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA, August 2004.

"Perceptions of Racism: Social-Psychological Barriers to African-American Aspirations and Choices." Roundtable session on educational Sociology at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2004.

"Perceived Racism and Stereotype Threat." Regular session on the Sociology of Education at the Annual Meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists, San Francisco, CA, August 2004.

"Perceptions of Racism: Social-Psychological Barriers to African-American Aspirations and Choices." Achieving Equality Seminar, Harvard University, March 2004.

"Perpetuating the Occupational Achievement Gap through the Aspirations of African-American and White College Students." The Color Lines Conference, Civil Rights Project, Harvard University, August 2003.

"Representation, Values, and the Gap in the Occupational Aspirations of African-Americans and Whites" Research Institute of the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Colloquium, Stanford University, May 2003.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004 Consultant, Harvard Forest, Harvard University. Wrote successful NSF proposal to examine the impact summer research program for undergraduates has on the attraction of students to scientific careers.

1999-2003 Graduate Research Coordinator, United States Data Collection Project on Collective Action (Principal Investigators: Susan Olzak and Doug McAdam, Stanford University, John McCarthy, Penn State, and Sarah Soule, University of

Arizona). Oversaw research effort to compile longitudinal data on all forms of collective action in post-war America.

1999-2001 Independent Contractor, Spencer Stuart. Directed best practices research on board composition and change of high-tech and biotech firms.

1997-1998 Associate, PricewaterhouseCoopers. Performed statistical and qualitative analyses relating to government and commercial work.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2007-2011 Instructor for "Research Methods", Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut

2007 Instructor for "Ethnic Conflict and Social Movements," Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut

2006-2011 Instructor for "Prejudice and Discrimination," Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut

2006 Instructor for "Social Movements," Departments of Sociology and Public Policy, Brown University.

2005 Lecturer for "Race, Class, and Education," HGSE, Harvard University.

2002 Instructor for "The Black Middle Class," Department of Sociology, Stanford University.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Association of Black Sociologists, International Studies Association, Middle East Studies Association