

## Austin Colby Lee

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### EDUCATION

- 2023      **University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, Philadelphia, PA**  
Ph.D. in Sociology with Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies  
Dissertation: “Feeling Communal Motherhood: Black Women's Navigations of Class, Gender, and Parental Status”  
Committee: Camille Zubrinsky Charles (Chair), Melissa Wilde, Pilar Gonalons-Pons  
Qualifying Exams: “Race, Sexuality, Gender, and the Black Family” and “Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration “
- 2019      **University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, Philadelphia, PA**  
Master of Arts, Sociology
- 2017      **Amherst College, Amherst, MA**  
Bachelor of Arts in Black Studies with honors, Cum Laude

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023- Current    **Boston University, Society of Fellows, Boston, MA**  
Society of Fellows Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Sociology, Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program Affiliate
- 2023      **University of California, San Diego, Department of Sociology, San Diego, CA**  
The University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellow

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and ethnicity; gender and sexuality; intersectionality; affect; Black feminist theory; qualitative methods; family; informal adoption; religion

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023      Austin Colby Guy Lee, “Bring Your Straight Friends”: Anti-Gay Religious Stigma and Black and White LGB-Affirming Church Members, *Sociology of Religion*, Volume 84, Issue 2, Summer 2023, Pages 144–163
- 2023      Lee, A. C. G. (2023). Allure in the uninhabitable: on affect, space, and Blackness in gentrifying Philadelphia. *Cultural Geographies*, 30(2), 205–218.

#### Working Papers

Lee, Austin. "Beyond Motherhood: Childless Black Women and Compulsory Mothering."

Lee, Austin. Pilar Gonalons-Pons. "Beyond Parenthood: A Demographic Profile of Othermothering."

Adeyinka-Skold, Sarah, Austin Lee. "Navigating Romance: The Enduring Challenges of Black College-Educated Women."

Lee, Austin, Melissa Wilde, and Xie, Zhangyang. "The North versus the South (again): American Religious Groups' Views of the Civil Rights Movement in 1965." *Religions. Solicited.*

## GRANTS/HONORS

- 2022 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (Disbursed by the American Sociological Association)
- 2021 Turner Schulman Graduate Research Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration
- 2020, 2021 Otto and Gertrude K. Pollak Research Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania
- 2017, 2021 Amherst Memorial Fellowship from Amherst College
- 2018 Robert A. Fox Leadership Program Research Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 Roswell Dwight Hitchcock Memorial Fellowship from Amherst College
- 2017-2021 Benjamin Franklin/Fontaine Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 Alpha Delta Phi Fund from Amherst College

## INVITED TALKS

- 2021 **Amherst College Queer Resource Center**, "Bring Your Straight Friends: Social Identity and Black-White Differences amongst LGBT-Affirming Church Members."

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2023 **Instructor**, Department of Sociology and Department of Africana Studies, Bryn Mawr College, Race, Class, and Gender: Intersectionality & The Social World
- 2019-2022 **Teaching Assistant and Recitation Instructor**, University of Pennsylvania
- Department of Sociology: Introduction to Sociological Research Methods (2021, 2022), Introduction to Social Statistics (2018, 2019), Introduction Sociology (2019, 2019)
- Africana Studies: Critical Race Studies (2022), Traveling Black: Race on the Road During the Segregation Era (2019)

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2022 “I Come and Go as I Please”: Social Class and Black Childless Women’s Gendered Subjectivities. Paper presented at the 2022 annual meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association, Minneapolis, MN
- 2022 “Mom Knows Best: Black Women on the Labor of Mothering.” Paper presented at the 2022 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 “Bring Your Straight Friends: Social Identity and Black-White Differences amongst LGBT-Affirming Church Members.” Paper presented at the 2020 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual
- 2016 “Racist Hot 100: Humor and Resistance On Black Twitter.” Paper presented at the 2016 Summer Research Opportunity Program Undergraduate Student Research Symposium. Berkeley, CA
- 2014 Where are We: Queer Women of Color in Media. Paper presented at the 2014 Five College Queer Gender and Sexuality Conference. Amherst, MA

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY**

- 2022 Reviewer, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
- 2019 Panelist, Rethinking Race: Alumni of Color in the Academy, *Amherst College*
- 2020-2021 Diversity and Inclusion Fellow, *University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Center,*
- 2019-2021 Graduate Fellow and Mentor, *University of Pennsylvania Department of Africana Studies*
- 2015-2017 Education Coordinator, *Amherst College Women’s and Gender Center*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

National Women’s Studies Association  
 American Sociological Association (ASA)  
 ASA Section: Race, Gender, and Class  
 Association of Black Sociologists