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Education

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA
2016-2018 Masters of Arts, Sociology
2018-2026 Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology

University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA
2012-2016 Bachelors of Arts, Sociology

Research Interests

Race and Ethnicity, Gender and Identity Construction, Media and Narrative Framing, Community building, Mixed Methodologies, Black Masculinities, Third Spaces

Fellowships

2023	Summer Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
2022	Wood/Raith Gender Identity Living Trust Summer Fellowship
2016-2021	Crandall Cordero Fellowship for Diversity Enhancement
2019-2020	Pre-Doctoral Departmental Fellowship (Sociology)

Grants & Scholarships

2015-2016	The Parker-Fuller Scholarship in Sociology, University of Maryland
2015-2016	The Fred Hampton Scholarship, University of Maryland

Publications

Hall, Rhys. 2025. "We can still revive Rival Schools: Contemporary efforts to maintain arcade venues and culture and the relevance of competitive culture in community building". Forthcoming; *BIPOC Game Studies Conference Publication*

Hall, Rhys. 2025. "Reloading an Old Save File: Introduction statement for Special issue". *Sociation*, Vol. 22, Iss. 1

Hall, Rhys. 2020. "Ghosts in the Schoolyard: Racism and School Closings on Chicago's South Side, by Eve L. Ewing". *Social Inquiry*, Vol. 90 Iss. 4, pp 996-998

Hall, Rhys. 2018. "Covering a Killer: A Content Analysis of Newspaper Coverage of White Male Mass Murderers in the U.S." Open Commons UConn

Hughey, Matthew W. and Rhys Hall. 2018. "Commentary: African Americans and the Oscars." In *The American Mosaic: The African American Experience*, ABC-CLIO,

Hughey, Matthew W., Menaka Kannan, and Rhys Hall. 2018. "Watching Moonlight in the Twilight of Obama." *Humanity & Society* 41(3): 287-98

Awards & Honors

Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT, USA

2025 Semi-Finalist, CAS Faculty Excellence Award (results pending)

2024 Winner, Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award

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University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA

2024 Winner, Graduate Instructor of the Year Award

2022 Winner, Wood/Raith Gender Identity Living Trust Summer Fellowship

2022 Winner, Arnold & Sandra Dashefsky Award for Excellence

University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA

2016 Winner, James Williams Award for Cultural Leadership

2016 Winner, The Ethnic Minority Achievement Award for Undergraduate Students

2015-16 Winner, The Nyumburu Cultural Center Student of the Year

2015-16 Winner, Leader of the Nyumburu Student Service Organization of the Year (Black Male Initiative)

2015-16 Winner, Leader of the NAACP Most Improved Organization (Black Male Initiative)

2015 Winner, Nyumburu Community Warrior Award for Activism

2015 Peer Mentor/Scholar Award, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program

Special Issues

2023 "Racism and Sexism in Virtual Comic and Gaming Environments
In *Sociation*, Lead Editor, with co-editor David G. Embrick

- 2019 "Beyond Representation: Production, Distribution, and Consumption of Racialized Media". *Humanity & Society*, Co-Editor, with Emma Lesser and Matthew W. Hughey

Journal Reviews

- 2023 "Without Risk Reduction: How Black Men's Wellbeing and Humanity are Comprised in Mobile Public Spaces. For *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*
- 2023 Taking Stand-Up Seriously: Comedy as a site for imagining decolonial futures. For *Sociological Inquiry*
- 2019 "Race, Racism, and the Cool Pose: Exploring Black and White Male Masculinity. For *Social Problems*

RESEARCH/SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

University of Maryland, College Park

Upward Bound Program

Sum 2015-16 Tutor Counselor

Sum 2014-15 Tutor Counselor

Social Innovation Scholars

2015 Homelessness Researcher (Advisor: Dean Sheri Parks)

Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program

2014-2016 Researcher (Advisor: Dr. Rashawn Ray)

Research Papers

- 2015 *Erasing Narratives Through Dialogue: Discourse on Homeless Culture in the Metropolitan Area* (Social Innovation Scholars)
- 2015 *The Misframing of the Education of Young Black Males in America: Analysis of Newspaper Publications*
- 2014 *The Education of Black Males in America: The Framing of a People through Media Publications*

Presentations

Conference of BIPOC Game Studies. Strong National Museum of Play, Rochester NY (Accepted)

2025 We can still revive Rival Schools: Contemporary efforts to maintain arcade venues and culture and the relevance of competitive culture in community building

Wayne State University, Detroit, USA-Association for Humanists in Society

2018 FGC Thuggery and Reality: A comparative analysis of communal development in Competitive Fighting Game Culture

2018 Covering a Killer: A content analysis of Newspaper coverage of white male mass murderers in the United States

2018 The Great, Grim Problem in America: A Du Boisian analysis of racialized masculine violence in the United States

Downtown Marriot, New Orleans, LA, USA-Southern Sociological Society

2018 The Great, Grim Problem in America: A Du Boisian analysis of racialized masculine violence in the United States

Hyatt Regency, Baltimore, MD, USA-Eastern Sociological Society

2018 "But what about the white people that are left behind?" The Geopolitical pursuit of white masculinity"

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA

2017 Human Rights and the Black Panthers, Borderlands Conference

University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA

2016 College Matriculation, Upward Bound Program

2016 Combatting Homeless Culture, Social Innovation Scholars

2015 The Misframing of the Education of Black Males: A Quantitative Study

2014 The Misframing of the Education of Black Males: A Mixed Methodological Study

University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA

2014 The Misframing of the Education of Black Males: A Mixed Methodological Study

TEACHING/TEACHING ASSISTANT

Quinnipiac University

Department of Sociology

Spr 2025	Instructor for Soc of Hip Hop, Race & Ethnicity
Fall 2024	Instructor for Race & Ethnicity, Race/Class/Gender Inequalities
Spr 2024	Instructor for Race & Ethnicity, Race/Class/Gender Inequalities
Fall 2023	Instructor for WGS Masculinities, Instructor for Soc Hip Hop
Spr 2023	Instructor for Social Inequalities
Fall 2022	Instructor for Intro to Sociology

University of Connecticut

Department of Sociology

Spr 2025	Instructor for Race, Class, and Gender W
Fall 2024	Instructor for Race, Class, and Gender W
Spr 2024	Instructor for Race, Class, and Gender W
Fall 2023	Instructor for Race, Class, and Gender W
Spr 2023	Instructor for Race, Class, and Gender (2 Sections, 1 W)
Fall 2022	Instructor for Race, Class, and Gender (2 Sections, 1 W)
Spr 2022	Instructor for Race, Class, and Gender (2 Sections, 1 W)
Fall 2021	Instructor for Social Problems
Fall 2021	Moderator for Anti-Black Racism (1000 student course)
Spr 2021	Instructor for Race, Class, and Gender
Fall 2020	Moderator for Anti-Black Racism (1500 student course)
Fall 2020	Instructor for Race, Class, and Gender (2 Sections)
Spr 2020	Instructor for Race, Class and Gender
Spr 2019	Instructor for Social Problems (Writing Intensive)
Fall 2018	TA for Sociology of Inequality
Spr 2018	TA for Sociology of Family
Fall 2017	TA for Sociology of Health
Spr 2017	TA for Sociology of the Family
Fall 2016	TA for Introduction to Sociology

Student Support Services Program

Sum 2018	Instructor for Intro to Sociology
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University of Maryland

Upward Bound Program

Sum 2016	Spoken Word Poetry
Sum 2015	SAT Prep

Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program

Sum 2016	Grad School Prep Assistant
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Department of Education

Fall 2015	TA for TOTUS: Spoken Word
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SERVICE

Community Organizing

2020	UConn Sociology Departmental Newsletter Creator
2018-2019	Men's Project Facilitator at UConn Women's Center
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2015-16	Annual Black Men's Leadership Series (Founder)
2015-16	Truth and Solutions Baltimore Series (Founder)
2015	Connecting the Dots: Racism on College Campus Community Forum (Founder)

Leadership Positions

2016	MOSAIC Diversity and Leadership Conference (Lead Facilitator)
2015-16	UMD Black Lives Matter Chapter (Representative for Undergraduate Students)
2015-16	UMD Black Male Initiative (Leader of Organization)

Panels Served

2018	ScHOLA ² Rs House Black Graduate Panel
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2016	
2016	"Can Men Be Feminists?"- Community Roots at the University of Maryland
2016	"Black Lives Matter Panel"- Maryland Discourse
2015	"A Continued Talk on Race"- Busboys and Poets, DC

Selected Speaking Engagements

2022	Moderator- UConn Hartford's Anti-Racism in Education & Community conference
2022	Martin Luther King Day Selected Speaker for Univ of Conn
2017	Master of Ceremonies- Masculinity: An Imaginary Friend, with Wade Davis
2017	Host- Unsportsmanlike Conduct: College Football and the Politics of Rape, with Jessica Luther
2016	Student Keynote Speaker- Black Graduation for the Class of 2016 at the University of Maryland
2016	Master of Ceremonies- Maryland Dialogues Presents: A conversation with Kevin Powell"
2016	Oratorical Competition- The Iota Zeta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. 5 th Annual Culture of Excellence Ceremony
2016	Feature Role- Transforming the Student Experience Television Spot for the University of Maryland
2015-16	Interviewee- The Quintessential College Experience Series, National Public Radio
2015	Opening Speaker for the UMD Parren Mitchell Art Sociology Building

Councils/Committees

2015-16	Black Alliance Network at the University of Maryland
2015-16	Black Student Representative for the Presidents Council for Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Maryland
2014-16	Sociology Representative for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Deans Student Advisory Council at the University of Maryland
2013-15	Committee Member, Diversity Council of the University of Maryland's Student Government Association