

Hero Ashman

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EMPLOYMENT

2026– **Harvard University**
 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Race, Inequality, and Social Equity Studies
 Postdoctoral Affiliate, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies

EDUCATION

2026 **University of California, Berkeley**
 Ph.D. in Sociology
 Dissertation: “Family Formation and the Racial Division of Reproductive Labor: Evidence from the Great Migration, 1910–1940”
 Committee: Christopher Muller, Danya Lagos, David Harding, Leslie Salzinger
 M.A. in Sociology

2016 **Wellesley College**
 B.A. in Economics

RESEARCH AREAS

Family demography, gender, race/ethnicity, economic sociology, quantitative methods, historical sociology

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2024 Ummel, Kevin, Miguel Poblete-Cazenave, Karthik Akkiraju, Nick Graetz, **Hero Ashman**, Cora Kingdon, Steven Herrera Tenorio, Aaryaman Sunny Singhal, Daniel Aldana Cohen and Narasimha D. Rao. “Multidimensional well-being of US households at a fine spatial scale using fused household surveys.” *Scientific Data* 11(1):142. ([paper](#))

2020 **Ashman, Hero**, and Seth Neumuller. “Can Income Differences Explain the Racial Wealth Gap? A Quantitative Analysis.” *Review of Economic Dynamics* 35:220–39. ([paper](#))

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

2026	Ashman, Hero. “Marriage and the Racial Division of Reproductive Labor: Evidence from the Great Migration, 1910–1940.” Revise and resubmit, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> Winner of PAA’s 2026 Dorothy S. Thomas Award
2026	Ashman, Hero, Emily Curran. “Domestic Outsourcing and Divorce: Evidence from the HRS.”
2026	Ashman, Hero. “Reproducing Racial Elites: Black Women’s Domestic Labor and White Fertility in the Great Migration.”
2025	Bloome, Deirdre, Hero Ashman and Leslie McCall. “Economic Self-Reliance and Gender Inequality Across Racialized/Ethnic Groups: Assessing the Family’s Role.”

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2026	ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant [declined]
2026	Dorothy S. Thomas Award, Population Association of America
2025–2026	Doctoral Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2023–2025	Senior Data Science Fellowship, UC Berkeley D-Lab
2022	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
2018–2020	UC Berkeley Regents Fellowship

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2018–2026	Graduate Student Researcher, Christopher Muller, Harvard University
2022–2023	Researcher, Socio-Spatial Climate Lab, UC Berkeley
2019	Researcher, Chris Wildeman and Alex Roehrkasse, Cornell University
2017–2018	Research Assistant, Jessie Handbury, University of Pennsylvania
2016–2017	Research Assistant, Hoai-Luu Nguyen and Victor Couture, UC Berkeley

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018–2026	Senior Data Science Instructor, Social Science Data Lab, UC Berkeley
2022	Sociology of the Family, Reader, UC Berkeley
2021–2022	Sociological Theory, Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley
2020	Sex, Death and Data, Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley

INVITED TALKS

- 2026 “Family Formation and the Racial Division of Reproductive Labor.” History, Culture, and Society Workshop, Harvard University
- 2026 “Domestic Care Chains: Black Migration and White Reproduction, 1910-1940.” Crisis of Care Seminar, Harvard University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Reproducing Racial Elites: Black Domestic Labor and White Fertility, 1910-1940”
- 2026 Social Science History Association, American Sociological Association
- “Black Migration, Domestic Exploitation, and White Reproduction in the US from 1900–1940.”
- 2025 Social Science History Association, IPUMS Data Intensive Research Conference, American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, Eastern Sociological Society
- “Parenthood and Economic Reliance in the 21st Century.”
- 2024 European Sociological Association
- 2023 Population Association of America
- “Economic Self-Reliance and Gender Inequality Across Racialized Groups.”
- 2022 American Sociological Association

SKILLS

- Programming R, Python, Stata
- Tools GitHub, L^AT_EX, Bash

SERVICE

- 2026 Discussant - Data Infrastructure Network, SSHA
- 2025 Discussant - Demographic Shifts, Health Disparities, and Social Structures, SSHA
- 2024 Chair - History and the Political Economy of Inequality, PAA
- 2020–2021 Co-organizer, Gender and Sexuality Working Group, UC Berkeley
- 2019–2020 Union Steward, UC Student-Workers Union (UAW 2865)
- 2019 Honors Thesis Mentor, UC Berkeley

Reviewer: Social Forces, Demography, Demographic Research, Politics and Gender, Socio-Economic Review, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility