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Academic Appointments:

- 2026 - Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Stonehill College
- 2023 - 2025 Metlife Foundation Lender Center for Social Justice, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Syracuse University

Education:

- 2023 Ph.D. in Sociology, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
Dissertation: *Gentrification and Displacement in the American Rust Belt: A Qualitative Study of Neighborhood Change and Experience*
Committee: Robert Adelman (Chair); Christopher Mele; Mary Nell Trautner; Waverly Duck (University of California, Santa Barbara)
Qualifying Examinations: Race and Ethnicity; Urban Sociology
- 2017 M.A., Sociology, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
- 2015 B.S., Sociology, State University of New York at Brockport

Publications

Book

- Coley, J. *Just Resisting: Black Resistance in the Wake of Urban Renewal* (under advance contract with the University of North Carolina Press).

Peer Reviewed Journals

- Tiana U. Wilson and J Coley. 2025. "The #BuffaloSyllabus, Community Healing, and Reparative Justice in the Aftermath of Racial Violence." *Rust Belt Studies: A Journal of Public and Emplaced Humanities*. <https://doi.org/10.65233/MTCH3250>.
- James, Shauntey and J Coley. 2023. "Separate but Unequal: Revisiting the Discussion of Trans-Inclusive Bathrooms". *Sexuality, Gender, & Policy*, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sgp2.12056>.
- Coley, J, and Robert M. Adelman. 2021. "Gentrification in the 'City of Good Neighbors': Race, Class, and Neighborhoods in Buffalo." *Sociological Inquiry* 91(4):824-848. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12387>.

Articles In Progress

Coley, J. 2026. "'As Long as there is Breath in my Body and Black on my Face': Resistance to Anchor Institutional Gentrification in Buffalo, New York." Under Review.

Coley, J. "For Whose Public Good?" Universities as Racialized Organizations in Black Neighborhoods." In Progress.

Policy Reports and Research Briefs

Coley, J. 2025. "[Neighborhood Impacts of Gentrification on Urban Communities.](#)" Lender Center for Social Justice. Syracuse University.

Creighton, Cathy, Steve Peraza, Rusty Weaver, Julia Schoonover, **J Coley**, Jonas Adams, and Grace Sementilli. 2024. [The Status of Child Care in New York State](#) Cornell ILR School.

Public Scholarship

Coley, J. 2025. "Not much has changed on Buffalo's East Side" *Buffalo News* (https://buffalonews.com/opinion/article_7a3298f8-60a4-46b3-ae4f-d57d9c26aafc.html)

Coley, J. 2024. 'I've Learned to Hold Myself Softly' exhibit reflects on identity in changing cities (<https://dailyorange.com/2024/09/exhibit-identity-cities/>)

Coley, J. 2024. Lender Center Postdoctoral Fellow Examines the Impact of Gentrification and Displacement in Western and Central New York (<https://news.syr.edu/blog/2024/04/16/lender-center-postdoctoral-fellow-examines-the-impact-of-gentrification-and-displacement-in-western-and-central-new-york/>)

Coley, J. 2024. Racial Wealth Gap Research Presented at MetLife Foundation-Lender Center Event (<https://news.syr.edu/blog/2024/04/03/racial-wealth-gap-research-presented-at-metlife-foundation-lender-center-event/>)

Coley, J, Tiana U. Wilson, William Jamal Richardson, and Robert Mays. 2023. [Buffalo, What's Next? | The Buffalo Syllabus, Art About Identity](#)

Coley, J, Tiana U. Wilson, William Jamal Richardson, and Robert Mays. 2022. "[A Love Letter to Black Buffalo](#)". *The Public Good Radio Show*.

Coley, J, Tiana U. Wilson, William Jamal Richardson, and Robert Mays. 2022. [The Buffalo Syllabus](#).

Coley, J. 2022. "Black Buffalo, Food Apartheid, and Residential Segregation" *Black Perspectives*. (<https://www.aaihs.org/black-buffalo-food-apartheid-and-residential-segregation/>)

Conference Presentations

Coley, J. "A Right to "Stay Put": Black Resistance to Anchor Institution Gentrification" Presentation at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2025.

Albring, Susan, J Coley, Gisele Marcus, Mauricio Mercado, Kendall Phillips, Willis Reddic, and Kira Reed. "Beyond the Journal: Repurposing your Research for Multiple Audiences." Presentation at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting, August 2024.

Coley, J. "'As long as there is breath in my body and Black on my face': Gentrification and Resistance on the East Side of Buffalo." Presentation at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 2024.

James, Shauntey and J Coley. "The Bathroom Pushback: Transgender College Students." Presentation at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, September 2022.

Coley, J, and Francisco Ambrosio Figueroa. "TAing While Black or POC: A Safe Space to Share Our Experiences, Ideas, and Practices." Teaching workshop at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2021.

Coley, J. "Gentrification in the "City of Good Neighbors": Race, Class, and Neighborhoods in Buffalo." Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2018.

Coley, J. "The Emergence of Gentrification in the 'City of Good Neighbors': Race, Class, and Neighborhoods in Buffalo." Presentation at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 2018.

Coley, J. "The Emergence of Gentrification in the 'City of Good Neighbors': Race, Class, and Neighborhoods in Buffalo." Presentation at the New York State Sociology Association Conference, October 2017.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Department of Sociology

Social Sciences Interdisciplinary Program, University at Buffalo, SUNY

SSC 213LEC: Social Research Methods

SOC101LEC: Introduction to Sociology

SOC 211LEC: Sociology of Diversity

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Stonehill College

SOC101: Introduction to Sociology

SOC 305: Sociological Theories

SOC 310: Quantitative Research

Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

SOC 211LEC: Sociology of Diversity
SOC 307LEC: Criminology
SOC 315LEC: Sociology of City Life
SOC 317LEC: Criminal Justice Systems
SOC 343LEC: Gender and Crime

Invited Talks and Presentations

Coley, J. "Postdoctoral Fellows Panel" University at Buffalo, January 2026.

Coley, J. "Food and Global History" Buffalo State University, November 2025.

Coley, J. "Using Story Circles in Qualitative Research" Research for Action, July 2025.

Coley, J. "Housing Segregation and Gentrification" Buffalo Freedom Summer School, Buffalo, New York, July 2025.

Coley, J. "UB's Department of Sociology at 100: Celebrating Our Place in Western, New York Panel". Buffalo, New York, May 2025.

Coley, J. "'As Long as there is Breath in my Body and Black on My Face': Everyday Acts of Resistance to Gentrification in Buffalo, New York" Emerging Scholars Symposium, George Mason University, April 2025.

Coley, J. "'As Long as there is Breath in my Body and Black on My Face': Everyday Acts of Resistance to Gentrification in Buffalo, New York" Conversations in Conflict Series, Syracuse, New York, February 2025.

Coley, J. "Lender Center for Social Justice Panel Discussion." Barnes Center DEIA Conference. Syracuse, New York, January 2024.

Coley, J. "Buffalo Blizzard Panel Discussion." Anti-Displacement Summit. Buffalo, New York, December 2023.

Coley, J. "The Lender Conversation: Interrogating the Racial Wealth Gap." Washington, DC, October 2023.

Coley, J, Tiana U. Wilson, William Jamal Richardson, and Robert Mays. "A Love Letter to Buffalo: #BuffaloSyllabus and Digital Scholarship. Black History Nerds Saturday School. February 2023.

Coley, J. "Publishing During Graduate School." University at Buffalo, Department of Sociology Proseminar, Buffalo, New York, March 2022.

Coley, J. "The University and the City: Segregation, Gentrification, and Representation in Buffalo." University at Buffalo, Difficult Conversations Panel, April 2018.

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2025	Emerging Scholars Symposium, George Mason University (\$200)
2025	PARCC Mini-Grant for Research on Conflict & Collaboration, Syracuse University (\$2,000)
2025	Office of Research and Humanities Center Book Proposal Grant, Syracuse University (\$395)
2023- 2024	Black Midwest Initiative Summer Institute Fellowship, University of Illinois Chicago (\$2,000)
2023	Michele M. Thompson Award for Dissertation Research, Department of Sociology, State University of New York at Buffalo (\$500)
2021- 2022	Advanced Dissertation Fellowship Humanities Institute, State University of New York at Buffalo (\$6,000)
2021- 2022	Mark Diamond Research Fund Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, SUNY (\$3,000)
2020	Adeline Gordon Levine Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo (Nominated)