OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences

1. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

a. Name: WATOII T. R. RABII

b. Department: Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, & Criminal Justice

c. Rank: Assistant Professor

2. EDUCATION

Degree Institution Date Subject

Ph.D. SUNY Buffalo May 2018 Sociology

M. A. SUNY Buffalo May 2013 Sociology

B. A. SUNY Buffalo State May 2011 Sociology

3. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

a. Teaching Experience Not as a Graduate Student:

Institution Rank Date Full or Part Time

Oakland University Assistant Professor August 2018 Full Time

b. Teaching Experience as a Graduate Student:

Institution Rank Dates

University at Buffalo Graduate Student August 2011 – July 2018

c. Other Relevant Professional Experience:

Institution Rank/Title Dates

Wyndham Lawn Youth Youth Counselor November 2013 – November 2018

and Family Services

d. Oakland Appointment Record:

1. Rank and date of initial appointment:

Assistant Professor and August 15, 2018

ii. Date(s) of reappointment:

Assistant Professor and August 3, 2020

iii. Rank and date(s) of promotion:

iv. Date(s) of Spring/Summer teaching:

Summer 2019 CRJ 3224

Summer 2020 CRJ 3224

v. Date(s) and type(s) of leave:

e. Oakland Instructional Record: (Tenured faculty list only courses since receiving tenure)

Semester and Year Course Enrollment Evaluations Available?

Fall 2018 CRJ 1100 33 Yes

Fall 2018 SOC 3610/AN 3127 36 Yes

Winter 2019 CRJ 3332 17 Yes

Winter 2019 CRJ 4970 19 Yes

Summer 2019 CRJ 3224 6 N/A

Fall 2019 CRJ 4970 15 Yes

Fall 2019 SOC 3610/AN 3127 8 Yes

Winter 2020 CRJ 1100 37 N/A (COVID-19)

Winter 2020 CRJ 4970 22 N/A (COVID-19)

Summer 2020 CRJ 3224 26 N/A

Fall 2020 CRJ 4970 15 Yes

Fall 2020 (43882/4538) CRJ 1100 60 N/A

Independent study projects directed.

Semester/Year Course Enrollment Subject

N/A

4. RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, PUBLICATIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES; indicate how

each item was selected (referees; editor; invitation, etc.) for publication or presentation

a. Doctoral dissertation:

“Crime, Threat, and Security: Immigrants as Laborers, Entrepreneurs, and Good Neighbors.”

b. Master's thesis:

“Boxing and the Art of Inflicting Pain Thoughtfully.”

c. Books published or in press:

N/A

d. Peer Reviewed Articles published or in press:

Rabii, Watoii. 2021. “No Tough Guys Here?” Hybrid Masculinity in a Boxing Gym” (Forthcoming) *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*

Adelman, Robert M., Aysegul Balta Ozgen, and Watoii Rabii. 2019. “Buffalo’s West Side Story: Migration, Gentrification, and Neighborhood Change.” *City & Community*, 8:770-791.

Kimelberg, Shelley, Robert M. Adelman, Watoii Rabii, and Joanne Tompkins. 2019.

“‘It’s Just Art’: Experiences of K-12 Visual Arts Teachers in the Era of Neoliberalism, Assessment, and Accountability.” *Sociation Today,* 18:28-38.

Adelman, Robert M., Shelley Kimelberg, Joanne Tompkins, and Watoii Rabii. 2017. “Painted

into a Corner.” *Contexts,* 16:70-71.

Kimelberg, Shelley, Robert M. Adelman, Alaina Iacobucci, Watoii Rabii, Joanne Tompkins, et al. 2015. *The State of Visual Arts Education in Western New York*. Buffalo, New York: Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

e. Oral presentations; performances; exhibitions:

Rabii, Watoii. Session organize for COVID-19, Criminal (in)Justice Session and Racism at Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, August 2021

Rabii, Watoii. Session Co-Organizer for Critical Dialogue: Pathways to Re-entry Session at Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, August 2021

Rabii, Watoii. Session Discussant for Immigration and Justice via the Lens of the Asylum Office, Immigration Courts, and Private Immigration Bar, American Society of Criminology October, 2020 (Conference Cancelled due to COVID –19 Pandemic)

Rabii, Watoii “Social Desirability in the Age of Colorblindness: How Racism became Deviant and What That Means for Social Science.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, California, August 2020 (Canceled due to COVID- 19 Pandemic).

Rabii, Watoii “Policed Lives: Fear, Faith, and Family in the Rustbelt.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, Florida, August 2020 (Canceled due t to COVID-19 pandemic).

Rabii, Watoii. Session Organizer/Presider for Racism, Nativism, and Islamophobia at Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, August 2019

Rabii, Watoii. “Moral Entrepreneurs: Culture, Crime, and Work on Buffalo's West Side.” Presentation at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, August 2019.

Rabii, Watoii. “Moral Entrepreneurs: Culture, Crime, and Work on Buffalo's West Side.” Presentation at annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, California, April 2019.

Rabii, Watoii. “Agents of Collective Efficacy and Revitalization: How Refugees

are Becoming Buffalo’s Model Minority.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2018.

Rabii, Watoii. “Model Migrants: Perceptions of Immigrants in Rural and Urban Areas.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2018.

f. Research Note/Book reviews/Encyclopedia Entries published or in press:

Rabii, Watoii. 2020. “The Tragic Fiction of Immigrant Threat.” In *Focus on Social Problems: A Contemporary Reader*, edited by Mindy Stombler and Amanda Jungels. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

(invited)

Rabii, Watoii. 2019. *Manifest Destinies: The Making of the Mexican American Race* by Laura E. Gomez (New York: New York University Press). *Sociological Inquiry*, 89(2):342-344. (invited

g. Research in progress:

Rabii, Watoii. “Policed Lives: Fear and Family.” Collecting Survey Data

Rabii, Watoii. “Neighborhood Saviors: Colorblindness and Diversity Ideology in a Rustbelt Neighborhood.” (Under review at *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*).

Rabii, Watoii. “Bad Apples”: Discursive distancing and Colorblindness in everyday discourse” (Preparing for submission to *Critical Sociology*)

h. Grants: source, date and amount of award:

**Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice Small Departmental Grant. Summer 2020**

Policed Lives: Fear and Family $1,000 (funded)

**University Research Committee Faculty Research Fellowship. Fall 2019**

Policed Lives: Fear, Faith, and Family in the Rustbelt. $10,000 (funded)

**Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice Large Departmental Grant. Winter 2019**

Global Neighborhoods: Attitudes and Perspectives on Migrants in Two Rustbelt Cities

$5000 (funded)

5. Public and University Service

Names of Activity Dates Role in activity

1. Professional service:

University of Wisconsin -Milwaukee November 2020 - Reviewer

Advancing Research and Creativity February 2021

Grant Reviewer

Reviewer for Professional 2020 Reviewer

Journal– *Sociation Today*

Reviewer for Professional 2020 Reviewer

Journal– *Urban Studies*

Reviewer for Professional 2020 Reviewer

Journal– *Sociology of Race*

*and Ethnicity*

University of Michigan Dearborn Public

Panel. Author Meets Critic Session 2021 Panelist

MS-13: The Making of

America’s Most Notorious

Gang

American Sociological Association

Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Website Administrator 2019- Present

American Sociological Association 2019 – 2020 Committee Member

Community and Urban Sociology

Section Outstanding Graduate

Student Paper Award

SSSP Division Graduate 2019- 2020 Chair

Student Paper Award Committee

Division of Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Kimberle Crenshaw Outstanding Article Fall 2018 – Committee Member

Award Committee, Society for the Study of Fall 2019

Social Problems

b. University service:

Center for Civic Engagement

Office Hours Virtual Series September 2020 Panelist

Oakland University 2020- present Committee Member

Police Oversight Committee

Coordinated and secured funding November 2019 Coordinator

for a community event at Oakland

University for Dr. Debbie Almontaser,

author of Leading While Muslim: The

Experiences of American Muslim

Principals After 9/11.

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers 2018.

1. College service:

CAS Assembly 2019- Member

present (fall/winter)

Supervising Honor’s Thesis 2020- present

For Kaylee Hall

Supervising Honor’s Thesis 2020- present

For Phoenix Moussiaux

d. Departmental service:

Department Diversity Equity and

Inclusion Statement Committee 2020 – Present Committee Member

Scholarship Chair 2020 – Present Chair

Department News and Announcements 2019-Present Coordinator

Student Awards Committee 2019-Present Committee Member

6. ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO YOUR APPLICATION FOR TENURE OR

PROMOTION

1. Awards

Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice

Teaching Award

1. Media Coverage:

Media Coverage: *Downtown Publications.* Bail Reform Interview.

Media Coverage: *The Buffalo News*; Time Warner News (Buffalo); WKBW (Buffalo ABC Affiliate)

1. Professional memberships:

American Sociological Association

Society for the Study of Social Problems