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## QUALIFICATIONS

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- PhD**      **Boston University, Sociology, 2018**  
Thesis: “We Will Re-Member Them:  
Muslims in the British and French World War I Centenary”
- MSc**      **London School of Economics, Race, Ethnicity, and Postcolonial Studies, 2010**  
Dissertation: “Proclaiming Independence: Language and National Identity in  
Sékou Touré’s Guinea”
- BA**      **Wellesley College, International Relations and French, 2007**  
*cum laude*

## APPOINTMENTS

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Presidential Fellow in Ethnicity and Inequalities, Department of Sociology, University of  
Manchester (September 2018-present)

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Political sociology and nationalism, postcolonial theory, critical race theory, comparative  
historical sociology, collective memory

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

Tinsley, M. Forthcoming. *Mobilising Memory: Commemorating Muslims in the First World War  
Centenary*. Abington: Routledge.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Tinsley, M. 2020. “Revisiting Nostalgia: Imperialism, Anticolonialism, and Imagining Home.”  
*Ethnic and Racial Studies* 43(13): 2327-2355.

Tinsley, M. 2019. “Constructing and Contesting the Post-Apartheid State: Political Discourse  
and the Marikana Strike.” *Language, Discourse & Society*. Available online at:  
<<https://www.language-and-society.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/5-Tinsley-For-Publication.pdf>>.

Tinsley, M. 2019. “Memory and Melancholia in the Garden of Tropical Agronomy.” *Memory  
Studies*. Available online ahead of print: <<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1750698019843958>>.

Tinsley, M. 2019. “Decolonizing the Civic/Ethnic Binary.” *Current Sociology* 67(3):347-364.

Tinsley, M. 2015. “Proclaiming Independence: Language and National Identity in Sékou Touré’s  
Guinea.” *Postcolonial Studies* 18(3):237-256.

Tinsley, M. 2014. "We Will Re-Member Them: Muslims in the Great War Semi-Centenary." *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* 14(3):399-417.

### **Book Chapters**

Tinsley, M. 2020. "'To Mourn Together as a Nation': Representation and Erasure in Post-Marikana Political Discourse." In *Marikana Unresolved: The Massacre, Culpability and Consequences*, ed. by M. Swart and Y. Rodney-Gumede. Cape Town: Cape Town University Press.

Tinsley, M. 2015. "The Polyphonous Classroom: Discourse on Language-in-Education on Reunion Island." Pp. 203-212 in *Writing through the Visual and Virtual: Inscribing Language, Literature, and Culture in Francophone Africa and the Caribbean*, edited by O. Alidou and R. Larrier. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

### **Book Reviews**

Tinsley, M. 2021. "Review: *The Clamour of Nationalism*, by Sivamohan Valluvan." *Sociology*.

Tinsley, M. 2020. "Review: *Race and the Cultural Industries*, by Anamik Saha." *Social Movement Studies* 19(1): 118-120.

Tinsley, M. 2019. "Review: *The Imperial Nation: Citizens and Subjects in the British, French, Spanish, and American Empires*, by Josep M. Fradera." *EuropeNow* 26. Available online at: <<https://www.europenowjournal.org/2019/04/04/the-imperial-nation-citizens-and-subjects-in-the-british-french-spanish-and-american-empires-by-josep-m-fradera-trans-ruth-mackay-2/>>.

### **Other Academic Publications**

Tinsley, M. Forthcoming. "Empire." *Routledge Handbook of Memory Activism*. Abington: Routledge.

Tinsley, M. 2016. "War, Collective Memory, and Identity." *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism*, edited by J. Stone, R.M. Dennis, P. Rizova, A.D. Smith, and X. Hou. Wiley-Blackwell.

Tinsley, M. 2015. "Whose Colonialism? The Contested Memory of the Sykes-Picot Agreement." Pp. 39-43 in *Rethinking Nation and Nationalism. POMEPS Studies* 14. Available online at: <[http://pomeps.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/POMEPS\\_Studies\\_14\\_Nation\\_Web.pdf](http://pomeps.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/POMEPS_Studies_14_Nation_Web.pdf)>.

### **Public Sociology**

Tinsley, M. 2021. "Statues, Street Names, and Contested Memory." *Red Pepper*. 10 February. Available online at: <<https://www.redpepper.org.uk/statues-street-names-and-contested-memory/>>.

Tinsley, M. 2020. "Do We Need a National Day of Mourning after the Coronavirus Pandemic?" *The Conversation*. 3 August. Available at: <<https://theconversation.com/do-we-need-a-national-day-of-mourning-after-the-coronavirus-pandemic-143772>>.

Tinsley, M. and N. Begum. 2020. "Clap for Our Heroes: 'Good' Migrants, Wartime Rhetoric, and COVID-19." *Discover Society*. 21 May. Available at: <<https://discoversociety.org/2020/05/21/clap-for-our-heroes-good-migrants-wartime-rhetoric-and-covid-19/>>.

Tinsley, M. 2019. "Rebuilding a Cathedral, Erasing Empire: A Tale of Two Fires." *Discover Society*. 3 July. Available at: <<https://discoversociety.org/2019/07/03/restoring-a-cathedral-erasing-empire-a-tale-of-two-fires/>>.

- Tinsley, M. 2018. "Response to the Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport Committee Inquiry into Lessons from the First World War Centenary." Written evidence submitted to UK Parliamentary Inquiry. Available online at: <<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/digital-culture-media-and-sport-committee/lessons-from-the-first-world-war-centenary/written/98055.html>>.
- Tinsley, M. 2018. "Empire and the World War One Centenary: Remembrance as Racialisation?" *Manchester Policy Blogs*. 17 December. Available online at: <<http://blog.policy.manchester.ac.uk/ethnicity/2018/12/empire-and-the-world-war-one-centenary-remembrance-as-racialisation/>>.
- Tinsley, M. 2018. "Civil Rights and Voter Suppression in the U.S." *openDemocracy*. 31 October. Available online at: <<http://www.opendemocracy.net/meghan-tinsley/civil-rights-and-voter-suppression-in-us>>
- Tinsley, M. 2017. "Anti-Semitism Still Defines Marine Le Pen's Front National." *Policy Trajectories*. 6 May. Available online at: <<http://policytrajectories.asa-comparative-historical.org/2017/05/673/>>.
- Tinsley, M. 2016. "Marianne Musulmane: Burkini-Gate and French National Identity." *Policy Trajectories*. 29 September. Available online at: <<http://policytrajectories.asa-comparative-historical.org/2016/09/marianne-musulmane-burkini-gate-and-french-national-identity/>>.
- Tinsley, M. 2016. "Before Brexit: Britain and its Others." *Policy Trajectories*. 1 July. Available online at: <<http://policytrajectories.asa-comparative-historical.org/2016/07/before-brexit-britain-and-its-others/>>.
- Tinsley, M. 2015. "French Islam, French Islamophobia: The Aftermath of the Paris Attacks in Historical Perspective." *Policy Trajectories*. 31 December. Available online at: <<http://policytrajectories.asa-comparative-historical.org/2015/12/french-islam-french-islamophobia-the-aftermath-of-the-paris-attacks-in-historical-perspective/>>.
- Tinsley, M. 2015. "ISIS's Aversion to Sykes-Picot Tells Us Much About the Group's Future Plans." *Muftah*. 23 April. Available online at: <<http://muftah.org/the-sykes-picot-agreement-isis/#.VTladSHBzGc>>.

### **Manuscripts Under Review**

- Tinsley, M. "Towards a Postcolonial Critical Realism."
- Tinsley, M. "The Opposite of Nationalism?: Constructing and Contesting Patriotism in Political Discourse."

### **INVITED TALKS**

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- 2021 Nationalism as a Sociological Problem**  
The University of Cambridge
- 2020 Remembering, Forgetting, and Rethinking the First World War**  
Compass International School Doha
- The Future of Nostalgia: Temporality in Centre- and Far-Right Political Discourse**  
Centre for Public History, Heritage and Memory, Nottingham Trent University
- Revisiting Nostalgia: Imperialism, Anticolonialism, and Imagining Home**  
The University of Glasgow
- 2019 Revisiting Nostalgia: Imperial and Anticolonial Imaginaries of Home**  
Birmingham City University

**Contesting the Legitimacy of State Violence: Political Discourse on the Marikana Massacre**

The University of Sheffield (guest lecture)

**Towards a Critical Realist Postcolonial Theory**

Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities, University of Cambridge

**Challenges and Opportunities of Comparative Research on Race**

Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity Early Career Researcher Workshop. Investigating Institutional Ethnic Inequalities: An International Perspective, Manchester, UK (roundtable contribution)

**2014 Loyal Subjects and Potential Enemies: Muslims in the British First World War Centenary**

Remembering the Great War (1914-1918): A Centenary Symposium and Concert, Boston, USA

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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**2021 Restoring Melancholia: The Garden of Tropical Agronomy**

Memory Studies Association (virtual)

**Overcoming Positivism, Understanding Power: Towards a Critical Realist Postcolonial Theory**

International Sociological Association (virtual)

**Toppling Colston, Translating Cultural Objects**

British Sociological Association (virtual)

**2020 Longing for What May Be: Nostalgia and Utopia in Anticolonial Thought**

American Sociological Association (virtual)

**Melancholic Timespace in Postcolonial Ruins**

Royal Anthropological Institute (virtual)

**The Future of Nostalgia: Temporality in Far-Right Discourse**

British Sociological Association, Birmingham, UK (cancelled)

**Discourses of Nation and Other: The Marikana Commission of Inquiry**

Alternative Futures and Popular Protest, Manchester, UK (cancelled)

**European Present, Nostalgic Futures: Temporality in Far-Right Political Discourse**

Council on European Studies, Reykjavik, Iceland (cancelled)

**2019 Remembering Soldiers, Creating Citizens: Commemorating a Global, Imperial War**

Reframing Empire: Imperialism, Anti-Imperialism, and Their Legacies in Public History, Queen's University Belfast, UK

**Political Discourse, Nation-Building, and the Marikana Strike**

Social Science History Association, Chicago, USA

**Conceptualising Decolonial Nostalgia in Fanon's Writing**

Postcolonial Studies Association, Manchester, UK

**Remembering the Forgotten: Muslim Colonial Subjects in the First World War Centenary**

International Society for First World War Studies, Leeds, UK

**Postcolonial Perspectives on Critical Realism**

British Sociological Association Theory Conference, London, UK

- “Make America Patriotic Again”: Constructing and Contesting Patriotism in Political Discourse**  
American Sociological Association, New York, USA
- Constructing and Contesting the Post-Apartheid State: Political Discourse and the Marikana Strike**  
Alternative Futures and Popular Protest, Manchester, UK
- Decolonising Nostalgia in the Sociological Canon**  
British Sociological Association, Glasgow, UK  
Memory Studies Association, Madrid, Spain
- 2018 Remembering the Empire, Disrupting the Nation: Muslim Colonial Subjects in World War I Commemorations**  
American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, USA  
**Remembering the Empire, Unsettling the Nation**  
Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology Annual Seminar, Bielefeld, Germany
- 2017 Reimagining Postcolonial Melancholia: Muslim Colonial Subjects in the World War I Centenary**  
Memory Studies Association, Copenhagen, Denmark  
**Postcolonial Sites of Memory: Managing and Unsettling the Nation**  
American Sociological Association, Montréal, Canada  
**Postcolonial Perspectives on Theories of Nationalism**  
Decolonizing the Social Junior Theorists’ Symposium, Boston, USA  
**Re-Membering the French Empire in Nogent-sur-Marne**  
Conference on France and the Memory of the Great War, Mobile, USA  
**Re-Membering the Empire: Narrating Sites of Memory in La Mulatiere and Nogent-sur-Marne**  
British Sociological Association, Manchester, UK  
Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism, London, UK
- 2016 Debt of Honor: Contested Memories of Muslims in the World War I Centenary**  
Social Science History Association, Chicago, USA  
**French National Memory and National Identity in the World War I Centenary**  
American Sociological Association, Seattle, USA  
**The Right Kind of Violence: Race, Belonging, and Militarism in the First World War Centenary**  
International Sociological Association, Vienna, Austria  
**A Tale of Two *Lieux de Mémoire*: National and Transnational Memory in Woking and Nogent-sur-Marne**  
Council on European Studies, Philadelphia, USA  
Eastern Sociological Society Mini-conference on Decolonial Sociology, Boston, USA
- 2015 “A Commemoration that Captures Our National Spirit”: Britain and its Others in the World War I Centenary**  
Historical Justice and Memory Network, New York, USA  
**“A Commemoration that Captures Our National Spirit”: Memory, Identity, and the First World War Centenary**  
MASS-CONN Symposium of Qualitative Sociology, Boston, USA

**The Poppy and the Cornflower: National Identity and the First World War Centenary in Britain and France**

British Sociological Association, Glasgow, UK

**Remembering the Present: The First World War Centenary in Britain and France**

Eastern Sociological Society, New York, USA

**Whose Colonialism? The Contested Memory of the Sykes-Picot Agreement**

Rethinking Nation and Nationalism Workshop, Los Angeles, USA

**Remembering Our Present: National Identity and the World War I Centenary in Britain and France**

CHESS/ISS Graduate Conference on War and its Consequences, New Haven, USA

**2014 “We Will Re-Member Them”: Collective Memory and the Racialization of British Muslims**

Social Science History Association, Toronto, Canada

**Writing Past and Present, Writing Self and Other: The Great War Centenary**

PhD Symposium on “Race”, Ethnicity, and Postcolonial Studies, London, UK

**“We Will Re-Member Them”: Muslims in the Great War Semi-Centenary**

Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism, London, UK

**Racialised Tommies: Remembering Muslim Soldiers in the Great War Semi-Centenary**

British Sociological Association Race and Ethnicity Study Group, Birmingham, UK

**2013 From Colonized Subjects to Terrorist Thugs: The Racial Formation of British Muslims**

Social Science History Association, Chicago, USA

**Language of Domination, Language of Resistance: French and Creole in the Reunion Island Classroom**

Critical Ethnic Studies Association, Chicago, USA

**Official Memory, Official Omission: French Muslims and the *Maison de l’Histoire de France***

PhD Symposium on “Race”, Ethnicity, and Postcolonial Studies, London, UK

**“Nout Langaz, Nout Lékol”: The Politics of Language-in-Education on Reunion Island**

Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, USA

**The Polyphonous Classroom: Discourse on Language-in-Education on Reunion Island**

Conference on Writing through the Visual/Virtual: Inscribing Language, Literature and Culture in Francophone Africa and the Caribbean, New Brunswick, USA

**From Colonized Subjects to Terrorist Thugs: Muslims and British National Identity**

Boston University Graduate Research Conference on International Relations, Boston, USA

**2012 Proclaiming Independence: Language and National Identity in Sékou Touré’s Guinea**

Eastern Sociological Society, New York, USA

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2020 Manchester-Melbourne Research Fund**  
Principal Investigator, “After Repatriation: New Approaches to Indigenising the Museum”  
**Economic and Social Research Council**  
Co-Investigator, Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity
- 2019 Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities, University of Cambridge**  
Visiting Fellow, Project on Qualitative and Quantitative Social Science: Unifying the Logic of Causal Inference?
- 2017 Berlin Summer School for the Social Sciences**  
Travel grant to attend two-week intensive summer school at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin  
**Department of Sociology Morris Conference Travel Grant**  
Awarded to present research at the annual meeting of the Memory Studies Association in Copenhagen  
**Boston University Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant**  
Awarded to present research at the annual meeting of the British Sociological Association in Manchester
- 2016 Department of Sociology Morris Dissertation Writing Grant**  
Awarded to one PhD candidate per year to support the completion of a thesis  
**Department of Sociology Morris Conference Travel Grant**  
Awarded to present research at the annual forum of the International Sociological Association in Vienna
- 2015 Department of Sociology Morris Conference Travel Grant**  
Awarded to present research at the annual meeting of the Council on European Studies in Philadelphia  
Awarded to present research at the annual meeting of the British Sociological Association in Glasgow
- 2014 Boston University Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship**  
Long-term travel fellowship to conduct dissertation fieldwork in the UK and France
- 2013 Department of Sociology Morris Research Travel Grant**  
Awarded for exploratory dissertation research in the UK and France  
**Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award**  
Annual prize awarded to one Department of Sociology Teaching Fellow  
**Department of Sociology Morris Conference Travel Grant**  
Awarded to present research at Writing through the Visual/Virtual conference in New Brunswick, NJ
- 2012 Black Europe Summer School**  
Participated in two-week international, interdisciplinary summer school in Amsterdam with funding from the Boston University African American Studies Program

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

## **The University of Manchester**

*Convenor and Lecturer*

Sociology of Racism and Ethnicity in the UK (spring 2020)

## **Boston University**

*Convenor and Lecturer*

Globalization and World Poverty (autumn 2016)

“Check One Box”: Constructing Race and Racism (autumn 2014, spring 2015, autumn 2015, spring 2016)

*Teaching Fellow*

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (autumn 2017)

Introduction to Sociology (autumn 2011, spring 2012, autumn 2012, spring 2013, autumn 2013)

## **Lycée Professionnel Victor Schoelcher (Saint-Louis, Reunion Island)**

### **Collège Alsace Corré (Cilaos, Reunion Island)**

*English Teaching Assistant* (autumn 2010, spring 2011)

## **SERVICE**

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### **Service to the Discipline**

Founder and organiser, Network for Critical Research on the Ethics of Researching the Extreme & Far Right (2020-present)

Organiser, Workshop Series on the Ethics of Researching the Far Right (2020)

Co-founder and co-convenor, Post/Decolonial Transformations Study Group, British Sociological Association (2019-present)

Associate editorial board member, *Sociological Research Online* (2020-present)

Manuscript referee, University of Michigan Press; Polity Press

Referee, *American Journal of Sociology*; *Current Sociology*; *Language, Discourse, & Society*; *Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies*; *Sociology*

## **The University of Manchester**

Examinations officer, Department of Sociology (2020-2021)

Member, Undergraduate Programme Committee, Department of Sociology (2020-2021)

Coordinator, Sociology Departmental Seminar Series (2019-2020)

Co-founder and co-convenor, Decolonial Study Group (2019-present)

Organising committee, Alternative Futures and Popular Protest (2018-present)

## **Boston University**

Travel grant committee member, Boston University Graduate Student Organization (2012-2013)

Sociology Department representative, Boston University Graduate Student Organization (2012-2013)



Graduate student representative, Morris Fund Committee, Department of Sociology (2016-2017)

Graduate student mentor, Department of Sociology (2013-2018)

## **AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association

British Sociological Association

International Society for First World War Studies

International Sociological Association

Social Science History Association

## **SKILLS**

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**Computer Skills** Proficient in NVivo, SPSS, and ArcGIS

**Languages** English (native speaker), French (fluent), German (intermediate), Hindi/Urdu (intermediate), Spanish (conversational)