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QUALIFICATIONS

- FHEA** **University of Manchester, 2021**
- 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

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

AREAS OF INTEREST

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

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Tinsley, M. 2021. *Commemorating Muslims in the First World War Centenary: Making Melancholia*. Abingdon: Routledge.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Tinsley, M. Forthcoming. “‘The Opposite of Nationalism’?: Constructing and Contesting Patriotism in US Political Discourse.” *Identities*.

Tinsley, M. 2021. “Towards a Postcolonial Critical Realism.” *Critical Sociology*. Online access available ahead of print.

Tinsley, M. 2021. “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. 2020. “Revisiting Nostalgia: Imperialism, Anticolonialism, and Imagining Home.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 43(13): 2327-2355.

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. Forthcoming. "Institutionalising and Unsettling the Memory of Imperialism." In Y. Gutman and J. Wustenberg (ed.s), *The Memory Activism Handbook*. Abingdon: Routledge.
- 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. Rodny-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. "Book Review: Sivamohan Valluvan, *The Clamour of Nationalism: Race and Nation in Twenty-First-Century Britain*." *Sociology* 55(3): 647-649.
- 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. 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>.

Public Sociology

- Tinsley, M., Habib, S., Peacock, C., Ramsden-Karelse, R., and Younge, G. 2021. "White Supremacy's Monuments: On the Fall of Robert E. Lee." *RACE.ED*, 16 September.
- Habib, S., Peacock, C., Ramsden-Karelse, R., and Tinsley, M. 2021. *The Changing Shape of Cultural Activism: Legislating Statues in the Context of the Black Lives Matter Movement*. CoDE/Runnymede Trust.
- Tinsley, M. 2021. "Policing History." *The Fabian Review* 133(2): 7-8.
- Tinsley, M. 2021. "Statues, Street Names, and Contested Memory." *Red Pepper* 10 February.
- Tinsley, M. and Begum, N. 2020. "Clap for Our Heroes: 'Good' Migrants, Wartime Rhetoric, and COVID-19." *Discover Society* 21 May.
- Tinsley, M. 2019. "Rebuilding a Cathedral, Erasing Empire: A Tale of Two Fires." *Discover Society*. 3 July.

- 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. "Melancholic Memorials: Remembering Muslim Colonial Subjects in the First World War." (invited book chapter, *Global Legacies of the First World War*, Bloomsbury)
- Tinsley, M. and Wain, L.B. "Postcolonial Critiques of Nationalism." (invited encyclopaedia article, *Routledge Encyclopaedia of Race and Racism*)

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Making Melancholia: Commemorating the Empire and Unsettling the Nation during the First World War Centenary**
Department of Sociology, University of Manchester
- 2021 Making Melancholia: Commemorating Muslims in the First World War Centenary**
Department of Sociology, University of York
Commemorating Muslims in the First World War Centenary
Muslim Engagement and Development
Postcolonial, Decolonial, Anticolonial
British Sociological Association Postcolonial and Decolonial Transformations Study Group
What Can Sociology Contribute to Nationalism Studies?
Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge
- 2020 The Future of Nostalgia: Temporality in Centre- and Far-Right Political Discourse**
Centre for Public History, Heritage and Memory, Nottingham Trent University

- The Past, Present, and Future of Anticolonial Nostalgia**
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

- 2021 Postcolonial Ruination and Restoring the Nation: The Jardin d'agronomie tropicale**
Postcolonial Realms of Memory: Sites and Symbols in the Modern Francosphere (online)
- Nostalgic Futures: Tempoality in Extreme-Right Discourse**
American Sociological Association (online)
- Restoring Melancholia: The Garden of Tropical Agronomy**
Memory Studies Association (online)
- "First and Foremost for Our Own Peoples": Conceptualising Anticolonial Nationalisms**
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (online)
- European Present, Nostalgic Futures: Temporality in Far-Right Political Discourse**
Council on European Studies (online)
- Toppling Colston, Translating Cultural Objects**
Alternative Futures and Popular Protest (online)
- Toppling Colston, Translating Cultural Objects**
British Sociological Association (online)
- Overcoming Positivism, Understanding Power: Towards a Critical Realist Postcolonial Theory**
International Sociological Association (online)
- 2020 Melancholic Timespace in Postcolonial Ruins**
Royal Anthropological Institute (online)
- Longing for What May Be: Nostalgia and Utopia in Anticolonial Thought**
American Sociological Association (online)
- 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 Study Group, 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

ORGANISER, CHAIR, AND DISCUSSANT

2021 Decolonising the Anthropocene (Organiser and Chair)

Seminar, British Sociological Association Postcolonial and Decolonial Transformations
Study Group

The Afterlives of Historical Urban Landscapes and Landmarks (Discussant)

Panel, Società Italiana di Antropologia Culturale

After Brexit: EU Membership and Political Behaviour in Europe (Chair)

Panel, Council for European Studies

**Not Set in Stone: Remembering Empire and Contesting Statues (Organiser and
Chair)**

Keynote Panel, Alternative Futures and Popular Protest

The Return of Cultural Heritage (Organiser and Chair)

Workshop, Manchester-Melbourne Research Fund

2020 Urban Experiments in Memory and Forgetting (Organiser)

Panel, Royal Anthropological Institute

The Ethics of Researching the Far Right (Organiser)

Workshop series, EthEx Network

Culture and the Politics of Nationhood (Chair)

Panel, Social Science History Association

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021 Economic and Social Research Council

Co-Investigator, Centre for the Dynamics of Ethnicity

2020 Manchester-Melbourne Research Fund

Principal Investigator, "After Repatriation: New Approaches to Indigenising the
Museum"

**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 dissertation
- 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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Manchester

Convenor

- Postcolonial Theory and Methods (autumn 2021)
- Sociology of Racism and Ethnicity in the UK (spring 2020)

Boston University

Instructor of Record

- 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)

Wellesley College

French Department Tutor (autumn 2004, spring 2005)

SERVICE

Service to the Discipline

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

Co-Founder and Co-Convenor, Postcolonial and Decolonial Transformations Study Group, British Sociological Association (2019-present)

Associate Editorial Board, *Sociological Research Online*

Referee (book manuscripts), Polity Press, Manchester University Press, University of Michigan Press

Referee (journal articles), *The American Journal of Sociology*; *Current Sociology*; *Evidence & Policy*; *Language, Discourse & Society*; *Memory Studies*; *Modern Asian Studies*; *The Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies*; *Social Movement Studies*; *Sociological Research Online*; *Sociology*

The University of Manchester

Examinations Officer, Department of Sociology (2020-present)

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

American Sociological Association

British Sociological Association

International Society for First World War Studies

International Sociological Association

Social Science History Association

SKILLS

Computer Skills Proficient in NVivo, SPSS, and ArcGIS

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