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EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

2024 Ph.D. Sociology • Brown University
Reimagining Within-Movement Conflict: Ideology, Myth, and the Anti-Sex Trafficking Movement
Committee: Nitsan Chorev, Patrick Heller, Michael Kennedy, Elena Shih
Exams: Political Economy of Development and Globalization; Political Sociology

2019 M.A. Sociology • Brown University

2018 Reflective Teaching Certificate I • Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University

2016 M.A. Diplomacy and International Commerce • Patterson School for Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky
Major: International Development and Organizations; Minor: Global Women's Studies

2013 B.A. Development Studies • Brown University
AY 2010-2011: Study abroad, Lady Shri Ram College for Women (New Delhi, Delhi, India)

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024-present Assistant Professor of Sociology • Bryant University
Department: Politics, Law, and Society

RESEARCH AREAS

Global and transnational social movements • Ethno-racial justice collective action • State-civil society collaboration and conflict • Radical love as social justice • Cultural political sociology

METHODOLOGICAL EXPERTISE

Qualitative methods • Ethnography • Focus group discussions • Surveys

PUBLICATIONS

Pending Manuscripts

Bell, Jocelyn T., Michelle Smirnova, María Isabel Ayala, and Andrea Smith. "Joy as Relational Praxis: Sociopolitical Power and the Reimagining of Futures." [Working Title; To be submitted to publisher: Fall 2026]

Bell, Jocelyn T. "Beyond Romance to Radical Love: What Does It Mean to Pursue a Sociology of Love?" [Working Title; To be submitted to publisher: Spring 2027]

Bell, Jocelyn T., and Priyana Samy. "Joy as the Seedbed of Feminist Futures: A Reflection on Black Feminism and Dalit Feminism." [Working Title; To be submitted to publisher: Summer 2027]

Forthcoming Publications

Bell, Jocelyn T., and David A. Bell. 2026. "Energy Justice for Vulnerable Populations: The Use of Storytelling to Increase Acceptance of Smart Energy Technologies." Pp. ## in *Advances in the Study of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Growth (ASEIEG), Vol. 31*, edited by C. Talmage, M. M. Mars, and H. Schau. Emerald Publishing.

Published Work

Bell, Jocelyn T., and Priyanka Samu. 2025. "Joy: The Seedbed of Feminist Futures." *Feminism in India.* (https://feminisminindia.com/2025/10/14/radical-joy-the-seedbed-of-feminist-futures/)

Bell, Jocelyn. 2015. "Pursuing the Fruit within the Promise: Exploring India's Implementation of UN Global Goals." *ExPatt Publication,* pp. 4-6.

Bell, Jocelyn. 2015. "Sex Trafficking Research Review." Pp 16-17 in *Demanding Justice Arizona: A Field Assessment of Demand Deterrence and Enforcement and Justice for Victims.* Rosslyn, VA: Shared Hope International. (https://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Arizona-Field-Assessment-Report-ONLINE.pdf).

AWARDS & GRANTS

2026-2027	Faculty Innovation Grant, Bryant University ($2,000)
2026	Summer Stipend, Bryant University ($3,400)
2022-2023	American Institute for Indian Studies Junior Fellowship, University of Chicago (Rs. 283,500 + $815)
2021	Engaged Scholarship Award, Swearer Center, Brown University
	Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award, Brown University Sociology ($250)
2016	Kakehashi Project Scholarship, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan through Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky (all expenses paid week-long trip to Japan to learn about Japan's foreign affairs)
	Kewal Singh Internship Scholarship, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky
2014	Diversity Scholars and Leaders Award, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action

FELLOWSHIPS & RESEARCH TRAINING

2025	Creativity Fellowship, Center for Teaching Excellence, Bryant University ($750)
2017-2024	Trainee – Graduate Program in Development, Watson Institute, Brown University

	Trainee – Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, Watson Institute, Brown University
2022	Global Mobility Research Spring Fellowship, Brown University
2021-2022	Watson Institute Interdisciplinary Opportunities Fellowship, Brown University
2019-2020	Graduate Program in Development Fellowship, Watson Institute, Brown University
2015-2016	Lyman T. Johnson Academic Year Fellowship, University of Kentucky (2015-2016: $7,500 • Fall 2016: $3,750)
	Patterson Fellowship, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky (2015-2016: $7,500 • Fall 2016: $3,750)
2014-2015	Research Assistantship – David Bell, Ph.D., Savannah State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bryant University

Principles of Sociology [Instructor]	AY: 2026-2027, 2025-2026, 2024-2025
Beyond the Ballot: Redefining What It Means to Show Up [Instructor]	Fall 2027; Spring 2026
Crime & Justice [Instructor]	Fall: 2025
The Human Spark: How Innovation and Creativity Change Society [Instructor]	Spring: 2026, 2025

Brown University

Questioning & Crafting Citizenship: Critical and Holistic Political Engagement (Summer@Brown) [Instructor]	Summer: 2024, 2023
Social Forces (Sociology) [TA]	Spring: 2024
Gender & Society (Sociology) [TA]	Fall: 2023
Strategy at the Intersection of Business and Society (IE Brown Executive MBA) [TA]	Summer: 2022
Introduction to Public Policy (International and Public Affairs) [TA]	Fall: 2021
Power, Knowledge, and Justice in Global Social Change (Sociology) [TA]	Spring: 2021
Classical Sociological Theory (Sociology) [TA]	Fall: 2020
Market and Social Surveys (Sociology) [TA]	Spring: 2019
Market Research in Public and Private Sectors (Sociology) [TA]	Fall: 2018

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PRESENTATIONS

Bryant University

2026 Broadi, Augustine, and Deb Yolin, Gabe Raley, Zach Raley, and **Jocelyn Bell**. "The Sankofa Project in Ghana as a Model for Global Engagement and Community Service." Presented at Bryant University (*Research and Engagement Day 2026*). Smithfield, Rhode Island.

"Who Gets to Tell Our Story? Rebuilding *The Archway* Student Newspaper." Presented at Bryant University (*Research and Engagement Day 2026*). Smithfield, Rhode Island.

"The Stories We Tell: Justice and Joy from Griots to Grimms." Presented at Bryant University (*The Women of Color Conference 2026*). Smithfield, Rhode Island.

"Telling Her Story: Jocelyn Bell." Presented at Bryant University (*HerStory Women's History Month Series*). Smithfield, Rhode Island.

Bell, Jocelyn T., and Danielle Macon. "The Dozens." Presented at Bryant University (*Black History Month Lunch & Learn*). Smithfield, Rhode Island.

Conferences & Campuses

2026 Bell, David, and **Jocelyn T. Bell**. "Energy Justice for Vulnerable Populations: The Use of Storytelling to Increase Acceptance of Smart Energy Technologies." Presented at the *American Society for Public Administration Annual Meeting 2026*. Los Angeles, California.

"'But Did You Know…': Strategies of Joy in Social Movements." Guest Lecture at Brown University (*Spring 2026 Public Humanities Lunch Talk*). Providence, Rhode Island.

2025 "'But Did You Know...': Joy, Myth, and Black Liberation." Presented at the *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2025*. Chicago, Illinois.

2024 "Reimagining Within-Movement Conflict: The Savior-Survivor-Sex Worker Myth and Crafting an Ideological Conflict Landscape." Presented at the *American Sociological Association Annual Conference 2024*. Montréal, Quebec, Canada.

"Reimagining Within-Movement Conflict: The Ideological Conflict Landscape of the Global BLM Movement." Presented at the *Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting 2024*. Montréal, Quebec, Canada.

"Until We Weep: The Emotional and Spiritual Dimensions of Improving Race Relations." Presented at *The Legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois: Crossing Boundaries for Social Justice Conference*. Providence, Rhode Island.

2018 "Transnational Social Movements and the Implications for Advocacy." Guest Lecture at Jamia Millia Islamia. New Delhi, Delhi, India.

2015 "Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking." Guest Lecture at Randolph-Macon College. Ashland, Virginia.

2014 Bell, David, and Jocelyn T. Bell. "Interagency Strategic Planning as a Nonprofit Collaboration Tool: Human Trafficking Prevention and Treatment." Presented at *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Annual Conference.* Denver, Colorado.

Select Public/Community Talks (Relevant research areas: [1]global and transnational social movements • [2]ethno-racial justice collective action • [3]state-civil society collaboration and conflict • [4]radical love as social justice • [5]cultural political sociology)

2026 Valiant Arts. "'Wait a Minute…': The Story of Claudette Colvin." Storyteller at March 2026 Dance Showcase (*Rooted & Rising*). Providence, Rhode Island.[2,4,5]

Rhode Island Black Storytellers. "Meet Death with Your Eyes Open." Storyteller at Open Mic for FundaFest 28 (*Words and Music – Outspoken*). Providence, Rhode Island. [2,4,5]

2020 Sanctuary Church. "LEAN IN: A Conversation with Jocelyn Bell on Joy, Hope & the Power of Emotion." YouTube. (https://youtu.be/gvze267zU68)[2,4]

2016 United Nations Association of the USA – Bluegrass Chapter. "Say What? Slavery?! – Discussing human trafficking through domestic and international perspectives." Panel moderator and co-organizer. Lexington, KY[1,3,4,5]

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to Profession

2024-2026 Mentor, Relationships and Mentoring Program (RAMP), Association of Black Sociologists

2019 Volunteer, The Du Boisian Scholar Network National Convening (Brown University), Du Boisian Scholar Network

Departmental/University Service (Bryant University)

2025-2026 Member, Short Term Study Abroad Review Committee

2025 Programming Sub-Committee Member, Day of Understanding 2025 Planning Committee (Office of Community & Belonging)

Presenter, 4MILE [Topic: "Embracing Our Identities: Navigating Racial Identity and Building Community Session"] (Intercultural Center)

Selection Committee Member, Visiting Writer's Series 2025-2026 (Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences)

2024-2025 Discussant, Pizza and Politics (Department of Politics, Law, and Society)

Departmental/University Service (Brown University)

2020-2021 Graduate Student Representative, Diversity Committee (Sociology Department)

2018-2019 Member, Professional Development Committee (Sociology Department)

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2026-present	Board Member,[2,4,5] Rhode Island Black Storytellers
2026	Discussion Co-Facilitator,[4] InterVarsity: Co-led a discussion group about the intersection of the Christian faith, ethics, and AI comprised of about 10-12 faculty and post-doctoral fellows (Christian and non-Christian) form universities around Rhode Island • crafted a workshop to facilitate faculty exploring teaching practices (e.g., in-class activities) that promote student formation that aligns use of AI that aligns with the ethical framework we had developed during our gatherings
2025-2026	Creator,[4] *From Ideas to Impact* podcast: Primary host of podcast tied to The Human Spark class (Bryant University) • interview and facilitate discussions with innovators and creators from various industries whose work is guided by a love ethic
2025	Discussion Co-Facilitator,[1, 2, 3] InterVarsity: Co-facilitated a discussion group about the Israel-Palestine conflict comprised of 6-7 faculty and post-doctoral fellows (Christian and non-Christian) from universities around Rhode Island and Massachusetts • crafted a discussion experience (centered around Peter Beinart's (2025) *Being Jewish After the Destruction of Gaza: A Reckoning*) that fostered reflexivity, respect amid disagreement, and encouraged thoughtful action to build upon what was learned • counseled faculty on practical next steps rooted in a love ethic
2023-2024	Consultant,[4] Sanctuary Church: Created report outlining strategic priorities and suggestion for actions to revamp community service and engagement • created and managed diverse team to carry out the planning process
2021	Facilitator of Leaders of Color Working Group,[2,4] Sanctuary Church: Developed service ideas and provided emotional and spiritual anti-racist care to leaders of color within the church
2017, 2018, 2020	Peer Grant Reviewer,[3] U.S. Administration for Children and Families: Reviewed applications from service providers for grants from the Office of Trafficking in Persons • Scored the applications and provided recommendations to USACF for grant awards
2016	President of the Board,[1,2,3,4,5] United Nations Association of the USA – Bluegrass Chapter: Created short-term and long-term vision in cooperation with Board • crafted long-term sustainability plans • engaged with the community and built partnerships on behalf of the chapter; created community education events on different social justice issues (e.g., human trafficking)
2013-2015	Programs Administrator,[1,3] Shared Hope International: Facilitated relationships with domestic and foreign partners • created monitoring and evaluation database of 2007-2015 grantee partner information • created and maintained database of key findings from human trafficking and relevant human rights research for use in publications, congressional testimony, etc. • managed college and high school interns

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association • Association of Black Sociologists • Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent) • Hindi (Conversational) • Spanish (Conversational)