

# Matthew Aguilar-Champeau

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## EDUCATION

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University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN

**Ph.D.** in Sociology (Exp. 2026)

Dissertation: *Run-Stop-Fierce: Race, Meritocracy, and the Cosmopolitan Canopy*

Committee: Enid Logan (chair), Douglas Hartmann, Teresa Gowan, Colin Agur

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN

**M.A.** in Sociology (2017)

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

**B.A.** in Sociology/Anthropology and Race and Ethnic Studies (2014)

Concentration in Film Studies

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

### Instructor of Record

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| 2024 | SOC 3251W: Sociological Perspectives on Race, Class, and Gender<br><i>Redesigned original writing-intensive syllabus focused on intersectional analysis. Politics-focused sociology course analyzing aspects of the 2024 election.</i>                    |
| 2020 | SOC 3211W: Race and Racism<br><i>Designed original writing-intensive syllabus on race and social movements. Asynchronous lectures designed as listenable podcasts with frequent media examples.</i>   |
| 2018 | SOC 3251W: Sociological Perspectives on Race, Class, and Gender<br><i>Designed original writing-intensive syllabus focused on intersectional analysis. Media-focused pedagogy integrating popular culture representations of race, class, and gender.</i> |

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

### Teaching Assistant

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| 2024 | SOC 1001: Introduction to Sociology   |
| 2023 | SOC 4101: Law, Crime, and Punishment<br>SOC 3701: Social Theory                           |
| 2022 | SOC 3611: The Sociology of Sexualities<br>SOC 3435: The Politics of Eating                |
| 2021 | SOC 4960W: Capstone Experience, Seminar<br>SOC 3004: Disease, Disaster, and Other Killers |
| 2020 | SOC 3012: Social Movements, Protests, and Change  |
| 2019 | SOC 1001: Introduction to Sociology<br>SOC 3004: Disease, Disaster, and Other Killers     |

2018	SOC 3251W: Sociological Perspectives on Race, Class, and Gender
	SOC 4102: Criminal Behavior and Social Control
2017	SOC 1001: Introduction to Sociology
2016	SOC 1001: Introduction to Sociology
2015	SOC 3701: Social Theory
	SOC 1001: Introduction to Sociology

### Prospective Courses

Core	Introduction to Sociology
	Constructing Social Theory
	Research Methods
	Social Problems
	Stratification
Elective	Urban Sociology
	The Sociology of Gender
	Race and Ethnicity
	The Sociology of Film
	Marxist Theory
Interdisciplinary	Film and Society
	Visual Sociology
	Political Economy
	Sociology of Empire
	Critical Theory

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Urban Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Cultural Sociology. Digital Sociology, Sociology of Sports, Popular Culture, Production of Space, Political Economy, Diversity Studies, Social Mapping, Qualitative Methodology

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Peer-Reviewed Articles:

2021	Rajasekar N, <b>Aguilar-Champeau M</b> , Hartmann D., <i>Diversity Discourse as Racialized and Double-edged. Sociology of Race and Ethnicity.</i> 2022;8(2):315-332
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#### Works in Progress:

In Preparation	Run-Stop-Fierce: A Sociological Exploration of the Fighting Game Community. <i>Book proposal in development based on dissertation.</i>
In Preparation	Towards a Sociological Game Studies. <i>Manuscript in preparation; planned submission to <b>Games and Culture.</b></i>

### PRESENTATIONS

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2023	Race, Fighting, and the City: A Sociological Exploration of the FGC. <i>Invited talk and research discussion with students at St. Paul Community College.</i>
2018	Race, diversity, masculinity, and video game culture. <i>Invited talk at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.</i>
2018	“The Dimensions of Diversity:” Definitions, Values, and Race-Based Policy Attitudes. <i>Paper presented at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting.</i>
2017	How Do Americans Define Diversity? Findings from a New National Survey. <i>Paper presented at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting.</i>
2016	Wu-Tang Chican@s: Transmedia, Borderlands, and Urban Identity. <i>Graduate Research Presentation, Department of Communication Studies, UMN.</i>

## FELLOWSHIPS

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2020-21	Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity Summer Fellowship
2017-19	Beverly and Richard Fink Research Fellowship
2014-16	Edelstein Family Foundation Fellowship
2014	Diversity of Views and Experiences (DOVE) Fellowship

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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2025	American Council of Learned Societies Leading Edge Fellowship Finalist
2024-25	Center for Educational Innovation Thank-A-Teacher Award
2018	Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award Runner-Up
2016	Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
2016	The Best of TheSocietyPages.org: Podcast of the Year

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2023-24	UMN College of Liberal Arts Internship Program
2022-23	UMN First-Gen Career Advancement Workshop
2021-22	UMN Sociology Executive Committee Graduate Student Representative
2020-22	IGDA Games User Research Group Mentorship Program

## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

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2014-24	TheSocietyPages.org Senior Content Producer and Editorial Board Selected works: → <a href="#">Jooyoung Lee on <i>Blowin' Up: Rap Dreams in South Central</i></a> → <a href="#">Douglas Hartmann on <i>Midnight Basketball</i></a> → <a href="#">Natasha Warikoo on <i>The Diversity Bargain</i></a> → <a href="#">Theda Skocpol on <i>The Koch Network</i></a>
2016-20	<i>Film Criticism Video Essays</i> Series of video essays analyzing American remakes of J-Horror films.

- 2014 *Enough: An Analysis of the ENOUGH Student Movement* (Short Documentary)  
Capstone screening at the Race and Ethnic Studies annual event.
- 2011-14 *Narrative shorts: RADIO, UNTITLED, PATHS*  
Narrative films directed, written, and screened at college film festivals. Winner of Best Cinematography at St. Olaf Film Festival.

## AFFILIATIONS

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American Sociological Association  
Midwest Sociological Association  
International Game Developers Association  
Games User Experience Research Group