**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**Professional Positions**

2020 – Present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Temple University

2013 – 2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Temple University

2006 – 2008 Fellow, Association of Schools of Public Health, Practitioner Data Banks Branch of the Health Resources and Services Administration

**Education**

2013 Ph.D. in Demography and Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

Dissertation: *The Economic Lives of Black Immigrants: An Analysis of Wages, Homeownership, and Locational Attainment in the United States*

2009 M.A. in Demography, University of Pennsylvania

2006 M.P.H in Health Management and Policy, University of Michigan School of Public Health

2004 B.A. in Public Health, Natural Sciences, Johns Hopkins University

**Research and Teaching Interests**

Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration

Socioeconomic Inequality

Demography

Quantitative Methods

Public Health

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

**Tesfai, R.** 2020. Immigrants’ Occupational Segregation in France: “Brown Collar” Jobs or a Sub-Saharan African Disadvantage?, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 43(15). DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2019.1686162

**Tesfai, R.**, Ruther M., Madden J. February 2020. Precursors to Neighborhood Revitalization?

Immigrant Growth and Neighborhood Change in New and Traditional Settlement Areas. *Urban Geography*. 41(2): 268-292. DOI: 10.1080/02723638.2019.1647755

**Tesfai, R.**, Thomas, K. January 2020. Dimensions of Inequality: Black Immigrant Women’s

Occupational Segregation in the United States. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity.* 6(1): 1-21. DOI: 10.1177/2332649219844799.

**Tesfai, R.** June 2019. Double Minority Status and Neighborhoods: Examining the Primacy of Race in Black Immigrants’ Racial and Socioeconomic Segregation. *City & Community*. 18(2): 509-528.

Thomas, K., **Tesfai, R.** February 2019. Race, Ethnicity, the Political Incorporation of Black

Immigrants: an Examination of Evidence from Presidential Elections Won by Barack Obama. *Journal of International Migration and Integration.* 20(1): 101-120.

**Tesfai, R.** February 2019. Does Country Context Matter? Sub-Saharan and North African Immigrants’ Labour Market Outcomes in France and Spain. *International Migration*. 57(1): 298-317.

Ruther M., **Tesfai R.**, Madden J. 2018. Foreign Born Population Concentration and Neighborhood Growth and Development within U.S. Metropolitan Areas. *Urban Studies.* 55(4): 826-843

**Tesfai, R.** 2017. Racialized Labour Market Incorporation? African Immigrants and the Role of Education-Occupation Mismatch in Earnings. *International Migration* 55(4): 203-220

**Tesfai, R.** 2017. Continued Success or Caught in the Housing Bubble? Black Immigrants and the Housing Market Crash. *Population Research and Policy Review* 36(4): 531-560

**Tesfai R.** 2016. The Interaction between Race and Nativity on the Housing Market: Homeownership and House Value of Black Immigrants in the United States. *International Migration Review* 50(4): 1005-1045 (NIHMSID: 764427, PMCID: PMC53305176)

Reniers G, **Tesfai R.** 2009. Health Services Utilization in Terminal Illness among Adults in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. *Health Policy and Planning* 24(4): 312-319

Hermalin AI, Ofstedal MB, **Tesfai R.** 2007. Future Characteristics of the Elderly in Developing Countries and Their Implications for Policy. *Asian Population Studies*; 3 (1): 5-36

**Book Reviews**

**Tesfai, R.** March 2020. Immigration and the Remaking of Black America (Book Review).

*Sociological Forum* 35(1): 253-257

**Fellowships/Awards**

2016 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty

2013 University of Michigan NCID Emerging Diversity Scholar Citation

**Media Coverage**

Florida, R. The High Cost of Closed Borders: Where Immigrant Populations Live Tells Us a Lot About How they Improve the U.S. Economy. *The Atlantic – Citylab*. (January 10, 2017).

**Presentations**

*Conference Presentations*

Tesfai, R. “Second Generation Black Immigrants in the Labor Market: Full-Time Employment,

Over-Education, and Wages” Population Association of America Annual Meeting (National Meeting, April 2020, Washington DC. (Session Canceled)

Tesfai, R. “Occupational Segregation in France: “Brown-Collar” Jobs or an Overall Immigrant

Disadvantage?” Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, April

2019, Austin, TX.

Tesfai R, Ruther M, Madden J. “Precursors to Neighborhood Revitalization? Immigrant Growth and Neighborhood Change in New and Traditional Settlement Areas.” Presented at the American Sociological Association, August 2017, Montreal, QC, Canada

Ruther M., Tesfai R., Madden J. “Foreign Born Population Concentration and Neighborhood Growth and Development within U.S. Metropolitan Areas.” Presented at the American Sociological Association, August 2016, Seattle WA.

Tesfai, R. “Black Immigrants and the U.S. Labor Market: The Role of Occupational Mismatch in Earnings” Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, March/April 2016, Washington D.C.

Tesfai, R. “Continued Success or Caught in the Housing Bubble? U.S. and Foreign-Black Housing Market Outcomes from 2007-2011” Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, April 2015, San Diego CA.

Tesfai, R. “Black Immigrant Segregation: An Investigation of the Primacy of Race in Locational Attainment” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2014, San Francisco CA.

Tesfai, R. “Schooling Progress in the U.S. and Canada: Context’s Effects on Assimilation Patterns of Immigrant Blacks” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2014, San Francisco CA.

Tesfai, R. “Black Immigrant Segregation: An Investigation of the Primacy of Race in Locational Attainment” Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, May 2014, Boston MA.

Tesfai, R. “Do Black Immigrants Earn more than U.S.-born Blacks? New Evidence on an Old Question.” Presented at the International Conference on Migration and Well-Being: Research Frontiers, January 2013, Tel Aviv Israel

Tesfai, R. “The Interaction between Race and Immigrant Status on the Housing Market: Homeownership and House Value of Black Immigrants in the United States.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference (Roundtable), August 2012, Denver CO.

Tesfai, R. “Do Black Immigrants Earn More than U.S.-Born Blacks? New Evidence on an Old Question.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August, 2012, Denver CO.

Tesfai, R. “Ethnic Inequality in Homeownership and House Value: An Investigation of Wealth and Assimilation Differences among Blacks in the United States.” Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Conference, May 2012, San Francisco CA.

*Invited Addresses*

Tesfai, R. “Untitled Presentation”. McGill University Demography Colloquium (Local Meeting)

December 2020, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Tesfai, R. “Racialized Incorporation? Black Immigrants’ Housing and Labor Outcomes in the

United States”. University of Pennsylvania Sociology Department Colloquium.

(Local Meeting) March 2020, Philadelphia, PA. (Session Cancelled)

Tesfai, R. “Racialized Economic Incorporation? Black Immigrants’ Labor and Housing Market

Outcomes in the United States and Abroad.” The College of New Jersey Psychology

Department Speaker Series. November 8, 2019. Ewing, NJ.

Moderator. Refugee Panel of the Mini-Conference on the Future of Immigration Scholarship.

International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association. August 10,

2018, Philadelphia, PA.

Tesfai, R. “Immigrants and Neighborhoods: Increasing Immigrant Populations and

Neighborhood Revitalization in Major Metropolitan Areas.” University of Pennsylvania Education & Inequality Mini-Conference. January 2018, Philadelphia, PA.

Tesfai, R. “New Faces in New Places: Immigrants in Major U.S. Metropolitan Areas.” Challenge

of Cities: In Honor of Janice Fanning Madden’s Retirement. May 2017, Philadelphia, PA.

Tesfai, R. “Harbingers of Gentrification? Foreign-born Concentration and Neighborhood Change

in New and Traditional Immigrant Settlement Areas.” Presented at the Pennsylvania State University Population Research Institute Immigration Working Group, December 7, 2016, State College, PA.

Panel Participant. Immigration Conference at NYU Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity

and the Transformation of Schools. December 5, 2015, New York, NY.

*Community Presentations*

Tesfai, R. Presentations to recruit participants for the KiDSS: Effectiveness of Developmental and Behavioral Screening Instruments for Children.

Faith Immanuel Church, February 2015, East Landsdowne PA.

AfriCom Board Meeting, November 2014, Philadelphia PA.

Faith Immanuel Church, October 2014, East Landsdowne PA.

14th African and Caribbean Health, Wellness, and Cultural Fair, Philadelphia PA.

Mayor’s Commission on African and Caribbean Immigrant Affairs, October 2014, Philadelphia PA.

Ethiopian Protestant Church, July and October 2013, Upper Darby PA.

Ethiopian Orthodox Church, August and September 2013, Philadelphia, PA.

**Teaching Experience**

Temple University (Instructor of Record)

Undergraduate

*Social Statistics* (Sociology 1167)

Fall: 2018 and 2019

Spring: 2018

*Methods in Program Evaluation* (Sociology 3571)

Spring: 2018, 2019, and 2020

*Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences* (Sociology 0825)

Fall: 2013, 2014

Spring: 2013, 2015, and 2016

*Ethnicity and the Immigrant Experience in the United States* (Sociology 0835)

Fall: 2015, 2018, 2019, and 2020

Spring: 2014, 2015, and 2020

Graduate

*Immigration and Inequality* (Sociology 9311)

Fall: 2020

Spring: 2016 and 2019

**Professional Service**

2020 Reviewer

*Canadian Studies in Population*

*Journal of Urbanism*

*African Identities*

2019-2020 Session Organizer and Chair, Population Association of America Annual Meeting

Racial/Ethnic Inequalities in Health and Mortality Session (session canceled)

Racial/Ethnic Inequalities in Mental Health Session (session canceled)

2019 Book Reviewer, *Sociological Forum*

2019 Discussant, New Data Sources and Sampling Strategies for Identifying Migrants

for the Population Association of America Annual Conference

2019 Reviewer, *Demography*

2018 Reviewer, *National Science Foundation Grant Proposal*

2018 Reviewer

*International Migration Review*  (2 papers)

*Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

*Environment and Planning A*

2017-2018 Planning Committee Member, International Migration Mini-Conference for the 2018 American Sociological Association Annual Conference

2017 Discussant, The Conditions of Home, Housing, and Household session for the American Sociological Association Annual Conference

2017 Reviewer, *Demographic Research*

2016 Reviewer, *Sociological Inquiry*

2015 Reviewer

*Social Problems*

*Sociology of Education*

2014 Reviewer, *Journal of Anthropological Research*

2009 Reviewer, *Health Policy and Planning*

2009-Present Member, Population Association of America

2013-Present Member, American Sociological Association

**University Service**

Spring 2021 Member, College of Liberal Arts Graduate Committee

2020-Present Member, College of Liberal Arts Sabbatical Committee

2020-Present Member, University Sabbatical Committee

**Department Service**

2019-Present Member, Department Program Assessment Sub-Committee

2019-Present Member, Undergraduate Committee

2019-2020 Member, Executive Committee

2019-2020 Member, Executive Committee

Fall 2019 Member, Hiring Committee

2017-2018 Member, Graduate Committee

2014-2016 Member, Graduate Committee

2014-2015 Member, Executive Committee

2013-2014 Member, Admissions Committee

**Student Advising and Mentoring**

2016 – 2019 Faculty mentor to David Schrider, Temple University, Department of Sociology

Faculty mentor on co-authored project tentatively titled “Acculturation Stress and Developmental and Behavioral Disorder Rates among Spanish Speaking Families”

Supervisor during the Fall 2016 semester. David served as research assistant on a project entitled: “Bran Waste? African Immigrants Returns to Education in Europe”

2015 Faculty Mentor to Kaitlyn Antenucci, Temple University, College of Liberal Arts Baccalaureate Award Recipient

*Dissertation Committees*

2019 – Preesent Mary Ward-Bucher

Committee Member

Rescripting Sanctuary: Immigrant-Led Organizing in Philadelphia.

(Tentative Title)

Dissertation Proposal Defense Spring 2020

Sole Examiner for Preliminary Exam in Immigration

2014 – 2019 Sheena Sood

Committee Member

South Asian Political Organizations: Representing the Community Interests through Political Agendas, Alliances and Coalitions. Dissertation Defense Spring 2019

2015 – 2017 Rene Ropac

Committee Member

Perceived Racial or Ethnic Discrimination as a Barrier to Socioeconomic Upward Mobility among Second-Generation Immigrants in Southern California and Southern Florida: A Longitudinal Analysis of Prevalence and Short- and Long-Term Effects of Perceived Discrimination. Dissertation Defense July 2017.