
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor **Fall 2022-Present**
The University of Houston, Houston, Texas
Departments of Sociology and African American Studies

Faculty Affiliate **Fall 2022-Present**
Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies

Faculty Affiliate **Fall 2022-Present**
Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Faculty Affiliate **Fall 2022-Present**
The HEALTH Center for Addictions Research and Cancer Prevention

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology **Spring 2022**
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

Master of Arts in Sociology **Spring 2019**
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology **Summer 2010**
University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

PREVIOUS POSITION

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, **Fall 2017- Summer 2022**

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

- Sociology of Health and Healthcare
- Sociology of Gender
- Sociology of Aging and life-course

RESEARCH AREAS

- Maternal Health Inequalities
- Global Health (USA & Africa)
- Social Determinants of Health
- Reproduction
- Fertility, Aging, and Health

PUBLICATIONS

Published Papers

1. **Langa N., Accepted--In Production.** "The Intersecting Structural Inequalities, Women's Poverty, and Social Justice Initiatives in Tanzania" in *the International Handbook of Women and Poverty: Global Essays and Social Justice Initiatives* edited by Sheila M. Katz and Laura Livesey, Forthcoming late 2026.
2. **Langa N., & Kutela B. Accepted--In Production in Women, Gender, & Families of Color,** Fundamental Causes: Ownership of Means of Transportation as the Determinant of Maternal Health Care Utilization among Tanzanian Women.

3. **Langa, N.**, Anderson, K. F., Tuthill, Z. O., Milazzo, A., Sampson, M., Gregory, E., Pilkinton, K. A., *Bennet, R. S., York, F. N., & Walton, Q. L. (2025). Intersecting social inequalities in prenatal and postnatal care: Examining race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geographic location. *Social Science & Medicine*, 384, 118583. <https://doi.org/10.1016/J.SOCSCIMED.2025.118583>
*Bennet is a student
4. **Langa N.**, Ncho J*, & Carter F*. (2025), Intersecting Fertility: Educational Disparities in Black Older Women’s Health Outcomes. *Journal of Women and Aging*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/08952841.2025.2484845>. Ncho J*, and Carter F* are students.
5. **Langa N.**, Oyarvide Tuthill Z., & Kutela B. (2025), Unequal Access: Healthcare Disparities in Cervical Cancer Screening among African women, *Journal of Black Studies* <https://doi.org/10.1177/002193472513135>.
6. **Langa, N.** (2024). World-Systems Analysis and Postnatal Care Utilization among Periphery Women: The Case of Tanzania (2010–2016). *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 30(2), 560–582. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jwsr.2024.1227>.
7. Oyarvide Tuthill, Z., **Langa, N.**, & Sanjana P. (2024). Assessing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Pregnant-Related Deaths, *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10995-024-03944-0>.
8. **Langa, N.** (2024). Examining the Period-Based Changes in the Effect of Socioeconomic Status in Maternal Healthcare Utilization Across Regional and Residential Contexts in Postcolonial Tanzania (1991–2016). *Sociological Focus*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380237.2024.2354450>.
9. **Langa, N.** (2023). Intersectionality and Dependency Lenses in Neonatal Mortality: Evidence of Regional, Residential, and Socioeconomic Inequalities from Post-colonial Tanzania, 1991–2016. *Sociological Perspectives*, 66(4). <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214231167172>.
10. **Langa, N.**, Bhatta, T., & Amuta, A. (2023). Intersecting Upstream Factors: Inequities in Cervical Cancer Screening in Malawi. *Women’s Reproductive Health*, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23293691.2023.2229308>
11. **Langa, N.** (2023). Dependency Theory: An Evaluation of the Period-Based Changes in the Utilization of Maternal Health Care and Neonatal Mortality in Tanzania Between 1991 and 2016. *International Journal of Social Determinants of Health and Health Services (International Journal of Health Services)*, 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1177/27551938231156033>.
12. Kutela, B., Ngeni, F., Novat, N., Shita, H., Ngotonie, M., Mwekh’iga, R. J., **Langa, N.**, & Das, S. (2024). Understanding Socio-Demographic Factors Associated with Shared-Use-Paths (Sup)s Utilization. *Journal of Cycling and Micromobility Research*, 2, 100012. <https://doi.org/10.1016/J.JCMR.2024.100012>
13. Kutela, B., Kitali, A., Kidando, E., **Langa, N.**, Novat, N., & Mwendu, S. 2023. “Exploring Commonalities and Disparities of Seattle Residents’ Perceptions on Dockless Bike-Sharing across Gender.” *City, Culture, and Society* 32:100503. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ccs.2023.100503>.
14. Kutela, B., Combs, T., John Mwekh’iga, R., & **Langa, N.** (2022). Insights into The Long-Term Effects of COVID-19 Responses on Transportation Facilities. *Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment*, 111, 103463. <https://doi.org/10.1016/J.TRD.2022.103463>.
15. **Langa, N** & Bhatta, T. (2020). The Rural-Urban Divide in Tanzania: Residential Context and Socioeconomic Inequalities in Maternal Health Care Utilization. *PLOS ONE*, 15(11), e0241746. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0241746>.

16. Goler, T. D., Bhatta, T. R., Lekhak, N., & **Langa, N.** (2021). Racial Differences in Self-Appraisal, Religious Coping, and Psychological Well-being in Later Life During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Journal of Elder Policy*, 1(3), 111–130. <https://doi.org/10.18278/jep.1.3.4>.
17. Kutela, B., Novat, N., & **Langa, N.** (2021). Exploring the Geographical Distribution of Transportation Research Themes Related to COVID-19 Using a Text Network Approach. *Sustainable Cities and Society*, 67, 102729. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scs.2021.102729>.
18. Kutela, B., **Langa, N.**, Mwendu, S., Kidando, E., Kitali, A. E., & Bansal, P. (2021). A Text Mining Approach to Elicit Public Perception of Bike-Sharing Systems. *Travel Behavior and Society*, 24, 113–123. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tbs.2021.03.002>.

Policy Briefs

1. **Langa N.**, 2024. Racial Disparities in Maternal Health Outcomes and Access to Care for Black Women in Texas, *Scholars Strategy Network*. <https://scholars.org/contribution/racial-disparities-maternal-health-outcomes>

Journal Papers Under Review

1. Tuthill, Z. O., **Langa, N.**, Anderson, K. F., Milazzo, A., Sampson, M., Gregory, E., Pilkinton, K. A., Bennet, R. S., Iran, C., York, F. N., & Walton, Q. L. “I can’t believe that this is really what is happening”: Understanding Birthing Experience in Texas. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (April 2026), (first round review). Bennet and Castillo** are students.
2. **Langa N.**, Ringo, N., and Grant G. Economic Globalization, Urbanization, and Maternity Care Usage Crisis in the Global South. *Sociological Focus* (December 2025), (second-round review). **Ringo, N and Grant, Gabrielle, are students **
3. **Langa N.**, Ringo, N., Henry S. When Global Policies Meet Maternal Health: Structural Adjustment, Socioeconomic Status, and HIV Testing During Pregnancy in Sub-Saharan Africa, *Review of Black Political Economy* (October 2025), (second round review). **Ringo, N, and Henry S are students **

Manuscripts in Preparation

Available upon request

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Under Review (\$8,900)

1. Tuthill Z., **Langa N.**, & Purdum, JC. The Joseph Sidney Werlin Sociology Faculty Award to promote Latin American-US Cultural Understanding, 2026-2028 (**A\$3,900**), (April 2026)
2. **Langa N.**, UH Population Health Outstanding Paper Award, UH Population Health (December 2025)
3. **Langa N.**, Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Award, UH Division of Research (\$5,000), (January 2026)

Funded (\$356,109)

1. **Principal Investigator**, Identifying and Understanding the Social and Policy Determinants of Obstetric-Care Use, Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in Texas and the USA: A National and Targeted Assessment, *National Science Foundation*, (**\$340,109**), August 2023.
2. **Principal Investigators**, Examining Inequities in Postnatal Care Utilization in Sub-Saharan Africa, The Case of Tanzania 2010-2016, *WGSS Faculty Summer Fellowships* (**\$4,000**), June 2023,

3. **Principal Investigator**, Fertility, Education, and African American Women's Later-Life Health Disparities, *New Faculty Research Program (\$6,000)*, March 2023
4. **Recipient**, *Liberal Arts General Scholar Scholarship (\$6,000)*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Spring 2021.

Rejected (\$684,882)

1. **Principal Investigator**, Study Abroad to Tanzania (**\$34,406**), *IDEAS Program, U.S. Department of State*, November 2024 (*advanced to the finalist stage in April 2025*).
2. **Principal Investigator**, Study Abroad Program Development Grant, *Texas International Education Consortium*, (\$6,000), May 2025
3. **Principal Investigator**, 2025 Early-Career Research Fellowship: Human Health & Community Resilience Track, *National Academies (Science, Engineering and Medicine)*, Gulf Research Program, (**\$75,000**), March 2025.
4. **Principal Investigator**, Women's Status and HIV Testing During Pregnancy across Underdeveloped SSA Countries: An Intersectional Feminist Political Economy Analysis, *Laura Bassi Scholarships* (\$500), May 2024.
5. **Principal Investigator**, CAREER: Intersecting Disparities in HIV Testing for Pregnant Black Women in the USA and Africa, *National Science Foundation*, Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER), \$399,666, July 2024.
6. **Principal Investigator**, Women's Status and HIV Testing During Pregnancy Across Underdeveloped SSA Countries: An Intersectional Feminist Political Economy Analysis, *WGSS Faculty Summer Fellowships* (\$4,000), May 2024.
7. Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program, January 2024
8. **Principal Investigator**, Socioeconomic Inequities in Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening among Sub-Saharan African countries, *HEALTH NIMHD-RCMI* (\$49,880), October 2023
9. **Principal Investigator**, Changes in the Pattern of Inequalities in Obstetric Care Use among Black Women in Texas and Harris County after the Medicaid Coverage Expansion: A State and County Targeted Assessment, *Alice Kleberge Foundation*, (**5,000**), July 2023
10. **Principal Investigator**, Examining the Social Determinants of the Access and Usage of Obstetric-Care Use in Texas and the USA"(\$55,260). *DOR, Higher Priority Research Seed Grant*, February 2023.
11. **Principal Investigator**, Socioeconomic Inequities in Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening among Sub-Saharan African countries, *HEALTH NIMHD-RCMI* (\$25,170), October 2022
12. **Co-Principal Investigator**, Disparities in Access to and Utilization of Digital Multi-media Smoking Cessation Programs, *HEALTH NIMHD-RCMI*, (\$30,000), October 2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Shakir, A., *Earle, D., Wright, K., **Langa, N.**, &*Rainer, E., & *Harmon, M. Undergraduate Mentoring in African American Studies at the University of Houston, Roundtable Discussion, **National Council for Black Studies**, Baltimore, MD, March 2026. *Earle, Rainer, and Harmon are students
2. Sampson, M, Walton, Q., **Langa, N.**, Tuthill, Z O., Anderson, K., York, F., Milazzo, A., & Gregory, E. "The Persistent Power of Structural Racism: Intersectional Barriers to Maternal Care Access", Social *Work and Research 30th Annual Conference Anniversary*. Flash Talks, Washington, DC, January 2026.
3. Tuthill, Z. O., & **Langa, N.**, "I Can't Believe That This is Really What is Happening": Understanding Birthing Experience in Texas. *National Women Studies Association*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2025.
4. Shakir, A., **Langa, N.**, &*Tribble, A., *Carter, F., Pedagogies of Place: Africana Studies Approaches to Public Health, Archeology, and Student Activism at the University of Houston, Roundtable Discussion, *National Council for Black Studies*, Cincinnati, OH, March 2025. *Tribble and Carter are students
5. Langa N & Carter F, Intersecting Fertility: Educational Disparities in Black Older Women's Health

Outcomes, *National Council for Black Studies*, Cincinnati, OH, March 2025.

6. **Langa N.** Tuthill, ZO, Quinn, RA, Betinge, Rikki, Chowdhury, Elora, Querra, Ez. Articulating Genealogies in the Mentoring Roundtable, National Women's *Studies Association*, Detroit, Michigan, November 2024.
7. **Langa N.** Exploring the Social Inequities in Postnatal Care Utilization in the Periphery Nations: The case of Tanzania, *American Sociological Association*, PEWS Roundtables, Montreal, August 2024.
8. **Langa N.** Urban Disadvantages in Maternal Health Care Utilization in Post-colonial sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Tanzania, *American Sociological Association*, Climate, Health, Populations, Montreal, August 2024.
9. **Langa N.** The Postnatal Care Utilization among Periphery Women: The Case of Tanzania (2010-2016). *National Council for Black Studies, San Jose, CA*, March 2024.
10. **Langa N.** Dependency Theory: An Evaluation of Period-based Changes in Neonatal Mortality and Utilization of Maternal Health Care in Tanzania between 1991-2016, *The Southern Conference on African American Studies*, Inc, Houston, TX, February 2024
11. **Langa N.** Intersecting the Period-based Changes in Maternal Healthcare Utilization across Regional, Residential Contexts, and Socioeconomic Status Groups in Post-colonial Tanzania (1991-2016), *American Sociological Association*, Medical Sociology Roundtable Session- Table 10: Maternal and Infant Healthcare, Philadelphia, PA, August 2023
12. **Langa N.** Examining the Intersection of the Structural Inequities in Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening among Sub-Saharan African Older Women, *American Sociological Association*, August 2023.
13. **Langa N.** Dependency Theory: An Evaluation of Period-Based Changes on Neonatal Mortality and Utilization of Maternal Health Care in Tanzania Between 1991-2016. *The Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)*, Accra, Ghana, August 2023.
14. **Langa N.** Dependency Theory: An Evaluation of Period-based Changes in Neonatal Mortality and Utilization of Maternal Health Care in Tanzania between 1991-2016, *Pacific Sociological Association*, Seattle, Washington, March 2023.
15. **Langa N.** An Intersectionality and Dependency Lenses in Neonatal Mortalities: Evidence of Regional, Residential, and Socioeconomic Inequalities from the Post-Colonial Tanzania, 1991-2016, *National Council for Black Studies*, Gainesville, FL, March 2023.
16. **Langa, N. & Bhatta, T.** "Intersecting Upstream Factors: Inequities in Cervical Cancer Screening in Malawi." Presented at the *American Sociological Association* (Virtual meeting), August 07th, 2021.
17. Goler, Timothy D., Bhatta, Tirth R., Lekhak, N., **Langa, N.**, "Coping with the COVID-19: Racial Differences in Self-Appraisal, Religious Coping, and Psychological Well-being in Later Life" Presented at the *American Sociological Association* (Virtual meeting), August 08th, 2021.
18. **Langa, N., & Bhatta, T.** "The Rural-Urban Divide in Tanzania: Residential Context and Socioeconomic Inequalities in Maternal Health Care Utilization." Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA (Virtual meeting), August 2020.
19. Kutela, B., Mbuya, C., Kidando, E., Kitali, A.E., & **Langa, N.** "Revisiting Crash Fatality Classification for Modeling Highway-Rail Grade Crossings Crash Severity." Presented at the Transportation Research Board 2020 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. January 2020. Paper # 20-

20. **Langa, N. & Bhatta, T.** “Focusing Upstream Inequities in Cervical Cancer Screening in Malawi.” Presented at the Annual Graduate Professional Student Association Research Forum. Las Vegas, NV, 2019.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Teaching (Fall 2022-Present)

1. Instructor, Gender and Healthcare in Africa, UH
2. Instructor, Comparative Health: USA and Africa, UH
3. Instructor, Aging and Health, UH

Prior Teaching Experience (Fall 2019-Spring 2022)

1. Instructor, Social Demography, UNLV
2. Instructor, Principles of Sociology, UNLV
3. Teaching assistant, Statistics, UNLV
4. Teaching assistant, Sociology of Medicine, UNLV
5. Teaching assistant, Sociology of Aging, UNLV

Curriculum Development (Fall 2022)

1. Gender and Healthcare in Africa
2. Aging and Health: Africa and the USA
3. Immigration, Refugees, and Health
4. Comparative health care: Africa and USA

Study Abroad Program (Fall 2024-present)

1. Director, faculty-led study abroad program to Tanzania/Belize

M.A. Committee Chair

1. Sydni Townsend (Expected December 2026)
2. Regan Bennett (Graduated May 2025)
3. Jalissa Simons (Graduating May 2026)

M.A. Committee Member

1. Gabrielle Grants (Graduating May 2026)
2. Iran Castillo (Graduated May 2025)

Dissertation External Examiner (2025)

1. Petro Tulla Ntemi- University of Cape Town, South Africa

Internship supervisor (Spring 2026)

1. Franco, Lannini, Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies Program Intern

Research mentorship

1. Research mentor, Eryn Rainer (2025-2026), Faith D Carter (2024-2025), Regan S Bennett (2024-2025), John Adeleke (Spring 2023); Josepha-Faith Ncho (2024); Stephanie Guerrero, Carnegie Vanguard High School, Fall 2022; Ruchika Sanghi, Clements High School, Fall 2022; and Saachi Jain, Clements High School, Fall 2022.

SERVICE

Department, College, and University

1. CLASS to Career project Summer 2025
2. Paws Up Profs Initiative, Fall 2023-Present.
3. Committee member, Search Committee, African American Studies Department, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026.
4. Committee member, Scholarship Committee, African American Studies Department, Fall 2022-Present
5. Committee member, The Undergraduate Committee, Sociology Department, Fall 2022-Present
6. Lecturer APR subcommittee, Sociology Department, Spring 2023-Present

Community Service

Symposium and Community Event Organizer/Presenter

1. **Langa, N.** Maternal Health Symposium, April 22, 2026 (expected)
 - a. Funded by the African American Studies department and Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies (\$1500)
 - b. Speaker-Dr. Johnelle Sparks, Deborah Mouton
2. **Langa N,** Facilitator, Health Partnerships between the US and Angola
 - a. Funded by the African American Studies department
 - b. Speaker-Hon. Ana Paula Nascimento, Consulate General of Angola
3. **Langa, N.** Nurturing Black Motherhood: Challenges, Support, and Solutions, Houston, April 11th, 2025.
 - a. Funded by the African American Studies Department and Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies Program (\$570.10)
4. **Langa N.** Promoting Black Mothers' Health Wellbeing: A Community Health Initiative in Houston, April 17th, 2024.
 - a. Speaker-Dr. Zelma Oyarvide Tuthill from the University of Houston
 - b. Funded by the African American Studies department and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (\$570)
5. **Langa N.** Diminishing Inequalities in Maternal Health: USA and Africa, April 17, 2023.
 - a. Speakers-Dr. Adrienne Strong from the University of Florida, Gainesville, and Dr. Loise Maria Roth from the University of Arizona.
 - b. Funded by the African American Studies department

Other Community service

6. Presenter, How Can We Work Together for Safer Maternal Health? WGSS Now series, October 18th, 2025, Houston, Texas.
7. Presenter and Facilitator, the Social Determinants of Maternal Mortality, Harris Health Systems, January 14th, 2025.
8. Presenter and Facilitator, Health Outcomes Assembly (virtual event). Topic: "The Intersecting Racial/ Ethnic, Nativity, and Socioeconomic Inequalities in Maternal Mortality in the USA". September 10th, 2024.
9. Panelist, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS), Virtual Event on Maternal Morbidity report, July 12th, 2024.
10. Panelist, Maternal Health and Mortality, Intersecting Identities, And Pathways to Better Health Outcomes, National Council of Chronic Disease Directors, May 20th, 2024.
11. Presenter and Facilitator, "Social Determinants of Health Section During The Maternal and Child Health Disparities Leadership Summit," February 19th, 2024, in Houston, Texas. Topic: Identifying and Understanding the Social Determinants of Obstetric-Care Use, Maternal Mortality, and Morbidity in Texas.

12. Guest Lecturer, “Black’s Maternal Health, USA and Africa Comparisons,” Disparities in Health in America course, Kinesiology Department, September 2023 and September 2024, Rice University.
13. Guest Lecturer, “Congolese Refugees and Maternal Health,” University of Kansas Medical School, June 2023
14. Health Equity Scholars Program, Fall 2023-2024 (Competitive Selection)
15. Scholars Strategy Network Member, Fall 2023-2024
16. Founder, Maternal Health Research Group at the University of Houston, Fall 2022.
17. Faculty Advisor, African Student Association, Fall 2023-Present
18. Faculty Advisor, the Peace for Humanity Project, Fall 2022-Present

Professional service

Peer Reviewer for:

1. Sociological Focus (2024, 2025,2026)
2. Ethnicity and Health (2024,2025)
3. Health Science Reports (2024)
4. Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transformation (2024)
5. Women’s Reproductive Health (2024)
6. International Journal of Social Determinants of Health and Health Services (2023-2024)
7. Journal of World-System Research (2023)
8. Women's Health Journal (2023)
9. BMC Health Services Research (2023)
10. Transportation Research Board (2020)
11. Public Library of Science (2020,2022)
12. Frontiers in Women’s Health (2021)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. FACT: Collaborative Writing Group - (Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
2. 14 Days Writing Challenge, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (Spring, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, and Spring 2024)
3. Longitudinal Data Analysis by Using R, Statistical Horizons, (October 19th-21st, 2022)

MEDIA

1. UH Scholars Walk, 2024
2. “UH researchers unpacking disparities in Black maternal health,” By Jilian Holden, U of H, College of Liberal Arts and Social News, September 2023. [UH researchers unpacking disparities in Black maternal health - University of Houston.](#)
3. “Symposium to Examine Maternal health of Black women,” By Rebecca Hawley, U of H, College of Liberal Arts and Social News, April 2023. **Black Maternal Health Symposium**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Professional Memberships

- American Sociological Association (August 2017 to date)
- Pacific Sociological Association (August 2017 to date)

Professional Lifetime Memberships

- The Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)
- National Council for Black Studies

Professional Certification

- Data Sciences in the Social and Behavioral Sciences, The Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute, January 11th -12th, 2021.
- Online Teaching Essentials, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, August-November 2020.
- Core Strategies of Teaching Higher Education, LinkedIn Learning, September 5th, 2020.
- Learning to Teach Online, LinkedIn Learning, August 18th, 2020.
- Web Campus 308, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, September 9th, 2020.
- Web Campus 205, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, September 15th, 2020.