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EDUCATION

2021—present	PhD Sociology <i>Candidate as of Jan 2024</i> <i>Exams: Sociological Theory, Development and Globalization</i>	Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2016—2018	Research Master Social Sciences (cum laude) Sociology, Mixed Methods	University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
2010—2014	A.B. Anthropology modified with Biology (honors)	Dartmouth College, Hanover NH, USA

AREAS OF INTEREST

Colonialism and empire; political sociology; environmental sociology; development; political economy; sociological theory; historical sociology; public sociology

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Ramanujam, Archana. 2023. “Climate Scholarship Needs Du Bois: Climate Crisis through the Lens of Racial and Colonial Capitalism*.” *Sociological Inquiry* 93(2):273–95. doi: [10.1111/soin.12516](https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12516).

Ramanujam, Archana, Christian Bröer, Stefano Giani, and Gerben Moerman. 2020. “Temporality in Qualitative Longitudinal Studies on Health Experience: A Review and Analysis.” Pp. 495–518 in *Frontiers in Time Research—Einführung in die interdisziplinäre Zeitforschung*, edited by E. Schilling and M. O’Neill. Springer.

Emond, Jennifer A., Reina K. Lansigan, **Archana Ramanujam**, and Diane Gilbert-Diamond. 2016.

“Randomized Exposure to Food Advertisements and Eating in the Absence of Hunger among Preschoolers.” *Pediatrics* 138(6).

UNDER REVIEW

Ramanujam, Archana. “The Salty Subjectivity of Elites: Fighting for Bounded Sovereignty in Colonial Curaçao.”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

(Book Manuscript). **Ramanujam, Archana.** “Drinking Water in the Desert: The Contradictions of Colonialism in Curaçao.”

POPULAR & POLICY PUBLICATIONS

PODCASTS

Ramanujam, Archana, and Marie-Sol Reindl. Future Beyond Shell. 2021 – 2023. [↗](#)

REPORTS

Ramanujam, Archana. 2021. *The Climate Crisis Is a (Neo)Colonial Capitalist Crisis: Experiences, Responses and Steps Towards Decolonising Climate Action*. Brussels: European Network Against Racism. [↗](#)

Plehwe, Dieter, Max Goldenbaum, **Archana Ramanujam**, Ruth McKie, Jose Moreno, Kristoffer Ekberg, Galen Hall, Lucas Araldi, Jeremy Walker, Robert Brulle, Moritz Neujeffski, Nick Graham, Milan Hrubes, and Quinn Slobodian. 2021. *The Mises Network and Climate Policy*. The Climate Social Science Network. [↗](#)

SELECT PUBLIC ARTICLES

Archana Ramanujam, “De komst van ‘s werelds eerst landgebonden ontziltingsinstallatie op Curaçao, *De Archiefvriend* [National Archives of Curaçao circular], 31:2, June 2025. (Translation: The arrival of the world’s first on-land desalination plant in Curaçao).

Archana Ramanujam, “Why Climate Change Unfolds Unequally,” *The Probe*, Hindu College at Delhi University, October 2 2024. [↗](#)

Archana Ramanujam, “Black Lives Matter’ betekent óók in Nederland politiegeweld tegengaan,” *Hard//Hoofd*, June 16 2020. (*Translation: Black Lives Matter means tackling police violence in the Netherlands too*). [↗](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2026	Instructor , Brown University “Colonialism and Global Environmental Inequalities”; Environmental Studies Senior capstone course
Fall 2023	Teaching Assistant & Guest Lecturer , Brown University “Classical Sociological Theory”; Prof. Scott Frickel, Sociology Guest lecture: “Decolonizing Sociology”
Spring 2023	Teaching Assistant & Guest Lecturer , Brown University “Power, Knowledge and Justice in Global Social Change”; Prof. Michael Kennedy, Sociology and International & Public Affairs. Guest lecture: “Climate change”
Winter 2011	French Language Drill Instructor , Dartmouth College Introductory French; Prof. Kathleen Wine, French and Italian Studies

SELECTED GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2026	ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant , \$16,000 American Sociological Association, Washington DC, USA; funded by the National Science Foundation
2026	Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Research Fellowship , \$15,000 Society for the Study of Social Problems, Knoxville TN, USA
2026	IBES Graduate Research, Training and Travel Award , \$1170 Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2025	Doctoral Research Travel Grant ; \$1000 Graduate School, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2025	Beatrice and Joseph Feinberg Memorial Fund ; \$500 Sociology Department, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2025	Interdisciplinary Opportunities Fellowship ; tuition & stipend covered for one semester Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2024	Graduate Program in Development Summer Fellowship ; \$1500 Watson Institute for Public and Int’l Affairs, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2024	Joukowsky Summer Research Award ; \$1500 Graduate School, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2024	Research Mobility Fellowship ; tuition & stipend for one semester, \$650 in research funds Graduate School, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2023	Doctoral Research Travel Grant ; \$1000 Graduate School, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2023	IBES Graduate Research, Training and Travel Award , \$5000 Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2023	Beatrice and Joseph Feinberg Memorial Fund ; \$479 Sociology Department, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
2023	Community Engaged Research Mini-Grant , \$500 Swearer Center, Brown University, Providence RI, USA

- 2021— **Graduate Program in Development Fellowship**; tuition & stipend covered for two semesters
 2022 Watson Institute for Public and Int'l Affairs, Brown University, Providence RI, USA
- 2017— **University Research Fellowship**; €10000
 2018 Social Conflict & Change Group, Vrije Universiteit; Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2014 **Clare Garber Goodman Fund**; \$2500
 Dartmouth College, Hanover NH, USA

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “From Disrespect to Desalination: Fighting for Elite Sovereignty in Colonial Curaçao” (Upcoming, August 2026)
American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2026 “Running Dry: The Covert Competition for Water under Industrial Colonialism in Curaçao” (Upcoming, Aug '26)
Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY.
- 2026 “Naturalizing Water Wars : Why Colonial Bureaucrats Chose Competition with Capital,”
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Bordeaux, France.
- 2025 “Between Citizen and Subject: Water Infrastructure in Colonial Curaçao,”
Social Science History Association, Chicago IL.
- 2025 “Between Water and Warming: Developing Desalination in Colonial Curaçao”,
Islanders at the Helm Final Conference, University of Curaçao, Curaçao.
- 2025 “Developing Desalination: Colony, Multinational and Metropole in Curaçao, 1915 - 1928,”
Comparative-Historical Sociology Mini-Conference, Chicago IL.
- 2022 “Climate Scholarship Needs Du Bois: Climate Crisis through the Lens of Racial and Colonial Capitalism.”
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2021 “Race, racial and colonial capitalism and the Black Radical Tradition: in conversation with Degrowth.”
8th International Degrowth Conference, Online.
- 2018 “Conceptualizations of Time in Longitudinal Qualitative Studies of Experiences of Health and Illness: A Review.”
Midterm Conference ESA RN20 Qualitative Methods; University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
- 2018 “Globalization and the Protest Arena in the Netherlands; Revisiting Kriesi in 2017”
Day of Sociology, Dutch Sociological Association, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2018 “Examining the Demonstration Level: Selection Effect of Demonstration Issue and Organizer on Demonstrators’ Political Support.” *Politicologenetmaal, Dutch Political Science Association, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands*

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

- 2026 “Caught Between Independence and Debt: Developing Desalination in Colonial Curaçao,”
Climate Change, Decolonization and Global Blackness Workshop, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados.
- 2025 “Capital, state and nature under colonialism: governing water in colonial Curaçao, 1915 – 1930,”
Economy and Society Consortium Workshop, Brown University, Providence RI.
- 2024 “From Colonial Concessions to Carbon Emissions: Shell and Environmental Policymaking in Curaçao and the Netherlands,” *Governance & Inclusive Development Seminar, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.*
- 2023 Panelist, “Transdisciplinary Approaches to Climate Change: A Task for Sociology.”
Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach SC, USA.
- 2021 “Towards a Du Boisian Approach to the Climate Crisis.” *Privilege on a Warming Planet Mini-Conference, Online.*

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2024 – 2026 **Graduate Representative**; Environmental Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
Committee for Best Student Paper Award 2024 – 2025, Committee on Teaching and Mentoring 2025 – 2026.
- 2025 **Historical Sociology Symposium Organizing Committee**, Sociology Department, Brown University

2025	Immigration Committee , Sociology Department, Brown University
2023—2024	Graduate Representative ; Global and Transnational Section, American Sociological Association <i>Co-organized panel on Transnational Ecologisms in a Burning World at ASA 2024</i>
2022—2023	Graduate Representative ; Sociology Department, Brown University (1.5 yrs)

OTHER RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Spring 2021 part-time	Climate Justice Fellow , The Democracy Collaborative Washington DC, USA/Remote
Fall 2020 full-time	Consultant Researcher , European Network Against Racism Brussels, Belgium/Remote
2018 – 2020 full-time	Data Analyst , Ministry of Finance, Dutch Government Den Haag, The Netherlands
2017 – 2018 part-time	Assistant Researcher , Sarphati Cohort, University of Amsterdam; Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2017 – 2018 part-time	University Research Fellow , Social Conflict & Change Group, Free University; Amsterdam, Netherlands
2014 – 2016 full-time	Research Assistant , Epidemiology Dept, Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine; Hanover NH, USA

CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Sept 2025	Effective Communication Workshop ; Graduate School, Brown University
Jan 2025	GIS Institute ; Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences, Sociology Dept, Brown University
Fall 2024	Doctoral Certificate in W.E.B. Du Bois, Race and Racism ; Graduate School, Brown University
Fall 2023	Sheridan Teaching Seminar ; Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning at Brown

EXTERNAL AFFILIATIONS

Spring 2024	Affiliated PhD Researcher , Dept of Geography, Planning and International Development, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Spring 2024	Visiting Fellow , International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2023	Panelist, “Climate Justice is Social Justice, Social Justice is Climate Justice.” <i>Right to Energy Forum, Right to Energy Coalition/European Anti-Poverty Network, Online.</i>
2022	Panelist, “Environmental Racism and Climate Justice.” <i>EU Anti-Racism Summit, European Commission, Online.</i>

LANGUAGES

English	Native speaker
Dutch	Native speaker
French	Intermediate
German	Beginner
Papiamentu	Beginner
Tamil	Beginner

SKILLS

R (incl. spatial)	Intermediate
Stata	Intermediate
Python	Beginner
ArcGIS	Beginner
Zotero	Fluent user
Scrivener	Fluent user