

Oliver Rollins, Ph.D.

Dr. Oliver Rollins is an assistant professor in the Department of American Ethnic Studies at the University of Washington. Dr. Rollins received his Ph.D. in medical sociology from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Previously, he was a postdoctoral researcher in University of Pennsylvania in the Program on Race, Science & Society (2014-2018) and a Visiting Scholar in Penn's Center for Neuroscience and Society (2016-2018). Dr. Rollins's research uses qualitative sociological methods to explore how systemic practices of social difference influence, engage with, and are affected by, the making and use of neuroscientific technologies and knowledges. His book, *Conviction: The Making and Unmaking of The Violent Brain* (Stanford University Press, 2021), traces the development and use of neuroimaging research on anti-social behaviors and crime, with special attention to the limits of this controversial risk model when dealing with aspects of social difference, power, and inequality. Currently, Dr. Rollins has two new projects. First, he is working to understand the ethical implications and policy potentials for neuroimaging research on implicit bias, and especially the challenges of operationalizing racial prejudice and identity as neurobiological processes. Dr. Rollins other project focuses on the politics of social justice and (neuro)science, which aims to elucidate the socio-political vulnerabilities and anti-racist promises for contemporary neuroscientific practices.