

# EDUARDO BONILLA-SILVA

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva is the James B. Duke Professor of sociology at Duke University. He received his BA in Sociology with a minor in Economics in 1984 from the Universidad de Puerto Rico-Río Piedras campus. He received his MA (1988) and PhD (1993) from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He worked at the University of Michigan (1993-1998) and Texas A&M University (1998-2005) before joining Duke University in 2005.

He gained visibility in the social sciences with his 1997 *American Sociological Review* article, “Rethinking Racism: Toward a Structural Interpretation,” where he challenged analysts to study racial matters structurally rather than from the sterile prejudice perspective. His book, *Racism Without Racists* (5<sup>th</sup> edition in 2017), has become a classic in the field and influenced scholars in education, religious studies, political science, rhetoric, psychology, political science, legal studies, and sociology. A sixth edition is scheduled for 2021.

To date he has published five books, namely, *White Supremacy and Racism in the Post-Civil Rights Era* (co-winner of the 2002 Oliver Cox Award given by the American Sociological Association), *Racism Without Racists: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in the United States* (2004 Choice Award and again in 2015) (fifth edition came out in July 2017), *White Out: The Continuing Significance of Racism* (with Ashley Doane), in 2008 *White Logic, White Methods: Racism and Methodology* (with Tukufu Zuberi and also the co-winner of the 2009 Oliver Cox Award), and in 2011 *State of White Supremacy: Racism, Governance, and the United States* (with Moon Kie Jung and João H. Costa Vargas).

His research has appeared in journals such as *Sociological Inquiry*, *Racial and Ethnic Studies*, *Race and Society*, *Discourse and Society*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Critical Sociology*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Research in Politics and Society*, *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, *The American Behavioral Scientist*, *Political Power and Social Theory*, and *Social Problems* among others.

Bonilla-Silva has received many awards, most notably, the 2007 *Lewis Coser Award* given by the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association for Theoretical-Agenda Setting and, in 2011, the *Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award* given by the American Sociological Association “to an individual or individuals for their work in the intellectual traditions of the work of these three African American scholars.” He served as President of the **Southern Sociological Society** and the **American Sociological Association** in 2017-2018.

His most recent work is an article titled, “‘Racists,’ ‘Class Anxieties,’ Hegemonic Racism, and Democracy in Trump’s America,” in *Social Currents* (2018), “Feeling Race: Theorizing the racial Economy of Emotions,” in the *American Sociological Review*, (2019), “Color-blind Racism in Pandemic Times,” in the *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* (2020), and “¿Aquí no hay racismo: Apuntes Preliminares sobre lo racial en las Américas,” in *Revista de Humanidades* (2020). He is working on a paper to reorient work on microaggressions, on how to theorize racial formations in the Americas and the Caribbean, and on explaining why people in Latin America do not interpret overtly racist images as racist.