Profile

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Research and Innovation interests

The broad foundation of my research and innovation interests is bringing attention to the kaleidoscope of cultural and intellectual contributions of Black people (primarily women) in the worlds of feminism, democracy, popular culture, creative arts, and media and fandom.

Qualifications

Sociology, PhD, 'The woman saying this is Black like us': Black Women's Fandom and Intersectionality discourse on Tumblr, Birmingham City University
15 May 2015 → 7 May 2021
Award Date: 29 Oct 2021

Supervised by

Languages and Cultures of Asia, M.A., The Dancing Sufis of Gujarat: Religion, Identity and Performance, University of Wisconsin-Madison
29 Aug 2003 → 5 May 2005
Award Date: 5 May 2005

Supervised by **Narayan, Kirin**

Anthropology, B.A., Vassar College
22 Aug 1997 → 19 May 2001
Award Date: 19 May 2001

Supervised by **Cohen, Colleen Ballerino**

7.5: Masters Degree - Taught (Non-EU Institution)

… → 21 Nov 2024 Teaching Fellow, Advanced HE

Employment

Lecturer in Criminology and Sociology
Lecturer
Department of Criminology and Sociology
Birmingham City University
1 Aug 2026 → present

Associate Editor
Springer Nature
United Kingdom
15 Oct 2024 → present

Advisory Board Member
Lived Places Publishing
United States
1 Oct 2023 → present

Research outputs

We Don't Settle: Decolonizing the Heritage Sector by Empowering Young People of Color
Andrews, K. (Corresponding / Lead Author), Adereti, H., Fofana, A., Hilton, T. & Pow, K. (Corresponding / Lead Author), 2 Jul 2026, In: Curator: The Journal of Museum Studies.

A True Sista': Exploring Interracial Fantagonism among Black Women Fans of Scandal
Pow, K. (Corresponding / Lead Author), 14 Dec 2024, In: Transformative Works and Cultures. 44

Stories of Black Female Identity in the Making: Queering the Love in Blackness
Pow, K., 22 Jun 2023, USA: Lived Places Publishing. 176 p. (Queer and LGBT+ Studies, Gender Studies, Black Studies)

Mediating the praxis of intersectionality: Curatorial poaching on Tumblr
Pow, K., 17 Nov 2022, *Blackness at the Intersection.* Andrews, K., Crenshaw, K. & Wilson, A. (eds.). London: Bloomsbury Academic, p. 157-168 19 p. (Blackness in Britain).

"Scandalous Black Feminine Gaze(s): Critically Engaged Ethnography and Intersectional Fan Praxis on Tumblr"
Pow, K., 1 Dec 2020, *A Fan Studies Primer: Method, Research, Ethics.* Booth, P. & Williams, R. (eds.). Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, p. 125-142 17 p.

Insider/Outsider: Olivia Pope and the Pursuit of Erotic Power
Pow, K., 1 Aug 2019, *Gladiator in Suits: Race, Gender, and the Politics of Representation in Scandal* . Adams, S., Moffitt, K. R. & Jackson, II, R. L. (eds.). Syracuse University Press, p. 160-186 26 p. (Television and Popular Culture).

'Be Who You Are': Black Feminism in Volatile Realities
Pow, K., 15 Nov 2018, *The Fire Now: Anti-racist Scholarship in Times of Explicit Racial Violence.* Johnson, A., Joseph-Salisbury, R. & Kamunge, B. (eds.). Zed Books, p. 235-249 14 p.

Activities

Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association 2025:
Pow, K. (Participant)
18 Apr 2025

SEX, SCANDAL, AND SENSATION CONFERENCE
Pow, K. (Participant)
4 Jul 2024

UKSG 47th Annual Conference and Exhibition
Pow, K. (Participant)
9 Apr 2024

Black Women & Undoing Sexual Shame, co-organiser
Pow, K. (Participant)
25 Nov 2023

Bloomsbury Academic Writing Fellowship 2026: Judging Panel
Pow, K. (Participant)
1 Oct 2023 → …

Devolving Restitution and the UK Heritage Sector, panel chair, Birmingham Museums Trust, UK
Pow, K. (Participant)
10 Nov 2022

Archives of Desire Seminar Series
Pow, K. (Participant)

27 Apr 2022

Advisor, Martineau Garden's Gate Project
Pow, K. (Consultant)
21 Feb 2021 → 23 Sept 2021

Royal Geographic Society (RGS-IBG) annual conference
Pow, K. (Participant)
28 Aug 2019

Press/Media

And Just Like That: how Sex and the City sequel is broadening the representation of 50+ women on TV
Pow, K.
20/12/21
1 Media contribution

Beyoncé and Dolly Parton's versions of Jolene represent two sides of southern femininity
Pow, K.
22/04/24
1 Media contribution

Hosting a workshop around issues muffled by a blanket of silence in our community felt daunting. But it was revelatory
Pow, K.
4/01/24
1 item of Media coverage

Swarm: Donald Glover's new show is a dark meditation on fan culture from a decidedly Black female perspective
Pow, K.
23/03/23
1 Media contribution

Deported, Not Defeated: Jamaican Women & Deportation