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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Washington, 2014-present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Pepperdine University, 2010-2014

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Law, Society, and Culture, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 2009-2010

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2008-2009

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Ph.D. in Politics, December 2008

Committee: Melissa Harris-Perry (chair), Paul Frymer, Tali Mendelberg, and Cornel West

Princeton University, M.A. in Politics, June 2005

Examination fields: American Politics; Public Law; Policy and Inequality

Rice University, B.A. in Political Science and Economics, 2003

PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Political and Constitutional Development, Race, Crime, Capitalism, and Civil Rights

BOOK

- *Civil Rights and the Making of the Modern American State*, Cambridge University Press, 2014.
 - Winner of the 2015 Ralph J. Bunche Book Award for the best scholarly work in political science that explores the phenomenon of ethnic and cultural pluralism, American Political Science Association
 - Winner of the 2015 W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book of the Year Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
 - Featured on CSPAN BookTV
 - Reviewed by *American Historical Review*, *CHOICE*, *Harvard Law Review*, *Law and Politics Book Review*, *Law and Society Review*, and *Perspectives on Politics*.

PUBLICATIONS

- 'Black Politics and the Neoliberal Racial Order' (with Michael C. Dawson). *Public Culture*, forthcoming, Volume 28: Issue 1.

- ‘The Battle for the Hearts and Minds of America.’ *Souls*, Volume 13: Issue 1, (2011): 46 — 71.
- Review of John Hagan’s ‘Who Are The Criminals? The Politics of Crime Policy from the Age of Roosevelt to the Age of Reagan’, *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol 10, Issue 4, December 2012, pp 1075-1076.

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

- Black Interests and White Money: The Garland Fund, the NAACP, and the Erasure of Racial Violence
- The Crimes of Capitalism
- Securing the State and Terrorizing Citizens
- Political Protest and Hip Hop from the U.S. to the Arab Spring
- Killing Lynching (with Alvin Tillery)
- The Conservative Revolution and the Unraveling of the VRA of 1965

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “Law and Demons: A Response to the DOJ’s Ferguson Report” Presented at the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture Workshop, University of Chicago, April 2015.
- “Ferguson and Black Lives Matter” Presented at Facebook Headquarters, Menlo Park, CA, March 2015.
- “Why We Can’t Wait: Women, Civil Rights, and Strategies for Today” Women’s History Month keynote presented at St. Louis Community College, March 2015.
- “Civil Rights, Freedom Fighters, and Strategies for Today” Black History Month keynote presented at Allegheny College, February 2015.
- “Civil Rights and the Making of the Modern American State” Presented at the Ralph Bunche Center for African American Studies, UCLA, October 29, 2014.
- “Black Politics and the Neoliberal Racial Order” Presented at the Reproduction of Race and Racial Ideologies Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2013.
- “Radical Philanthropy and Civil Rights Before *Brown v. Board*” Presented at the Political Science Department, Loyola Marymount University, November 2013.
- “Civil Rights and the Making of the Modern American State” Presented at the Colloquium on Race, Ethnicity and Immigration, University of California, Berkeley, October 2013.
- “The NAACP, Mob Violence, and the Unexpected Breakthrough in Constitutional Law” Presented at the “We Must First Take Account: A Conference on Race, Law, and History in the Americas,” University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, April 2011.
- “The Civil Rights Connection: The Formation of National Judicial Power and the NAACP” Presented at The Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Politics and The Center for the Study of Urban Poverty, University of California, Los Angeles, March 2011.
- “Crimes of Justice: Mob Violence and the Origins of Civil Rights” Presented at the Social Science Diversity Colloquium, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, April 2010.
- “The NAACP, Mob Violence, and the Unexpected Breakthrough in Constitutional Law” Presented at the Center for Law, Society, and Culture Workshop, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN, October 2009.
- “Woodrow Wilson’s Civil Rights” Presented at the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2009.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- “Is Arab the New Black? Revisiting Domestic Surveillance and Terrorism” Presentation to take place at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2015.
- “The Crimes of Capitalism” Presentation to take place at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2015.
- “The Politics of Race and Class Inequalities in the Americas” Theme Panel. Presentation to take place at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2015.
- “The Price of Brown v. Board” Presentation to take place at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Law and Society Association, Seattle, WA, May 2015.
- Book Roundtable: A Panel Discussion on Daniel Gillion’s *The Political Power of Protest*, 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015.
- Book Roundtable: A Panel Discussion on Cristina Mora’s *Making Hispanics: How Activists, Bureaucrats, and Media Constructed a New American*, 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015.
- “The Crimes of Capitalism” Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.
- “Radical Philanthropy & Civil Rights Before Brown” Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Denver, CO, November 2014.
- “Black Politics 50 Years After the Civil Rights Act” Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 2014.
- “The Revolution Will Be Televised: Political Protest and Hip Hop from the U.S. to the Arab Spring” Presented at the 2014 Annual Conference of the Law and Society Association, Minneapolis, MN, May 2014.
- “Roundtable: The 1964 Civil Rights Act: Assessing the Legacy” Presented remarks at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, April 2014.
- “Author Meets Critics Roundtable: Civil Rights and the Making of the Modern American State” Responded to comments from Michael C. Dawson, Jane Junn, and Leah Wright at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, April 2014.
- “Crimes of the New South” Presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2014.
- “Black Politics and the Neoliberal Racial Order” Presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2014.
- “Railroads, Criminal Justice, and the Rise of the New South” Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 2013.
- “Roundtable: Unsettling the Nation State: Critical Ethnic Studies Approaches to Law and Violence” Presented at the 2013 Critical Ethnic Studies Conference, Chicago, IL, September 2013.
- “The Strange Fruit of the Solid South” Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2013.
- “Radical Philanthropy and Civil Rights Before *Brown v. Board*” Presented at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Law and Society Association, Boston, MA, May 2013.
- “Roundtable: Black Leadership Strikes Back: A Panel Discussion on Alvin Tillery’s Between Homeland and Motherland: Africa, US Foreign Policy, and Black Leadership in America” Panel

Discussion at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, March 2013.

- “The NAACP and the Formation of National Judicial Power” Presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, March 2013.
- “The NAACP and the Formation of National Judicial Power” Presented at the 2012 Annual Conference of the Law and Society Association, Honolulu, HI, June 2012.
- “The Supreme Court and Women’s Rights in the Obama Era” Presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.
- “The Unsteady March Into the Oval Office” Presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.
- “The Impact of the Obama Administration on Women Through the Courts” Roundtable, Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2011.
- “The Battle for the Hearts and Minds of America” Presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- “The Battle for the Hearts and Minds of America” Presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “The Unsteady March Into the Oval Office” Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- “The Improbable Journey: The NAACP Launches the Modern Criminal Procedure Revolution” Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Society For Legal History, Dallas, TX.
- “The Strange Fruit of American Political Development: Convict Leasing, Chain Gangs, and Mob Lynching” Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON.
- “The Birth of The Modern Criminal Procedure Revolution: Moore v. Dempsey” Presented at the 2008 National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL.
- “The Birth of the Modern Criminal Procedure Revolution: Race, Legalized Lynchings, and [militant] NAACP Activism” Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “The Supreme Court, Race, and the Troubling Transformation in Criminal Procedure Jurisprudence” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.

AWARDS AND HONORS RECEIVED

- 2015 W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book of the Year Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- Seaver Faculty Fellowship, Pepperdine University, 2011-2012
- Linda Faye Williams Prize in Social Justice, Rice University, 2008-2009.
- Erskine A. Peters Dissertation Year Fellowship, Notre Dame, 2008-2009 [declined].
- Center for African American Studies Dissertation Award, Princeton University, 2007-2008.
- Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, 2005-2008.
- Presidential Fellowship, Princeton University, 2003-2008.
- Graduate School Summer Fellowship, Princeton University, 2003-2007.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- APSA's Presidential Task Force on Racial and Class Inequalities in the Americas, 2014-2015
- Award Committee, Walter Dean Burnham Prize for Best Dissertation, Politics & History Section of APSA, 2015
- Section Chair, Politics and History, Western Political Science Association, 2015
- Section Chair, Politics and History, Midwest Political Science Association, 2014
- Award Committee, W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book Prize, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2014
- American Political Science Review, Reviewer
- Journal of American History, Reviewer
- Public Culture, Reviewer

INDEPENDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Race and the Law, UC Santa Cruz, Winter 2006.
- American Political Development and the Long Civil Rights Movement, University of Chicago, Spring 2009.
- Law and Society, Pepperdine University, Spring 2011.
- Race and Politics, Pepperdine University, Fall 2011 & Fall 2012.
- Civil Liberties, Spring 2012 & Spring 2013.
- Introduction to American Politics, Pepperdine University, Fall 2010; Spring 2011; Fall 2011; Spring 2011; Fall 2012; Spring 2013, Fall 2013, & Spring 2014.
- Social Action and Justice Seminar, Fall 2013.
- State and Local Politics, Pepperdine University, Spring 2014.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Standing Committee, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies
- Teacher Education Committee
- American Experience General Education Assessment

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association, Member
- Midwest Political Science Association, Member
- Western Political Science Association, Member
- Law and Society Association, Member
- American Society for Legal History, Member
- Social Science History Association, Member

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