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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Visiting Associate Professor of Public Policy**, Harvard Kennedy School, 2019-2020

**Associate Professor of Political Science**, University of Washington, 2017—

- Adjunct Professor, Department of Law, Societies, and Justice
- Director, Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race (WISIR), 2018-2019

**Affiliated Scholar, American Bar Foundation**, 2017—

**Assistant Professor of Political Science**, University of Washington, 2014-2017

**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, Philanthropy, 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
  - A Choice Outstanding Academic Title, 2015

- Featured on CSPAN BookTV
- Reviewed by *American Historical Review*, *CHOICE*, *Harvard Law Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Law and Politics Book Review*, *Law and Society Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *Publius*.

### ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS

- ‘The Price of Civil Rights: Black Politics, White Money, and Movement Capture.’ *Law and Society Review*, Vol. 53, Issue 1, March 2019.
  - Vox Coverage: “[How Movement Capture Shaped the Fight for Civil Rights](#)”
- ‘The Strange Fruit of American Political Development.’ *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, Vol. 6: Issue 1, 2018.
- ‘Black Politics and the Neoliberal Racial Order’ (with Michael C. Dawson). *Public Culture*, Volume 28: Issue 1, December 2015: pp. 23 – 62.
- ‘The Battle for the Hearts and Minds of America.’ *Souls*, Volume 13: Issue 1, (2011): pp. 46 –71.

### REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

- Review of Bruce Ackerman’s ‘We The People, Vol. 3: The Civil Rights Revolution’ *Law and Society Review*, December 2016.
- “Critical Dialogue with Julie Novkov,” *Perspectives on Politics* Vol. 13 (2015): 482-83; 483-85.
- 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

- The Crimes of Capitalism
- Latino Support for Black Lives Matter (with Sophia Jordán Wallace and Chris Zepeda-Millán)
- Securing the State and Terrorizing Citizens
- The Legitimacy Wars: Trump, Race, and the Decline of Democracy (with Leah Wright Rigueur)

### GRANTS FUNDED

- Co-Principal Investigator, Sawyer Seminar Grant for “Capitalism and Comparative Racialization.” Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2016-2018. Amount: \$175,000.
- Principal Investigator, “Crimes of Capitalism: Race, Criminal Justice, and the Rise of the New South.” University of Washington, Royalty Research Fund. September 2017 – September 2018. Amount: \$39,900.

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “The Predatory Legacy of Convict Leasing,” Rice University, April 2019.
- “The NAACP, Racial Violence, and Constitutional Development,” The NAACP- Legal Defense Fund, New York City, April 2019.
- “The History and Future of Political Economy Workshop,” Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, February 2019.
- “The Crimes of Capitalism” Presented at the Political Science Department, University of Oregon, May 2018.
- “The History and Future of Political Economy Workshop,” Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, February 2019.

- “From Civil Rights to Black Lives Matter: Reimagining Justice” Keynote delivered at the ‘Decolonizing Justice: Bringing Political Theory and Postcolonial Theory Into Conversation’ Conference, University of Giessen, Germany, April 2018.
- “The Price of Civil Rights: White Funding and #BlackLivesMatter” Presented at the Department of African American Studies, Princeton University, April 2018.
- “The Price of Civil Rights” Presented at the ‘Politics Under Stress’ Conference at the University of Oregon School of Law, April 2018.
- “Building the Surveillance State” Presented at the 2018 Maryland Discussion Group on Constitutionalism at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law, March 2018.
- “The Strange Fruit of American Politics” Presented at ‘The Other America: Still Separate. Still Unequal. Conference’ at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 2018.
- “Building the Surveillance State” Presented at the Democratic Anxieties Conference, Mainz, Germany, June 2017.
- “MLK: A Call to Conscience” Presented at Central Washington University, April 2017.
- “From Civil Rights to Black Lives Matter” Keynote delivered at Sacramento State, April 2017.
- “Civil Rights and the Making of the Modern American State” Presented at Georgetown McCourt School of Public Policy, February 2017.
- “Black Politics in Trump’s America” Presented at the New America Think Tank, Washington DC, February 2017.
- “Crimes of Capitalism” Presented at the American Politics Seminar at Columbia University, February 2017.
- “Race, Gender, Violence: The New American Politics?” Presented in the History Department at Georgia Tech, February 2017.
- “Civil Rights and the Making of the Modern American State” Presented at the James Weldon Johnson Institute, Emory University, November 2016.
- “The Crimes of the New South” Presented at the Georgetown Prisons and Justice Initiative, Georgetown University, November 2016.
- “The Crimes of the New South” Presented at the Capitalism and Inequality Conference at the University of Chicago, October 2016
- “The Future of Minority Protests” Presented at the Anxieties of Democracy Conference at Princeton University, October 2016.
- “Race and Justice in the Age of Obama” Presented on Panel at the John F. Kennedy School of Public Policy, Harvard University, October 2016.
- “The Crimes of the New South” Presented at the American Politics Seminar, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, April 2016.
- “The Assault on Black Lives” Presented at John F. Kennedy School of Public Policy, Harvard University, April 2016.
- “The Price of Civil Rights: Black Politics, White Money, and the Erasure of Racial Violence” Presented at the Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality, Maurer School of Law, April 2016.
- “The Crimes of Capitalism” Presented at Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, February 2016.
- “The Price of Civil Rights: Black Politics, White Money, and the Erasure of Racial Violence” Presented at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, December 2015.
- “Why We Need to Transform How We Understand Racial Violence” Presented at TEDxRainier, November 2015.
- “The Price of Civil Rights” Presented at the Department of Political Science Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, October 2015.

- “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

- “Race, Speculation, and the Rise of the New South” Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 2019.
- “The Wars of Legitimacy: Social Movements and the 2016 Presidential Election” Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 2019.
- Book Roundtable: A Panel Discussion on Sidney Milkis and Daniel Tichenor’s *Rivalry and Reform: Presidents, Social Movements, and the Transformation of American Politics*, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 2019.
- Roundtable: Review of the 2018 Midterm Elections, 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2019.
- Book Roundtable: Author Meets Critics on Domingo Morel’s *Takeover: Race, Education, and American Democracy*, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2018.
- “The Crimes of the New South” Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2018.

- “The Price of Civil Rights” Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Las Vegas, NV, November 2017.
- “Building the Surveillance State and Terrorizing Citizens” Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2017.
- “American Political Development in the Era of Black Lives Matter” Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2017.
- “Race Trumps Politics” Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2017.
- Book Roundtable: A Panel Discussion on Lisa Miller’s *The Myth of Mob Rule: Violent Crime and Democratic Politics*, Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Mexico City, June 2017.
- “Building the Surveillance State and Terrorizing Citizens” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Mexico City, June 2017.
- Book Roundtable: A Panel Discussion on Juliet Hooker’s *Theorizing Race in the Americas*, Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, April 2017.
- “Building the Surveillance State and Terrorizing Citizens” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, April 2017.
- Plenary Panel: Black Political Activism in the Trump Era: Action Steps and Moving Forward, Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 2017.
- Book Roundtable: A Panel Discussion on Melanye Price’s *The Race Whisperer: Barack Obama and the Political Uses of Race*, Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 2017.
- “Building the Surveillance State and Terrorizing Citizens” Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016.
- Roundtable: Why Reconstruction Matters to Political Science. Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016.
- Book Roundtable: A Panel Discussion on Marie Gottschalk’s *Caught: The Prison State and the Lockdown of American Politics*, 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016.
- “The Crimes of the New South” Presented at the 2016 Annual Conference of the Law and Society Association, New Orleans, LA, June 2016.
- “The Price of Civil Rights: Black Politics, White Money, and the Erasure of Racial Violence” Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 2016.
- “Is Arab the New Black? Revisiting Domestic Surveillance and Terrorism” Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2015.
- “The Crimes of Capitalism” Presented 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. Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2015.
- “The Price of Brown v. Board” Presented 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.

### **SELECT MISC. SCHOLARSHIP & MEDIA**

Research/commentary featured on: MSNBC, Washington Post, Al-Jazeera International, Democracy Now!, Newsweek, Black Perspectives, DecodeDC, BBC News, MPR News, NPR, PBS, C-SPAN, The Conversation, The Seattle Times, and TEDx Talks.

“Black Lives Matter in the Trump Era,” The Washington Post, August 2017:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2017/08/13/abandoning-the-federal-government-would-be-the-wrong-move-for-black-activists/?utm\\_term=.16eaab320f7c](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2017/08/13/abandoning-the-federal-government-would-be-the-wrong-move-for-black-activists/?utm_term=.16eaab320f7c)

“How the Tea Party, Occupy, and Black Lives Matter Shaped Our Election,” DecodeDC, NPR Broadcasting, August 2017:

<http://www.decodedc.com/205/>

“Black Politics in Trump’s America,” Featured political expert on New America panel, CSPAN, February 2017: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDIyhv-d4-c>

“Black Surveillance Matters,” Black Perspectives, September 2016: <http://www.aaihs.org/black-surveillance-matters/>

“Here’s How to Make Government Care About Black Lives,” The Washington Post, December 2015: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2015/12/01/heres-how-to-make-government-care-about-black-lives/?utm\\_term=.f14804321988](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2015/12/01/heres-how-to-make-government-care-about-black-lives/?utm_term=.f14804321988)

“Let’s Get to the Root of Racial Violence,” TEDx Talks, November 2015:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aCn72iXO9s>

“Do Foundations Co-Opt Civil Rights Organizations?” History of Philanthropy, August 2015:

<https://histphil.org/2015/08/17/do-foundations-co-opt-civil-rights-organizations/>

### **HONORS RECEIVED**

- Distinguished Professor Award, UW Black Student Union, 2019.
- Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Washington, 2018.

- Anxieties of Democracy Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, Spring 2018.
- Thurgood Marshall Institute Fellowship, NAACP-Legal Defense Fund, 2018.
- Outstanding Service Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2017.
- 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**

- Section Co-Chair, Politics and History, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018
- American Bar Foundation, Fellowship Advisory Committee, 2017-2018
- Co-Chair, Award Committee, W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book Prize, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2017
- Section Co-Chair, Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017
- Co-Organizer, Race and Capitalism Project, Social Science Research Council, 2014-present
- Member, Big Data and Social Science Demonstration Project, Social Science Research Council, 2015-present
- Co-Chair, Award Committee, W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book Prize, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2014 and 2016
- 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
- American Political Science Review, Reviewer
- Journal of Politics, Reviewer
- Journal of American History, Reviewer
- Law and Society, Reviewer

### **INDEPENDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- US Courts & Civil Liberties: 2016-2019
- Race, Surveillance, and the Law: 2017-2018.
- Introduction to American Politics: 2015-2019.
- American Political Development, Graduate Course: Autumn 2016.
- Civil Liberties and Constitutional Development, Graduate Course: Autumn 2015.
- Race and Politics, Graduate Course: Spring 2015.
- Race, Ethnicity, and Politics: Winter 2015.
- Law and Society, Pepperdine University: Spring 2011.
- Race and Politics, Pepperdine University: Fall 2011 & Fall 2012.
- Civil Liberties, Pepperdine University: 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.
- American Political Development and the Long Civil Rights Movement, University of Chicago, Spring 2009.
- Race and the Law, UC Santa Cruz, Winter 2006.

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- Senior Faculty Fellow, Faculty Fellows Program, 2018-2019
- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Communication, Difference, and Equity (CCDE), 2017-2019
- Coordinator for the American Political Development Speaker Series, 2016-2019
- Leadership Board, Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality & Race, 2015-2019
- Standing Committee, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, 2014-2019
- Faculty Advisor, PSSO and Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honors Program), 2014-2019
- American Politics Search Committee, UW, 2015-2016
- Teacher Education Committee (Pepperdine)
- American Experience General Education Assessment (Pepperdine)

#### **ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

- American Political Science Association, Member
- American Society for Legal History, Member
- Law and Society Association, Member
- National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Member

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