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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

George Mason University, Arlington, VA
Assistant Professor, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Fall 2014 - present

Ohio University, Athens, OH
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Fall 2010 - Spring 2014

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Chicago, 2009

M.A., Political Science, University of Chicago, 2004

Certificate of Participation and Credit, University of Virginia-Yarmouk University
Summer Arabic Program, Irbid, Jordan, June-August 2001

B.A., American Government, University of Virginia, 2001

RESEARCH INTERESTS

race and ethnic politics (U.S.), public opinion, racial/policy attitudes, racial ideologies, inter/intra-racial group conflict, race-making, Whiteness, Latino identity formation, racial inequality, American political behavior

ACADEMIC HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Summer Research Funding Award. Office of the Provost. George Mason University. Summer 2015.

Recognized for excellence in teaching, and ranked among the top 5 percent of all instructors at Duke University during the spring semester 2010.

Samuel DuBois Cook Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Gender in the Social Sciences, Social Science Research Institute, Duke University, 2009-10.

Nominated for American Political Science Association's Award for Best Dissertation in American Politics by Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2009-10.

Dissertation Writing Fellow, Office of the Dean of the Graduate School, Princeton University, 2008-09.

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellow, National Research Council of the National Academies, 2007-08.

Carl A. Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding Visiting Fellow, Princeton University, 2007-08.

Forbes College Graduate Fellow, Princeton University, 2007-08.

Race Studies Grant, Office of Minority Student Affairs, University of Chicago, 2006-07.

Trustees Fellow, University of Chicago, Autumn 2002-Spring 2007.

Fulbright-Hayes Grant, United States Department of Education, June-August 2001.

Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Fellow, American Political Science Association (APSA), Summer 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Projects

Breaking the Contract: The Social and Political Possibilities of Seeing White Privilege (current)

Race-Making through Everyday Conversation: The Ongoing Construction of Latino Racial Identity (long-term)

Articles

“‘Breaking Bad’ in Black and White: What Ideological Deviance Can Tell Us about the Construction of ‘Authentic’ Racial Identities” (with Leah Wright Rigueur, forthcoming in *Polity*).

“Color-cognizance and Color-blindness in White America: Perceptions of Whiteness and Their Potential to Predict Racial Policy Attitudes at the Dawn of the Twenty-first Century.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 1:2 (2015): 209-224.

“Breathing Difference, Sharing Empowerment.” *Chicana/o Latina/o Law Review* 32:2 (2014): 67-80.

Chapters

“Brown Ballots in the Buckeye State” in *Latinos and the 2012 Election: The New Face of the American Voter* (Gabriel R. Sanchez, ed.), Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2015.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Black September” in *International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences 2nd Edition*, edited by William A. Darity Jr., (2008) Vol. 1, 322-323, Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA.

Book Reviews

Book review of Elizabeth Theiss-Morse’s “Who Counts as an American? The Boundaries of National Identity.” *American Review of Politics* 30 (Fall 2009): 401-405.

Book review of Alan S. Zuckerman’s “The Social Logic of Politics: Personal Networks as Contexts for Political Behavior.” *Journal of Politics* 69:1 (Feb. 2007): 279-280.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Color-Blindness and Color-Cognizance in White America: A Look at White Racial Attitudes on the Eve of Obama’s Re-election.” *Africana Studies*, Lehigh University. Bethlehem, PA. October 2014.

“Being White during the Obama Years: A Look at White Racial Attitudes on the Eve of the 2012 Election.” Center for African American Studies, Wesleyan University. Middletown, CT. February 2014.

“Race, Lynching and the Making of Whiteness in the South.” Introduction to Modern African American History course, Center for African American Studies, Wesleyan University. Middletown, CT. February 2014.

Roundtable entitled, “It Was the Best of Times, It Was the Worst of Times: Explaining Inequality within Groups.” American Political Science Association National Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 2013.

Workshop entitled, “Race-Making Through Everyday Conversation: The Ongoing Construction of Latino Racial Identity.” National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE). New Orleans, LA. May 2013.

Panel entitled, “Negotiating Marginalized Identities in the Non-Legal Academy.” Chicana/o-Latina/o Law Review and University of California, Los Angeles Law School Symposium “Un/Masking Power: The Past, Present, and Future of Marginal Identities in Legal Academia.” Los Angeles, CA. April 2013.

Roundtable entitled, “Has Obama's Re-Election Improved Prospects for a Black-Latino Political Alliance?” National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Chicago, IL. March 2013.

“Racial Privilege Awareness in White America.” Latin American Studies Program workshop, Marietta College. February 2013.

“Immigration and the DREAM Act.” Keynote speaker for Hispanic Heritage Month, Ohio University. October 2012.

Presented at Ohio University’s 16th Annual Spanish Spring Colloquium: Latin America: Global Perspectives on Contemporary Inter-Cultural Identities. Athens, Ohio. May 2012.

“The Pipeline: Racial Disparities in Higher Education.” Defend Education Ohio Teach-In, Ohio University. March 2011.

“White Privilege and Race-Making.” Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Duke University. June 2010.

“White Privilege and American Politics.” Race and Politics course, Department of Political Science, Drew University. April 2008.

“Got Privilege? An Examination of Individuals and Institutions in a Diversifying Society.” Cottage Club, Princeton University. November 2007.

“Student Activism.” Journalism and Activism course, Department of Communication & Journalism. Auburn University March 2004.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Black Conservatives, Color-Conscious Whites, and the Cost of Ideological Deviance” with Leah Wright Rigueur. Presented at National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Chicago, IL. March 2013.

“The Other Side of the Coin: Framing Racial Inequality as White Privilege.” Presented at American Political Science Association National Meeting. Seattle, WA. September 2011.

“Dimensions of Safety and Vulnerability in White America.” Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2011.

“Second-Sight in White America.” Presented at the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Social Sciences Colloquium, Social Science Research Institute, Duke University. February 2010.

“White Privilege vs. Black and Latino Disadvantage: How the Framing of Racial Inequality Affects the Policy Preferences of White Americans.” Presented at the Political Psychology Workshop, University of Chicago. October 2009.

“White Privilege: An Under-Explored Frame of Racial Inequality and its Potential to Affect the Policy Preferences of White Americans.” Presented at the Race Workshop, Duke University. October 2009.

PRACTICE

Carl A. Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding

Princeton University

July 2008-July 2009

Program Coordinator

Planned, implemented, supervised, and evaluated programmatic activities of the Fields Center in an effort to integrate the Center into the fabric of the University, assisted in advising 30+ cultural student organizations, maintained lines of communication between the Center and the larger campus community, and provided campus-wide community programming related to diversity. Convener of the bi-weekly *Social Issues Roundtable* series that provided a platform for academics and activists to share their work with the larger Princeton community.

Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA)

Junior Summer Institute

Princeton University

Summer 2008 & Summer 2009

Seminar Instructor

Team-taught a seminar designed to strengthen the cross-cultural competence of PPIA students, equipping them with communication skills to become sensitive and effective future policymakers.

Princeton University Delegation to the White Privilege Conference (WPC)

Organizer and Supervisor

April 2008

At WPC, undergraduate student leaders examined concepts of identity-based privilege and oppression, and discussed solutions and team building strategies to work toward a more equitable world.

Breakout Princeton Civic Action Trips

Diversity Workshop Facilitator

Fall 2007 & Spring 2008

Prepared undergraduate students for weeklong trips to work in immigrant detention centers in New Jersey and American Indian reservations in Arizona.

Program of Academic Excellence for High School Juniors

and Seniors: Kenwood Academy-University of Chicago

Jan.-May 2003-2006

Head Teaching Assistant

Under direction of Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry, assisted in running an after-school extra-curricular program at a public magnet school. Past program themes include: Race and Health; Hip Hop and Feminism; Race and Representation; and Race, Religion, and United States Contemporary Politics.

Conversations of Race and Ethnicity
Office of Minority Students Association
University of Chicago

Spring 2005

Facilitator

Led undergraduate students in dialogue about interracial relationships and practices of cultural appropriation.

10 Ways To Fight Hate on Campus:
A Response Guide for College Activists

March 2003

National Advisory Board

Convened with college staff, students, police and community organizers from around the country to advise the Southern Poverty Law Center as they created a publication to help students respond to hate crimes and bias incidents on their campuses. This booklet is available in English and Spanish, and is distributed to colleges around the country free of charge.

Alliance for Civility and Tolerance (ACT) in Alabama

Sept. 2001-Aug. 2002

Vice-President

As an inter-faith coalition of concerned citizens, we worked to prevent and make others aware of acts of racial profiling, discrimination, and hate crimes in the wake of the September 11th attacks. Our work prompted the creation of the state's first hate crimes unit within the Montgomery Police Department.

Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)

Aug. 2001- Aug. 2002

Community Affairs Assistant

Acted as a liaison between grassroots activist organizations and SPLC, a non-profit civil rights organization in Montgomery, AL. Facilitated communication between donors, the general community, and SPLC employees. Made presentations to various visiting groups about the Civil Rights Movement, and SPLC's work in continuing the struggle for civil rights for all people.

Alabama Premiere of HBO's *The Laramie Project*

February 2002

Organizer

Worked with Home Box Office (HBO) to create a guest list of LGBTQ activists and other social justice advocates in the state of Alabama. After screening this film, which tells the story of the murder of Matthew Shepard and its aftermath in Laramie, WY, we facilitated dialogue between guests about how to secure full civil rights for LGBTQ people.

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Participant in online screening and discussion for PBS Election Special, *Race 2012: A Conversation about Race and Politics in America*. November 2012.

Contributor to *New York Times'* online opinion forum *Room for Debate*. "When Too Many People Are in Prison." October 19, 2012.

Interviewed for PBS Election Special, *Race 2012: A Conversation about Race and Politics in America*. May 2012 (aired nationally October 16, 2012).

TEACHING

**School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution
George Mason University**

Fall 2014 to present

Courses Taught

- *Culture, Identity and Conflict* (undergraduate)
- *Conflict and Race* (graduate)

**Department of Political Science
Ohio University**

Fall 2010 to Spring 2014

Courses Taught

- *Engaging Politics* (undergraduate)
- *Issues in American Politics* (undergraduate)
- *Politics of Race* (graduate/undergraduate)
- *American Whiteness* (graduate/undergraduate)
- *Honors Tutorial: Whiteness and Masculinity* (undergraduate)

**Department of Political Science
Duke University**

Spring 2010

Course Taught

- *Public Opinion: American Whiteness* (undergraduate)

Recognized for excellence in teaching, and ranked among the top 5 percent of all instructors at Duke University during the spring semester 2010.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

George Mason University

University

- Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence Leadership Committee. April 2015-present.

School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution

- Panelist for Dialogue and Difference. “Comedy and Race.” March 18, 2015.
- Doctoral Program Committee. Spring 2015.
- Panelist for “Colorblindness and Unconscious Racism.” 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Week. January 21, 2015.
- United Nations 70th Anniversary Celebration Ad-hoc Committee. December 2014-present.
- MS Curriculum Reform Ad-hoc Committee. December 2014-Spring 2015.
- “Mass Incarceration in the United States: Can S-CAR Play a Role in Prison Reform Programs?” S-CAR News. November 14. Volume 8, Issue 8.
- Faculty Advisor. Structural Violence Working Group. August 2014-present.
- Facilitator for “Race Relations and Underlying Issues of the Ferguson Conflict.” September 4, 2014.
- “Trends in Racial Attitudes since 1964.” Conflict Resolution and Civil Rights in U.S. Communities: The Next 50 Years. School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution-Community Relations Service/United States Department of Justice Conference. Arlington, VA. November 19, 2014.

Ohio University

University

- Working group in College of Arts & Sciences developing a curricular theme revolving around race, gender, and sexuality (April 2013 to May 2014)
- Faculty interview panelist for United States Fulbright Student Program. Office of Nationally Competitive Awards. October 2013.
- Friend of the Margaret Boyd Scholars Program. Division of Student Affairs, Office for Diversity and Inclusion, and University College.
- Faculty representative at First Annual Multicultural Faculty, Staff and Student Meet and Greet. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. September 2013.
- Guest speaker and moderator at Black in Latin America program. Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Lambda Beta, and Latino Student Union (February 2013)

- Latino Heritage Achievement Awards Selection Committee (April 2011 and April 2012)
- Guest speaker at Latino Student Union meeting (October 2011)
- Search Committee for Director of Office of Multicultural Student Access and Retention (May-June 2011)
- Panelist at Ohio University's Diversity Day of Learning; Socioeconomic, Race and Class Issues Panel (January 2011)
- Co-organizer of Ohio University's Constitutional Day (2010)
- Faculty sponsor for student organization Ready 2 Play (2010-2011)

Department of Political Science

- Executive Committee in Department of Political Science (August 2013 to May 2014)
- Ad-hoc committee to modify promotion and tenure requirements (February 2012)

Center for Law, Justice & Culture (CLJC)

- Co-coordinator of Law & Lunch (August 2013 to May 2014)
- Certificate development for CLJC (Fall 2010-Fall 2011)

Other Academic Service

- Referee for *Polity; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; American Politics Research*
- Moderator for "Law, News, and Arts" panel at *Marking Time: Prison Arts and Activism Conference*, Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ. October 2014.
- Discussant at "Author Meets Critics" panel for Christina Greer's *Black Ethnics: Race, Immigration, and the Pursuit of The American Dream*. National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Wilmington, DE. March 2014.
- Chair for panel entitled, "Turbulence and Transformation in State and Local Electoral Politics." Western Political Science Association. San Antonio, TX. April 2011.
- Discussant at "Author Meets Critics" panel for Sharon Navarro's *Latina Legislator: Leticia Van de Putte and the Road to Leadership*. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. January 2010.
- Moderator for Social Sciences & Linguistics Panel. Ford Foundation Fellows Conference. Washington, D.C. Fall 2008.

- Co-coordinator for African American Studies seminar: *African American Identity, History, and the State*, Center for African American Studies, Princeton University, 2007-08.
- Mentor for Collegiate Mentor Program, Dean of Students Office in the College, University of Chicago, 2005-06.
- Departmental recruiter at Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, University of Chicago, 2003-06.
- Mentor for SROP-McNair Scholars Program, University of Chicago, 2005.
- Eyes on the Mosaic Conference at the University of Chicago, committee assistant, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)

APSA's Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section

National Conference of Black Political Scientists

American Studies Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Opinion Research Center (NORC)

University of Chicago

Research Assistant

June 2005-August 2007

Team leader for project on National Survey of Prosecutors for Department of Justice Bureau of Statistics. Implemented and analyzed experimental methodology for data collection. Assisted other groups at NORC by conducting research when writing proposals to bid on new contracts, and conducting quality control on raw data.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ORGANIZING

Volunteer for United Campus Ministry's free meal programs. Athens, OH. Summer 2011.

Deputy Registrar. Cook County, Illinois. 2004-2007.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish *Upper Intermediate*

Arabic *Lower Intermediate*