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**CURRICULUM VITAE****Education**

**Brown University. Department of Political Science. Ph.D., 2009; M.A., 2006.**

Primary Subfield: American Politics and Public Policy Secondary Subfield: Political Theory

**University of Michigan. B.A., 2004**

Major with university honors in political science, concentration in American politics.

**Professional Appointments**

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA. Associate Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, August 2015-

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. Assistant Professor of Political Science, John C. Stennis Scholar of Public Policy, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, August 2012 – July 2015

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. Affiliate Faculty, African American Studies, August 2012-

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. Affiliate Faculty, Gender Studies, January 2013-

Clark University, Worcester, MA. Assistant Professor of Political Science, September 2009-August 2012

Clark University, Worcester, MA. Director, Ethnic Studies Concentration, February 2011-August 2012

University of Toledo, Visiting Instructor of Civil Rights, Toledo Excel Summer Institute, June-August 2009

Wheaton College, Norton, MA, Visiting Instructor of Political Science, January-May 2008

**Service Leadership**

2015-present, Member (elected), Executive Council, Urban Politics Organized Section, American Political Science Association

2015-present, President (elected), National Association for Ethnic Studies

2014-2015, (appointed) Affiliate Equity Officer, ACLU of Mississippi

2014-2015, Board Member (elected), ACLU Board of Directors, Mississippi.

2014-present, Member, (appointed) Andrew Goodman Foundation, Millennial Advisory Committee

2013-present, Member, (elected) National Conference of Black Political Scientists Executive Council, At-Large

2013-present, Co-Editor, *Ethnic Studies Review*

**Teaching and Research Interests**

African American Politics, Urban Politics, Minority Political Representation, LGBTQ+ Politics and Policy, Black Political Thought, American Politics, American Public Policy, Leadership and Ethics, Contemporary Political Theory, Undergraduate and Graduate Research Design, African American/Black Studies,

## **Research Publications**

### ***Books***

May 2015. *The Little Rock Crisis: What Desegregation Politics Says About Us*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan Press.

November 2013. *Black Mayors, White Majorities: The Balancing Act of Racial Politics*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press.

April 2013. *21<sup>st</sup> Century Urban Race Politics: Representing Minorities as Universal Interests*. (Editor). Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited. Research in Race and Ethnic Relations Series. Chapter Contributions: Introduction; Chapter 9; Epilogue.

### ***Refereed Articles***

2009. "Black Mayors in Non-Majority Black (Medium-Sized) Cities: Universalizing the Interests of Blacks." *Ethnic Studies Review* 32 (1): 89-130.

2011. "Kindred Political Rhetoric: Black Mayors, President Obama and the Universalizing of Black Interests." *Journal of Urban Affairs*. Volume 33: 5, pages 567–590, December.

2012. "The Politics of Applied Black Studies: An Historical Synthesis for Understanding Social Science Impact." *Journal of Applied Social Science*. March. Vol 6. No. 1. p. 53-64.

2012. "First Impressions, 'America's Paper' and Pre-Primary Black Presidential Candidates: The New York Times Coverage of Rev. Jesse Jackson (1983), Rev. Al Sharpton (2003), and Sen. Barack Obama (2007) Campaign Announcements and Initial Days." *Ethnic Studies Review*. Volume 33:2. Pages 83-108: 2010. (Published, 2012).

2012. "Deval Patrick and the Representation of Massachusetts' Black Interests." *Trotter Review*. Vol. 20. Issue 1. April, pages 9-41.

2015. Forthcoming. "Challenging the Black Church Narrative: Race, Class, and Homosexual Attitudes." (with Yasmiyn A. Irizarry). *Journal of Homosexuality*.

### ***Book Chapters***

2013. "Money Changes Everything? African American Class-Based Attitudes Toward LGBT Issues" in *Living with Class: Philosophical Reflections on Identity and Material Culture*. Ron Scapp and Brian Seitz, Eds. Palgrave Macmillan. With Yasmiyn Irizarry and Timothy J. Fair.

2015. "LGBT Politics and Rights through the Obama Era" in Donald Cunnigen and Marino Bruce's *Race in the Age of Obama*, Vol. 2, Emerald Group Publishing. (with Joseph P. McCormick II)

### ***Encyclopedia Entries***

2009. "Voting Rights Act of 1965." In *Encyclopedia of African American Education*, ed. Kofi Lomotey. New York: Sage Publications, p. 242.

2010. "Minority Representation." In *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Eds. George Thomas Kurlan, James E. Alt, Simone Chambers, Geoffrey Garrett, Margaret Levi, Paula D. McClain. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, pp. 1044-1046.

## **Research in Preparation**

### ***Books in Preparation***

Winning Jeopardy: LGBT Politicians of Color and Group Responsiveness

James Baldwin at BG: Exile and Expression in the Academy, a book manuscript (with Robert L. Perry).

### ***Articles in Preparation***

“2012: A Banner Year for Minority LGBT Political Progress.” (with Todd Shaw, Marcus Allen, and Mary McThomas).

“The People’s Mayor: The Electoral Conditions of Hartford (CT)’s First Gay Minority Mayor.”

“James Baldwin at BGSU: Self-Expatriation, Sexual Dissidence and Identity Politics.” (with Robert L. Perry)

“Obama and Black LGBT Community.” In *After Obama: African American Politics in Post-Obama America.*, Todd Shaw and Robert Brown, Eds., 2015

“From Social Movement to Political Representation: An Analysis of Black Openly-LGBT Elected Officials in the Obama Era” In *LGBTQ Politics: A Critical Reader.* Marla Brettschneider, Susan Burgess, and Cricket Keating, Eds, 2015

### **Conference Presentations**

2014. “James Baldwin at BGSU: Self-Expatriation, Sexual Dissidence and Identity Politics.” (with Robert L. Perry). James Baldwin: Transatlantic Commuter Conference (Montpellier, France: June 5-7).

2014. “The Case of Little Rock: Examining Post-Segregation Social Capital and Political Attitudes.” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Wilmington, DE.

2014. “Identifying Successful Campaign Tactics in LGBT Minority Politics.” Creating Change Conference. February.

2014. “African American Attitudes about LGBT Issues.” Southern Political Science Association. January.

2014. “Author Meets Critics Panel: “Black Mayors, White Majorities” Southern Political Science Association. January.

2013, “21<sup>st</sup> Century Urban Politics Roundtable,” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL. March.

2013, “Author Meets Critic: Andra Gillespie’s *The New Black Politician: Cory Booker, Newark, and Post-Racial America*, Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL.

2013, “21<sup>st</sup> Century Urban Race Politics: Representing Minorities as Universal Interests,” Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL.

2012, “Deracialization Debunked?: Other Winning Strategies of Minority Representation,” paper presented at “The Limits of Deracialization: Race, Politics and Governance in the 2010s” Conference, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA.

2012, “An Analysis of the Increasing Number of Minority Mayors in Majority Caucasian Cities: What Gives?,” a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

2012. “The Limits of Deracialization: D.C.’s Mayor Fenty Re-Election Loss Explained,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, New Orleans, LA.

2012. “What the Databases Say about Us,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Las Vegas, NV.

2011. “The Status of Ethnic Studies Curriculum in New England Liberal Arts Colleges,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, Claremont, CA.

2011. “Toward an Applied Politics Theory in Political Science: A New Synthesis for Understanding the Profession, Impact, and Politics,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Raleigh, NC.

2011. “Tea Party Resurgence in Local Communities: Implications for Black Politics,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Raleigh, NC.

2010. “The Politics of Applied Black Studies: An Analysis of the Applied Work of Selected 20<sup>th</sup> Century Political and Social Science Scholars,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, St. Louis

2010. “A New Racial Politics: The Significance for Obama Given U.S. Black Mayors’ Efforts to Universalize the Interests of Blacks,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Honolulu, HI

2008. “Black Mayors in Non-Majority Black Cities: A Theoretical and Methodological Approach to their Study in the

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, Atlanta, GA.
2008. “21<sup>st</sup> Century Black Mayors, Non-Majority Black Cities and the Representation of Black Interests,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
2008. “21<sup>st</sup> Century Black Mayors, Non-Majority Black Cities and the Representation of Black Interests,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Baltimore, MD.
2008. “21<sup>st</sup> Century Black Mayors, Non-Majority Black Cities and the Representation of Black Interests,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL.
2006. “Black in White: Deracialization and Black Mayoral Governance in ‘White Cities,’” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
2006. “Looking at Wards: Ward and Census Intersections of Six Black Mayors Elected in Ohio Since 1999,” paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Spatial Structures for the Social Sciences (S4), Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Summer Institute, Providence, RI.
2006. “Deracialization and Racial Tension in Ohio: A Spatial Analysis of the Effects of Campaign Platforms and the Inaugural Election of Two Mayors,” paper presented at the Annual Conference of the University of Chicago Minority Graduate Student Association, Chicago, IL.
2006. “Deracialization and Racial Tension in Ohio: A Survey of Recent African American Mayoral Election Victories and Re-Election Attempts,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, San Francisco, CA.
2006. “Black in White: Critical Inaugural Mayoral Election Victories and the Communities Behind Them,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, GA.
2004. “Black Presidential Politics: How The New York Times Portrayed Sharpton and Jackson’s Presidential Campaigns,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
2004. “Black Presidential Politics: How The New York Times Portrayed Sharpton and Jackson’s Presidential Campaigns,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, Philadelphia, PA.
2004. “The Effect of NAFTA on African American Farming,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL.
2003. “Developing an Ethnic, Multicultural Curriculum in Undergraduate Colleges,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the People of Color in Predominantly White Institutions Conference, Lincoln, NE.

### **Invited Presentations**

- 2014, “Black Is As Black Does” presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Emerging Black Leaders Symposium, Tufts University, March.
- 2013, “Targeted Racial Discourse” presented at the Semantics and Ethics of Racial Language Symposium, University of Mississippi, October.
- 2013, “Reflections on Hanes Walton, Jr.” The Life, Work and Legacy of Dr. Hanes Walton, Jr.: The Dean of Black Politics” Panel 1, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL. March.
- 2013, “A Movement to Law Pipeline: Measuring Local Impact and LGBT Legal Victories,” presented at the OutLaw Symposium, University of Mississippi Law School, March 2013
- 2013, “Social (In)Justice in Action: The Significance of Civil Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Presented at the Stennis Institute Education Policy Fellow Program, Mississippi State University, February.
- 2013, “President Obama’s First Term and the Black LGBT Policy Agenda: Administrative Policy vs. Passed Legislation,” presented at The National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change; panel sponsored by the National Black Justice Coalition, January.
- 2012, “21<sup>st</sup> Century Urbanism: Integrating People, Infrastructure, Jobs and Environment,” a panel presentation presented at the University of Rhode Island Year of the UrbanScape Fall Program: Urban Environments Today: How Are We Experiencing Them, and Who Is the ‘We’?, Providence, RI., October.
- 2012, “Cities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Lessons from the Making of Modern Atlanta,” a panel presentation presented at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C., September.
2012. “Uniquely You.” Presented at Middle Tennessee State University, February.

- 2012. "Closing Workshop on Identity Formation." Colleges of Worcester Consortium ALANA Network Crossing Boundaries Conference, February.
- 2012. "Unity and Community." Presented at Teen Summit, Yale University Peabody Museum of Natural History, January.
- 2012. Panelist, Discussion of Barack Obama's Presidency. Black History Month Forum. Eastern Michigan University, February.
- 2011. "History, Law, Politics and Society: Arizona's three anti-brown legislation, 2010-2011" Presented at the Institutional Racism distance learning course, Professor Donald Cunnigen, Professor of Sociology, University of Rhode Island: Kingston, in conjunction with Spelman College, University of Colorado: Colorado Springs, April.
- 2011. "Tea Party Resurgence in Local Communities: Implications for Black Politics." Presented at the Opening Plenary, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), March 17.
- 2011. "Race/Ethnicity is an Educational Journey Too!" Presented at Clark University Goddard Library. Sponsored by the Dean of Students Office, March.
- 2011. "The Politics of Black Civic Engagement in 2011." Presented at the Clark University Boston Regional Alumni Council, February 28.
- 2011. "A Movement of a King." Presented at Xavier University Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, January 19.
- 2011. "The King in You." Presented at Anna Maria College Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation, January 17.
- 2010. "Disturbing the Peace." Presented at "Roc the Mike" Black History Month Program, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, February 26.
- 2009. "Black Mayors' Efforts in Black Communities: White and Black Reactions." Presented at Work in Progress Seminar Series at the Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African American Studies, the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, April.
- 2007. "Constitution through post Civil War Legislation Regarding African Americans." Presented at an Introduction to Africana Studies undergraduate class at the University of Toledo, Toledo, OH, Fall.
- 2007. "Black Mayors: An Overview and Contemporary Challenges." Presented at a Black Politics undergraduate class at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, Fall.
- 2007. "Deracialization and Urban Campaigns." Presented at an undergraduate Urban Politics class at Wheaton College, Norton, MA, Spring.
- 2007. "The History of the AME Church, the Leadership of Richard Allen, and Contemporary Relevance." Presented at Bethel AME Church, Providence, RI, February.

***Other Research Experience***

- 2011. Lead Panelist, Discussion of Barack Obama's Presidency. Black History Month Forum. Eastern Michigan University, February 9.
- 2011. Developed and submitted "Diversity Action Plan" to Coordinating Committee for the Academic and Financial Plan and Provost Baird; consulted R.J. Ross and Provost Baird on development of language respective for diversity to be included in the plan, Clark University.
- 2011. Workshop, "Prejudice and (In)Tolerance," Congregational Church of Needham, (MA), February.
- 2010. Moderator, "From Local to National Politics: Race, Place and Culture" Panel, Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Honolulu, HI, March.
- 2010. Principal Investigator, "Race in the Woo: A Community Roundtable" A survey-based presentation and convening of Worcester area minority community leaders to discuss issues related to political representation and strategic organizing initiatives.
- 2010. Consultant, State of California Assembly Member Lara's Resolution on Ethnic Studies. "ACR 34."
- 2010. Scholar in Residence, "Month-Long Dialogue Series on Racism," Congregational Church of Needham, MA, January.
- 2010. Panelist, "Barack Obama's Presidency: the Politics of Race and the Future of Multiracial Democracy" Black History Month Forum, Eastern Michigan University, February.
- 2007. Expert Panelist, Recruitment Class of Providence, RI Police Department Diversity Training.
- 2006. Fellow, Executive Office of Mayor David Cicilline, Providence, RI.

## **Grants, Fellowships and Awards**

2014. Clarence Stone Young Scholar Award, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Washington, D.C., August.
- 2014, Outstanding Book Award for *Black Mayors, White Majorities*. National Association for Ethnic Studies, presented at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Mills College, Oakland, CA. April.
- 2014, Mississippi State University A&S HARP Fellow (Arts and Sciences Humanities and Arts Research Program).
- 2013, Nomination, U.S. Census Bureau National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations.
2011. Worcester Business Journal, “40 Under 40” Award. August.
2011. Plischke Research Award in Political Science, Clark University.
2010. Awarded \$1,500 grant from the Mosakowski Institute for Public Enterprise to administer a purposive sample survey to African American Worcester residents, June.
2009. The Bernard E. Bruce Award, The Brown University Graduate School.
- 2008-09. Fellowship at the Center for the Study of African American Politics at the University of Rochester.
2008. Byron Jackson Dissertation In Ethnic and Racial Politics Research Support Award. Awarded by the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association.
2008. Finalist for the Erksine Peters Dissertation Year Fellowship at the University of Notre Dame.
2008. The Phillips G. Davies Graduate Student Paper Award. Awarded by the National Association for Ethnic Studies.
2007. Tuition Grant Award. Awarded by the University of Michigan’s Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Science Research (ICPSR) to attend the Workshop: “Methodological Issues in Quantitative Research on Race and Ethnicity.”
2007. Given honor of “Distinction” upon completion of the Comprehensive Exam in American Politics. Awarded \$1000 by the Department of Political Science, Brown University.
- 2006-09. Fellowship at the Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4), Brown University.
- 2006-07. Summer Graduate Fellowship. Department of Political Science, Brown University.
2005. Sammy Younge Best Student Paper Award. National Conference of Black Political Scientists.
2004. The Patricia Gurin Certificate of Merit in Intergroup Relations, University of Michigan.
2004. Awarded Membership to Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honorary Society, University of Michigan.
2003. Fellow. The Summer Humanities Institute, Bunche Center for African American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles.
2002. Internship. Office of Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Washington, D.C.

## **Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration Dissertation Committees**

- Perry, Kesha (no relation). “Assessing the extent Public Administration can adapt lessons that advance social equity scholarship and practice: An investigation of one university’s undergraduate service-learning program,” Mississippi State University

## **Master’s in Political Science Thesis Committees**

- Jorgeson, William Case. “Demographics and Poverty Spending Attitudes in the Mississippi Poll: 2004-2014,” Mississippi State University

## **Undergraduate (B.A. in Political Science) Honors Thesis Committees**

### *Defended*

- Brennet, Jarrod. “A Comprehensive Study of Foreclosure Patterns in the City of Worcester, MA (Committee Member, Clark University)
- Diamond, Matthew. “The Mobilization and Retreat of Prisoner-initiated Civil Rights Litigation as Institutional Dialogue.” (Committee Member, Clark University)

## **Select Invited Lectures and Speeches**

- 2015, Eulogy for Jack Ford, former Mayor of Toledo, OH, April.
- 2015, Keynote Speaker, Bolder Than Out – Empowering LGBTQ People of Color Conference, Coalition for Justice and Respect, Chicago, IL.
- 2013, Keynote Speaker, Red Door Foundation, Saving Ourselves Symposium, Memphis, TN., June.
- 2013, Keynote Speaker, “Love, Legacy, and Leadership: Civil Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Black History Month Program, Alcorn State University, February 14.
- 2013, Keynote Speaker, “Let Justice Roll.” Social Gospel in Action Black History Month Community Program, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Starkville MS, February.
- 2013, Keynote Speaker, Eastern Michigan University, Department of African American Studies, “Re-Election of President Barack Obama,” February 7.
- 2013, Keynote Speaker, Allen Park High School, Allen Park, Michigan, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, January 21.
2012. Keynote Speaker, “Fighting Irish Lessons.” Central Catholic High School Junior Class, April 30.
2012. Keynote Speaker. “Around the World in 180 Minutes” Spring Fundraiser, West Side Montessori Center, Toledo, OH. April 28.
2011. Speaker, “The Changing Face of Worcester,” City Manager’s Commission Against Bias and Hate Forum, November.
2011. Keynote Speaker, Hispanic Black Gay Coalition Youth Empowerment Conf., Boston MA, October.
2011. Guest Speaker, Yuisa Perez’s Claremont Academy Class, 10 grade AVID students, Worcester MA, May.
2011. “Being LGBTQ on the Job Market,” Brown University Panel, February.
2010. “Hymn, Him and Hem: A Balm in Gilead and Me,” (Sermon Given as part of a Month-Long Series on Racism and the Bible), Congregational Church of Needham, MA, January 17.
2007. “Institutionalized Love, speech presented at Bethel AME Church, Providence, RI. 2007. “Mercy Endureth,” speech presented at Bethel AME Church, Providence, RI.
2006. “In Celebration of Black History Month,” speech presented at the Ambulatory Care Center, U.S. Naval Base, Newport, RI.
2006. “Middle of the Road,” speech presented at the Rhode Island Coalition for Affirmative Action Meeting.
2006. “Us And Illusions - Excellence and Ends in the Vineyard,” speech presented as the keynote speaker at the Ministers’ Alliance of Rhode Island Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Prayer Breakfast, Cranston, RI.
2004. “The History of the AME Church, the Leadership of Richard Allen, and Contemporary Relevance,” speech presented at Quinn Chapel AME Church, Forrest Park, OH.
2002. Speaker at City of Toledo Mayor Jack Ford’s Inaugural Celebration, Toledo Museum of Art.
2001. “Got Milk?,” speech presented at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday, Toledo, OH.

### **Courses Taught**

- Introduction to African American Studies, (AAS 1063), Mississippi State University
- Black Political Thought, (PS 4990), Mississippi State University
- Leadership and Ethics, (PPA/PS 6990/8990), Mississippi State University
- American Political Thought: Intersections in Contemporary Theory (PS 4433/6433), Mississippi State University.
- The Dynamics of American Democracy: Diverse Representation in American Politics (PS 4223/6223), Mississippi State University.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Political Thought: Topics in Contemporary Political Theory (PS 4423/6423), Mississippi State University
- Political Analysis (PS 4464), Mississippi State University
- American Government (PS 1113), Mississippi State University.
- Introduction to Public Policy (PS 2703), Mississippi State University.
- African American Politics (PS 4273), Mississippi State University
- African American Politics (PSCI 224/158), Clark University
- African American Politics (College of Professional and Continuing Education), Clark University
- Research Methods (PSCI 107), Clark University

Race and Political Representation (PSCI 264), Clark University  
Introduction to American Government, (PSCI 050) Clark University  
Introduction to Public Policy in the U.S., (PSCI 154) Clark University  
Introduction to Public Policy in the U.S., (College of Professional and Continuing Education), Clark University  
African American Political Thought, (PSCI 265) Clark University  
Urban Politics (PSCI 171) Clark University  
Introduction to Ethnic Studies, Anna Maria College, Summer Bridge Program

### **Professional Service Roles**

2015-present, Member, American Political Science Association, Sherrill Prize Committee, to recognize the best doctoral dissertation proposal for an empirical study of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) topics in political science  
2014, National Association for Ethnic Studies 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference Chair  
2013-present, Member, Bryan Jackson Dissertation in Ethnic and Minority Politics Support Award Committee, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association  
2012-2015 Member, Political Science and Public Administration M.A. Program Committee, Mississippi State University  
2012-2015 Member, Political Science and Public Administration Pi Sigma Alpha Committee, Mississippi State University  
2012-2015 Member, Political Science and Public Administration Junior Faculty Development Sub Committee, Mississippi State University  
2013-16. Co-Chair, the Bayard Rustin Best Paper in LGBT Politics Award Committee, National Conference of Black Political Scientists.  
2012-2014, Secretary (elected), Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section, American Political Science Association  
2012-2015, Vice President (elected), National Association for Ethnic Studies  
2013- Member, National Conference of Black Political Scientists Executive Council, At-Large  
2011- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Applied Social Science*  
2011-2012. Member, Provost's Diversity Task Force, Clark University.  
2011- Associate Editor, *Ethnic Studies Review*.  
2011- Member, Board of Directors, National Association for Ethnic Studies, Inc.  
2011- Chair, Public Relations Sub-Committee, National Association for Ethnic Studies, Inc.  
2011-13. Chair, the Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year Award Committee, National Conference of Black Political Scientists.  
2010-11. Adviser, Jane Carper, Interdisciplinary Self-Designed Major Development, Clark University.  
2010-12. Member, Institutional Review Board, Clark University.  
2010-12. Member, MLK Celebration/Black History Month Committee, Clark University.  
2010. Departmental Captain, United Way Campaign, Clark University, Fall.  
2009-12. Advisor, FOCUS, a Black and Latino Male Undergraduate Student Group, Clark University.

### ***Service Activities***

2013. Keynote Speaker, 2013 Diversity Awards Program, President's Commission on the Status of Minorities, Mississippi State University.  
2013. Organizer, African American Studies 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Retreat, Mississippi State University, Magnolia Manor, September 20.  
2013. Discussion Leader/Facilitator, Film Screening of "Crash." Event sponsored by African American Studies. Mississippi State University. April.  
2012. Discussion Leader/Facilitator, Film Screening of "Crash." Event sponsored by the Dean of Students, Clark University, August.  
2012, Proposal approved to re-name the Race and Ethnic Relations Concentration to "Ethnic Studies," by the Undergraduate Academic Board, Clark University



- 2011. Faculty Speaker, Multicultural Open House, Clark University, April.
- 2011. Organizer, MLK Keynote Speaker: Devon Carbado Visit to Clark University, January.
- 2010. Leadership Presentation, CHAS Black and Latino Male Conference, Clark University, November.
- 2010. Keynote Introduction, Harrington Political Science Lecture: Marion Orr Visit to Clark University, November.
- 2010. Moderator, Black Student Union (BSU) Political Debate, Clark University, October.
- 2010. Faculty Speaker, Clark University ACE Summer Institute, August.
- 2010. Invited Faculty Speaker, ALANA Overnight Multicultural Pre-Open House Program, Department of Admissions, Clark University, April 16.
- 2010. Discussion Leader/Facilitator, Film Screening of “Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire,” Event sponsored by the Black Student Union and the Office of Intercultural Affairs, Clark University, February.

**Other Publications, Monographs, and Editorials**

- 2015, “Witness to a “Crisis:” 1950s Black Youth Activism That Propels Many Today.” Huffington Post, May 15
- 2014, “A Pilgrimage, the CORE Murders and Juneteenth,” Huffington Post, June 20.
- 2014, “The New Black: A Review,” Huffington Post, February 6.
- 2013, “Seek to Transform Mississippi,” Huffington Post, February 28.
- 2013, “A Murder of Passion or Hate? A Call for a Summit on Homophobia and Justice,” Huffington Post, March 4.
- 2013, “The Time is Always Now to Eradicate Discrimination,” Huffington Post, March 26.
- 2013, “Alan Chambers’ Apology,” Huffington Post, June 20.
- 2013, “Not There Yet,” Huffington Post, June 26.
- 2013, “A ‘Frank’ Lesson in American (Minority) Politics, Huffington Post, February 1.
- 2013, “Why Obama Deserves the Black Vote (Again),” Ebony Magazine, November 6.
- 2012, “Who’s Fighting for Discrimination in Worcester,” GoLocalWorcester.com, May 5.
- 2012, “What’s in a name,” GoLocalWorcester.com, April 26.
- 2012. “Worcester’s Diversity Problem,” GoLocalWorcester.com, April 18.
- 2011. “What Does the NAACP Stand for Now: It Protects Rights for All.” Zocalo Public Square.  
<http://zocalopublicsquare.org/thepublicsquare/2011/07/24/what-does-the-naacp-stand-for-now/read/chats/>
- 2011. “The King in You” The Radiant News, February 1-15 Edition.
- 2010. “King Did More Than Dream: An Appeal,” The Radiant News, February 1-15 Edition.
- 2010. “How Arizona’s Anti-Brown Laws Affect All Americans” Orlando Sentinel Hispanoshpere Blog, June 1.
- 2010. “Why We Should Boycott: How Arizona’s Anti-Brown Laws Affect Blacks and All Americans,” Opinion Column, <http://www.cyberdrumm.com>, Worcester’s Black Urban Village, May 18.
- 2009. “Why Blacks’ Denial of Civil Rights to Others is an Affront to Themselves,” The Sojourner’s Truth, May 20.
- 2009. “In the Job Market When All the Dollars (and Jobs) Are Gone,” The Sojourner’s Truth, March 25. 2008. “Why Obama Won: Notes on What Now,” The Sojourner’s Truth, November 12.
- 2008. “Why HIV and/or AIDS Is a Sociopolitical Issue You Need to Do Something Substantive About!,” The Sojourner’s Truth, October 8.
- 2008. “Obama has upper hand on the topic of race relations,” Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY, September 26.
- 2008. “What Good is an Apology,” The Sojourner’s Truth, September 10.
- 2008. “A Home-Schooling Lesson in the Mirror: Why Obtaining an Advanced Degree is No Longer a Luxury but a Requirement,” The Sojourner’s Truth, August 13.
- 2008. “Black Diversity,” The Sojourner’s Truth, August 6.
- 2008. “Reject and Renounce Round # ?,” The Sojourner’s Truth, July 16. 2008. “A Call for Black Civic Education,” The Sojourner’s Truth, July 2.
- 2008. “Include Young People in Leadership Movement,” The Sojourner’s Truth, February 20. 2008. “Challenge the Census Projections,” The Sojourner’s Truth, February 13.

**Community Service and Activities**

***Leadership***

- 2014-2015 Affiliate Equity Officer, ACLU Board of Directors, Mississippi.

- 2014-2015. Board Member (elected), ACLU Board of Directors, Mississippi.
- 2014- Member, Andrew Goodman Foundation, Millennial Advisory Committee
- 2013. Convener and Organizer, Social Gospel in Action Black History Month Community Program and Intergroup Dialogue Workshop, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Starkville MS, February.
- 2011-2012. Board Member, Center for Non-Violent Solutions, Worcester, MA.
- 2011-2012. Board Member, Worcester Education Collaborative, Worcester, MA.
- 2011-2012. President (elected), Worcester Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), election received nationwide press attention, it outlets such as the USA Today, National Public Radio, ABC News, Jet Magazine, The Washington Post, etc.
- 2011-2012. Appointed by City Manager, City of Worcester Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.
- 2011-2012. Member, City of Worcester Public Schools Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.
- 2010-11. Reactivation Organizer, Worcester Branch NAACP.

### ***Media Appearances***

- 2015, Guest, "Let's Talk with Abby & Ari," SiriusXM Insight, Channel 21, May 14.
- 2012, Guest, Thomas Roberts Show, MSNBC, December 11. "First male LGBT couple to appear in Jet Magazine/Politics of Marriage Equality."
- 2012, "Love is Love: A Kappa Man Speaks on the Viral Video 'Controversy'." Ebony Magazine. October 12. 2012, Guest, Emily Rooney Show, WGBH Boston, Boston Public Radio, October-December.
- 2012, Guest, Basic Black, WGBH Boston, "The New Black Politics in Massachusetts," June.
- 2012, "Coffee with Konnie: Episode #383," Discussed local and Massachusetts politics.
- 2012, Guest, Callie Crossley Show. WGBH Boston, "Gov. Patrick and Black Interests," May 8.
- 2012, Feature News Story by Bruce Mohl on recent article in *Trotter Review* (see publications): "Article examines Patrick's representation of blacks," Commonwealth Magazine, May 2.
- 2012, Feature News Story by Kenneth J. Cooper on recent article in *Trotter Review* (see publications): "Report: Patrick has governed for the 'good of the whole,'" Bay State Banner, May 3, Vol. 57. No. 39.
- 2012. CNN.com "What Did MLK Think about Gay People," January 16.
- 2012. Basic Black Show WGBH Boston. "New Protests, New Leadership" and "After the Broadcast: Who Should Have Created the MLK Memorial?" Broadcasted Nationally via TheRoot.com, January.
- 2012. Charter Channel 3 (Worcester, MA): Local Community Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast. Interview on Status of King's Dream, January.
- 2011, NECN News, School Committee Meeting Garners Support," Worcester, MA.
- 2011, Interview on President Obama's Re-Election Chances: "Reading the Pres. Obama Barometer." November 1. WGBH, The Callie Crossley Show.
- 2011. Charter Channel 3 (Worcester, MA): "Saving Troy Davis." Interview on Campus and Community Reaction with Clark University students, November.
- 2011. Worcester Business Journal, "40 Under 40," August.
- 2011. Out Magazine, "193 Reasons to Celebrate," June. 2011. Out Magazine, "The Hidden 105," May.
- 2011. The Advocate, "40 Under 40," April.
- 2011. Pulse Magazine, "Person to Watch," January.
- 2011. Guest, Basic Black, WGBH, PBS-Boston on discussion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the civil war and the Sharpton/West debate on President Obama, April.
- 2011. Guest, All Things Considered, NPR, on election of Worcester Branch NAACP President, April 4.
- 2011. Guest, Tell Me More with Michel Martin, NPR, on election of Worcester Branch NAACP President, March.
- 2011. Guest, Callie Crossley Show, WGBH, on election as Worcester Branch NAACP President, March.
- 2011. Guest, Konnie Lukes Show, WCRN, on local minority politics and new Census findings, April 2.
- 2011. Quoted in article, "Rebellious Arizona—the Perfect Venue for Next Week's Tea Party Summit," The Politics Daily. February.
- 2011. Guest, The Context of White Supremacy (COWS) Radio Program, Internet Radio, April 4.
- 2010. Guest, City of Worcester Human Rights Commission Meeting, "Race in Worcester," October.
- 2010. Guest, Hank Stoltz Show, Race in Worcester Conversation, September.

2010. Featured Guest, discussion on American Race Relations and the Tea Party Controversy, “Everything is Broken” with Jim Lynch, 90.1 FM, WUSB FM (and broadcasted online), July 20.
2010. Featured Guest, discussion of state of American Race Relations given my op-ed “King Did More Than Dream: An Appeal” Wake Up Worcester! Charter TV 3 and AM 830 WCRN with Host Hank Stolz, January 18.
2010. Quoted in article, “Deval Patrick: Running for Act Two,” by Kenneth J. Cooper, TheDefendersOnline.com, August 24.
2009. Quoted in article, “Setti Warren wins Newton mayor’s race,” by Kenneth J. Cooper, Bay State Banner, November 12.
2009. Featured Guest, discussion of state of Regional and American Race Relations and Political Representation given my op-ed “Why not a Black Mayor for Boston?” Nationally-syndicated, one-hour program “The Fairness Doctrine,” WDIS AM 1170, WNSH AM 1570 (and broadcasted online) with Host Chuck Morse, November 4.

### ***Other Activities***

- 2012, Mindsetter, GoLocalWorcester.com Contributor
2011. Invited Guest, LGBT Pride Month Policy Briefing and Reception, The White House, Washington, D.C., June.
2008. Master of Ceremonies, Tribute to Rosa Parks, City of Toledo, OH, December 6.
- 2008-09. Member, Board of Directors (Graduate Student Representative) for the National Association for Ethnic Studies.
2008. Conference Chair, Chief Organizer, Visionary, and Master of Ceremonies for the First Annual Graduate Students of Color Conference, sponsored by the Samuel M. Nabrit Black Graduate Student Association, Brown University.
- 2006-08. Keeper of Records, Providence Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- 2006-07. President, Samuel M. Nabrit Black Graduate Student Association, Brown University.
2006. Member of the Re-activation Committee and the Endorsement Committee of the Rhode Island Black Political Action Committee.
- 2004-05. Board of Trustees Member, West Side Montessori Center, Toledo Ohio.
- 2003-04. Affirmative Action Director, Michigan Youth and College Division of the NAACP.
- 2002-04. NAACP State of Michigan, Youth/College Division, Executive Committee.
2002. Founder, NAACP Chapter at the University of Michigan and Chair of Membership.
- 1999-2006. Founder/Established the Youth Empowerment Award given by the City of Toledo and sponsored by the Board of Community Relations and continues to be bestowed annually.

### ***Political Experience***

2006. Moderator, City Council Debates for Wards 4 and 10, City of Providence, RI, sponsored by the Rhode Island Black Political Action Committee.
2005. Consultant/Campaign Headquarters Coordinator, Mayor Jack Ford Re-Election Campaign in Toledo, Ohio.
2001. Yard Sign Director/Co-Coordinator of Youth Volunteers at Lucas County Democratic Party for the Jack Ford Mayoral Campaign, Toledo, Ohio.

### **Professional Memberships and Activities**

American Political Science Association

- Race, Ethnicity and Politics
- Urban Politics

National Association for Ethnic Studies

Midwest Political Science Association

National Conference of Black Political Scientists

Urban Affairs Association

Southern Political Science Association

Manuscript Reviewer, *National Political Science Review*

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Black Studies*

Manuscript Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*

Manuscript Reviewer, *Southern Studies*

Manuscript Reviewer, *Politics, Groups and Identities*

