

**Mia A. Powell**

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**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

A highly motivated PhD student majoring in American Politics in the Department of Political Science at Pennsylvania State University. I am a former Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow with experience in the Humanities as well as Social Sciences. I have worked on independent and collaborative projects and have interned within Michigan State University’s Department of Political Science and in local government. My current research area concerns the political implications of adverse interactions between State institutions and civilian populations and am particularly interested in the role of hyper-policing in influencing political behaviors of marginalized groups.

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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science** (*in progress*)

Pennsylvania State University  
Cumulative GPA: 3.89

**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Minor in Political Science, 2021**

California State University, Fullerton  
Cumulative GPA: 3.62

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Racial and Ethnic Politics
  - Political Behavior/Psychology
  - Inequalities
  - Conflict
  - State/Local Politics
  - Law and Society
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**PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES**

- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship West Coast Undergraduate Research Conference, 2020, “Search Without a Cause: Stop-and-Frisk Practices and Political Efficacy in New York”
  - Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship West Coast Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Washington, 2019
  - Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Summer Program, California State University, Long Beach, 2019, “Examining ‘Resilience’: the Implications of Racialized Language in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Illness Within the Black Community”
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Legislative Aid**

**February 2021 – May 2021**

*Orange County Board of Supervisors, Office of Chairman Andrew Do, Santa Ana, CA*

- Drafted policy statements, staff recommendations, and write-ups to be utilized at Board and Committee meetings
- Conducted independent research projects on agencies, practices, and County Offices
- Edited and authored press releases that were later published on the County webpage

**Research Assistant**

**July 2020 – August 2020**

*Summer Research Opportunities Program, Michigan State University, Department of Political Science*

- Performed qualitative and quantitative analyses on trends of political participation in low-income, race-class subjugated communities within the twenty-one most populous cities in the United States to track income-based inequalities in local bodies of government
- Conducted statistical analysis using CCES survey data to quantify political participation in local political systems