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Areas of Interest

Research: racial, ethnic, and gender differences in civic involvement, the formation and mutability of social identity, campaigns and elections, racial attitudes and stereotypes, survey research, political institutions, research synthesis, and the scholarship of teaching and learning

Teaching: American government, political behavior, public opinion, social identity, legislative politics, interest groups, political behavior, political science research methods, presidency studies, state and local politics, presidency studies, state and local politics, and the philosophy of social science

Education

- June 2006** PhD, Political Science - The Ohio State University
Dissertation: "Racial Cleavages in Political Interest"
Committee: Herb Weisberg and Harwood McClerking (Co-Chairs), Paul Beck, and Tom Nelson
- June 2002** MA, Political Science - The Ohio State University
- May 1999** BA, Philosophy; BA, Political Science - Howard University

Academic Appointments

Department of Political Science and Department of African American Studies, Pennsylvania State University (Associate Professor, 2019–present)

Department of Political Science and African American and Africana Studies Program, University of Kentucky (Associate Professor, 2017–2019)

Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse (Assistant Professor, 2010–2014; Associate Professor, 2014–2017)

Department of Political Science, Florida State University (Assistant Professor, 2006–2010)

Department of Political Science, Middle Tennessee State University (Pre-Doctoral Fellow, 2005–2006)

Publications

Books

Franklin, Sekou M. and Ray Block Jr. *Losing Power: African Americans and Racial Polarization in Tennessee Politics* (Athens GA: University of Georgia Press, 2020)

Ray Block Jr. *Race, Gender, Police Violence, and Public Opinion: How Polling Practices React (and Contribute to) Contemporary Debates* (in preparation)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Andrea Benjamin, Ray Block Jr., Jared Clemons, Chryl Laird, and Julian Wamble. "Set in Stone? Predicting Confederate Monument Removal." Forthcoming in *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

Christina S. Haynes and Ray Block Jr. "Role-Model-In-Chief: Understanding a Michelle Obama Effect." *Politics & Gender* 15 (September 2019): 365–402.

Harwood K. McClerking, Chryl Laird and Ray Block Jr. "The Fragility of Racial Transcendence: An Analysis of Oprah Winfrey's Endorsement of the Barack Obama 2008 Presidential Campaign." *American Politics Research* 47 (January 2019): 304–328.

Lakeyta M. Bonnette-Bailey, Ray Block Jr., and Harwood K. McClerking. "Imagining a Better World: Rap-Music Skepticism and the Civic Activism of Young African Americans." *Du Bois Review* 15 (Fall 2018): 353–385.

Daniel Tope, Daniel Lanford, and Ray Block Jr. "Racial Attitudes and Health Insurance Policy Opinion: An Anglo-Latinx Comparison." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* (first published November 9 2018). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/rep.2018.22>.

Laurie Cooper Stoll, Terry Glenn Lilley, and Ray Block Jr. "Gender-Blind Sexism and Rape Myth Acceptance: Results from a Nationally Representative Study." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* (first published October 25, 2018). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260518807912>.

Jonathan E. Collins and Ray Block Jr. "Fired Up, Ready to Go! The Impact of Campaign Enthusiasm, Civic Duty, and Age Differences on African American Voting." *Political Behavior* (first published August 9, 2018). DOI: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11109-018-9488-y>.

Maruice Mangum and Ray Block Jr. "Social Identity Theory and Public Opinion towards Immigration." *Social Sciences* 7(March 2018). DOI: <http://www.mdpi.com/2076-0760/7/3/41>.

Ray Block, Jr. "Race, Gender, and Media Coverage of Michelle Obama." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 5 (April 2017): 161–165.

Harwood K. McClerking and Ray Block Jr. "Say Our Name (and Say It Right)! Extending Walton et al. on the Evolution of Race in Political Science Scholarship." *Research & Politics* 3 (April-June 2016): 1–8.

Laurie Cooper Stoll and Ray Block Jr. "Intersectionality and Cyberbullying: A Study of Cybervictimization in a Midwestern High School." *Computers in Human Behavior* 52 (November 2015): 387–397.

Ray Block Jr. and Christina S. Haynes. "Taking to the Airwaves: Using Content Analyses of Survey Toplines and Filmographies to Test the 'Michelle Obama Image Transformation' (MOIT) Hypothesis." *National Political Science Review* 16 (September 2014): 97–114.

Ray Block Jr., Ruth Cronje, and Daniel Henke, "Writing to Do Democracy: An Investigation of Political Science Undergraduate Writing Performance." *Global Education Review* 1 (March 2013): 1–13.

Ray Block Jr. and Richard Seltzer, "Understanding the Complex Influence of Religiosity on the Race Gap in Support for Proposition 8." *Review of European Studies* 4 (August 2012): 84–94.

Ray Block Jr. and David A. Siegel, "Identity, Bargaining, and Third-Party Mediation," *International Theory* 3 (September 2011): 416–417.

Ray Block Jr. "Backing Barack Because He's Black: Racially-Motivated Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election." *Social Science Quarterly* 92 (June 2011): 423–446.

Ray Block Jr. "What about Disillusionment? Exploring the Determinants of Black Nationalism." *Political Behavior* 33 (March 2011): 27–51.

Ray Block Jr. and Chinonye Onwunli. "Managing Monikers: The Role of Name Presentation in the 2008 Presidential Election." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 40 (September 2010): 464–481.

Book Chapters

Ray Block Jr. and Christina Haynes. "Exploring the Oral Histories of African Americans who Support Donald Trump." Forthcoming in *The C-SPAN Archives, 2020: Advancing the Research Agenda*, ed. Robert X. Browning (West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 2020), 67-96.

Ray Block Jr. and Angela K. Lewis. "The 'Obama Effect,' Revisited: A Macro-Level and Longitudinal Exploration of the Influence of Barack Obama's Media Presence on Racialized Political Party Polarization." Forthcoming in *After Obama: African American Politics in the Post-Obama America*, ed. Todd C. Shaw, Robert A. Brown, and Joseph P. McCormick II (New York, NY: NYU Press, 2018).

Christopher J. Clark and Ray Block Jr. "Descriptive Representation and Black Political Involvement," in *Gaining Voice: Causes and Consequences of Black Representation in the American States*, by Christopher J. Clark (Oxford University Press, February 2019).

Ray Block Jr. and Christina S. Haynes. "'Mom-In-Chief' Rhetoric as a Lens for Understanding Policy Advocacy: A Thematic Analysis of Video Footage from Michelle Obama's Speeches." In *The C-SPAN Archives, 2015: Advancing the Research Agenda*, ed. Robert X. Browning (West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 2015), 165–190.

Ray Block Jr. "Some Like It Hot: Toward A Political Climate Explanation of Racial Differences in Political Interest." In *African-American Political Psychology: Identity, Opinion, and Action in the Post-Civil Rights Era*, ed. Tasha Philpot and Ismail K. White (New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), 147–156.

Encyclopedia Entries

Ray Block Jr. "Racial Stereotyping in Political Decision Making." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics*, by Zoe Oxley and David Redlawsk, eds. (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2019).

Ray Block Jr. "Urban Politics." In *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2nd ed. (Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson Gale, 2007).

Book Reviews

Ray Block Jr. Review of *The Obama Legacy*, by Bert A. Rockman and Andrew Rudalevige, eds. Forthcoming in *American Review of Politics*.

Ray Block Jr. Review of *The Obama Victory: How Media, Money, and Message Shaped the 2008 Election*, by Kate Kenski, Bruce W. Hardy, and Kathleen Hall Jamieson. *American Review of Politics* 32 (Spring–Summer 2011): 158–160.

Harwood K. McClerking and Ray Block Jr. Review of *The New White Nationalism in America: Its Challenge to Integration*, by Carol M. Swain. *National Political Science Review* 10 (2005): 205–207.

Other, Non-Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts

Kathleen Tipler, Tyler Johnson, Tyler Camarillo, Andrea Benjamin, Ray Block Jr., Jared Clemons, Chryl Laird, and Julian Wamble. 2019. "93 Percent of Confederate Monuments are Still Standing. Here's Why." Monkey Cage - *The Washington Post*, December 16, 2019.

Ray Block Jr. *Ethnically Polarized Voting in Medina County, Texas*. 2011. Expert witness report to the Southwest Workers Union and Advancement Project.

Ray Block Jr. 2007. "'Usually, But Not Always': A Report on the Race Gap in Political Interest, 1952–2004," in "NAACP Special Edition," special issue, *The Crisis*, January/February 2007, 13–17.

Unpublished Research

Manuscripts Under Review

“Gluttons for Punishment? African American Celebrities and the Dilemma of Signaling Pro-Black Political Stances” (with Harwood K. McClerking). Revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Race and Social Problems*.

“Blacks for Trump: Racial Orientation, Political Orientation, and the Gender Gap” (with Melynda J. Price and Patrick L. Mason).

“Americanness and the ‘Other’ Americans: An Examination of the American Identity and Political Behavior of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the United States” (with Stacey Greene, Gabrielle Gray, and Niambi M. Carter)

Work in Progress

“Black-Women Stereotypes and Perceptions of Michelle Obama: A Multi-Method Approach to Evaluating Dialogues about Her Politics and Appearance” (with Jamil S. Scott and Christina S. Haynes).

“From the Black Power Movement to Black Lives Matter: (Mis)Conceptions of the Fight for Equality” (with Precious Hall).

“The President and Racial Threat: Ronald Reagan and the Political Mobilization of the Black Community” (with Christopher S. Parker and Christopher C. Towler).

“Shared Racial Status and New Civil Rights Agendas: Black Attitudes Toward Immigration Policy” (with Jennifer A. Jones).

“Honoring Those Who Have Gone Before You: A Tribute to the First African Americans to Receive their PhDs in Political Science” (with Melynda J. Price).

“Minority Diversity and Mass-Level Political Involvement: An Analytical Framework that Integrates Multiple Bodies of Research.”

Grant Activity

External Grants

2019 Proposal to the National Science Foundation (with Eric Plutzer, Michael B. Berkman, Burt Monroe, and Candis W. Smith). Project: “Race, Identity, Emotions, and Political Participation: The 2020 Emotions and Identity Election Study.”

2005 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (\$30,000), Middle Tennessee State University.

Internal Grants

2017 Nominee, Provost’s Teaching Excellence Award, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse

2015 Research Grant (\$2,500), C-SPAN Education Foundation Grant program. Project: “Black-Woman Stereotypes, Policy Rhetoric, and the Politics of Media Depiction: A Content Analysis of Video Footage from Michelle Obama’s Speeches.”

2014 Faculty Grant (\$15,075; with Cecilia Manrique), College of Liberal Studies Technology & Equipment Grant, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. Purpose: To fund the purchase of NVivo for students seeking to conduct qualitative research.

2013 Professional Development Grant (\$3,750), College of Liberal Studies Inclusive Excellence Grant, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. Project: “Winning Tenure without Losing Your Soul: Enhancing Professional Development by Participating in the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity’s Faculty Success Program.

Research Grant (\$1,500), College of Liberal Studies Small Grant, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. Project: "The FLOTUS Project: A Database of Public Perceptions of Contemporary First Ladies."

2012 Research Grant (\$7,500; with Christina S. Haynes), Faculty Research Grant, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. Project: "The 'Sapphire,' the 'Jezebel,' the 'Mammy,' and 'Michelle O': Issues of Race, Femininity, and the (Gendered) Politics of Media Depiction."

Research Grant (\$4,000), College of Liberal Studies Grant Writing Stipend. Project: "The Obama Synthesis Project (OSP): Phase 1 (Search-Related Data)."

Recipient, 2012 Faculty Recognition of Excellence Award for Scholarship/Research, College of Liberal Studies, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.

2011 Research Grant (\$3,750), College of Liberal Studies Small Grant. Project: "The Obama Books Boom, Revisited: Understanding America's Fascination with Books Written by, Related to, or Endorsed by Its 44th President."

Teaching Grant (\$11,400; with Jo Arney, Jeremy Arney, Stephen McDougal, Adam Van Liere, Cecilia Manrique, Christina Haynes, and Bryan Kopp), University of Wisconsin System Grant. Project: "Blind Peer Review: An Investigation of Student Learning."

2010 Certificate (\$5,352), Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Award.

2009 Research Grant (12,000; with Betsy Jane Becker and Ariel M. Aloe), Council on Research and Creativity, Planning Grant, Florida State University. Project: "The Impact of Survey Artifacts on the (Mis)Interpretation of Political Interest Trends."

2007 Faculty Grant (\$4,000), Committee on Black Faculty Support, Office of Graduate Studies, Florida State University. Purpose: general research support and travel.

2006 Research Grant (\$16,000), First Year Assistant Professor (FYAP) Summer Award, Council on Research and Creativity, Florida State University. Project: "Understanding Interest in Politics and Political Participation as Mutually-Reinforcing Concepts."

In Progress

"Race, Police Violence, and Public Opinion: How Polling Practices Reflect (and Contribute to) Contemporary Debates"

Professional Activity and Presentations

Editorial Service

Editorial Board: *National Political Science Review* (now the *National Review of Black Politics*), 2019 – Present

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *Geopolitics*, *Howard Journal of Communications*, *International Journal of Press-Politics*, *Journal of African American History*, *Journal of Black Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *National Review of Black Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics & Gender*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Publius*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science*, *Sociological Perspectives*

Book Reviewer: *National Political Science Review* (now the *National Review of Black Politics*), *American Review of Politics*

Society Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Southern Political Science Association

National Council of Black Studies
Society for Political Methodology
Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society (inducted in 1999)
Golden Key International Honour Society (inducted in 1998)

Positions in Professional Organizations

Member: American Political Science Association's Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha award committee (August 2019 – Present)

Newsletter Editor: American Political Science Association's Race, Ethnicity, and Politics organized section (August 2017 – Present)

Member at Large: The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) executive Committee (August 2018 – Present)

Senior Analyst: Latino Decisions (May 2016 – Present)

Senior Analyst: African American Research Collaborative (August 2016 – Present)

Invited Talks

2020 “Role-Model-In-Chief: Understanding a Michelle Obama Effect” (scheduled invited talk at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA).

“Polling Research and Perceptions of Police Violence” (scheduled invited talk at Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA).

2019 “Race, Gender, and Media Depictions of Michelle Obama.” The Race and Difference Colloquium Series in the James Weldon Johnson Institute at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

2018 “Using Dedoose to Explore the Oral Histories of African Americans who Support Donald Trump” (with Christina S. Haynes), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

“Americanness of the ‘Other’ Americans: An Examination of Political Behavior of Minorities in the United States” (with Niambi Carter, Stacey Greene, and Gabrielle Gray). 2018 Collaborative Multi-racial Post-election Survey (CMPS) Summer Research Workshop and Planning Meeting at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.

2017 “Fired Up or Ready to Go? The Impact of Declining Enthusiasm on African American Political Participation in the Post-Obama Era” (with Jonathan Collins). UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.

2016 “Race, Law Enforcement, and Public Opinion.” Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.

2015 “Rap Music, Black Youth, and Political Participation.” Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.

2014 “Black-Women Stereotypes, Policy Rhetoric, and the Politics of Media Depiction: A Content Analysis of Video Footage from Michelle Obama's Speeches” (with Christina Haynes). C-SPAN Archives: Advancing the Research Agenda, conference at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

2013 “Taking to the Airwaves: Using Content Analyses of Survey Toplines and Filmographies to Test the ‘Michelle Obama Image Transformation’ (MOIT) Hypothesis” (with Christina Haynes). Gender and Political Psychology Research Workshop, Northern Illinois University, Naperville, IL.

Keynote Speaker: “Politics, Ethics, and Citizenship: (Re)Envisioning America's Future,” Composition Committee, English Department, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, La Crosse, WI.

2012 “The Women of Contemporary Presidential Politics: A Panorama of Survey Reports from the iPoll Database” (with Christina Haynes). Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies events for the Fall, sponsored by UW-L Provost's Office Visiting Scholar of Color Grant; Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department; Violence Prevention Office; and Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI.

2010 “The Obama Synthesis Project: Mastering the Literature on the 2008 Presidential Election.” Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Consortium, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

- 2009** “Understanding Black Republicans and Politically Conservative African Americans.” Roundtable hosted by the Black Graduate Student Association, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- 2008** “Managing Monikers: Name Presentation and Its Potential Impact in the 2008 Presidential Election.” “Obama Effect” conference, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2007** “A Political Climate Model of the Race Gap in Political Interest.” Toward a Transformative Agenda Around Race, a national conference and film festival sponsored by The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- 2006** “Race and Political Interest.” Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.
- 2005** “The Racial Gap in Political Interest.” Paper presented at the Conference in African American Political Psychology, the University of Texas, Austin, TX.

Conference Activity

- Annual Meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (2007)
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2019, 2017, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2002, 1998)
- Annual International Campbell Collaboration Colloquium (2008)
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2020, 2016, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002)
- Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (2020, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002)
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (2005)
- Annual Meetings of the Southern Political Science Association (2019, 2017, 2008, 2007, 2005)
- Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association (2008)
- Annual Meetings of SPIRE, the Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (2020)
- Annual Meetings of the Student of Color Rakhm Conference (2003, 2002)
- Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (2003)

Panels, Workshops, and Public Education

- 2019** “Polling Research and the 2020 Presidential Election.” WisPolitics.com’s inaugural Midwest Polling Summit at The Madison Club in Madison, WI.
- 2019** Guest panelist on Black Public Opinion, a podcast series sponsored by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS).
- 2018** “Voter Suppression of Voter Fraud? The Current Dynamics of Electoral Politics.” University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.
- Press briefing of the 2018 American Election Eve Poll of African Americans, sponsored by The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), The Advancement Project, Latino Decisions, Asian American Decisions, and the African American Research Collaborative.
- Press briefing of the July 2018 Midterm Survey, sponsored by The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Latino Decisions, and the African American Research Collaborative.
- 2017** Press briefing of the Virginia 2017 Election Eve Poll, sponsored by Latino Decisions and the African American Research Collaborative.

- 2016** Press briefing of the 2016 African American Voter Poll (with Jonathan E. Collins), sponsored by State Voices, Latino Decisions and the African American Research Collaborative.
- 2011** Guest discussant on *Newsmakers*, Wisconsin Public Radio/WHLA-FM/La Crosse. Topic: Congressional Redistricting.
- 2009** Guest discussant on *Perspectives*, Florida Public Radio/WFSU-FM. Topic: Inauguration Day 2009.
- 2008** Guest appearance on *ABC 27 News*, WTXL, Tallahassee. Topic: Outcome of 2008 Presidential Election.
 Guest appearance on *ABC 27 News*, WTXL, Tallahassee. Topic: North Carolina Democratic Primary.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Courses

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (In Preparation, Pennsylvania State University)

Mixed-Methods Research Seminar in African American Studies (In Preparation, Pennsylvania State University)

Introduction to Political Analysis (Florida State University)

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to American National Government (Middle Tennessee State University, Florida State University, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

Political Science Research Methods (Middle Tennessee State University, Florida State University, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, University of Kentucky)

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (Florida State University, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, University of Kentucky, Pennsylvania State University)

Public Opinion and Political Behavior (University of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

American Presidency (University of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

Legislative Process in the United States (University of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

American Political Parties (University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, University of Kentucky)

Interest Group Politics in the United States (University of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

Special Topics: Identity Politics (Florida State University, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

Special Topics: First Ladies and the American Presidency (University of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

Special Topics: Race, Gender, and Political Activism (Pennsylvania State University)

Capstone Seminar in Political Science (University of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

Introduction to African American and Africana Studies (University of Kentucky, Pennsylvania State University)

Mixed-Methods Research Seminar in African American Studies (In Preparation, Pennsylvania State University)

Faculty Mentoring

The National Center For Faculty Development Diversity (NCFDD)

- Faculty Coach: The Faculty Success Program (December 2013 – Present)
 - The NCFDD is an independent center that is dedicated to helping faculty, particularly under-represented faculty, make a successful transition from graduate student to professor.
 - The NCFDD’s “Faculty Success Program” is 12-week boot camp that requires daily accountability structure, weekly small-groups sessions, training workshops, and one-on-one coaching sessions that work to help members become more productive that aid in achieving career goals.

Penn State University’s Mid-Career Faculty Advancement Program (MFAP)

- Faculty Coach (January 2020 – May 2023)
 - The MFAP is a multi-layered resource founded on best practices and a body of research that is focused on the experiences of faculty members at the mid-career stage.
 - The MFAP is a three-year pilot program initiated and led by Penn State’s College of Liberal Arts that facilitates the advancement of associate professors to the rank of full professor.

Student Mentoring

Graduate Student Dissertation Committee Member

- James P. Nelson. PhD in 2011. Dissertation: *Protest Meets Process: Attitudinal, Institutional, and Contextual Indicators of Third Party Voting and Candidate Entry in U.S. Legislative Elections*.
 - Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Lamar University

Graduate Student External Advisor

- Najja K. Baptist (Department of Political Science, Howard University). PhD in 2020. Dissertation: *In the Spirit, In the Dark: Examining the Interface between Black Music and Black Activism*.
 - Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Arkansas
- Jordan Brown (Department of Sociology, Florida State University). PhD in 2012. Dissertation: *Creating Threat, Constructing Cooperation: Presidential Rhetoric and Foreign Policy*.
 - Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky

MA Thesis Student Committee Member

- Giovanni Castro (Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University). Projected to defend MA thesis in 2020.
- Lee Vang (Department of Health Education & Health Promotion, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). MA in 2017. Thesis: *Assessing Racial Discrimination Experiences and Mental Health of Students of Color on A Predominantly White Campus*.

Undergraduate Honors Student Committee Member

- José Rubio-Zepeda (Department of Anthropology and Archaeology and Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse), BA in 2014. Thesis: “Coloring A Multilayered Nation: Café con Leche (Coffee with Milk).”
- Adia Brooks (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2012. Thesis: “Black Negrophobia and Black Self-Empowerment: Afro-descendant Responses to Societal Racism in São Paulo, Brazil.”
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XV

Undergraduate Thesis Student Advisor

- Tiffany Fameree (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2016. Thesis: "Party Polarization, Revisited: Explaining the Gender Gap in Political Party Preference."
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XIX
- Nicholas Theis (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2016. Thesis: "Social Characteristics and Political Identification: Determinants of Environmental Concern?"
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XIX
- Nedeau-Owen, Martha (Department of English and Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2015. Thesis: "The Impacts of Gendered Rhetoric in the United States Presidential Inaugural Address."
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XVIII
- Sammy Xiong-Vue (Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2015. Thesis: "Finding Self-Identity and Empowerment in the Comfort of Your Own Skin: Are Women Shelters Culturally Competent to Serve Hmong Women?"
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XVIII
- Jessey Unger (Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2015. Thesis: "A Qualitative Study of How Practitioner Perceive Success with Drug Policy and Programs: and Applying to Drug Programming and Policy."
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XVIII
- Mariah Hensley (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2014. Thesis: "Food Additives: Regulations and Repercussions."
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XVII
- Carissa Krug (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2014. Thesis: "Stay at Home or Travel to Rome: The Effects of Travel on Political Ideology."
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XVII
- Joel McReynolds, (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2013. Thesis: "Student Perceptions of Nonprofit Organizations."
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XVI
- James Dirth (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2013. Thesis "The Influence of Super PAC Financing on Presidential Elections through Negative Advertising."
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XVI
- Alex Stoffregen (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2013. Thesis: "Case Study: Ethiopian Commodity Exchange."
- Erick Blasing (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2013. Thesis: "Does Candidate Appearance Impact Voter Decisions?"
- Hannah Henderson (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2012. Thesis: "Congressional Conquest: Examining Factors Affecting Legislative Triumph."
 - Published in the *UW-La Crosse Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Volume XV
- Kate Hessefort (Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse). BA in 2011. Thesis: "Presidential Promises and Voter's Evaluations of Obama."

Service Priorities

Pennsylvania State University

Department of African American Studies Personnel & Tenure Committee (2019 – Present)

Department of African American Studies Scholarship Committees (2019 – Present)

Department of Political Science Graduate Student Recruitment Planning Committee (2019 – Present)

University of Kentucky

Department of Political Science Scholarship Committees (2017 – 2019)

Organizer: Department Research Colloquium Series (Fall 2018)

Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives Small Grant Committee (Spring 2019)

College-Level Scholarship Committees (2018 – 2019)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2018 – 2019)

University of Wisconsin, La Crosse

Co-Founder: Research Writing Group (2010 – 2017)

Department of Political Science and Public Administration Search & Screen Committees (2010 – 2017)

Department of Political Science and Public Administration Scholarship Committees (2011 – 2017)

Member: Campus Climate Survey Work Group (2015 – 2016)

Faculty Mentor: College of Liberal Studies New Faculty Mentoring Program (2013 – 2017)

Member: College of Liberal Studies Inclusive Excellence Task Force Committee (2013 – Present)

Chair: Department of Political Science and Public Administration Search and Screen Committee (2012 – 2013)

Faculty Advisor: Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society (2012 – 2017)

Faculty Fellow: Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (2014 – 2015)

Reviewer: Undergraduate Research and Creativity Grant Committee (2012 – 2013)

Faculty Participant: Multicultural Leadership Summit (Spring 2012)

Panelist: New Faculty Orientation (2011)

Florida State University

Panelist: Black Graduate Student Orientation Program, Florida State University (2007 – 2008)

Faculty Participant: Meta-Analysis Working Group, hosted by the Measurement and Statistics section of the Department of Educational Psychology & Learning Systems in the College of Education at Florida State University (2007 – 2010)

Community Outreach

Expert Witness: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Educational Fund, New York, NY (July 2018 – Present)

Professional Consultant: Sparta Police Department Community Satisfaction Survey, Sparta, WI (September 2012–June 2013)

Professional Consultant: Houston County Protectors, Caledonia, MN (August 2012 – August 2013)

Expert Witness: Advancement Project, Southwest Workers Union, Medina, TX (September 2011 – January 2012)

Expert Witness: Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Durham, NC (April 2011 – May 2011)

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