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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science (December 2006)
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Areas of specialization: American Politics, Comparative Politics, Racial Politics
Dissertation: “National Advocacy on Behalf of the Poor: An Analysis of Organizational Decision-Making”
Dissertation Committee: Dennis Chong (Chair), Reuel R. Rogers, Benjamin I. Page

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Political Science (May 1997)
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
Major: Political Science; Minors: Africana Studies and Economics (Public Policy)

Academic Positions

Simmons College, Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2006-present

Northwestern University, Adjunct Lecturer in Asian American Studies, 2005

Northwestern University, Adjunct Lecturer in Legal Studies, 2003-2004

Northwestern University, Instructor in Political Science, 2002-2004

Northwestern University, Graduate Teaching Fellow, Center for Legal Studies, 2002-03

Northwestern University, Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, 2000-02; 2004-05

Publications

Civil Rights Advocacy on Behalf of the Poor, under contract at the University of Pennsylvania Press, *forthcoming* 2011.

“Political Representation through Religious Organization: The Evolving Role of the Nation of Islam,” in *Race at the Intersection*, edited by Robin Jacobson and Nancy Wadsworth, under contract at University of Virginia Press, *forthcoming* 2010.

“Review: *The Politics of Identity: Solidarity Building among America’s Working Poor*” by Erin O’Brien, *Journal of Politics*, July 2009.

“Disentangling Race and Poverty: The Civil Rights Response to Anti-Poverty Policy,” *The DuBois Review*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (2008): 339-368.

Instructor’s Manual: New American Democracy, Boston, MA: Pearson Publishing, 2008.

“Legal Services for the Poor,” in *Social Issues: An Encyclopedia of Controversies, History, and Debates*, ed. James Ciment (New York: ME Sharpe, 2005).

“Welfare and Welfare Reform,” in *Social Issues: An Encyclopedia of Controversies, History, and Debates*, ed. James Ciment (New York: ME Sharpe, 2005).

“Congress Invokes Public Opinion on Welfare Reform,” (with Benjamin I. Page), *American Politics Research* Vol. 31, no. 6 (2003): 670-679.

Teaching Experience

- Introduction to American Government and Politics (Northwestern, Simmons)
- The Politics of Cities/Urban Politics (Northwestern, Simmons)
- The Politics of Race and Ethnicity (Simmons)
- Interest Groups and Social Movements (Simmons)
- Parties and Elections (Simmons)
- Contemporary Legal Issues (Simmons)
- Congress and the Presidency (Simmons)
- Asian American Politics (Northwestern)
- Advanced Seminar in Legal Studies (Northwestern)

Research Fellowships/Honors/Grants

Simmons College Fund for Research, 2008, 2010

Simmons College Fund for Faculty Development, 2006-08

American Political Science Association, Travel Grant, 2006, 2003

Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, Alan and Sherry Leventhal Fellow in the Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2005-06

Alumnae Dissertation Recognition Award, Northwestern University, 2005-06

Best Paper Nomination, Western Political Science Association 2004 Annual Conference

Research Grant, Northwestern University, Center for Legal Studies, 2004

Northwestern University Conference Travel Grant, 2003, 2004, 2005

Northwestern University Summer Fellowship, 2003

Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2003

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fund, graduate student research stipend, 2006, 2004, 2002

Teaching Fellowships/Honors/Grants

Senior Class Faculty Presenter, Simmons College, 2008

C-SPAN Archives Grant, Teaching Materials Grant, 2002, 2007

R. Barry Farrell Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2005

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Northwestern University, Center for Legal Studies, 2002-03, 2003-04

Teaching Assistant Fellow, Northwestern University, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, 2002-03

Head Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, 2001-02

Conference Participation

“State Responses to Anti-Poverty Policy.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL, April 22-25, 2010.

“State Responses to Anti-Poverty Policy.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association conference, San Francisco, CA April 1-3, 2010.

“Voices in the Margins: Representation in Anti-Poverty Policymaking.” Presented at the Reducing Poverty: Assessing Recent State Policy Innovations and Strategies conference at The Institute of Advanced Policy Solutions Emory University Atlanta, GA, November 19-20, 2009.

“National Advocacy on Behalf of the Poor: An Analysis of Organizational Decision Making.” Presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Houston, TX, March 18-21, 2009.

“National Advocacy on Behalf of the Poor: An Analysis of Organizational Decision-Making.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008. Invited participant on the Parties and Political Organization section theme panel.

“Political Representation through Religious Organization: The Evolving Role of the Nation of Islam.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008.

“Degrees of ‘Indefensibility’: Responses to the Jena 6, Michael Vick, and OJ Simpson.” Roundtable participant at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2008.

“Welfare Advocacy during Retrenchment: Representation of the Poor after the War on Poverty.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2008.

“This Class isn’t about Race!: Strategies for Integrating Diversity into Introductory Classes.” Paper presented at APSA’s Conference on Teaching and Learning, San Jose, CA, February 2008.

“From Language to Practice? The Influence of Linked Racial Fate on Organizational Priorities,” paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.

“Representing Low-Income African Americans: Assessing elite influence on organizational behavior.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2006.

“The NAACP’s and NUL’s Representation of the Poor: An Analysis of Decision-Making in the 1970s.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

“Organizational Representation of the Poor: An Analysis of Decision-Making in the 1970s.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, March 2006.

“Representing the Politically Marginalized: the NAACP’s and CORE’s advocacy on behalf of the poor in the 1960s.” Paper presented to the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2005.

“Representing the Politically Marginalized: An analysis of SNCC’s and CORE’s representation of low-income African Americans.” Paper presented to the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2005.

“An analysis of Civil Rights Organizations’ Attention to Welfare Policy in the Post-Civil Rights Era.” Paper presented to the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2004.

“Precarious Representation: Organizational advocacy for politically vulnerable groups.” Paper presented to the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 2004. Paper nominated for “Best Paper” at WPSA Conference.

“Representation of the Politically Vulnerable: A class-based analysis of African American Political Representation.” Paper presented to the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2003.

“From Protest to Politics? An examination of political mobilization of the African American poor in the post-civil rights era.” Paper presented to Yale University, Conference on Political Minorities and Political Boundaries, New Haven, CT, May 2002.

Invited Talks and Presentations

“Disentangling Race and Poverty,” Northeastern University, Department of Political Science, February 2009.

“Disentangling Race and Poverty,” presented before Simmons College Faculty, May 2008.

“New Hampshire and the 2008 Election,” Simmons College Alumnae/i Club, Manchester, NH, November 2007.

“The Representation of Politically Marginalized Interests: An Analysis of Organizational Decision-Making.” Presented to:

- Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, October 2005.
- John Jay College, City University of New York, Department of Government, New York, NY, October 2005.
- Macalester College, Department of Political Science, St. Paul, MN, November 2005.
- California State University Long Beach, Department of Political Science, Long Beach, CA, November 2005.
- Simmons College, Department of Political Science, Boston, MA, December 2005.
- Baruch College, City University of New York, Department of Political Science, New York, NY, December 2005.

“An analysis of SNCC’s and the NAACP’s Representation of low-income African Americans.” Paper presented to Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, March 2004.

“From Protest to Politics? An examination of political mobilization of the African American poor in the post-civil rights era”. Paper presented to Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, April 2002

Relevant Professional Experience

Consultant, Longman Publishing (10/08-present)

Prepare PowerPoint presentations for *New American Democracy* and *America’s New Democracy*.

Tabulator, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids (4/03-5/03, 12/03-4/04)

Tabulate surveys of Chicago and Illinois Fraternal Orders of Police on the effects of educational programs on children and their propensity for violence.

Research Assistant, Professor Patricia Conley, (7/01-10/02)

Research the inclusion of women and racial minorities in the discipline of American politics.

Research 19th century presidential elections. Perform archival research on conventions, primaries, and election dates.

Evaluator, Drug and Gang House Enforcement Section, City of Chicago, Department of Municipal Prosecutions (9/99-6/03)

Evaluate the program through attorney, police, and community surveys; compile in-house data on the program’s performance; prepare quarterly evaluations for the US Department of Justice.

Research Assistant, Professor Dennis Chong (1/01-4/01)

Research hate speech on college campuses. Perform extensive phone surveys of college students.

Legislative Assistant, American Civil Liberties Union Washington National Office, Washington, D.C. (10/97-8/99)

Work with the Legislative Representative on church/state issues and the Legislative Counsel on LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) and HIV issues. Responsibilities include lobby visits to Members of Congress and their staff, testimony drafting and preparation, legislative tracking, legislative analysis, and coalition participation.

Professional Service

Co-editor, Newsletter of the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association

Referee: WW Norton, *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Communication*, *New Political Science*

Simmons College Service

Steering Committee Member, Social Justice Program
Member, college-wide Curriculum Committee

Professional Affiliations

Member, American Political Science Association (2000-present)
Member, Midwest Political Science Association (2002-present)
Member, Western Political Science Association (2006-present)
Member, Social Science History Association (2008-present)