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Political Science
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Political Science, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. June 2005
M.A. Political Science, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. June 1999
B.A. Political Science, The University of Washington, Seattle, WA. June 1997

AWARDS AND HONORS

Jackson State University STEM Advance Research Grant, Summer 2011
Center For Undergraduate Research Faculty Research Grant, 2011-2012
North Central College Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2008
Riley Scholar-in Residence Fellowship, Colorado College, 2003-2004
Dissertation Teaching and Research Fellowship, The University of Chicago, 2001-2002
Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Program, April 2000
Nominated for Best Paper, Western Political Science Association Conference, March 1999
Trustee's Fellowship, The University of Chicago, 1997-2001
Junior League of Washington Academic Scholarship, 1996-1997
Academic Excellence Scholarship, Seattle Central Community College, 1986-1987

RESEARCH

Publications:

- "News They Can't Use: Chicago Dailies Coverage of Corruption", *International Journal of Press/Politics*. (Under Review/Revise and Resubmit) November 2011
"Stranger in Mine Own House: Double Consciousness and American Citizenship"
National Political Science Review Vol. 10, February 2005
"Arthur Ashe: A Biography". *Journal of Sport History*, Vol. 32, No. 2, 2005 (Book Review)

In Progress:

- "Academic Climate and Racial Identity: HBCU's and PWI's, November 2011

Unpublished Manuscripts:

- "Operation Silver Shovel: The Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times'
Coverage of Illegal Dumping", March 2008

Dissertation:

Motives and Motivation: Social Context, Civic Orientation and Political Behavior

The dissertation examines the sociocultural, individual, and contextual factors that lead to the development of civic orientation and the political behavior of African-American residents of Bronzeville (Chicago). It uses a mixed method approach that combines quantitative data from the Social Capital Community Survey (2000) and in-depth personal interviews. The dissertation considers individual background characteristics, the social environment, and individual demographics. The primary aim is to determine how these factors shape, alter, or sustain one's civic orientation, and how that orientation directs political behavior. The data show that civic orientation is positively and significantly related to the social context, and its effect on political behavior is greatly influenced by political interest. Although African-Americans largely distrust government, their high degree of political interest is shown to moderate their political distrust, and reinforce their political efficacy. Further, their political behavior is greatly influenced by neighborhood satisfaction, length of residence, and neighborhood sociability.

Committee: Prof. Cathy Cohen, Prof. Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Prof. Omar McRoberts

Master Thesis:

Restoring the Glory of Bronzeville: Communal Involvement, Political Efficacy, and Political Participation

This thesis is a case study examining Chicago residents' degree of community and associational involvement and political efficacy. Data was collected from sixteen in-depth interviews using a structured survey instrument. Findings indicate that community engagement was essential in stimulating associational participation.

Committee: Prof. Michael Dawson, Prof. John Mark Hansen

Research Appointments:

Research Assistant, "Black Civil Society Project",
Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, The University of Chicago
Spring 2002; Professor Michael C. Dawson, Principle Investigator
Conducted historical census of Southside Chicago indigenous institutions.

Research Assistant, "Black Civil Society Project",
Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, The University of Chicago
1999-2000, Summer 2001; Professor Michael C. Dawson, Principle Investigator.
Development of survey instrument, interviewing, and ethnographic research.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Paper Presentations:

“News They Can’t Use: Chicago Dailies Coverage of Corruption”, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA , January 2012.

“African American Support for Racially Progressive Policies” co-author Dr. Byron D. Orey
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2011

“Operation Silver Shovel: Chicago Dailies’ Coverage of Illegal Dumping”
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2008

“Motives and Motivation: Social Context, Civic Orientation and Political Behavior”
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2006

“Contexts, Characteristics, and Convictions: The Roots of Civic Identity”
American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2002

“Political Eras, Civic Identity, and Political Behavior”
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2002

“Stranger in Mine Own House: Double-Consciousness and American Citizenship”
National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, GA., March 2002

“Restoring the Glory of Bronzeville: Involvement, Political Engagement, and Participation”
American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2000
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2000

Panel Presentations:

Faculty Moderator, 5th Annual Creative Arts Festival Conference, Margaret Walker Center, Jackson, MS. April 8-9, 2011

Panelist, “This Generation is Not Lost: Stories of Positive Change”, Jackson State University Jackson, MS. February 18, 2011

Chair, Contemporary Issues in Black Public Opinion. American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. August 2007

Discussant, Identifying Identities. University of Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2006

“Democracy Is, Democracy Ain’t”
Black Studies Conference, Olive-Harvey College, Chicago, IL, April 19, 2001

“Ethical Considerations: Assumptions, Views, and Values”
Urban Research and Ethnography Conference
The Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, Chicago IL, Jan 12, 2001

Scholarly Addresses:

Voter Identification Law
National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Central MS Chpt., Jackson, MS, Nov 17, 2010

Roundtables:

“Ascribed Characteristics: How Race and Gender of the Professor Impacts Classroom Dynamics”
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, Jan 8, 2011

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Guest, *The Lady Walker Show*, Jackson, MS November 19, 2011

Guest, *Direct Line*, Live news Show, TV 23, Jackson State University, October 25, 2011

Guest, *Direct Line* Live News Show, TV23, Jackson State University, April 26, 2011

Guest, *The Guest*, *Direct Line* Live News Show, TV23, Jackson State University, April 5, 2011

Guest, *Direct Line* Live News Show, TV23, Jackson State University, March 15, 2011
The Issues Live News Show, TV23, Jackson State University, March 1, 2011

TEACHING

Teaching Appointments:

Assistant Professor, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, 2010-2011

Teaching undergraduate sections of Introduction to American Government, Blacks in the American Political System, and Urban Politics. Teaching graduate sections of Urban Political Structures and Blacks in the American Political System. Collaborating on research on Black intra-racial attitudes concerning racially progressive policies, and African-American political attitudes. Advise undergraduate and graduate students on academic and personal issues. Member of University undergraduate assessment committee. Chair of departmental undergraduate assessment/curriculum committee. Principle investigator of "HBCU Climate and Racial Identity" study with five undergraduate students. This is a grant funded project to engage in research with undergraduate students. Recipient of Jackson State University Advance research grant. Coordinator of campus Mock Trial competition. Board member of the Mississippi Political Science Association.

Instructor, White-Williams Scholars College Connection Program, Philadelphia, PA, June 2010

Two week residential pre-college enrichment program held at . Responsible for teaching steps of the research process; also advising and counseling students on college expectations, financial aid, course selection, college and graduate student life.

Instructor, White-Williams Scholars College Connection Program, Philadelphia, PA, July 2009

Two week residential pre-college enrichment program held at East Stroudsburg University. Responsible for teaching literary analysis and steps of the research process; also advising and counseling students on college expectations, financial aid, course selection, college and graduate student life.

Assistant Professor, North Central College, 9/2005-6/2009

In addition to teaching several sections of Introduction to American Government and Politics (including an honors section), I also designed and taught: Research methods, Women in American Politics; Theories of Political Science; Race, Gender and Class; The Politics of Dissent; Chicago Politics; and a media and politics course titled "Trash TV: A Political Distraction?". Additionally, I co-taught an interdisciplinary English Composition course. In this faculty role I also participated in departmental assessment, and participated in the review and revision of the departmental curriculum. Also, I sat on three search committees, was a member of the Elections Committee and the Ritcher Grant Undergraduate research committee, and served as faculty senate secretary. In addition, I served as faculty advisor to twenty undergraduate students and advisor for the *Alpha Delta XI* chapter of the *Pi Sigma Alpha* honor society. I also organized a campus-wide mock presidential election, which included a press conference for candidates which was covered in local newspapers, and candidate debate during the 2008 Presidential election season.

B.A. Preceptor, University of Chicago, 2004 academic year

Advised students writing B.A. papers, including but not limited to, topic selection, research design, and strategies for completing papers.

Instructor, “Black Protest Music Post-1965: Soul, Funk and Hip-hop”
University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies, Fall 2004

English Instructor, Kenwood High School Jump Start Program, Chicago, IL
Taught incoming high school students the basics of writing a research paper, July 2004

Instructor, “African-American Feminist Thought in Politics”
Colorado College, Women’s Studies and Political Science, Spring 2004
Designed course, facilitated discussion, assigned various writing assignments, graded student work.

Instructor, “The Rise of Urban Black Politics, Chicago 1900-1945”
Colorado College, Women’s Studies and Political Science, Fall 2003
Designed course, facilitated discussion, assigned various writing assignments, graded student work.

Instructor, “Revolution, Reform and Resistance in the 20th Century”
The University of Chicago, “Power, Identity and Resistance” Common Core, Spring 2003
Facilitated discussion, assigned and graded papers, midterm, and final exam.

Teaching Associate, “Black Women’s Political Activism”
The University of Chicago, Political Science, Winter 2003
Graded student on-line postings and papers, held office hours, conducted one class session.

Instructor, “Culture and Power”
The University of Chicago, “Power, Identity and Resistance” Common Core, Spring 2002
Facilitated discussion, assigned and graded papers, midterm, and final exam.

Instructor, “Equality”
The University of Chicago, “Power, Identity and Resistance” Common Core, Spring 2001
Facilitated discussion, assigned and graded papers, midterm, and final exam.

Teaching Associate, “Power, Identity and Resistance”,
The University of Chicago, Social Sciences College Core, Winter 2000
Graded weekly student papers and final paper, conducted one class session.

SERVICE

Campus Service:

Coordinator, Eyes on the Prize Marathon, Jackson State University, January 19, 2011
Richter Grant Committee Member, North Central College, 2008-2009
Coordinator, NCC 2008 Mock Presidential Campaign, 2007-2008
Interviewer, Presidential Scholarship, North Central College, February 2008
Search Committee Member, 2005-2006, 2006-2007
Elections Committee, North Central College, 2007-2008, 2008-2009
Faculty Secretary, North Central College, 2006-2007
Faculty Advisor, Alpha Delta XI chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, North Central College,
2006-2007, 2007-2008

Interviewer, Presidential Scholarship. North Central College. January 2006

Professional Service:

*AP Reading Scoring, AP Government & Politics. College Board & ETS, Daytona Beach, FL.
June 2007, 2008, 2010*

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Activities and Volunteer Service:

Host and co-Executive Producer—Everything Jackson TV. show, 2011-2013
Council Secretary—Kenwood Academy High School Local School Council, 2008-2009
*Group Facilitator—Forum: “I Didn’t Mean it That Way... Bias and Ignorance in Language”,
North Central College, February 2008*
Organizer—Election Watch party, 2006 Midterm Elections
Organizer—“America as a Foreign Culture” Faculty Forum, North Central College, Fall 2005
Contributing Editor—APSA Race and Ethnicity Section Newsletter, 2002
Social Sciences Division Rep.—All University Disciplinary Committee, 2000-2002
PR Chair—Minority Graduate Student Association, The University of Chicago, 2000-2001
Tutor—Neighborhood Schools Program, The University of Chicago, Spring 2000
Co-Chair—Minority Graduate Student Association, The University of Chicago, 1998, 1999
Tutor—Project Safe, Chicago, IL, October 1997-February 1998
Mentor/Tutor—Franklin High School, Seattle, WA, Spring 1997
Canvasser/Researcher—Green Guatemala, Seattle, WA, Spring 1997

Work Experience:

Crew Leader—2010 Decennial Census Philadelphia West, Jan 2010-Jul 2010
Conducted advance visit interviews with contacts at group quarters. Canvassed and set-up training sites for enumerator training. Assisted new crew leaders on their first day of training. Conducted three Enumerator training sessions which involved fingerprinting trainees. Supervised four Crew Leader Assistants and thirty-six Enumerators. Made and tracked work assignments, conducted daily meetings, reviewed completed enumerator assignments, counseled poor performers, documented conduct and performance problems and issues, certified daily time sheets, and followed up on receipt of payroll.

Independent Consultant—Center’s for New Horizons, August-September 2002
Research the creation and operation of substitute banks and registries for childcare centers. The Chicago Coalition of Site Administered Programs used this information to create a substitute bank for Chicago area childcare programs.

Independent Consultant—The Illinois Facilities Fund, October 2001
Researched and created a report on the history, funding, the players, and the structure of New York’s Universal Pre-K program. This information was used as a model for the creation of a universal pre-K program in Illinois.

Public Policy Intern—The Illinois Facilities Fund, July 2000-March 2001

Researched and compiled data for ten state Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) programs. Created, analyzed, and summarized survey data, produced reports for proposed CDFI legislation in Illinois, attended advocacy and advisory meetings regarding childcare, welfare reform, and property tax exemption in Cook County, and produced short policy memos and informational reports.

Residential Coordinator—The University of Chicago Community Service Center, Summer 1999
Supervised ten undergraduate interns working in non-profit organizations, acted as liaison between intern, on-site supervisor, and director of internship program, as well as coordinating job responsibilities, and identifying topics for training and program development.

Program Evaluator—The Lugenia Burns Hope Center, Summer 1998
Developed and implemented a program evaluation for the Hope Center's Leadership Training Program, which included conducting personal interviews with program participants, compiling and interpreting the data, transcribing interview tapes, and creating a final narrative report.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

College Board & ETS, AP Reading Scoring, (4.7 Professional Development Hours, 47 Continuing Education Units), June 2007, June 2008, June 2010
Basic Editing, Chicago Access Network Television (CAN TV), Jan-Feb 2009
Developing the Documentary, Chicago Filmmakers, October 2008
Introduction to Video Production, Chicago Access Network Television, August 2008
Introduction to Chicago Access Network Television, July 2008

Women of Color in Political Science Conference, Boston, MA; August 2002
University of Chicago Career and Placement Services
The Academic Job Market, August 2001
“What to Expect as a Junior Faculty Member”; August 2001
“Preparing a Successful Vitae and Application”; October 2000
University of Chicago, The Center for Teaching and Learning
In-service training: “Teaching Techniques and Tips”; September 2000

REFERENCES

Byron D. Orey, Chair, Political Science, Jackson State University
Michelle D. Deardorff, Associate Professor, Political Science, Jackson State University
Andrea Simpson, Chair, Political Science, University of Richmond
Stephen Maynard Caliendo, Associate Professor, Political Science, North Central College
Cathy Cohen, Professor, Political Science, University of Chicago
Marion Orr, Professor, Department of Political Science, Brown University