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Education

Highest Earned Degree

Ph.D, Government and Social Policy, Harvard University, May 2011

Dissertation

Dissertation Title: “*Webs of Difference: The Social and Institutional Roots of Racial Politics in New York City and London*”

Dissertation Committee: Jennifer Hochschild (Chair), Peter Hall, Nancy Rosenblum, and Theda Skocpol.

Other Earned Degrees

M.A., Government, Harvard University

B.A., Emory University, Political Science & African-American Studies, 2001, *Cum Laude*

Employment History

Positions Held

2011-ongoing	Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy and Public Administration, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University-Camden
2010-2011	Visiting Fellow and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of History and Political Science, Pennoni Honors College, Drexel University
2009-2010	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois- Chicago
2009	Visiting Lecturer, Department of Public Policy, Brown University

Publications

Books

Black Silent Majority: Urban Politics and the Development of the Rockefeller Drug Laws (under contract with Harvard University Press) in progress.

Edited Books, Anthologies, Collections, Bibliographies

Urban Citizenship and American Democracy: The Historical and Institutional Roots of Local Politics and Policy, co-edited with Amy Bridges, under review.

Chapters in Books or Monographs

“Rediscovering the Tocquevillian Impulse: Urban Government and the Historical Development of

American Democracy,” in *Urban Citizenship and American Democracy: The Historical and Institutional Roots of Local Politics and Policy*, co-edited with Amy Bridges, under review.

Articles in Refereed Journals

“The Carceral State and the Crucible of Black Politics: An Urban History of the Rockefeller Drug Laws,” *Studies in American Political Development*, in press.

“‘The Silent Majority’ in Black and White: Invisibility and Imprecision in the Historiography of Mass Incarceration,” *Journal of Urban History*, in press.

“‘Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?:’ Rev. Oberia Dempsey and His Citizen’s War on Drugs,” under review

“Blacks Identities and Ethnic Options: The Historical Development of Minority Political Claims in New York City”

Reviews

Shayla C. Nunnally, *Trust in Black America: Race, Discrimination, and Politics* (New York: New York University Press, 2012), *Political Science Quarterly*, 127, no. 4 (2013): 715-716.

Bernard Harcourt, *The Illusion of Free Markets: Punishment and the Myth of Natural Order* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2011). *Punishment & Society* (2012): Forthcoming

Conference Presentations, Lectures, Demonstrations

Papers, Abstracts, and Lectures

(with Prentiss Dantzler) “Black Power, Policy, and Pessimism: Federal Involvement in Law Enforcement in 1970s New York City,” *Prepared paper for presentation at SPIRE, Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity*, May 10, 2013, New Brunswick, NJ.

(with Prentiss Dantzler) “Black Power, Policy, and Pessimism: Federal Involvement in Law Enforcement in 1970s New York City,” *Prepared paper for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists*, March 13-16, 2013, Oakbrook, IL.

(with Ashley Nickels) “Principles, Prejudice and Policies: The Historical Institutional Roots of White Attitudes,” *Prepared paper for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*, November 15-17, 2012, Boston, MA.

“The ‘Silent Majority’ in Black and White: Invisibility and Imprecision in the Historiography of Mass Incarceration” *Prepared paper for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association*, November 1-4, 2012, Vancouver, British Columbia, CA.

“‘Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?:’ Rev. Oberia Dempsey and His Citizen’s War on Drugs,” *Preparing paper for presentation at the annual meeting of the Urban History Association*, October 26-28, 2012, New York City, NY.

“Rediscovering the Tocquevillian Impulse: Urban Government and the Historical Development of American Democracy,” *Prepared paper for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association*, April 18–21, 2012, Pittsburgh, PA.

“The Carceral State and the Crucible of Black Politics: An Urban History of the Rockefeller Drug Laws,” *Prepared paper for presentation at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association*, November 17-20, 2011, Boston, MA.

“Rediscovering the Tocquevillian Impulse: Local Politics and American Democratic Practice,” *Prepared paper for presentation at the Drexel Summer Seminar on the City*, June 13, 2011, Philadelphia, PA.

“From City Limits to City Trenches: Local Politics and Contemporary American Political Development”

Prepared paper for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4, 2010, Washington, D.C.

“The Declining Significance of Race in Nonwhite Politics: A Comparative Historical Analysis of Congressional Elections in Minority Districts in New York City” Prepared paper for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, April 23-26, 2009, New York City, NY.

“Organizing and the Politics of Difference: Social Policy Regimes and Nonwhite Civil Society in New York City and London,” Prepared paper for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2-5, 2009, Chicago, IL.

“Black Politics and the American Social Revolution.” Prepared paper for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10, 2005, Chicago, IL.

Funding

Internally-Funded Research and/or Training Grants

2011 | (Grant Amount: \$21,219) Rutgers University Faculty Research Grant, “The Carceral State and the Crucible of Black Politics”

Externally-Funded Research and/or Training Grants

2012-ongoing | (Grant Amount: \$1,000) Rockefeller Archive Center

Honors and Awards

Fellowships

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, 2008-2009

ENI Fellowship, Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics, 2005

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2002

Ford Foundation Minority Predoctoral Fellowship, 2002

Mortar Board Honor Society Graduate Fellowship, 2002

Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Prize Fellowship, 2001

Professional Awards and Honors

The Jay A. Siglar Award for an Excellent Contribution to Graduate Student Education, May 2012

Graduate Student Affiliate, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2007-2009

Predoctoral Research Grant, The Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Harvard University, 2006

Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard University, 2005

Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize, nominee, 2004

Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2004

Seed Grant, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, Fall 2003.

Inequality Fellow, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 2002

William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship, Aspen Institute, 2001

American Political Science Association Minority Fellow, 2001

Service

Contributions to the Advancement of the Academic Profession

2011-2011 | Manuscript Reviewer, *The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs*

2011-2010 | Manuscript Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*

Service to Other Public Bodies

2013-ongoing | Scholars Strategy Network

2011-ongoing | Facilitator, Aspects of Leadership Curriculum, Prep for Prep

Service to Rutgers University

2012-ongoing | Political Science Representative, Faculty Senate

2012-ongoing | Advisory Faculty, African American Studies

2013-ongoing | Member, Committee on Institutional Equity and Diversity (CIED)

2012-2012 | Member, Diversity and Equity committee, Office of the Dean, Arts and Sciences

2011-ongoing | Advisor, BA/MPA Program

2011-ongoing | Affiliated Scholar, Center for Urban Research and Education (CURE)

2011-ongoing | Advisory Faculty, American Studies