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POSITION      Assistant Professor, Political Science and Urban Studies  
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University Faculty  
Associate, Institute for Policy Research  
Center for Civic Engagement Faculty Fellow  
Visiting Research Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics,  
Princeton University

FIELDS      American Politics, Urban Politics and Policy, American Political Development,  
Race and Ethnicity, Political Geography, Civic Engagement, Chicago Politics

EDUCATION      PhD, Political Science, Columbia University, May 2013  
Dissertation Title: *Cities on the Hill: Urban Institutions in National  
Politics*  
Minor Field: Quantitative Methods  
Examining Committee: Ira I. Katznelson, Justin H. Phillips, Robert C. Lieber-  
man, David Plotke, Dorian T. Warren  
M.Phil, Political Science, Columbia University, October 2009  
M.A., Political Science, Columbia University, August 2007  
M.A., Political Science, New School for Social Research, May 2006  
Outstanding Masters Candidate Award Recipient  
B.A., University of Notre Dame, May 2001  
*Magna cum laude*  
Major: Government and International Affairs  
Minor: Anthropology

RESEARCH      *Cities on the Hill: How Urban Institutions Transform National Politics.* (Book,  
2018) This book chronicles the origins of urban-rural cleavage in contemporary  
American politics, and develops the “city delegation” theory as an historical  
causal explanation of urban representatives’ behavior in Congress and a source  
of liberalism. *Oxford University Press’s series on Postwar American Political  
Development.*  
  
“Pride or Prejudice? Heritage, Hatred, and Support for the Confederate Battle  
Flag” (With Spencer Piston and Logan Strother). This working paper uses pub-  
lic opinion data and historical policy changes to examine competing hypotheses

about sources of support for the Confederate battle flag among Southern whites. *W.E.B. Du Bois Review*. ([Direct Link](#))

“In the Streets or on the Hill: Contextual Conceptions of Pluralism by City Organizations and National Civil Rights Legislation.” This chapter theorizes and describes the role of city institutions and organizations in the development of civil rights liberalism in the U.S. Forthcoming in *Ideas in Urban Political Development*, (University of Pennsylvania Press) Richardson Dilworth and Timothy Weaver, eds. ([Link to For-Print Draft](#))

“Chicago (1929-1941),” “New York (1941-1952)” and “New York (1952-1989)” *Cities in American History* (2011, CQ Press), edited by Richardson Dilworth. ([Direct Link](#))

*Working Families, Global Cities: Inequality and Democratic Change in the 21st Century*. This book project examines the potential for inequality-mitigating local policy change in global cities, with a focus on recent changes in demographics, political economy, and local party organizations. Supported by Princeton Center for Study of Democratic Politics, Sciences-Po Centre d'Études Européennes, and Northwestern University. *Data collection and analysis in progress* ([Link to manuscript proposal](#))

*Chicagoland Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Study*. This original public opinion data collection project examines new questions about residential context and effects, local and national policy preferences, and the intergroup dynamics of rapidly changing metropolitan neighborhoods. Funded by Weinberg College “W” Grant Award. Joint with Traci Burch, Reuel Rogers, Kumar Ramanathan, and Matthew Nelsen. *Currently in field collection Summer 2018*.

“Experiences in Place: The Political Effects of Geographically-targeted Policy Changes” (with Sally Nuamah) This paper leverages spatial data on school closings and public opinion on the South side of Chicago to pose and test a spatial experience model of citizen policy learning and political mobilization. *Under Review*.

“Going Viral, Making Waves: Social Media Use Among Aldermen in Chicago, 2015-2018.” This paper analyzes all Facebook posts by Chicago aldermen from 2015-2018 to examine the quality of social media as a local public sphere, and to test hypotheses about political style and controversial social issues. *Working Paper*.

“Nationally Poor, Locally Rich: Income, Place, and the Role of the White Working Class in the 2016 Presidential Election” (with Spencer Piston) This paper considers the importance of place in class voting in the U.S. in an era of diverging political and economic geography. We develop new measures of Americans’ place in their local income distribution and find that being *locally* rich is associated with support for recent Republican candidates. *Working paper*.

Chicago Democracy Project. Collaborative effort with Jaime Dominguez and Quinn Mulroy, is a public, web-based resource for information and analyses about Chicagoland politics. With generous research support from the Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern Political Science, and Weinberg College. *Data processing, analyses and web development perennially in progress*.

“What’s The Matter With Park Slope? DeBlasio Policy Positions and the 2013 New York Mayoral Election.” This paper leverages geographic heterogeneity in turnout and social conditions to examine the role of redistributive policy, public safety policy, and political organization in the nomination and election campaigns of William DeBlasio in New York’s 2013 mayoral elections. *Working paper*.

“Filibuster Vigilantly: The Liminal State and 19th Century U.S. Expansion”: This paper, the first part of a larger book-length project, theorizes the relationship between private military forces and American foreign policy implementation on the frontier. *Dormant paper*.

“Most-racial, not post-racial: the 2008 and 2012 U.S. Presidential elections in comparative and historical perspective.” This paper uses a new measure of group voting to judge the level and causes of group-based electoral division in the contemporary United States. *Dormant Revise and Resubmit at Political Research Quarterly*.

“Democracy, Targeted Redistribution, and Ethnic Inequality” (with John Huber and Radhika Gore). This paper uses an original dataset to test a theory about the institutions and inequality in a comparative context, finding a robust, causal relationship between democracy and inequality across groups, but not overall inequality. *Dormant paper*.

“Can Municipal Governments be Trusted with Policy Implementation? A Re-Evaluation of Federal Block Grants” (with Justin Phillips and Leah Brooks). This paper measures the extent to which local governments spend block grant funds in the specified manner. *Dormant paper*.

RESEARCH  
CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION  
AND INVITED  
TALKS

Workshop on American Political Economy, Brown University, December 2018.

“Movers and Shakers: Globalization and American Political Geography.” Northwestern Workshop on the Economic, Social, and Political Consequences of Globalization, Evanston, IL, May 2018.

“City Organizations and Supralocal Delegations,” *Workshop on Cities, Inequality, and Electoral Politics*, Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton, NJ, March 2018.

“Big Data and Analysis of Urban Politics.” CIFAR Conference on “Urban governance : the production of alternative forms of order in the metropolis”, Sciences Politiques Ecole Urbaine, Paris, I-d-F, France, December 2017

“Cities and Racial Realignment in the Long New Deal.” Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Research Seminar, Princeton, NJ, November 2017.

“Pluralisms and Civil Rights Realignment in 20th Century Cities.” *The New Urban Politics: Changing Cities and Fresh Perspectives*, San Francisco, CA. August 2017.

“The Urban-Rural Divide in American Politics.” University of California-Berkeley Campaigns Seminar, Berkeley, CA, March 2017.

Fels Policy Research Initiatives Urban Voting Working Group (Workshop Participant), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, February 2017.

Experiments in the Public Interest (Workshop Participant), Washington DC, January 2017

American Political Science Association Meeting Participant, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

“City Delegations and Congressional Cohesion.” American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2015

“Antiracism Without Antiracists” American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2014

“City Delegations and Party Realignment” American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2013

“Democracy, Targeted Redistribution, and Ethnic Inequality.” (With John Huber and Radhika Gore). American Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2011.

“*Where Race Matters: A Geographic Approach to the Racial Threat Hypothesis.*” American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto, ONT, 2009.

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting Participant, Chicago, April 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017.

“Experience in Place: The Political Effects of Geographically-Targeted Policy Changes.” (with Sally Nuamah) 2018.

“Going Viral, Making Waves: Social Media Use Among Aldermen in Chicago, 2015-2018.” (with Kumar Ramanathan) 2018.

“Can Cities Be Trusted With Redistributive Policy: Evidence From the CDBG Program” (with Justin Phillips and Leah Brooks), 2008

“The Development of American Police Policies, 1840-2016”, Urban Management Masters Program, Sciences Po, 2016.

“Political Geography and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election,” Centre Sociological des Organisations, Sciences Po, 2016.

“City Delegations in American Politics.” Southern Political Science Association Meeting, 2016 (Also Panel Chair/Discussant)

“Local Institutions and Congressional Representation.” Western Political Science Association Meeting, 2016.

“Antiracism without Antiracists: Cities and Racial Realignment.” University of California San Diego American Politics Seminar, 2016.

“The Politics of Mass Incarceration”, Stateville Correctional Center, 2016. (Guest Lecturer)

“City Delegations and Racial Realignment.” Moynihan Research Workshop, Campbell Institute for Public Affairs, 2014

“What’s the Matter with Park Slope? Policy and Political Organizations in the 2013 New York Mayoral Election.” Institute for Policy Research Fay Lomax Cook Colloquium, 2014

“Antiracism and New York Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2014  
 Chicago Area Urbanists “PreSkool” Meeting (workshop participant), 2014  
 “Continuity and Change in Chicago Politics,” Northwestern in Chicago, April 2015  
 “Politics in Chicago, Chicago in Politics.” Chicago Summer Engagement Seminar, July 2015  
 “Most Racial or Post-Racial? Ethnoracial Group Voting in the United States in Comparative and Historical Perspective.” Northwestern University Political Science INPUT Series, 2013  
 “City Delegations in Congress.” Northwestern University Political Parties Working Group, 2013  
 Congress and History Conference (Conference Participant), 2013  
 John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2012  
 Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Administration, Syracuse University, 2012  
 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, November 2009.  
 2011 Harvard Saguaro Institute/University of Manchester SCHMi Summer Workshop on Social Consequences of Hard Times in Britain and the U.S. Crewe Hall, U.K. June, 2011.  
 G.E. Hendricks Symposium: “The Challenge of Inequality in the Age of Obama: Does Race Still Matter?”, Lincoln, NE, November 2010.  
 Advanced Spatial Analysis Workshop: Spatial Pattern Analysis, Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, Santa Barbara, CA, July 2010. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, November 2009.  
 Democracy and Diversity Institute, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, Cape Town, South Africa, January 2005. New School for Social Research Union of Political Science Students Annual Conference, New York, April 2005.

TEACHING AND  
 ADVISING

Assistant Professor, Northwestern University Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Courses:

- Introduction to Urban Politics (Undergraduate Lecture POLISCI 221 in Weinberg College and School of Professional Studies), Adapted Preparation
- Community Political Processes (Advanced Undergraduate POLISCI 321), New Prep
- Ideas and Institutions in Urban Politics (Advanced Undergraduate, POLISCI 322), Adapted Prep
- Methods of Political Inference (Advanced Undergraduate, POLISCI 310), New Prep
- Race, Place, and Space in Democratic Politics (Undergraduate Research Seminar, POLISCI 395), New Prep

- Special Topics in Urban Politics (Graduate Seminar, POLISCI 490), New Prep
- Civic Engagement and the Global City (Graduate Seminar, CPS 495), New Prep
- Honors Thesis Seminar (Undergraduate Seminar, POLISCI 398 and 399), New Prep
- Introduction to American Politics (Undergraduate Lecture, POLISCI 210), New Prep

Other teaching- and pedagogy related activities at Northwestern:

- Guest Lecturer, NU in Chicago, Center for Civic Engagement (2016-)
- Co-developed NUPredicts Canvas App (with NUIT and One Book, One Northwestern)
- Made frequent presentations to students and public during 2016 election season (see below)
- Chicago Field Studies Faculty Committee, 2016-
- Steering Committee for interdisciplinary “Hamilton” Course 2016-2017
- Guest Lecturer, “The Politics of Mass Incarceration”, Stateville Correctional Center (Course led by Prof. Jennifer Lackey), 2016

Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, Fall 2006 to 2013. Courses (Sample student evaluations available upon request):

- 20th Century American Politics (Ira I. Katznelson)
- American Politics and Social Welfare Policy (Robert C. Lieberman)
- State Politics (Justin H. Phillips)
- Introduction to American Politics (Justin H. Phillips)

Special GIS Instructor and Research Mentor, Columbia University Office of Minority Affairs, Summer Research Program, Summers 2010 and 2011.

Social Studies Teacher and Department Chair, Resurrection Catholic School, Pascagoula, MS 2001-2002.

Courses: American History, Government, Economics, Geography, World History, Church History, Mississippi Studies

Guest Lecturer, Tartu State University, Parnu, Estonia, May 1999.

Course: Business Negotiations

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE AND  
POSITIONS

Faculty Associate, Northwestern University Institute for Policy Research, 2013-

Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs, Princeton University, 2017-18

Visiting Scholar, Centre d'Études Européennes, Sciences Po, Paris, 2016, 2017

Research Assistant for John Huber, Columbia University, 2009 - 2012.

Research Assistant for American Institutions Project directed by Ira Katznelson and John Lapinski, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, 2009 - 2013.

Research Assistant for Alfred Stepan on special project for *Perspectives in Politics*, Columbia University, 2011.

Research Assistant for Justin Phillips, Columbia University, 2007-2008.

Participant, Advanced Spatial Analysis Workshop: Spatial Pattern Analysis, Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, Santa Barbara, CA, July 2010.

Participant, Democracy and Diversity Institute, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, Cape Town, South Africa, January 2005.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, 2017-18.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE American Political Science Association (APSA), 2007-.  
Midwest Political Science Association, 2007-.  
*Urban Affairs Review* Editorial Board 2015-.  
APSA Politics and History Section Program co-Chair, 2015.  
APSA Urban Politics Best Book Award Committee, 2014.  
Research 4 Impact, 2017-.  
Chicago “Pre-Skool” Urban Political Science Working Group, 2013-.

DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE One Book, One Northwestern Planning Committee, 2016-17  
Chicago Field Studies Faculty Committee. 2016-  
NU Predicts Advisory Committee, 2016-17  
NU Votes Steering Committee, 2016-  
Interdisciplinary “Hamilton” Course Steering Committee, 2016-17  
Co-Coordinator, Political Parties Working Group, Northwestern University, 2013-2014.  
Co-coordinator, American Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2013-2016.  
Co-coordinator, Race and Ethnic Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2013-2017.  
Faculty Search Committee Member, 2015-16  
Political Science Honors Program Director, 2015-16  
Graduate admissions committee, 2014-15  
Undergraduate Advisor, 2014, 2015, 2017  
Coordinator, with Dorian T. Warren, CURP Seminar Series, Center for Urban Research and Policy at the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, Spring 2008 - Present .  
Coordinator, with Fredrick C. Harris, Center for African American Politics and Society Research Workshop, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, Spring 2008 - Spring 2009.  
Editorial Assistant, American politics, *Political Science Quarterly*, 2009-2012.

POST-DOCTORAL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Fellowship, Princeton University, 2017-18. (\$90,000)

Weinberg College “W” Research Innovation Grant, 2018. (\$20,000)

New Leaders Council Fellow, 2017.

Clarence Stone Young Scholars Award, APSA Urban Politics Section, 2012

Norton Long, Jr., Developing Scholar Award, APSA Urban Politics Section, 2012

Nominated for APSA E.E. Schattschneider Award for Best Dissertation in the field of American Politics, 2013

Nominated for APSA William Anderson Award for Best Dissertation in the field of State and Local Politics, Federalism, and Intergovernmental Politics, 2013

College Fellow, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University, 2012-2013

PRE-DOCTORAL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Doctoral Associate, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 2011

Faculty Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2006 - 2012

Dean’s Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University, Summer 2007, 2008, 2011

Applied Statistics Center/Center for the Study of Developing Societies Summer Research Grant, Columbia University, Summer 2010

Conference Travel Grant, Social Science History Association, 2009

Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2011

MEDIA, PUBLIC TALKS, AND NON-ACADEMIC SERVICE

“Nerding Out,” MSNBC discussion of Chicago and urban politics, April 2015.

“Chicago Tonight,” PBS News panel on Chicago politics. April 2015.

“A game of intramural Democratic Party politics plays out in Chicago,” TheConversation.com, April 2015.

Program evaluation advisor, Chicago Votes, Summer 2016.

“Chicago Politics,” Talk for NU in Chicago, 2015, 2016.

, Huffington Post, April 7, 2015.

Debate watch host, Office of Student Affairs/Center for Civic Engagement events, 2016

“What does it take to get people to vote?”. *North by Northwestern*. March 14, 2016.

“Organizers Celebrate the Defeat of Anita Alvarez by Planning Their Next Steps.” *The Nation*. March 16, 2016.



“Prediction in the 2016 Presidential Election,” Public talk for One Book, One Northwestern, 2016.

“Speech and Action: Social Movements and the Public Sphere in the 2016 Elections.” Public panel discussion for One Book, One Northwestern, 2016.

“Lessons for France from the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.” Panel discussion with Paris Municipal Officials, December 2016.

“Current Developments of U.S. Campaigns and Voter Mobilization.” Panel discussion with French Green Party, November 2016.

“Whats Your Ideal Community? The Answer Is Political” New York Times, November 2016.

“Why Republicans Dont Even Try to Win Cities Anymore” New York Times, November 2016.

Make your Election Day prediction now *Northwestern Now*. November 2, 2016.

“Withered Democracy? The Future of a Fractured American Politics.” *Northwestern Research News*. December 2016.

“The Morning Dose” discussion of 45 being racist. CW TV Network. August 2017.

“The Confederate flag largely disappeared after the Civil War. The fight against civil rights brought it back.” *Washington Post* Monkey Cage, June 2017

“Confederate flags weren’t part of ‘Southern pride’ until the Civil Rights movement, analysis shows” Rawstory.com, June 2017.

“Those who support the presence of Confederate symbols in public spaces in the South tend to have less knowledge of Civil War history...” LSE USCentre Blog, July 2017.

“Are Confederate Monuments Our Heritage or Symbols of Hate?” *Newsweek*, July 2017.

“How Cities Split the Nation” *Boston Globe*, April 2018.

PEER REVIEW  
AND RELATED  
ACTIVITIES

*Urban Affairs Review* Editorial Board 2015-.

APSA Politics and History Section Program co-Chair, 2015.

APSA Urban Politics Best Book Award Committee, 2014.

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Studies in American Political Development*, and *Urban Affairs Review*. 2013-Present.

Conference discussant at American Political Science Association annual meeting (2013-2017), and Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (2013-2017).

EMPLOYMENT      Assistant Professor, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2013-Present. College Fellow, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2013-Present. Visiting Doctoral Associate, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 2011

Doctoral Fellow, Research Assistant, and Workshop Organizer, Columbia University, New York, 2006-2012.

Fact-checker, Niche Media, New York, 2010-2011

Research Assistant, Charney Research, New York, 2006-2009.

Development Assistant, The HOPE Program, Brooklyn, NY 2005-2006

Assistant Editor, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, Washington, DC, 2002-2005.

Social Studies Teacher and Department Chair, Resurrection Catholic School (High School), Pascagoula, MS, 2001-2002.

Other work: Carpenter's Assistant (2002), Librarian (1995-2002), Letter Carrier (2000), Remote Conference Management (1998), Retail Cashier (1999), Restaurant Service(1999), Youth Soccer Referee (1994-1998)

SKILLS AND RELEVANT TRAINING      Data management; Mixed-mode and address-based survey methods; Geographic Information Systems (ESRI, QGIS, GeoDa); statistical analysis, programming, and presentation skills (R, Stata, SQL, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office Suite); Research design; Spanish (Intermediate) and French (Intermediate).

REFERENCES      Available upon request