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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, Research Methods, 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. Lieberman,
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
Manuscript) This project highlights the maturing urban-rural cleavage in con-
temporary American politics, and develops the “city delegation” theory as an
historical causal explanation of urban representatives’ behavior in Congress and
a source of liberalism. *Forthcoming at Oxford University Press’s series on Post-
war 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. Forthcoming at *W.E.B. Du Bois Review*.

“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. *Revise and Resubmit*.

“Antiracism Without Antiracists: Cities and Racial Realignment.” This paper theorizes and describes the role of city institutions and organizations in the development of civil rights liberalism in the Democratic party. Forthcoming in *Ideas in Urban Political Development*, (University of Pennsylvania Press) Richardson Dilworth and Timothy Weaver, eds.

Chicago Democracy Project. Collaborative effort with Jaime Dominguez and Quinn Mulroy, is a public, web-based resource for information about Chicago and Chicagoland politics and a resource to build connections with the community, generate engaged research projects, and host speakers series on urban politics and Chicago politics. With generous research support from the Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern Political Science, and Weinberg College. Data processing and web development underway.

“Beyond the Classroom Walls: School Closings and Crime in Chicago” (with Sally Nuamah and Quinn Mulroy) This paper leverages spatial crime data and school closings on the South side of Chicago to evaluate competing theories about the relationship between schools and local order. Working paper under the Chicago Democracy Project.

“Young Statesmen? Civic Education and Mobilization in Chicago Public Schools.” This project, with *Chicago Votes*, evaluates a program that will send “Democracy Fellows” into Chicago Public School classrooms in Spring of 2016 to teach about civic participation and political issues. A series of evaluations of classroom effects will inform future iterations of the program and scholarly understanding of youth issues and participation. In progress under the Chicago Democracy Project.

Working Families, Global Cities: Policy and Party in New York and Chicago. This book project examines the development of “working families” parties, including the Working Families Party in New York City and United Working Families in Chicago. Developed as union-based alternatives to locally hegemonic party organizations, these local parties have used grassroots strategies and progressive positions on local issues to win significant electoral victories and advance a resident-responsive political agenda in some large U.S. cities. Field work/data collection 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. Working 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. Working paper.

Contributing author to *Cities in American History* (2011, CQ Press), edited by Richardson Dilworth. Entries on Chicago (1929-1941), New York (1941-1952 and 1952-1989).

CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION
AND INVITED
TALKS

Special 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

Northwestern Workshop on the Economic, Social, and Political Consequences of Globalization, Evanston, IL, May 2018.

Special workshop on “Cities, Inequality, and Electoral Politics,” Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton, NJ, March 2018.

CUNY Graduate Center research seminar, New York, Spring 2018.

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Research Seminar, Princeton, NJ, November 2017.

The New Urban Politics: Changing Cities and Fresh Perspectives, San Francisco, CA.

University of California-Berkeley Campaigns Seminar, Berkeley, CA, March 2017.

Fels Policy Research Initiatives Urban Voting Working Group, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, Feb. 2017.

Experiments in the Public Interest Meeting, Washington DC, Jan. 2017

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

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

Southern Political Science Association Meeting, 2016.

Western Political Science Association Meeting, 2016.

Visiting Scholar, Centre d’Etudes Europeennes Urban School, Sciences Po, 2016, 2017.

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

UCSD American Politics Seminar, 2016.

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

Moynihan Research Workshop, Campbell Institute for Public Affairs, 2014

Institute for Policy Research Fay Lomax Cook Colloquium, 2014

New York Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2014

Chicago Area Urbanists “PreSkool” Meeting, 2014

Northwestern in Chicago, April 2015

Chicago Summer Engagement Seminar, July 2015

Northwestern University Political Science INPUT Series, 2013

Northwestern University Political Parties Working Group, 2013

Congress and History Conference, 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 EXPERIENCE

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

- Introduction to Urban Politics (Introductory Undergraduate)
- Community Political Processes (Advanced Undergraduate)
- Methods of Political Inference (Advanced Undergraduate)
- Race, Place, and Space in Democratic Politics (Undergraduate Research Seminar)
- Special Topics in Urban Politics (Graduate Seminar)
- Civic Engagement and the Global City (Graduate Seminar)
- Honors Thesis Seminar (Undergraduate Seminar)

Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, Fall 2006 to Present. 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

Faculty Associate, Institute for Policy Research

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.

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE AND
ADMINISTRATIVE
POSITIONS

Co-director, Chicago Democracy Project, Northwestern University, 2015-.

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

Urban Affairs Review Editorial Board 2015-.

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

APSA Urban Politics Best Book Award Committee, 2014.

Co-Coordinator, Political Parties Working Group, Northwestern University, 2013-present.

Co-coordinator, American Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2013-present.

Co-coordinator, Race and Ethnic Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2013-present.

Political Science Honors Program Director, 2015-16

Graduate admissions committee, 2014-15

Undergraduate Advisor, 2013-14

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 Workshop, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, Spring 2008 - Spring 2009.

Editorial Assistant, American politics, *Political Science Quarterly*, 2009-2012.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Fellowship, Princeton University, 2017-18.

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

Nominated for Columbia University Bancroft Prize for distinguished work in American History, 2012

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

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,” The-Conversation.com, April 2015.

Program evaluation advisor, Chicago Votes, Summer 2016.

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

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

“The Morning Dose” discussion of 45 being racist. 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

“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.

SKILLS AND
RELEVANT
TRAINING

Data management; Mixed-mode and address-based survey methods; Geographic Information Systems (ArcInfo, GeoDa); statistical analysis, programming, and presentation skills (R, Stata, SQL); Research design; Spanish (Intermediate) and French (Intermediate).

REFERENCES

Available upon request