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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. (June, 2001)                                  Political Science                  Harvard University

Examination Fields: American Politics; Comparative Politics; Modern Political Thought  
Dissertation Committee: Robert H. Bates, Michael Jones-Correa, Kwame Anthony Appiah

B.A. (May, 1993, *Summa Cum Laude*)        Political Science                  Morehouse College

## FURTHER TRAINING

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Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, Center for Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University, January 4-17, 2003.

## CURRENT POSITIONS

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Founder and Director, [Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy](#), Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (Appointed, January 2017-Present).

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (Appointed, July 1, 2013-Present).

Associate Professor (by courtesy), Department of African-American Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (Appointed, July 1, 2013-Present).

Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to American Politics; Race, Ethnicity, and American Democracy; African-Americans and U.S. Politics; the Media in U.S. Politics; American Political Thought; Race, Class and Nation in Black Political Thought.

Graduate Courses: Introduction to Research Design; American Politics Pro-Seminar; U.S. Social Policy in Historical Perspective; Race, Ethnicity and American Politics; Black Political Thought; Race in American Political Thought; Critical Race Theory.

## **PREVIOUS TEACHING AND ADMINSTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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Associate Chair, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (2015-2018).

Vice-Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (2012-2013).

Associate Professor of Political Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (2011-2013).

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (2007-2011).

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (2001-2007).

Visiting Assistant Professor of Afro-American Studies (Du Bois-Mandela-Rodney Fellow), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (2003-2004)

Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (1995-2000).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### Books (Peer Reviewed)

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. *Between Homeland and Motherland: Africa, U.S. Foreign Policy, and Black Representation in America*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2011.\*+

\*Co-Winner of the 2011 W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book of the Year Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

+Featured [H-Diplo Roundtable Review](#), Volume XIV, No. 30 (2013).

### Edited Books (Peer Reviewed)

Wolbrecht, Christina, Rodney Hero, Peri Arnold, and Alvin B. Tillery, Jr. (editors). *The Politics of Democratic Inclusion*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 2005.

### Articles and Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

(16.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. “The #BlackLivesMatter Movement and Black Public Opinion: A New Populist Divide in the Black Community?” In *When the People Rule: Popular Sovereignty in Theory and Practice*, edited by Ewa Atanassow, David Bateman, Thomas Bartsherer. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming.

- (15.) Bonilla, Tabitha, and Alvin B. Tillery, Jr., "[Which Identity Frames Boost Support for and Mobilization in the #BlackLivesMatter Movement? An Experimental Test](#)" *American Political Science Review*, 114 (4): 947-962.
- (14.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[Tweeting Racial Representation: How the Congressional Black Caucus used Twitter during the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.](#)" *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 9(2): 219-238.
- (13.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[What Kind of Movement is Black Lives Matter? The View from Twitter.](#)" *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics* 4(2): 297-323.
- (12.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "Barack Obama and American Race Relations: From Post-Racialism to Racial Retrenchment." In *The Obama Legacy*, edited by Bert Rockman and Andrew Rudalevige, 77-90. Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas Press, 2019.
- (11.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B., and Hanes Walton, Jr. "[Presidential Greatness in the Black Press: Ranking the Modern Presidents on Civil Rights Policy and Race Relations.](#)" *Politics, Groups and Identities*, Volume 7, No 1 (2018): 71-88.\*+
- \*Findings featured in *US News and World Report*, March 2015.  
+Findings featured on Mike Pesca's "[The Gist Podcast](#)," February 18, 2015.
- (10.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[Reading Tocqueville Behind the Veil: African American Responses to Democracy in America.](#)" *American Political Thought*, Volume 7, No 1 (Winter 2018): 1-25.
- (9.) Hooker, Juliet., and Alvin B. Tillery, Jr. "[The Double Bind: The Politics of Racial and Class Inequalities in the Americas.](#)" *PS: Political Science and Politics* 50, No. 1 (2017): 250-259.
- (8.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B., and Michell R. Chresfield. "[Model Blacks or 'Ras the Exhorter': A Quantitative Content Analysis of Black Newspapers](#)" Coverage of the First Wave of Afro-Caribbean Immigration to America." *Journal of Black Studies* 43, No. 5 (2012): 545-570.
- (7.) Allen, Josephine V., Alvin B. Tillery, Jr., and Hanes Walton, Jr. "The Making of African American Foreign Policy Makers: An Analysis of the Senate Confirmation Hearings on Secretaries of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice." In *African Americans in Global Affairs: Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by Michael Clemons, 118-144. New Hampshire: Northeastern University Press, 2010.
- (6.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[Tocqueville as Critical Race Theorist: Whiteness as Property, Interest Convergence and the Limits of Jacksonian Democracy.](#)" *Political Research Quarterly* 62, No. 4 (2009): 639-652.
- (5.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[Tocqueville, Black Writers, and American Ethnology: Rethinking the Foundations of Whiteness Studies.](#)" In *Feminist Interpretations of Tocqueville*, edited by Jill Locke and Eileen Hunt Botting, 211-238. College Station, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2008.

(4.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "G. Mennen Williams and the American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa: Rethinking the Origins of Multiculturalism in U.S. Foreign Policy." In *The Kissinger Strategy in Africa*, edited by Hanes Walton, Jr., 45-66. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2007.

(3.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[Foreign Policy Activism and Power in the House of Representatives: Black Members of Congress and South Africa, 1968-1986.](#)" *Studies in American Political Development* 20, No. 1 (2006): 88-103.

(2.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "Introduction to Diversity within and across Groups." In *The Politics of Democratic Inclusion*, edited by Rodney Hero, Christina Wolbrecht, Peri Arnold, and Alvin B. Tillery, Jr., 15-19. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 2005.

(1.) Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "Black Americans and the Creation of America's Africa Policies." In *The African Diaspora: Old World Origins and New World Self-Fashioning*, edited by Carol Boyce Davies, Ali A. Mazrui and Isidore Okpewho, 504-524. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1999.

### Public Polls

Greer, Christina, and Alvin B. Tillery, Jr. "[Presidential Leadership on Diversity and Inclusion](#)," Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy, Northwestern University, May 31, 2019

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B., and Joanna Mountain. "[Race and Genetics Poll](#)," Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy and 23andMe, July 10, 2018.\*+

\*Findings featured on the "[SPIT](#)" Podcast, August 14, 2018.

+Findings featured in the [Chicago Tribune](#), September 17, 2018.

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[Black Lives Matter Poll](#)," Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy, Northwestern University, October 17, 2017.\*

\*Findings featured in the [Chicago Sun-Times](#), January 14, 2018.

### Reports

Hooker, Juliet, and Alvin B. Tillery, Jr., (editors), [The Double Bind: Race and Class Inequalities in the Americas](#), American Political Science Association, Presidential Task Force on Racial and Class Inequalities in the Americas. Washington, DC: APSA, 2016.

### Encyclopedia Entries

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "Civil Rights." In *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*, edited by Benjamin Radcliff and Samuel Best, 81-88. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2005

## Book Reviews

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "Quotidian Politics in the Black Diaspora: A Review of Michael Hanchard's *Party/Politics*." *Review of Politics* 66, No. 4 (Fall 2007): 696-697.

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "Separate and Unequal: A Review of Linda Faye Williams' *The Constraint of Race*." *Review of Politics*, 66, No. 3 (Summer 2004): 544-546.

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "Review of Stephen Cole and Elinor Barber's *Increasing Faculty Diversity: The Occupational Choices of High-Achieving Minority Students*." *The Journal of College and University Law* 30, No. 3 (2004): 703-710.

## **WORKS-IN-PROGRESS**

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### Papers Under Review

Tillery, Jr. Alvin B. "Is BLM a Working-Class Movement? A View from Survey Research," under revise and resubmit at *Social Movement Studies* (May 2021).

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "The Declaration as Black Patrimony: A Reception History of America's Charter Document in Black Political Thought," under review at *American Journal of Political Science* (June 2021).

### Working Papers

Bonilla, Tabitha., and Alvin B. Tillery, Jr., "How Black Activism Shapes American Elections: The Black Lives Matter Movement at the 2020 Senate Elections."

Tillery, Jr. Alvin B., and Justin Zimmerman. "The African American Media and Barack Obama: Toward an Economic Theory of Editorial Opinion."

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "Transracialism in Black Political Thought: Toward a New Ethics of Identity."

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "Immigration in the African American Mind: Reverse Racial Triangulation and Asian Americans, 1850-1965."

## **PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL WRITINGS**

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Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[Here's How Black Newspapers Rank the U.S. Presidents.](#)" *The Washington Post* (The Monkey Cage Blog), February 21, 2017.

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[President Obama's Memorable, Yet Mixed Record of Race.](#)" *The Griot*, January 3, 2017.

Hooker, Juliet, and Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[What's Wrong with Inequality Studies?](#)" *Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 3, 2016.

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[#BlackLivesMatter Must Fight to Take Down Racial Terrorists and their Flag.](#)" *The Grio*, June 20, 2015.

Tillery, Jr., Alvin B. "[Who Disagrees with Selma's Portrayal of LBJ?: Blacks in the Civil Rights Era.](#)" *The Washington Post* (The Monkey Cage Blog), January 5, 2015.

## **INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS (Since 2014)**

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"From Performance to Power: The Black Lives Matter Movement and American Elections," presented to the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Workshop at the University of California—San Diego, June 2021.

"Performance vs. Power: The Black Lives Matter Movement and American Democracy," presented to the American Politics Workshop at Simon Fraser University, April 2021.

"From Mentorship to Sponsorship: The Future of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion," presented to Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago, February 2020.

"Racial Equity in Evanston: Frameworks, Challenges, and Opportunities," presented to the City of Evanston, City Council, October 2019.

"Leading on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Lessons from the Civil Rights Era," presented to the ABD Insurance Diversity Luncheon, San Francisco, CA, March 2019.

"From Exclusion to Inclusion: Lessons in Courageous Leadership from Black History," presented to MGM International Resorts, Las Vegas, NV, February 2019.

"Science and Race-Making in the United States: From the Founding Fathers to Genomics," presented to Company Wide Speaker Series, 23andMe, Mountainview, CA, October 2018.

"Performance vs. Power: Is the Black Lives Matter Movement Winning," presented to Kenyon College for Fall Semester Keynote Address, September 2018.

"Black Lives Matter and American Racial Politics," presented to Democracy under Pressure Speaker Series, Wayne Morse Center, University of Oregon, February 2018.

"Martin Luther King, Jr., Africa, and Global Citizenship," presented to the Sidwell Friends School in honor of the Martin Luther King holiday, January 2018.

“The Legacy of Barack Obama for Race Relations in America,” presented to Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, October 2017.

“Immigration in the African American Mind: Reverse Racial Triangulation and Proxy Representation, 1865-1965,” Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, presented to the WISER Institute Speaker Series, University of Washington, January 2017.

“Immigration in the African American Mind: Reverse Racial Triangulation and Proxy Representation, 1865-1965,” Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, University of California--Berkeley, November 2016.

“Immigration in the African American Mind: Reverse Racial Triangulation and Proxy Representation, 1865-1965,” Empire Lecture Series, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

“The Congressional Black Caucus and South Africa After Apartheid,” presented to the Lecture Series on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Democracy in South Africa, Northwestern University, March 2014.

## **SELECTED MEDIA COMMENTARY (Since 2015)**

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Quoted in Shia Kapos, “[A College Town Fired Up Reparations Talk with \\$25K Checks. Who’s Next,](#)” *Politico*, June 2, 2021.

Quoted in Odette Yousef, “[Despite Excitement, Some Experts Eye Pitfalls in Evanston Reparations Program,](#)” WBEZ Chicago, April 5, 2021.

Featured in Associated Press, “[Pro-Trump Mob Storms US Capitol in Bid to Overturn Election,](#)” January 6, 2021.

Quoted in Lolly Bowean and Gregory Pratt, “[Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx’s Race for Reelection has Faced Smollett Questions,](#)” *Chicago Tribune*, March 13, 2020.

Featured in Nicole Cardos, “[What Could Reparations for Black Americans Look Like?](#)” WTTW News, June 25, 2019.

Featured in Ben Schamisso, “[Birthright Citizenship is a Legacy of Former Slaves,](#)” Newsy, November 2, 2018.

Featured in Kane Farabaugh, “[Muslim-American Women Seek to Represent Changing Face of US Congress,](#)” Voice of America, September 24, 2018.

Quoted in Jacob Taylor, “[Football is here—and the NFL still doesn’t know what to do about protests,](#)” NBC News, September 6, 2018.



Quoted in Erik Ortiz, "[National Anthem Debate: How the League Can Resolve Issue of Players who Protest](#)," NBC News, July 21, 2018.

Quoted in John Bacon and Jerry Mitchell, "[Feds Reopen Emmett Till Murder Case, Family 'Wants Justice to Prevail'](#)," *USA Today*, July 12, 2018.

Quoted in Gabrielle Levy, "[Equal Rights Amendment, Left Dead in 1982, Gets New Life in #METOO Era](#)," *US News and World Report*, June 4, 2018.

Quoted in Stephen Collison, "[The President's Newest Allies are in for a Lesson on how Trump makes Friends](#)," CNN Politics, September 8, 2017.

Featured on MSNBC's 11<sup>th</sup> Hour with Brian Williams, "[Trump Spent Much of MLK Holiday at his Florida Golf Club](#)," January 2016.

Featured on MSNBC's UP with Steve Kornacki, "[President Obama's Response to Tragedies are too Familiar](#)," June 20, 2015.

Featured on MSNBC's UP with Steve Kornacki, "[Selma: 50 Years Later](#)," March 7, 2015.

## **EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIP AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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APSA Special Projects Grant, History, Institutions, and Theory Research Coordination Network (2018-2019)--\$25,000

Du Bois-Mandela-Rodney Fellowship, University of Michigan (2003-2004)

Irene Diamond Dissertation Writing Fellowship, The Leadership Alliance (1998-1999)

National Science Foundation Minority Fellow (1994-1998)

Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship, Institute for the Study of World Politics (1995)

Woodrow Wilson/PPIA Fellowship, The Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (1992)

## **INTERNAL FELLOWSHIP AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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Linzer Diversity Innovation Award, Northwestern University (2019-2020)--\$21,000

Grant Proposal Development Award, Rutgers University (2008-2009)--\$3,000

Faculty Research Program Grant, University of Notre Dame (2005-2006)--\$5,000

Service Learning Grant, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame (2006-2007)--\$2,500

## **TEACHING AND SERVICE AWARDS**

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Northwestern University Associated Student Government (ASG) Faculty Honor Roll (2019-2020).

Frank O' Malley Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, University of Notre Dame (2005); the student body of Notre Dame presents this annual award to one faculty member to recognize their excellence in teaching during the academic year.

Erskine Peters Award for Mentoring Students of Color, University of Notre Dame, NAACP (2005); the Notre Dame NAACP chapter presents this annual award to one faculty member to honor their excellence as a faculty mentor during the academic year.

Derek Bok Center Awards for Excellence in Teaching (Harvard University, 1997, 1998 and 1999).

## **OTHER AWARDS AND HONORS**

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Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society, Morehouse College, 1993)  
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities (1993)  
Brisbane Prize in Political Science (Morehouse College, 1993; Presented to the highest ranking B.A. candidate in Political Science)  
Phi Beta Kappa (Morehouse College, 1992)  
Frank L. Forbes Trophy (Morehouse College, 1991; Presented to the varsity athlete with the most distinguished academic record)

## **AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (APSA) SERVICE**

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Co-Chair, APSA Diversity and Inclusion Hackathon (2018)  
Member, APSA Presidential Task Force on Gender Equality (2016-Present)  
Program Co-Chair, APSA Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA (2015)  
Co-Chair, Presidential Task Force on Racial and Class Inequalities (2014-2015)  
Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section, Co-Chair, APSA Annual Meetings, Washington, DC (2014)  
Committee Chair, Ralph Bunche Prize (2014)  
Member, APSA Presidential Task Force on Annual Meetings (2005)

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BLACK POLITICAL SCIENTISTS (NCOBPS) SERVICE**

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Member, Publications Committee (2018-2020)  
Committee Chair, W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book Award (2014-2015)

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE (Northwestern University)**

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Co-Director, Northwestern University Racial Equity Incubator Program (2021-)

Member, Racial Equity and Community Engaged Research Grants Selection Committee (2021)  
Member, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Week Celebration Programming Committee (2019)

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE (Northwestern University)**

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American Politics Field Chair (2018-2019)  
Committee Chair, Target of Opportunity Hiring Committee, (2016-Present)  
Committee Chair, Political Science Program Review Self-Study Committee (2015-2016)  
Comparative and Global Political Theory Search Committee (2015-2016)  
Black Politics Search Committee, African American Studies (2014-2015)

## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

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Director, Baker Demonstration School, Wilmette, IL (2017-Present)  
Volunteer Lecturer, Chicago Public Schools  
Volunteer Lecturer, Evanston Public Schools