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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

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: Urban Institutions in National Politics.* (Book Manuscript)
This project highlights the maturing 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. *Under Contract at 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 public opinion data and historical policy changes to examine competing hypotheses about sources of support for the Confederate battle flag among Southern whites. Forthcoming at *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*, Richardson Dilworth, ed.

Chicago Democracy Project. Collaborative effort with Jaime Dominguez and Quinn Mulroy, will provide a public, web-based resource for information about Chicago and Chicagoland politics as well as serve as a hub and 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

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.

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.

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

Course: Business Negotiations

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

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
Interdisciplinary "Hamilton" Course Steering Committee, 2016
Editorial Board, Urban Affairs Review, 2015-2018.
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

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.

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 (Basic).

REFERENCES

Available upon request