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Academic Employment

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2013-present
Associate Professor, Department of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, 2013-present
Academic Affiliate, Office of Evaluation Sciences, General Services Administration, 2016-present
Faculty Associate, Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois, 2007-present
Faculty Affiliate, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois, 2012-present
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Global Studies, University of Illinois, 2013-present
Visiting Professor, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Spring 2015
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2007-2013
Assistant Professor, Department of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, 2011-2013
Faculty Research Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research,
University of Michigan, 2000-2013
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2005-2007
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2000-2007

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, May 2002
M.A. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, May 1993
A.B. *magna cum laude*, Government, Harvard University, June 1992

Books and Monographs

Boundaries of Obligation in American Politics: Geographic, National, and Racial Communities. 2010. NY: Cambridge University Press.
Ethnic Context, Race Relations, and California Politics (with Bruce Cain and Jack Citrin). 2000. San Francisco, CA: Public Policy Institute of California.

Journal Articles

"Maps in People's Heads: Assessing A New Measure of Context" (with Jake Bowers, Daniel Rubenson, Mark Fredrickson, and Ashlea Rundlett). Forthcoming. *Political Science Research and Methods*.
"Politics and the English Language in California: Bilingual Education at the Polls" (with Jack Citrin and Morris Levy). 2017. *California Journal of Politics and Policy*.
"Racism, Group Position, and Attitudes about Immigration Among Blacks and Whites" (with Vincent Hutchings). 2014. *Du Bois Review* 11: 419-442.
"Would We Know 'Integration' If We Were To See It?: Measurement and *The Imperative of Integration*." 2014. *Political Studies Review* 12: 353-360.
"Bringing the Person Back In: Boundaries, Perceptions, and the Measurement of Racial Context (with Jake Bowers, Tarah Williams, and Katherine Simmons). 2012. *Journal of Politics* 74: 1153-1170.
"Little' and 'Big' Pictures in Our Heads: Race, Local Context and Innumeracy about Racial Groups in the U.S." 2007. *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 71: 392-412.
"Who Fights: Substitution, Commutation, and 'Green Card Troops.'" 2007. *Du Bois Review* 4: 1-22.

Journal Articles (continued)

- “‘Racial Threat,’ Partisan Climate, and Direct Democracy: Contextual Effects in Three California Initiatives” (with Andrea Campbell and Jack Citrin). 2006. *Political Behavior*. 28: 129-150.
- “Two-Headed Coins or Kandinskys: White Racial Identification” (with Grace Cho). 2005. *Political Psychology* 26(5): 699-720.
- “Multiculturalism in American Public Opinion” (with Jack Citrin, David Sears, and Christopher Muste). 2001. *British Journal of Political Science* 31: 247-75.
- “Public Opinion Toward Immigration Reform: The Role of Economic Motivations” (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste). 1997. *The Journal of Politics* 59: 858-81.

Book Chapters

- “Explaining Perceptions of Competitive Threat in a Multiracial Context” (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, and Ronald Brown). 2011. In Heather Gerken, Guy-Uriel Charles, Michael Kang, eds. *Race, Reform, and Regulation of the Electoral Process*. NY: Cambridge University Press.
- “Who Belongs? Assimilation, Integration and Multiculturalism in the United States.” 2009. In Gary Freeman, John Higley, James Jupp, eds. *Nations of Immigrants, 2nd edition*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.
- “*Jus Meritum*: Citizenship for Service” (with Grace Cho). 2006. In Taeku Lee, Karthick Ramakrishnan, and Ricardo Ramírez, eds. *Transforming Politics, Transforming America: The Political and Civic Incorporation of Immigrants in the United States*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.
- “The Meaning of American National Identity” (with Jack Citrin and Brian Duff). 2001. In Richard D. Ashmore and Lee Jussim, eds. *Social Identity, Intergroup Conflict, and Conflict Reduction*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Other Publications

- “Participación de los inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos de América.” 2009. *Panorama Social* 8.
- “Group Closeness.” A Pilot Study Report to the 1997 NES Pilot Study Committee and the American National Election Study Board of Overseers.
<http://www.umich.edu/~nes/resources/papers/pilotrpt.htm>. (1998)

Work in Progress

- "Elected Officials, Empowered Voters: The Impact of Descriptive Representation on Voter Turnout" (with Matthew Hayes, Mark Fredrickson, Chera LaForge, and Andrew Bloeser). R&R at *Political Research Quarterly*.
- “Do You See What I See? Ethnic Diversity, Pseudoenvironments, and Social Cohesion” (with Jake Bowers, Daniel Rubenson, Mark Fredrickson, and Ashlea Rundlett). Working manuscript.
- “How Does Politics Affect Perceptions of Place? The Effect of Campaigns on Perceptions about Immigration” (with Jake Bowers, Ed Fieldhouse, and Jane Green). Working manuscript.
- “Does Service Warrant Citizenship, and For Whom?” Working manuscript.
- Improving Immigration Forms and Processes, a project being developed with the Office of Policy and Strategy of the USCIS and the Office of Evaluation Sciences of the GSA

Grants, Honors, & Fellowships

- Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar, 2015-2016.
- Hallsworth Visiting Professor, University of Manchester, UK, 2014-2015.
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Chile, 2014-2015
- Research Board grants, University of Illinois, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2009 (\$57,430 total)
- Clarence A. Berdahl Undergraduate Teaching Award (by Pi Sigma Alpha), 2014

Grants, Honors, & Fellowships (continued)

Cline Center for Democracy, Linowes Fellow, 2012-2015
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant, 2011 (with Daniel Rubenson and Jake Bowers) (\$74,000)
UIUC Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society, Faculty Fellow, 2010-2011
UIUC Library Data Purchase Pilot Program grant, 2010 (with Jake Bowers) (\$3800)
List of Teachers Rated as Excellent by their Students, University of Illinois, 2010-2014, 2016-2017.
National Study of Ethnic Pluralism and Politics (Co-Principal Investigator with James Jackson (PI), Ronald Brown, and Vincent Hutchings)

- National Science Foundation award (SES0419427), 2004-6 (\$300,000)
- Carnegie Corporation, 2005-6 (\$169,000)

Rackham Interdisciplinary Institute grant, "Perceptions, Context, and Politics" (with Jake Bowers). University of Michigan, 2004 (\$30,000)
National Election Study, "Community Obligation: A Proposal for the 1997 National Election Pilot Study." Accepted by the American National Election Study Board of Overseers.
Roy Pierce Scholar's Fund award, University of Michigan, 2005 (\$5000)
Spring/ Summer Research grant, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, 2002 (\$4000)
Reading Committee grant, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, 2002 (\$5000)
Invited Graduate Student Participant, Annual Meeting of the Political Methodology Section, 1997
Social Science Research Council International Migration Program Dissertation Workshop, 1997
University of Berkeley Department Fellowship, 1997-98
Pi Sigma Alpha Award (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste) for best paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting, 1996
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 1995
Chicano/Latino Policy Project Mini-grant, 1994
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1993-94, 1995-97
Henry Robert Braden Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 1992-93

Invited Talks and Presentations

Invited to give the Hanes Walton Jr. Lecture at the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Spring 2018.
Invited speaker, University of Chicago, Spring 2018.
"The Politicization of Place" Invited speaker. University of Copenhagen, May 2017.
"Pseudoenvironments, Ethnic Diversity, and Social Capital." Invited presentation at Kraks Fond, Institute for Urban Economic Research. Copenhagen, Denmark, May 2017.
"The Politicization of Place." Invited Speaker. Chicago Area Behavior Workshop. Northwestern University, May 2017.
"How Does Place Become Politicized." Student Faculty Seminar. UIUC. April 2017.
"Pseudoenvironments, Ethnic Diversity, and Social Capital." Presented at the New York Area Political Psychology Conference, April 2016; Columbia American Politics Workshop, November 2015; and NYU Urban Seminar, November 2015.
"Do You See What I See?" Invited speaker. Annual Workshop on Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religion" at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. April 2015.
"Diversity, Social Capital, and Attitudes about Immigration." Invited speaker at the Instituto de Ciencia Politica, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, April 2015.
Invited discussant/participant. "Annual Workshop on Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religion." Stanford University. May 2014.
"The Personal Survey." Invited Speaker. Working Group in Political Psychology and Behavior. Harvard University. March 2014.

Invited Talks and Presentations (continued)

- “Measurement of Community.” Invited speaker at The American Panel Survey (TAPS) Workshop. Washington University, St., Louis, Nov 8-9, 2013.
- Invited Roundtable Participant, “Author Meets Critics: Elizabeth Anderson’s *The Imperative of Integration*” at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago. August-September 2013.
- “Does the Context Fit the Outcome?: When (or Where) Racial Context Should Affect Politics.” Invited speaker. “Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religious and Ethnic Diversity” conference at MIT. May 2013.
- “Context on Both Sides of the Equation.” Invited speaker at the Research Workshop in American Politics. University of California, Berkeley. October 2012.
- “Does the Context Fit the Outcome?” Invited speaker at the Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (SPIRE), Yale University, New Haven, CT. October 2012.
- “Pictures in Our Heads.” Invited speaker at the Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium (PIEC) workshop at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Sponsored by the Editorial Team for Politics, Groups, and Identities and Taylor & Francis. September 2012.
- “Bringing the Person Back In: Boundaries, Perceptions, and the Measurement of Racial Context.” Invited Speaker at the American Politics Workshop. University of Wisconsin. March 2012.
- “Race, Representation, and Political Participation. Data Purchase Program Brownbag, University Library, UIUC, February 2012.
- “The Measurement of Racial Context.” Invited speaker. Chicago Area Behavior Workshop at Northwestern University. Evanston, IL, May 2011.
- Invited discussant/participant. “Comparative Politics of Immigration” conference at Princeton University. Funded by the Luce Foundation and the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies. March 2011.
- “Is a Patriot a Good Citizen?” Invited Speaker at the Asian American Brownbag Series, Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, December 2010.
- “The Future—Multiculturalism, Integration, or Assimilation.” Invited paper presented at the international conference “Nations of Immigrants: United States and Australia,” organized by the University of Texas and Monash University, Prato, Italy, October 19-21, 2008.
- Invited participant/presenter at “Models of Immigrant Incorporation,” a research workshop organized by Cornell University and Harvard University, Ithaca, NY, May 15-16, 2008.
- Invited participant at “Muslims in Europe,” a research workshop sponsored by the Islamic Studies Initiative, the Center for International and Comparative Studies, the Department of Political Science, and the Center for European Studies, University of Michigan, November 1-2, 2007.
- “You’ve Flown the Flag. Now What?: Patriotism, Civic Duty, and Perceptions of National Identity.” Invited paper presented at the conference “Multiculturalism and Its Discontents,” Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 23-24, 2007.
- “Place and Politics: Understanding the Effects of Racial Context.” Invited talk at Harvard’s Center for American Political Studies. March 2006.
- “Testing Power Threat Theory.” Presentation to the National Election Studies Seminar, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan. March 30, 2005.
- “Measurement of Racial Identity: A Comparison of Whites and Blacks.” Presentation to the National Election Studies Seminar, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan. October 20, 2004.
- “Ethnic Consciousness and Participation.” Invited roundtable participant at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2003. Philadelphia.

Invited Talks and Presentations (continued)

- “Citizenship and Service in the U.S.” Invited Presentation at the conference, “Nation of Immigrants: Identity and Incorporation,” at the University of California, Berkeley. May 2003.
- “Whites’ Notions of Identity and Community.” Invited presentation at the Political Psychology Conference of the Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota. April 2003.
- “Citizenship and Service.” Invited talk at the Fawley Lunch Series. University of Michigan Law School. March 2003.
- “Pragmatic Sample Design for Detecting Contextual Effects: Assessing the Power Threat Theory of Race Relations” (with Jake Bowers). Presentation to the Quantitative Methodology Program of the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. March 18, 2003.
- “Citizenship and Public Responsibility.” Invited presentation at the annual conference of the Gerst Program in Political, Economic, and Humanistic Studies, Duke University. March 2001.
- “American Identity and Conflict among American Ethnic Groups” (with Jack Citrin and Brian Duff). Invited paper presented at the Third Rutgers Symposium on Self and Social Identity. April 1999. Piscataway, NJ.

Conference Papers and Presentations

Annual meetings

- American Association of Public Opinion Research, 2000, 2005
- American Political Science Association 1995, 1997-1999, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2012-2016
- Canadian Political Science Association, 2012
- International Society of Political Psychology, 1996, 1998, 2012, 2015
- Midwestern Political Science Association 1996-1998, 2002, 2005, 2007-2008, 2011-2013, 2015, 2017
- Western Political Science Association, 1995

Professional Activities

- Planning Committee member for the 2018 Cooperative Congressional Election Study, 2017-2018
- Governing Council member, International Society of Political Psychology, 2017-2020
- President, Political Psychology Section, American Political Science Association, 2016-2018
- Co-organizer, APSA Political Psychology Preconference, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Chair of the American Journal of Political Science Best Article Award committee, Midwestern Political Science Association, 2018
- American Politics Section Poster Chair, Midwestern Political Science Association, 2017
- Book Awards Committee, Association for Asian American Studies, 2016-2017
- Migration and Citizenship Section, Best Article Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2016
- President-Elect, Political Psychology Section, American Political Science Association, 2014-2016
- Editorial Board member, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* (Cambridge UP), 2014-present
- Political Psychology Section, Best Dissertation Committee, American Political Science Association, 2013-2014
- Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, Best Book Committee, American Political Science Association, 2013-2014
- Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2012-2013
- American Political Science Association Minority Fellowship Program Selection Committee, 2010-2011
- Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, Best Dissertation Committee, Chair, American Political Science Association, 2010-2011

Professional Activities (continued)

Receiving Communities Initiative. RCI is a national collaboration between academics and policymakers focused on immigration. 2010-2011
American Political Science Association Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession, 2009-2012
Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, Best Dissertation Committee, American Political Science Association, 2009-2010
Westview Press Paper Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2009-2010
Advisory board member of the “Citizenship, Involvement, Democracy” Study, conducted by the Center for Democracy and the Third Sector (CDATS) at Georgetown University in 2005
Reviewer/ Referee:

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Review, American Statistical Association Proceedings, British Journal of Political Science, California Journal of Politics and Policy, Cambridge University Press, Citizenship Studies, Comparative Politics, Congressional Quarterly Press, Du Bois Review, European Union Politics, Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Migration, International Migration Review, International Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Race, Ethnicity & Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, National Science Foundation, New England Journal of Political Science, Oxford University Press, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Politics, Groups, & Identities, Politics and Religion, Population Research & Policy Review, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Opinion Quarterly, Research and Politics, Rutgers University Press, SAGE Publications, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science Quarterly, Temple University Press, Time-Sharing Experiments for Social Scientists (TESS), University of Chicago Press, University of Michigan Press, World Politics

University Service

Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, 2016-2017, 2017-2018.
Chair, Alumni Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, 2016-2017.
Faculty Advisory Group of the Humanities and Interdisciplinary Scholars’ Collaboratory Strategy and Planning Group in the University Library, 2017
Co-Coordinator of the Political Science Department Student Faculty Seminar, 2007-2014, 2016-2018.
Chair, Cline Center Search Committee for a Visiting Research Coordinator, 2016
Chair, Cline Center Search Committee for a Visiting Analytics and Data Management Coordinator, 2016.
Cline Center Advisory Committee, University of Illinois, 2014-present
Schroeder Summer Fellows Award Committee, 2016
Faculty Appeals Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Illinois, 2014-2015
General Education Board, University of Illinois, 2014-2015
Faculty mentor for Latino/Latina Studies postdoctoral fellow, University of Illinois, 2014-2015
Undergraduate Instructional Programs Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2013-2014
Awards Committee, Department of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, 2012-2014
Awards Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2011-2012, 2009-2010
Internships Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2010-2011
Senior Thesis Poster Judge, Department of Political Science, 2010
Political Science Academic Advisor Search Committee, Chair. Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2009

University Service (continued)

Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2008-2009

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2001-4

Rackham Merit Fellowship Review Committee, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, 2002, 2004

Liaison for Racial/ Sexual Harassment, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2003-5

Dissertation Committee Member:

Chris Grady

Kyle Estes

Kaye Usry, 2018 (Elon University, Interim Assistant Director of Elon Poll)

Audrey Neville 2017 (Barnard University, visiting)

Tarah Williams, 2017 (Washington University, postdoc)

Paul Testa, 2016 (Brown University)

Matthew Spears, 2015 (City of Chicago, Office of Inspector General)

Matthew Hayes, 2013 (University of Indiana, Rice University)

David Hendry, 2012 (Postdoc at Yale University, Aarhus University, LSE)

Wen Cheng Fu, 2012 in Communication (Postdoc at UIUC)

Grace Cho, 2011 (U.S. Government Accountability Office)

Andrea Benjamin, 2010 (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Deniz Erkmen, 2009 (Boise State University)

Alana Hackshaw, 2008 (Congressional Black Caucus Foundation)

Liz Arbuckle Wabindato, 2006 (Northern Arizona University)

Karen Chen, 2004 in Psychology (U.S. Department of State)

Anna-Maria Ortiz, 2003 (U.S. Government Accountability Office)

Mark Akiyama, 2003 in Psychology (California State University Bakersfield)

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor (University of Illinois, Harvard University & University of Michigan)