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### Academic Employment

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2013-present.  
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, 2011-present.  
Faculty Associate, Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois, 2007-present.  
Faculty Research Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research,  
University of Michigan, 2000-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.  
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

“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.  
“‘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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

## 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
- 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
- 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

### **Grants, Honors, & Fellowships (continued)**

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**

“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 Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, April 2015.  
Invited 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.  
“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 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 Talks and Presentations (continued)**

- 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.
- “Ethnic Consciousness and Participation.” Invited roundtable participant at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2003. Philadelphia.
- “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.
- “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, 2012-2015
- Canadian Political Science Association, 2012
- International Society of Political Psychology, 1996, 1998, 2012
- Midwestern Political Science Association 1996-1998, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011-2013
- Western Political Science Association, 1995
- “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.
- “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.

### **Teaching Interests**

Citizenship in the U.S., Comparative Ethnic Politics, Immigration Politics, Patriotism and National Identity, Political and Social Identities, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Politics of Diversity, Public Opinion, Racial and Ethnic Politics in the U.S., Research Design: Concepts & Measurement, Voting Behavior and Elections.

### **Professional Activities**

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

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, 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, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Politics, Groups, & Identities, Politics and Religion, Population Research & Policy Review, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Opinion Quarterly, Research and Politics, SAGE Publications, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science Quarterly, Temple University Press, Time-Sharing Experiments for Social Scientists (TESS), University of Michigan Press, World Politics*

### **University Service**

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

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

### **University Service (continued)**

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:

Tarah Williams

Kaye Usry, ABD

Brianna Lawrence, ABD

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

Matthew Hayes, 2013 (University of Indiana)

David Hendry, 2012 (Postdoc at Yale University)

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)

### **Additional Education**

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan

Multi-City Study of Urban Inequality, 1999; Hierarchical Linear Models, 1998;

Time Series Analysis, Categorical Data Analysis, 1995

### **Languages and Other Skills**

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (fluent); Spanish (fair)

Experience with: SPSS, Stata, LISREL, R/Splus