

# Chelsea Waddell

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## Education

<b>University of Michigan</b>	<i>Expected 2028</i>
<i>Ph.D, Political Science</i>	
<i>M.A., Political Science</i>	2026
<b>Jackson State University</b>	2018-2022
<i>B.S., Criminal Justice</i>	

## Works in Progress

“Policing Prosecutorial Power: The Conditional Role of Collaboration in Mitigating Police Backlash to Prosecutorial Reform.” *Under Review.* with Brandon Romero, Mara Ostfeld, and Charlotte Boucher.

“The Evolution of Black Political Leadership in Los Angeles: Frederick Madison Roberts and Beyond.” *Under Review.* with Boris E. Ricks, D’Andra Orey, Kaia Kirk, and Chris Saint John.

“Who Deserves a Second Chance? Defendant Characteristics and Pre-Trial Diversion.” with Brandon Romero, Mara Ostfeld, and Charlotte Boucher.

“May I See Your License? How Race and Gender Shape Public Perceptions of Policing in Traffic Stops.” with D’Andra Orey, Vincent Hutchings, Luis Guaman, Robert Mickey, and Mason Holland.

## Teaching Experience

### Graduate Student Instructor - University of Michigan

Law of Democracy: Redistricting and Voting Rights (with Jowei Chen)	Winter 2025
The Politics of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (with Pamela Brandwein)	Fall 2024
The Politics of Police and Prisons (with Shea Streeter)	Winter 2024
Introduction to American Politics (with Ken Kollman)	Fall 2023

## Fellowships

<b>AAPOR Student Inclusion Fellowship</b>	2025
American Association for Public Opinion Research	
<b>Rackham Merit Fellowship</b>	2022
University of Michigan	

## Research Experience

Research Assistant, Shea Streeter	2025-2026
Police Killings and Protests Project	
Research Assistant, Robert Mickey	2025
Washtenaw County Reparations Task Force	
Research Assistant, Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy	2024-Present
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan	
Research Assistant, Vincent Hutchings	2020-2022
Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)	

## Selected Conference Presentations

“Fiscal Incentives, County Prosecutors, and Incarceration”	2026
Consortium on the American Political Economy, Berkeley.	

“Who Deserves a Second Chance? Defendant Characteristics and Pre-Trial Diversion” Justice and Injustice: Political Science Perspectives on Crime and Punishment. 2025

“May I See Your License? How Race and Gender Shape Public Perceptions of Policing in Traffic Stops.” Southern Political Science Association. 2026

## Scholarly Development

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**University of California, Berkeley** 2026  
Consortium on the American Political Economy (CAPE) Summer Academy  
**Johns Hopkins University** 2025  
Summer School for Racial Politics

## Service

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HBCU Alumni Organization, *Vice President* 2025-Present  
Undergraduate Senior Thesis Committee Member 2024, 2025  
Emerging Scholars Conference Organizer 2024  
Rackham Aspiring Fellows Mentor 2024-2025  
Political Scientists of Color, *Co-President* 2023-2024  
SROP Ambassador Program Mentor 2022-2023

## Skills

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R, LaTeX, Qualtrics