

Chelsea Waddell

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Education

University of Michigan
Ph.D., Political Science

Expected 2027

Jackson State University
B.S., Criminal Justice

2018-2022

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)
The Politics of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (with Pamela Brandwein)
The Politics of Police and Prisons (with Shea Streeter)
Introduction to American Politics (with Ken Kollman)

Winter 2025
Fall 2024
Winter 2024
Fall 2023

Fellowships

AAPOR Student Inclusion Fellowship
American Association for Public Opinion Research
Rackham Merit Fellowship
University of Michigan

2025
2022

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Robert Mickey
Washtenaw County Reparations Task Force
Research Assistant, Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
Research Assistant, Vincent Hutchings
Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)

2025
2024-Present
2020-2022

Selected Conference Presentations

“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.” American Association for Public Opinion Research. *Poster session*

2025

Scholarly Development

Johns Hopkins University
Summer School for Racial Politics

2025

Service

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| Undergraduate Senior Thesis Committee Member | 2024, 2025 |
| Emerging Scholars Conference Organizer | 2024 |
| Rackham Aspiring Fellows Mentor | 2024-2025 |
| Political Scientists of Color, <i>Co-President</i> | 2023-2024 |

Skills

R, LaTeX, Qualtrics