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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Sept. 2009 - Present Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science, University of Michigan.
- Sept. 2025 – Present Faculty Associate, Center for Social Solutions, University of Michigan.
- Sept. 2019 - Present Faculty Associate, Center for Emerging Democracies, Univ. of Michigan.
- Sept. 2009 - Present Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan.
- Sep. 2002 - Aug. 2009 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan.
- Aug. 2006 - Jul. 2008 Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research, UC-Berkeley.
- 1991 - 1995 Project Manager, Managing Ethnic Conflict, East-West Institute, Prague.

Designed and managed a project of policy analysis, consultation, and dialogue facilitation among ethnic minority leaders and government officials in Eastern Europe. Established partnerships with the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, the Council of Europe, and non-governmental organizations. Conducted research on ethnic politics in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and elsewhere. Fundraised extensively among public and private donors in the U.S. and Europe.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Harvard University, Political Science. 2005.
Dissertation: “Paths Out of Dixie: The Decay of Authoritarian Enclaves in America’s Deep South, 1944-1972”
Committee: Theda Skocpol (chair), John H. Aldrich (Duke), Daniel T. Kryder (Brandeis), Paul Pierson.

Awarded 2006 Elmer E. Schattschneider prize of the American Political Science Association for best dissertation in the field of U.S. government.
- B.A. Brown University, Political Science and Philosophy. 1990.
- Language Training Masaryk University (Czech Republic), Czech Summer School. 1990.

PUBLICATIONS

2027. "Institutional Insulation as Response to Racial Diversity: Evidence from the Great Migration" (with Jacob M. Grumbach and Daniel Ziblatt). *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, forthcoming.
2024. "Policing" (with Matthew D. Lassiter) in *Harms Report* prepared for the Detroit Reparations Task Force.
2023. "What's Next for American Democracy?" (with Amy Fried, Jacob S. Hacker, Lawrence R. Jacobs, *et al*). *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas* 70 (Fall).
2022. "Challenges to Subnational Democracy in the United States, Past and Present." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 699 (Jan.): 118-129.
2022. "White Racial Solidarity and Opposition to American Democracy" (with Ashley Jardina). *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 699 (Jan.): 79-89.
2021. "The Qualitative Transparency Deliberation: Insights and Implications" (lead authors: Alan M. Jacobs and Tim Büthe), *Perspectives on Politics* 19: 171-208.
2019. "Text-Based Sources" (with Nikhar Gaikwad and Veronica Herrera). Final Report of Working Group II.1, Project on Qualitative Transparency.
2018. Critical Dialogue on Subnational Democracy and Authoritarianism (with Jacqueline Behrend and Laurence Whitehead), *Perspectives on Politics* 17 (June): 481-486.
2017. "Is America Still Safe for Democracy? Why the United States Is in Danger of Backsliding" (lead author, with Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way). *Foreign Affairs* 96:3 (May/June): 20-29. Featured on *The Rachel Maddow Show*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *New York Times*, *Vox*, and other outlets. Translated into German and re-published in Patrick Horst, Philipp Adorf, and Frank Decker, eds., *Die USA: Eine Scheiternde Demokratie? (The USA: A Failing Democracy?)*, Frankfurt: Campus Verlag, 2018), 17-32.
2015. *Paths Out of Dixie: The Democratization of Authoritarian Enclaves in America's Deep South, 1944-1972* (Princeton University Press).

Awards:

J. David Greenstone prize, awarded by the American Political Science Association for the best book in history and politics published in 2014 or 2015

V. O. Key award, given by the Southern Political Science Association for the best book on southern politics published in 2015.

Reviews: *American Historical Review*, *Arkansas Review*, *The Forum*, H-Net, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Politics* (two reviews), *Journal of Southern History*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Scalawag*, *Tulsa Law Review*, *Journal of the Association of Political and Social Sciences* (University of Tokyo).

2012. "Dr. StrangeRove, Or: How Republicans Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Community Health Centers." Mark A. Hall and Sara Rosenbaum, eds., *The Health Care "Safety Net" in a Post-Reform World* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press).

2008. "The Beginning of the End for Authoritarian Rule in America: *Smith v. Allwright* and the Abolition of the White Primary in the Deep South, 1944-1948." *Studies in American Political Development*, Vol. 22, No. 2, pp. 143-182 (lead article).

2008. "Explaining the Contemporary Alignment of Race and Party: Evidence from California's 1946 Ballot Initiative on Fair Employment," with Anthony S. Chen and Robert P. Van Houweling. *Studies in American Political Development*, Vol. 22, No. 2, pp. 204-228.

2008. "'Til We Start to Make a Move': Johnny Cash and the Tensions Between Populism and Democracy," with Mika LaVaque-Manty, in John Huss and David Werther, eds., *Johnny Cash and Philosophy: The Ring of Truth* (Chicago: Open Court), pp. 59-73.

2005. "Regime Effects: Ethnicity, Social Mobility, and Public Policy in the USA and Britain" (with Steven M. Teles and Fawzia S. Ahmed). In Glenn Loury, Tariq Modood, and Steven M. Teles, eds., *Ethnicity, Social Mobility, and Public Policy: Comparing the US and UK* (Cambridge University Press).

2001. "Safe At Any Speed: Legislative Intent, the Electoral Count Act of 1887, and *Bush v. Gore*" (with Eric Schickler and Terri Bimes), *Journal of Law and Politics* (Vol. 16, Number 4).

1999. "Defining the Kin-State: An Analysis of its Role and Prescriptions for Moderating its Impact" (with Konrad Huber). In Arie Bloed, ed., *The Role of Bilateral Treaties in Regulating Minority Rights*. Martinus Nijhoff.

1996. "Citizenship, Status, and Minority Political Participation: The Evidence from Macedonia." In Gerd Nonneman, et al, eds., *Muslim Communities in the New Europe*. London: Ithaca Press.

1995. "Macedonia: Stable in an Unstable Way" 1994: The Year in Review, *Transition* 1:1 (*Transition* is the successor journal to *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Report*).

1993. "Success in the Balkans? A Case Study of Ethnic Relations in the Republic of Macedonia" (with Adam Smith Albion). In Ian M. Cuthbertson and Jane Leibowitz, eds., *Minorities: The New Europe's Old Issue*. New York: St. Martin's Press.

1993. "Resolving Ethnic Conflict: A Rhetorical Intervention" (with Adam Smith Albion). In Silvo Devetak, ed., *Small Nations and Ethnic Minorities in an Emerging Europe*. Munich: Slavica Verlag.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"The Rise and Fall of Nation-Building Coalitions of Virginia, 1865-1902" (with David Waldner) (under review).

"Political Coalitions, State Capacity, and the Political Economy of Reconstruction in North Carolina" (with Daniel Blinderman and David Waldner) (being revised for submission).

Book Project: *Why Nation-Building Usually Fails: America's Reconstruction in Comparative Perspective* (with David Waldner).

Book Project: *Racial Conflict and Attitudes about American Democracy* (with Vincent L. Hutchings and Ashley Jardina).

"Enough Police, but Not Enough Police Work: An Institutional Explanation of Under-Policing in the U.S." (with Jacob M. Grumbach and Daniel Ziblatt) (being revised for submission).

"May I See Your License? How Race and Gender Shape Public Perceptions of Policing in Traffic Stops" (with Vincent L. Hutchings, Byron D'Andra Orey, Luis Guaman, Mason Holland, and Chelsea Waddell) (being revised for submission).

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Presentations and Invited Talks

2026. SPSA; Workshop for Special Issue on Politics, the State, and American Capitalism, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, Penn State (with David Waldner); MPSA; APSA; Political Theory Institute, American University.

2025. Public Lecture, Global Democracy and Autocracy Series, Rohatyn Center, Middlebury College; Symposium on Democracy Under Pressure, Tanner Lecture Series on Ethics, Citizenship, and Public Responsibility (in conversation with *New York Times*' Janelle Bouie), Maxwell School (Syracuse); Keynote Speaker (on U.S. Subnational Democracy), Conference on Democratic Backsliding, McGill University; Panelist, Celebration of the Career of Bryan Jones, University of Texas; Constitution Day Talk; APSA (papers on Reconstruction, local police power, and attitudes about policing); MPSA (roundtable on U.S. Democracy and the Trump Administration; paper with Daniel Blinderman and David Waldner); "Teach-In" on American Democracy, UM; SPSA (paper on policing with Jake Grumbach and Dan Ziblatt).

2024. "The Primacy of Racial Conflict in America's Emerging Regime Cleavage" (American Democracy Collaborative Workshop, Cornell); "The Insulation of Local Governance from Black Electoral Power: Northern Cities and the Great Migration" (Race and Stratification Working Group, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA) (with Jake Grumbach and Dan Ziblatt); Author meets critics roundtable for Pierson and Schickler's *Partisan Nation* (APSA).

2023. Keynote Address on Subnational Authoritarianism (Tecnológico de Monterrey, Guadalajara); MPSA; APSA (papers with David Waldner and Daniel Blinderman, with Jake Grumbach and Dan Ziblatt, and with Nuannuan Xiang and Amanda Mauri); SPSA (with David Waldner and Daniel Blinderman).

2022. "Subnational Democracy in the U. S., Past and Present" (Rule of Law Workshop, Dartmouth); MPSA.

2021 [all virtual]. Workshop on Multiracial Democracy, Harvard University; Workshop on Democratic Vulnerabilities and Pathways to Reform, Cornell University; "Reassessing American Democracy," American Democracy Collaborative, Cornell University; WCED Emergency Roundtable on Subnational Democracy in the U.S.; MPSA; Guest Lecture, Introduction to American Politics, Stanford; Guest Lecture on the Two Reconstructions, Course on Democracy: Breakthroughs and Breakdowns, Harvard.

2020. Southern Political Science Association (San Juan); Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (virtual); Webinar on Violence, Policing, and Democracy, American Democracy Collaborative, Cornell University (virtual).

2019. Short Course on "Teaching 'American Politics and Government' in Turbulent Times" (APSA); Theme Panel: Racial Conflict in the U.S. (APSA); CIFAR Successful Societies Conference on European and American Populism & Group Boundaries (Banff); Boundaries of Democracy Conference, Harris School of Public Policy (University of Chicago); Social Science Research Council/Anxieties of Democracy Conference on America in Comparative Perspective (Columbia University); Southern Political Science Assoc. (Austin).

2018. Columbia Workshop on American Political Economy; Cornell/New America Foundation Conference on American Democracy (Washington, D. C.); Panel on the South and American Political Development (APSA, Boston); Theme Panel: Is It Regime Change? (APSA, Boston); Weiser Center Conference on Democracies Emerging/Submerging (Michigan); Weatherhead Center Symposium on Challenges to Multiracial Democracy (Harvard).

2017. Cornell, Duke, Northwestern (declined due to illness), Rutgers (declined due to illness), Stanford, Varieties of Backlash Workshop (Univ. of Michigan), Cornell again, University of Washington; Liberty Fund

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Conference on Political Economy of Douglass North (Austin); MPSA; APSA; State Politics & Policy Annual Meeting; Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

2016. Invited lectures at Northwestern, University of Sydney; APSA; MPSA; Social Science History Association; American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

2015. Nuffield College, Oxford (Conference on Colour-Blind Politics after the Obama Era); APSA; "Author Meets Critics" Panel on *Paths Out of Dixie*, MPSA; Ash Center on Democratic Governance, Kennedy School of Government; Air War College (Montgomery, AL); Lecture on Johnson and the War on Poverty, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute; Roosevelt Institute Network.

2014. Lecture on Political Legacies, Symposium on 50th Anniversary of the War on Poverty, UM; Lecture on Politics of Public Sector Unions, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Ann Arbor.

2013. Book Symposium on *Paths Out of Dixie* convened by Harvard-MIT Workshop on Comparative Historical-Institutionalism; Workshop on Racism, Immigration, and Citizenship, John Hopkins University; APSA.

2012. MPSA (could not attend due to illness); Conference on 50th Anniversary of the War on Poverty; ISR Presentation on Income Inequality and the 2012 Election.

2011. Midwest Political Science Association (could not attend due to illness); Southern Political Science Association (did not attend due to illness); American Political Science Association; John F. Kennedy School of Government (did not attend due to illness); Univ. of Chicago (did not attend due to illness).

2010. APSA; Northwestern University Workshop on Comparative Historical Analysis; RWJ Health Policy Workshop, University of Michigan School of Public Health; Conference on the Future of the Health Safety Net in a Post-Reform World, School of Public Health, George Washington University; RWJ Scholars in Health Policy Annual Meeting, La Jolla. (Talks at the Democracy Seminar of the JFK School at Harvard and Yale's Political Science Department were canceled due to illness)

2008. Columbia University Workshop on American Politics & Society; RWJ Health Scholars in Policy Research Program Annual Meeting.

2007. American Political Science Association Annual Meetings (APSA); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings (MPSA); RWJ Health Scholars Annual Meeting; Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (WPSA).

2006. UC-Berkeley Colloquium on Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration; APSA; MPSA.

2004. APSA; Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University.

2003. Social Science History Association Annual Meetings; Department of Pol. Science, ITAM, Mexico City.

2002. APSA; MPSA.

2001. Seminar on Historical-Institutionalism, UC-Berkeley.

2000. APSA; MPSA; WPSA.

1999. Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings; APSA.

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1994. Yale International Security Programs forum; plenary presentation at conference organized by Office of the President of Bulgaria, Sofia; Conference on the New Parliaments in Central Europe, Prague; Expert Consultation on the Russian Diaspora, OSCE Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities, The Hague; lecture at the Centre for the Study of Cultural Contact & International Migration, Univ. of Gothenburg.

Commentator

2026. Author Meets Critics panel for Julia Azari's *Backlash Presidents*, SPSA.

2025. Author Meets Critics panel for Bryan Jones' *The Southern Fault Line*, APSA; Commentator for Jamila Michener's Research on Tenant Organizations, Stone Center; Respondent for Book Talk by Didi Kuo (Center for Emerging Democracies, Michigan); SPSA.

2024. Author Meets Critics panel for Richard Bense's *The Founding of Modern States*, SPSA; APSA.

2023. SPSA; Author Meets Critics panel for Jack Santucci's *More Parties or No Parties* (MPSA).

2022. APSA; MPSA.

2021. Scott-Poulson Bryant book manuscript workshop (UM Department of African and African-American Studies); Author Meets Critics panel, Jeff Broxmeyer's *Electoral Capitalism*; Author Meets Critics panel, Rob Lieberman and Suzanne Mettler, *Four Threats*; Cornell Workshop on American Political Development and Labor.

2020: SPSA; APSA.

2019. MPSA; APSA.

2018. MPSA; APSA.

2017. Tobin Institute conference on the history of American democracy; MPSA; APSA.

2016. Manuscript Workshop (Devin Caughey); MPSA; APSA; Social Science History Association; American Sociological Association.

2015. Manuscript Workshop (for Maya Sen, *et al*), Harvard; MPSA, APSA.

2014. Author Meets Critics Panel (for Hans Noel), MPSA.

2013. MPSA; APSA.

2012. Policy History Conference (talks at Yale and Harvard canceled due to illness); ISR Symposium on Race and the 2012 Presidential Election.

2010. APSA; MPSA.

2007. History of Congress Conference, Princeton; Conference on Understanding the Immigration Protests of Spring 2006, UC-Berkeley; Panel on Subnational Politics, MPSA; Book Manuscript Workshop on FDA Pharmaceutical Regulation, Harvard; Book Manuscript Workshop on Party Position Change, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC-Berkeley.

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2006. Panel on Political Organizations and Power, APSA; Conference on Democracy, Governance and Identity, Michigan; Panel on Institutional Questions, MPSA.

2005. Panel on Paths of Institutional Development, MPSA.

2004. Panels on Race and American Political Development, and Party Systems, MPSA.

2003. Panel on American Political Development, APSA; Panel on Historical Perspectives on Public Policy, MPSA; Panel on Primaries, MPSA.

2002. Panel on the Development of Formal Political Institutions, APSA.

2000. Panel on Partisan Change, Symposium on Southern Politics, The Citadel.

1992-1995. Served as paper presenter or discussant at conferences on postcommunist ethnic politics in Alma-Aty, Amman, Basel, Bishkek, Bratislava, Bucharest, Budapest, Durham (UK), The Hague, Lake Bled, London, Luxembourg, Maribor, New York, Pocantico, Prague, Skopje, Sofia, and Strasbourg.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Grants

2026-2027. Co-Principal Investigator (with Rita Chin, UM Dept. of History), Laying the Groundwork for Better Futures in Washtenaw County. Office of Vice Provost for Research, Univ. of Michigan (\$100,000).

2023-2026. Investigator, Build and Broaden: The Social Science Research Assistance Unit, National Science Foundation, Award No. 2315856 (\$688,363) (joint with Jackson State University and the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras).

2022-2025. Russell Sage Foundation Trustee Grant (\$152,614), Authoritarian Policing and America's Incomplete Democratization (with Jake Grumbach (Goldman School of Public Policy, Cal-Berkeley) and Daniel Ziblatt (Harvard)).

2021. APSA Centennial Center Summer Research Grant; Rackham Graduate School, Faculty Allies for Diversity Grant (\$7,000).

2020. Grant, Advancing New Directions in Graduate Education (on behalf of Department of Political Science), Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (\$50,000).

2020. Grant for Collaboration with Minority-Serving Institutions (Departments of Political Science at Jackson State University and University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras), Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (\$30,000).

2019. Pilot Grant for Collaboration with Jackson State University, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (\$8,000).

2017. Associate Professor Support Award, University of Michigan (\$30,000); ADVANCE Faculty Summer Writing Grant, University of Michigan (\$1500).

2015. Faculty Funding Grant, Weiser Center for Europe & Eurasia, University of Michigan (with David Waldner) (\$3,000).

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2014. Pierce Award, Center for Political Studies, ISR, UM (with Christina Kinane) (\$5,000).

2013. Norma L. Shapiro Faculty Award (\$32,000).

2010. “The Puzzling Politics of Primary Care for Veterans” (\$17,000). Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research, UC-Berkeley Site (with Colin Moore).

2009. Co-Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation Grant No. 0920838 (\$257,331), “Elite Communications and Racial Group Conflict in the 21st Century,” (with Vincent Hutchings and Hanes Walton, Jr.).

2008. Co-Recipient, Grant from Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (\$5390), UC-Berkeley, “Maximum Feasible Participation: The Impact of Community Health Center Governing Boards” (with Joan Bloom).

2007. Co-Recipient, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Start-Up Grant (\$14,390), “The Failure of National Health Insurance, 1935-1950: A Critical Juncture in American Health Politics?” (with Eric Schickler).

2003-2004. Co-Recipient, Grant from Office of the Vice President for Research (\$8,000), Distinguished Speakers Series (for Colloquium on Race and 20th Century American Political Development); Co-Recipient, Horace H. Rackham Faculty Grant for Research (\$6,500), “Backlash Reconsidered” project (with Anthony S. Chen and Robert P. Van Houweling).

1999-2000. Institute on Race and Social Division (\$5,000), dissertation fieldwork grant; Research Grant (\$5,000), Program on Democratic Institutions and Political Economy, Duke University.

1989. Ford Foundation, Odyssey Grant for Course Design, Brown University.

Fellowships

2006-2008. Scholar, Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Research Program, UC-Berkeley/UCSF.

2001-2002. Fellow, Institute on Race and Social Division, Boston University.

2000-2001. Visiting Scholar, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC-Berkeley.

1999-2000. Visiting Scholar, Program on Democratic Institutions & Political Economy, Duke.

Awards and Honors

2020, 2022, 2023. Faculty Speaker at Political Science Department Commencement Ceremony.

2017, 2021. Multiple nominations for Golden Apple Award (Michigan’s top teaching prize).

2019. Tronstein Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, Political Science (\$2000).

2018. Honored Instructor, Living Learning Programs, University of Michigan.

2017. V. O. Key award, given by the Southern Political Science Association for the best book on southern politics published in 2015 (*Paths Out of Dixie*).

2016. Winner of the J. David Greenstone prize, awarded by the American Political Science Association for the best book in history and politics published in 2014 or 2015 (*Paths Out of Dixie*).

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2013. Norma L. Shapiro Faculty Award (\$32,000) for research on justice, equal opportunity, and/or liberty. Awarded by the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

2006. Elmer E. Schattschneider prize of the APSA for best dissertation in the field of U.S. government.

2005. Faculty Appreciation Award, Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society, Dept. of Political Science, U. of M.

2001. Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for Excellence in the Art of Teaching, Harvard University.

2000. Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper presented at the 2000 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Jose.

1997. Derek Bok Certificate for Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University.

TEACHING FIELDS

U.S. Politics: Is America a Democracy?; American Democratic Development; Policing; Politics of Economic Inequality; American Political Economy; U.S. Policymaking; American Political Development; Racial Politics; Political Parties; Urban Politics; Subnational Politics; Southern Politics.

Comparative Politics: Regimes and Regime Change.

Methods: Qualitative Research Methods (graduate); Introduction to Research Design (undergraduate); Archival Research (graduate—Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Maxwell School, Syracuse University

Archival Research Methods in Fieldwork Module, Summer 2025, 2026.

Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (2003-present)

Undergraduate Courses: Is America a Democracy?; Race and American Political Development; Introduction to Research Design; Sundown Towns and Their Legacies; Policing and Democracy; America's Reconstruction; Nation Building; Stability of American Democracy in Comparative Perspective; Introduction to American Politics; American Political Economy; The Politics of the New Inequality; The Politics of U.S. Policymaking; American Slavery and Its Legacies; Race and Urban Politics; Political Development of the U.S. South in Cross-National Perspective; Junior Honors Thesis Class; Senior Honors Thesis Program (year-long course on methodology, research design, and writing); and twenty-one different independent studies; Instructor, Summer Bridge, UM Comprehensive Studies Program (summers 2016-present).

Graduate Courses: Race and American Political Development; American Politics Pro-Seminar; American Political Economy; American Political Development; Organized Interests in American Politics; Urban Politics; U.S. Political Parties; Regimes and Regime Change; Qualitative Research Methods; American Political Thought; and five different directed readings.

Harvard University (1997-2002)

Instructor: Southern Political Development; Constitutional Democracy in America.

Teaching Assistant: U.S. Public Policy; U.S. Presidency; Introduction to Afro-American Studies.

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Department of Political Science, Brown University (1989)

Co-designed and co-taught course on Ethics and International Relations.

INTERNAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Michigan

2025 - . Member of the Board, Initiative for Democracy & Civic Empowerment.
2025 - . Affiliate, Center for Social Solutions.
2024 - . Member, Reparative Justice Research Group, Institute for Interdisciplinary Study, Rackham Graduate School.
2025-2027. Member, Steering Committee, Center for Emerging Democracies; Reviewer, Fellowship Applications, International Institute and Center for Political Studies; Reviewer, postdoctoral fellows applications, Center for Emerging Democracies.
2025. Co-organizer & presenter, series of “Teach-Ins” on American Democracy; speaker, Constitution Day.
2024. Panelist, Plates & Politics: A Global Perspective on the U. S. Election and Democracy (UM Press).
2024. Review Committee for Lecturer I, Applied Liberal Arts curriculum, LSA.
2024-present. Selection Committee, Dissertation Award in honor of Robert M. Teeter, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum.
2020-present. Faculty Mentor, Rackham Summer Research Opportunity Program.
2022-2025. Faculty Mentor, Rackham Aspiring Fellows Program.
2021-2022. Reviewer, Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship Program.
2022. Fulbright Interview Committee.
2021. Instructor, Warrior-Scholar Project (American Democracy in Crisis: The Stakes of Civil War).
2017-2019. Faculty Coordinator, Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop on Historical Legacies & Memory.
2016-2021, 2023-present. Instructor, Summer Bridge Scholars, Comprehensive Studies Program.
2017-2018. Adviser to Dean’s Office on Campus Climate Issues; International Institute Fellowship Applications Reviewer.
2015-2018. Member of the Editorial Board, University of Michigan Press.
2015. Fulbright Interview Committee (former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe).
2015. Faculty Search Committee, Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.
2008-2015. Core Faculty of Michigan Site, Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy.
2002-2003. Interviewer, Fulbright Committee for Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union.

Department of Political Science, University of Michigan

2026- . Undergraduate Affairs Committee.
2024-2026. Placement Director.
2024-2027. Graduate Affairs Committee.
2024. Examiner, Graduate Preliminary Exams, American Politics Subfield.
2020, 2022, 2023. Commencement Speaker, Political Science Graduation Ceremony.
2021-2024. Faculty Ally for Diversity; Coordinator, Emerging Scholars Conference.
2022-2023. Graduate Admissions.
2019 - . Founder and Coordinator, Diversifying Graduate School Collaboration (with Jackson State University and University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras), funded by Rackham Graduate School.
2018-2021. Director of Graduate Studies.
2020. Tenure Review Committee.
2017-2018. US Politics Subfield Coordinator.
2016-2017. Graduate Admissions; US Politics Search Committee.
2015-2016. Co-Coordinator, Speaker Series on the Politics of Inequality.
2014-2015. Tenure Review Committee; Graduate Admissions; Lecturer Search Committee.

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2012-2014. Executive Committee.
2012. Co-Founder, Emerging Scholars Program.
2011. Faculty Search Committee in U.S. Politics.
2011. Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, Emerging Scholars Program.
2010-2011. Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee.
2009-2010. Graduate Admissions Committee.
2008-2009. Graduate Admissions Committee; Financial Aid Committee.
2004-2005. Executive Committee.
2003-2004. Undergraduate Curriculum Reform Committee; Coordinator, Undergraduate Honors Thesis program; Undergraduate Affairs Committee; Co-Organizer, Colloquium on Race and 20th Century American Political Development, with Tony Chen (Sociology) and Matt Lassiter (History).
2002-2003. Graduate Admissions Committee; Co-Organizer, Junior Faculty Reading Group; Organizer, Workshop on Political Institutions; Faculty Search Committee, U.S. National Institutions.

Department of Government, Harvard University

1997-1998. Coordinator, Center for U.S. Political Studies; Research Workshop on American Politics.

EXTERNAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

2026. Member, V. O. Key Book Award Committee (for best book on southern politics published in 2025-2026), Southern Political Science Association.

2026-2029. Member, Executive Council, Southern Political Science Association.

2025-2027. Consultant, Advisory Council on Reparations, Washtenaw County (Michigan).

2019-2026. Editorial Board, *Studies in American Political Development*.

2019-2026. Co-Executive Editor, APSA *Democracy and Autocracy* Section Newsletter.

2026. Chair, V. O. Key Book Award Committee (for best book on southern politics published in 2024-2025), Southern Political Science Association.

2025. Chair, J. David Greenstone prize, best book award for 2024 or 2025, Politics & History Section, APSA.

2025. Member, Award Committee, Emerging Scholar in American Political Economy, APSA.

2024. External Assessor, Insight Grants, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

2023-2024. Consultant, Harms Report (Section on Policing), Detroit's Reparations Task Force, for Rackham's Reparative Justice Research Group, University of Michigan.

2022-2025. Executive Council, Politics & History Section, APSA.

2023. Selection Committee, Daniel Elazar Distinguished Federalism Scholar Award, APSA.

2022-2023. Section Head, American Political Development, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings (St. Petersburg, Florida).

2021. V. O. Key Book Award Committee, SPSA; consulted with Social & Economic Justice Leaders Project; appearance on University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy Podcast.

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2018-2019. Chair, Elmer E. Schattschneider Dissertation Award Committee, APSA.

2018. Reviewer, Research Grant Program, APSA Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs.

2017-2022. Treasurer, Politics and History Association, APSA.

2017. Consultant, Implications of Democratic Backsliding on International Security, Nuclear Threat Initiative (Washington, DC); Section Chair, Politics & History, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings.

2016. National Science Foundation Reviewer.

2015. Examiner, Swarthmore College Honors Program.

2014-present. Mentor, APSA Mentoring Program.

2014. Member, Mary Parker Follett Article Prize, Politics & History Section, APSA.

2013. Section Co-Chair, Parties and Political Organizations, APSA Annual Meetings.

2010. Member, Walter Dean Burnham Dissertation Award Committee, Politics & History Section, APSA.

2010. Section Chair, Politics & History, MPSA Annual Meetings.

Reviewer, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Publius*, *Social Science History*, *Sociology Lens* (formerly *Journal of Historical Sociology*), *Studies in American Political Development*; Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press; Routledge, Stanford University Press, State University of New York Press; University of Chicago Press; University of Kansas Press; University of Pennsylvania Press.