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Curriculum Vitae

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Education_____

The Ohio State University, 1999-present

- Ph.D. in political science (degree expected June 2004) GPA: 3.56/4.00
 - Major Area: American Politics (minority politics and political participation subfields)
 - Minor Area: Political psychology
- M.A. in political science, June 2002.
- Certificate of Completion, Summer Institute of Political Psychology, August 2000.

The University of Virginia, July 1998

- Certificate of Completion, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute

Howard University, 1996-1999

- B.A. in political science and philosophy, magna cum laude, May 1999, GPA: 3.76/4.00
- Phi Beta Kappa (1999); University Honors and departmental Honors in Political Science

Sacramento City College, 1994-1996

- Major: Languages and Literature, GPA: 3.43/4.00

Teaching Experience and Training_____

Instructor, Ohio State University (2002-present)

- Political Science 505, Urban Politics: Summer 2002

Training in College Instruction:

- "Teaching Political Science." Ohio State course taught by Professor Lawrence Baum, Winter 2001.

Teaching Interests_____

- *Introductory courses:* American government, Political Behavior, Research Design,
- *Upper-Level Courses:* Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Politics, State and Urban Politics, Public Opinion, The Philosophy of Science

Technical Training_____

Research Skills:

- Experimental research using human subjects
- Survey data archiving, troubleshooting, and consulting
- Basic survey research questionnaire design
- Multivariate regression analyses using Ordinary Least Squares (OLS), Weighted Least Squares (WLS), Logit, and Probit, estimators
- Analysis of variance (ANOVA)

Software Skills:

- Operating Systems: MS DOS 7.0, Windows 95/98, NT/2000, Me, XP
- MS Office: Excel, Word, PowerPoint
- Data analysis using MS Access, MS Excel, SPSS, STATA, LISREL, and AMOS
- Visual Basic 6 and MS Access database integration
- Web page design and layout using Dreamweaver 3 & 4, and MS Frontpage 2000
- HTML coding (hand coding and WYSIWYG)
- JavaScript integration in dynamic websites
- Digital photography and image developing using Olympus and Adobe Photoshop elements

Research Areas

- The politics of racial, ethnic, and gender identity
- Political participation and voting behavior
- Political communication
- Public opinion

Conference Papers

"Black Density and the Confederate Flag." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2002 (with Byron D'Andra Orey).

"Complements and Substitutes to Voting: Heterogeneity in Models of Political Behavior." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the National Conference for Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, GA 2002.

"Crisis-Related Imagery and Public Opinion about Racial Profiling." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the National Conference for Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, GA 2002 (with Khalilah Brown-Dean and Javonne Paul).

"Heterogeneity in models of Race and Political Behavior." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Student of Color Rakham Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, 2002.

"The Effects of Alienation and Group Consciousness on Black Political Participation." Paper presented at the National Conference for Black Political Scientists, Richmond, VA, 2001.

"The Puzzle of Black Political Participation." Poster Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, September 1998.

"An Analysis of Alienation, Income, and Political Efficacy on Black Community Activism." Paper Presented at the Ronald E. McNair Annual Research Conference, Delevan, WI, 1998.

Current Research Projects

My current research seeks to analyze:

1. How different types of political acts relate to one another
2. How different racial and ethnic groups make use of different participation styles

Professional Experience and Activities

- Minority Affairs Committee, The Ohio State University
- Member: The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (1999-present), The International Society of Political Psychology (1999-present), The American Political Science Association (2001-present)
- Graduate Assistant, Experimental Lab and Data Archive Consultant, The Ohio State University Political Research Laboratory (2000-2002)

- Social Studies Teacher, Tutor, and Peer Mentor, The Ohio State University Upward Bound Program (2001-2002)
- Research Assistant, Dr. John Wright and Dr. Greg Caldeira (2000)
- Intern, The Ohio State University Summer Institute in Political Psychology (1999)
- Intern, The Howard University Ralph Bunche Summer Research Institute (1998)

Academic Honors and Activity

Graduate

- Madison Scott Research Grant, 2000
- University Fellowship, The Ohio State University, 1999
- American Political Science Association Minority Fellowship, Nominated 1999

Undergraduate

- Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, Inducted 1999
- Golden Key Honors Society, Inducted 1998
- Deans List, Howard University, 1996-1998
- Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Research Fellowship, 1998
- Ronald E. McNair Scholars Summer Research Scholarship, 1998
- Howard University Trustees Scholarship, 1997-1999
- Howard University Bay Area Alumni Chapter Scholarship, 1996

References

Professor Herb Weisberg (weisberg.1@osu.edu)
 Professor William Nelson, Jr. (nelson.18@osu.edu)
 Professor Thomas E. Nelson (nelson.179@osu.edu)
 Professor Harwood McClerking (mcclerking.1@osu.edu)

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