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ACADEMIC **Ohio State University**, Columbus, OH  
APPOINTMENTS Assistant Professor, 2023 - Present  
Faculty Affiliate, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity  
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**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ  
Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2022 - 2023  
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics and Department of Politics

EDUCATION **University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2022  
M.S., Statistics, 2022  
**New York University**, New York, NY  
B.A., International Relations, 2015

RESEARCH Racial and Ethnic Politics, American Politics, Multiracial Politics, Black Politics,  
INTERESTS Machine Learning, Causal Inference

BOOK PROJECT 1. Gregory John Leslie “Colored by Context: Relative Racial Salience and the Politics of Mixed-Race Americans” *In preparation*.

PUBLICATIONS 1. Christopher T. Stout, Davin Phoenix, Gregory John Leslie, and Elizabeth Schroeder (2025) “Emotional Representation: Identifying the Characteristics and Consequences of Elected Officials Mirroring the Emotions of Their Constituents” *Political Psychology*.  
2. Gregory John Leslie, Tye Rush, Jonathan Collins, and Matt Barreto (2023) “Perceived Racial Efficacy and Voter Engagement Among African Americans.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 12(4), 782-805.  
3. Gregory John Leslie, Natalie Masuoka, Sarah E. Gaither, Jessica D. Remedios, and A. Chyei Vinluan (2022) “Voter Evaluations of Biracial-Identified Political Candidates.” *Social Sciences*, 11(4), 171.

4. Gregory John Leslie and David O. Sears (2022) “The Heaviest Drop of Blood: The Persistence of Black Exceptionalism Among Multiracials.” *Political Psychology*, 43(6), 1123-1145.
5. Serena Does, Gregory John Leslie, Ariana N. Bell, Katsumi Yamaguchi-Pedroza, Khadija M. Shalbi, and Margaret Shih (2021) “How Racial Miscategorization Harms Multiracial Individuals’ Wellbeing: Comparing Samples in the Continental U.S. vs. Hawai’i.” *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 29(3), 431.
6. Gregory John Leslie, Christopher T. Stout, and Naomi Tolbert (2019) “The Ben Carson Effect: Do Voters Prefer Racialized or Deracialized Black Conservatives?” *Social Science Research*, 78, 71-81.

OTHER WRITING

1. Gregory John Leslie and Natalie Masuoka (2023) “Discrimination in the 21st Century: How Civil Rights Policies Can Best Embrace the Growing Mixed-Race Population.” *The Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles*
2. Christopher T. Stout, Gregory John Leslie, and Davin Phoenix “Rep. Maxine Waters voiced the anger of many Black Americans. That’s important, politically.” April 24, 2021, *Monkey Cage - The Washington Post*
3. Gregory John Leslie, Christopher T. Stout, and Naomi Tolbert “Ben Carson defended Trump’s racist tweets. Here’s how that affects his reputation.” August 5, 2019, *Monkey Cage - The Washington Post*

WORKING PAPERS

1. Gregory John Leslie, Natalie Masuoka “Multiracials and Civil Rights” *In press at Cambridge Handbook of Multiracial Youth and Families*.
2. David O. Sears and Gregory John Leslie “Black Exceptionalism and the Contemporary American Color Line” *R and R*.
3. Gregory John Leslie “A Contextual Theory of Biracial Partisanship” *Under review*.
4. Gregory John Leslie “Partisan Acquisition Across Racial Groups” *Under review*.
5. Rachel Gillum, Gregory John Leslie, and Cara Wong “Artificial Intelligence, Race, and Political Power” *Under review—chapter submitted for an APSA Task Force edited volume*.
6. Gregory John Leslie “The Racial Frontier: Machine Learning, Biracials, and the Future of Racial Group Boundaries” *Working paper*.
7. Gregory John Leslie “Fitting In: Biracials’ Politics Across Racial Context” *Working paper*.
8. Gregory John Leslie “Coloured by Context: The Politics of Racial Passing in South Africa and the United States” *Working paper*.
9. Gregory John Leslie, Alexander Agadjanian “George Floyd Protests Polarized Biracial Identity” *In preparation*.

AWARDS AND HONORS	<p>Lee Ann Fujii Minority Fellowship Program Travel Grant (\$500) 2021</p> <p>Summer Mentored Research Fellowship (\$6,000) 2021</p> <p>UC Office of the President Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$20,000) 2021</p> <p>Ford Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention 2021</p> <p>Lee Ann Fujii Minority Fellowship Program Grant (\$500) 2020</p> <p>Political Psychology Research Grant (\$1,000) 2019</p> <p>Lee Ann Fujii Minority Fellowship Program Travel Grant (\$500) 2019</p> <p>Graduate Research Mentorship (\$25,000) 2018</p> <p>APSA Minority Fellowship Program Travel Grant (\$400) 2018</p> <p>Mark Q. Sawyer Professional Development Travel Grant (\$300) 2018</p> <p>Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (\$6,000) 2018</p> <p>Ford Predoctoral Fellowship, Alternate 2018</p> <p>Political Psychology Research Grant (\$500) 2017</p> <p>Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (\$6,000) 2017</p> <p>APSA Minority Fellowship 2017</p> <p>Ford Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention 2017</p> <p>Eugene V. Cota Robles Award (\$75,000) 2016</p> <p>Institute for International Public Policy Fellowship 2010</p>
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Research Assistant</b> Winter 2019</p> <p>Supervisor: Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, Ph.D.</p> <p><b>Research Assistant</b> Winter 2017</p> <p>Supervisors: Natalie Masuoka, Ph.D., Sarah E. Gaither, Ph.D.</p>
TEACHING	<p>7700: Foundations in Political Psychology, <i>Assistant Professor</i> Spring 2026</p> <p>3950: Careers in Political Science, <i>Assistant Professor</i> Autumn 2024, 2025</p> <p>4140: Black Politics, <i>Assistant Professor</i> Autumn 2023, 2024; Spring 2026</p> <p>PS149: Careers in Political Science, <i>Instructor of Record</i> Summer 2020, 2021</p> <p>PS6: Data Analysis in Political Science, <i>Instructor of Record</i> Summer 2019</p> <p>Jim Crow from Old to New, <i>Instructor of Record</i> Spring 2018, 2020</p> <p>America in the 1960s, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Winter 2018, 2020</p> <p>America in the 1960s, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Fall 2018, 2020</p>
CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND INVITED TALKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oregon State University, School of Public Policy Seminar Series (2024)</li> <li>• Ohio State University, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity (2024)</li> <li>• UC Berkeley, Research Workshop in American Politics (2022)</li> <li>• UMassAmherst, Emerging Scholar Research Talk Series (2022)</li> <li>• American Political Science Association (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024)</li> <li>• Midwest Political Science Association (2019, 2021, 2024)</li> <li>• National Conference of Black Political Scientists (2017, 2020, 2021, 2023)</li> <li>• Western Political Science Association (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2024)</li> </ul>

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE Reviewer for *Cambridge University Press*; *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Sociology Compass*; *Latino Studies*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Electoral Studies*; *Political Behavior*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Du Bois Review*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *Genealogy*

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Blue Wave Strategies EVITARUS TBWB Strategies Eric Garcetti for Mayor of Los Angeles (IE) Obama for America Amnesty International	2020-Present 2019 2014 2013 2012 2011
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SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, AWS, ArcGIS, Qualtrics, VAN, PDI, Nationbuilder

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