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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Public Opinion, Race and Politics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Ohio State University
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2025 – Present
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2020 – 2025

AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Affiliate, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Ohio State University (2025 – Present)

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Population Research, Ohio State University (2024 – Present)

Faculty Affiliate, Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State University (2023 – Present)

Oversight Board Committee, Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State University (2023 – Present)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Michigan, 2020

M.A., Political Science, University of Michigan, 2015

B.A., Political Science (with Highest Honors), University of Michigan, 2012

BOOKS

3. **Nicole Yadon.** *Skin Color, Political Representation, and Political Candidate Evaluations.* (Under contract)
2. **Nicole Yadon.** 2025. *The Politics of Skin Tone: African American Experiences, Identity, and Attitudes.* University of Chicago Press, Studies in American Politics Series.
 - Won the MPSA Lucius Barker Award for Best Paper on a Topic Investigating Race and Politics for a portion of the manuscript, 2020
1. Mara Ostfeld and **Nicole Yadon.** 2022. *Skin Color, Power, and Politics in America.* New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation Press.

PEER-REVIEWED
ARTICLES

7. **Nicole Yadon**. Forthcoming. “‘The Caucasian Persuasion’: White Voter Evaluations of Black Political Candidates by Skin Tone and Gender.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*.
 - Won the MPSA Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar Award, 2023
6. Kiela Crabtree and **Nicole Yadon**. 2024. “Remaining Neutral?: White Americans’ Reactions to Police Violence and Policing.” *Political Behavior* 46(1): 355-375.
5. Lauren Valentino and **Nicole Yadon**. 2023. “Intersectional Wealth Gaps: Contemporary and Historical Trends in Wealth Stratification among Single Households by Race and Gender.” *Social Currents* 10(1): 3-16.
4. **Nicole Yadon**. 2022. “‘They Say We’re Violent’: The Multidimensionality of Race in Perceptions of Police Brutality and BLM.” *Perspectives on Politics* 20(4):1209-1225.
3. Mara Ostfeld and **Nicole Yadon**. 2022. “¿Mejorando La Raza?: The Political Undertones of Latinos’ Skin Color in the U.S.” *Social Forces* 100(4): 1806–1832.
 - Won the APSA Race, Ethnicity, and Politics section’s Best Paper Award
2. **Nicole Yadon** and Mara Ostfeld. 2020. “Shades of Privilege: The Relationship Between Skin Color and Political Attitudes among White Americans.” *Political Behavior* 42(4): 1369-1392.
 - Won the APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior section’s Award for Best Paper Published in *Political Behavior* in 2020
1. **Nicole Yadon** and Spencer Piston. 2019. “Examining Whites’ Anti-Black Attitudes after Obama’s Presidency.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 7(4): 794-814.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2. **Nicole Yadon** and Mara Ostfeld. Forthcoming. “Measuring Color: The Role of Physics, History, Identity, and Politics in How We Understand Skin Color.” *The Oxford Handbook of Methodological Pluralism in Political Science, Volume 1*. Oxford University Press (online edition, Oxford Academic, 20 Nov. 2023).
1. Nancy Burns, Ashley Jardina, and **Nicole Yadon**. 2017. “Women as a Force in Electoral Politics.” *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Women’s Social Movement Activism*. Oxford University Press.

UNDER REVIEW &
WORKING PAPERS

Qin Li, Jasmine Hunt, Jack Wippell, Robert Bond, Joseph Tien, and **Nicole Yadon**. “Discussions of Race in Online Right-Wing Communities: A Cross-platform Computational Analysis of Reddit, Telegram, and Truth Social using BERT and Structural Topic Modeling.” (Under review)

Lauren Valentino, **Nicole Yadon**, and Sydney Sauer. “Combating Racial Wealth Gaps: Experimental Evidence about Correcting Misperceptions of Wealth Inequality and Encouraging Americans to Intervene.” (In Preparation)

Nicole Yadon and Thomas J. Wood. “Examining Environmental Policy Support among Minoritized Groups.” (In Preparation)

BOOK REVIEWS

Nicole Yadon. 2023. Critical Dialogue: Response to Allison Anoll’s review of *Skin Color, Power, and Politics in America* (RSF Press, 2022). *Perspectives on Politics* 21(2): 678.

Nicole Yadon. 2023. Critical Dialogue: Review of *The Obligation Mosaic: Race and Social Norms in US Political Participation* by Allison Anoll (University of Chicago Press, 2022). *Perspectives on Politics* 21(2): 674-675.

Nicole Yadon. 2022. Review of *Diversity’s Child: People of Color and the Politics of Identity* by Efreñ O. Perez (University of Chicago Press, 2021). *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 7(2): 353-354.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

EXTERNAL

MPSA Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar Award (for “The Caucasian Persuasion”), 2023

APSA Political Psychology Section’s Distinguished Junior Scholar Award, 2023

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS): “The Caucasian Persuasion?: Theorizing Group Position as Influencing Whites’ Attitudes towards Skin Tone Variation among Black Political Candidates,” 2023

APSA Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section’s Best Paper Award (for “¿Mejorando La Raza?”), 2021

APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section Award for Best Paper in *Political Behavior* in 2020 (for “Shades of Privilege”), 2021

MPSA Lucius Barker Award for Best Paper on a Topic Investigating Race and Politics (for *The Politics of Skin Color* dissertation chapter), 2020

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS): “The Politics of Skin Color: Skin Color as a Politicized Identity for African Americans,” 2019

APSA Centennial Center Grant: Marguerite Ross Barnett Fund, 2018 - \$2,000

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (Award# 1646988), 2017 - \$18,900

Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Award (with Mara Ostfeld; Award# 93-17-08), 2017 - \$55,000

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2013-2017

APSA Penniman Graduate Scholarship, 2012 - \$1,000

INTERNAL

Ohio State University Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, 2025 - \$10,000

Ohio State University nominee for the Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program, 2024

Ohio State University Department of Political Science Grant Development Support, 2024

Ohio State University Translational Data Analytics Institute (TDAI) Interdisciplinary Research Pilot Awards (with Joseph Tien and Robert Bond), 2023 - \$38,901

Ohio State University Kirwan Institute's Focus on Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Groups in Research Grant (with Lauren Valentino), 2021 - \$25,000

University of Michigan Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2018-2019

University of Michigan Department of Political Science Chandler & Sangunett Awards, 2018 - \$2,000

University of Michigan Department of Political Science Gerald R. Ford Fellowship & Research Grant, 2017-2018

University of Michigan Department of Political Science Summer Collaboration Grant (with Mara Ostfeld), 2017 - \$1,500

University of Michigan Center for the Education of Women's Riecker Undergraduate Student Research Support (with Mara Ostfeld), 2017 - \$2,000

University of Michigan Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, 2017 - \$3,000

University of Michigan Rackham Summer Award, 2016 - \$8,000

Hanes Walton Jr. Endowment for Graduate Study in Racial and Ethnic Politics Award, 2015 - \$2,000

University of Michigan Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, 2015 - \$1,500

University of Michigan Rackham Merit Fellowship, 2013-2017

INVITED TALKS

Interdisciplinary Workshop on Politics and Policy Seminar Series, University of Michigan, 2025

James Weldon Johnson Institute Colloquium Series, Emory University, 2025

Preparing Future Faculty Workshop, Ohio State University, 2025

Institute for Population Research Speaker Series, Ohio State University, 2025

Preparing Future Faculty Workshop, Ohio State University, 2024

Kirwan Institute Forum Speaker Series, Ohio State University, 2024

Roundtable on Positionality in the Social Sciences, Purdue University, 2024

Minority Politics Workshop, Michigan State University, 2024

Political Science Research Workshop, Purdue University, 2024

Latino Politics Guest Lecturer, Clark University, 2024

American Politics and Public Policy Workshop, Yale University, 2024

Chicago Area Behavioral Workshop (with Mara Ostfeld), 2021

Minority Politics Online Seminar Series (with Mara Ostfeld), 2020

LSU Political Science Research Series, Louisiana State University, 2019

American Politics Workshop, University of California San Diego, 2017

TEACHING

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

PS 1910: Introduction to the Politics of Identity

PS 3910: Identity Politics

PS 4143: Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics

PS 7140: Graduate Seminar on Race and Ethnicity in American Politics

PS 7175: Graduate Seminar on Intersectionality and Identity Politics

PS 7910: Graduate Seminar on Identity Politics

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Research Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, 2014-2019

Research Mentor, Community College Summer Research Fellowship Program, 2017

Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2015

Research Mentor, Community College Summer Research Fellowship Program, Summer 2015

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC SURVEY RESEARCH INSTITUTE—DOHA, QATAR

Lecturer, One-Week Program on Research Design & Data Analysis, 2015

SERVICE TO
DEPARTMENT

Co-Organizer, Identity and Politics Seminar Series, Ohio State University – Department of Political Science, 2025-2027

Graduate Placement Director, Ohio State University – Department of Political Science, 2025-2026

Organizer, OSU Political Science Summer Intensive Writing Workshop, 2025

Executive Committee, Ohio State University – Department of Political Science, 2024-2025

Financial Aid Committee, Ohio State University – Department of Political Science, 2024-2025

Graduate Admissions and Recruitment Committee, Ohio State University – Department of Political Science, 2023-2024

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee, Ohio State University – Department of Political Science, 2023-2024

Best Undergraduate Thesis Award Committee, Ohio State University – Department of Political Science, 2023

Hiring Committee for Race and Ethnicity in American Politics position, Ohio State University – Department of Political Science, 2021

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Ohio State University – Department of Political Science, 2020-2021

Department-Wide Colloquium Committee, Ohio State University – Department of Political Science, 2020-2021

Co-President, Political Scientists of Color, University of Michigan – Department of Political Science, 2018-2019

Graduate Admissions Committee, University of Michigan – Department of Political Science, 2018

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Third Reader, University of Michigan – Department of Political Science, 2015-2018

Co-President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists, University of Michigan – Department of Political Science, 2015-2016

Co-President, Women’s Caucus, University of Michigan – Department of Political Science, 2014-2015

SERVICE TO
UNIVERSITY

Graduate School Fellowship Review Committee, Ohio State University 2025-2026

Guest Lecturer, OSU Graduate School’s Preparing Future Faculty series (lecture on preparing a research statement), 2025

Guest Lecturer, OSU Graduate School’s Preparing Future Faculty series (lecture on navigating the academic job market), 2024

Oversight Board, Ohio State University – Criminal Justice Research Center, 2023 - Present

First-Generation Student Advisory Board, University of Michigan, 2018

SERVICE TO
DISCIPLINE

APSA Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section Executive Council, 2025-2027

APSA Roundtable Panelist, “The First-Gen Handbook: Navigating the Hidden Curriculum in Political Science.” APSA Annual Conference, 2024

Co-Organizer, Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) mini-conference, 2024

APSA Political Psychology Section Distinguished Junior Scholar Award Committee, 2024

APSA Award Committee for Best Poster, 2024

APSA Race, Ethnicity, & Politics Section Newsletter Co-Editor, 2022 - present

Co-Organizer, Race and Politics Mini-Conference (a biannual workshop featuring presenters from Kalamazoo College, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, and Wayne State University), 2018-2019

Journal Reviewer: *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, , Journal of Politics, American Politics Research, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Race Ethnicity and Politics, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Political Psychology, Politics Groups and Identities, Public Opinion Quarterly, Race and Social Problems*

Book Reviewer: DeGruyter, Palgrave MacMillian

Grant Reviewer: Russell Sage Foundation, TESS: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences