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Education

PhD American Politics, May 2020
Schar School of Policy and Government
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Research Areas: American Government, race, political behavior, Black Women, U.S State Legislatures, intersectionality, representation, equity, quantitative methods

Dissertation title: *Who Runs the World: An Examination of Black Women and Leadership in State Legislatures*
Chair: Dr. Robert McGrath

M.A. American Politics, December 2011
Department of Government and Politics
University of Maryland, College Park, MD

B.A. Political Science, May 2006
Virginia Commonwealth University
Richmond, VA

WorkExperience

Assistant Professor- Virginia Commonwealth University, August 2020-Present

Visiting Lecturer- James Madison University, August 2019- May 2020

Teaching Positions

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA
Visiting Lecturer, 2019-2020

Courses: Introduction to American Government, Research Methods and The Policy/Politics of Motherhood

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Instructor, Fall 2018
Class: Introduction to American Government

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Adjunct Professor, Summer 2018
Class: Political Parties and Campaigns

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Spring 2015- Spring 2018

Classes: Political Parties and Campaigns, Money Markets and Economic Policy, Political Science and Research Methods, Introduction to American Government

Northern Virginia Community College, Manassas, VA

Adjunct Professor, August 2017-May 2018

Classes: Introduction to Political Science, Introduction to American Government, International Relations, State and Local Politics

Academic Service Program Assistant, January 2015-August 2016

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

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Adjunct Instructor, August 2014- May 2015

Class: University 150 Global Studies LLC, Honors 131 Social Policy, Honors 230 Cross Cultural Perspectives: The Politics of Motherhood

Northern Virginia Community College, Woodbridge, VA

Adjunct Instructor, January 2013- May 2013

Class: Introduction to American Government

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Graduate Teaching Assistant, August 2009-May 2012

Classes: Introduction to Political Science and Law and Society

GED Adult Education Teacher, September 2008-2009

Prince William County Schools, Woodbridge, VA

Ninth Grade Special Education Teacher, September 2006-May 2008

Henrico County Schools, Richmond, VA

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, January 2017

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Responsibilities: Edit and review a chapter written by Mark J. Rozell and Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson "Awakening the Sleeping Giant" in *Inventing the Silent Majority*

Contact: Mark J. Rozell, mrozell@gmu.edu

Field Research, November 2016

CALTECH & MIT- Voting Technology Project

Polling Process of the Future

Responsibilities: Survey and count the number of voters at 5 precincts in Fairfax County, maintain accurate records

Contact: Jennifer Victor, jvictor3@gmu.edu

Graduate Research Assistant, May 2016-June 2016

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Responsibilities: reviewing and summarizing a number of peer-reviewed sources in order for the professor to deem relevancy with regards to her project.

Contact: Toni-Michelle Travis, ttravis@gmu.edu, 703-993-1453

Graduate Research Assistant, August 2011-December 2011

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Responsibilities: coding variables found in the NES with a specific focus on blacks, whites, and Latinos, review and proofread manuscript before publishing

Contact: Stella Rouse, Assistant Professor, srouse@umd.edu, 301-405-4194

Graduate Research Assistant, January 2011-May 2011

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Responsibilities: researching studies that dealt with inequality specifically with a focus on African-Americans

Contact: Brian McKenzie, Assistant Professor, bmckenzie@umd.edu

Mainstream Publications

“Political Ambition and Community Lift: Stacey Abrams and Fair Fight”- Rutgers University. Center for American Woman and Politics.

<https://cawp.rutgers.edu/election-analysis/political-ambition-and-community-lift-stacey-abrams-and-fair-fight>

April 21, 2021

“Black Women and the Burden of U.S. Democracy” Jatia Wrighten- October 2020

<https://chs.vcu.edu/archive/election-2020/expert-analysis/black-women-and-the-burden-of-us-democracy.html>

Works in Progress

“Black Female Legislators are the Heavy Lifters: How sociocultural experiences in the U.S. shape talent development, an intersectional approach” European Journal of Training and Development– Jatia Wrighten - R&R

“Institutional Characteristics and the Value of Women’s Committee Portfolios in State Legislatures” – Robert McGrath, Josh M. Ryan, and Jatia Wrighten- in progress

Media

The Guardian- “Black Voters secured Joe Biden’s win. He can now pick the supreme court’s first black female justice.” January 30, 2022

NBC 4 Washington- “New Virginia Governor Youngkin to Lift School Mask Mandate, Change Covid Policies”- January 14, 2022

The Washington Post- “A wounded healer’: Ralph Northman wraps up term in office, forged by scandal into a governor of lasting consequence” by Gregory S. Schneider- January 9, 2022

USA TODAY- “5 Things that could decide Virginia election (and 2022): Biden, Trump, Culture wars and more”- David Jackson

“What’s Next After Virginia Election”- NBC News 4 Washington- Jim Handly

<https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/whats-next-after-virginia-election/2867412/> November 3, 2021

“Financial Disclosures Ahead of Gubernatorial Nominations Released”- Jahn Khalil- Virginia Public Radio <https://www.wvtf.org/post/financial-disclosures-ahead-gubernatorial-nominations-released-> April 2021

“Progressive third party emerges from calls to action”- Zareen Farhad, *The Commonwealth Times*, February 3, 2021

“Virginia Holds Two Special Elections Tuesday To Fill Seats In House Of Delegates”- Daniella Chislow *NPR*, January 5, 2021

“There’s going to be conflict any way it goes: Around Richmond, voters watch, wait and worry” Jessica Norcera *Richmond Times Dispatch* November 5, 2020

Presentations

Presenter, Stacey Abrams: A Case Study in Political Ambition on the Black Women in Electoral Politics Panel, American Political Science Association 2021

Presenter, Who Runs the World: Black Women and Leadership in State Legislatures on the Gender and Legislative Politics Panel, American Political Science Association August 2019

Poster Presentation: Who Runs the World: Black Women and Leadership in State Legislatures, State Politics and Policy Conference June 2018

Co-Author, State Politics and Policy Conference 2017 “Institutional Characteristics and the Value of Women’s Committee Portfolios in State Legislatures” June 2017

Participant, Institute on Teaching and Mentoring -Southern Regional Education Board October 2011

Graduate Research Initiative Day, Poster Presentation, 1st place, April 2012 (\$350.00)

Grants

Center for Effective Lawmaking 2021 Small Grant Competition for project entitled “The Legislative Effectiveness of Black Women”- (\$2300)

Gender and Policy (GAP) Leadership Dissertation Award, George Mason University, May 2020 (\$500)

Southern Regional Board of Education Doctoral Scholars Fellowship Award, August 2018- August 2019 (\$25,000)

George Mason University Writing Summer Fellowship, June 2018- August 2018 (\$5,000)

George Mason University Traveling Grant, June 2018 (\$530.00)

Thomas Carsey Travel Grant Award, State Politics and Policy Conference, June 2017 (\$200.00)

George Mason University Traveling Grant, June 2017 (\$600.00)

Service/ Outreach

DEI Committee- Political Science Department, VCU, January 2022- current

Keynote Commencement Speaker- Department of Political Science- Winter Graduation December 2021

Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Program- Virginia Commonwealth University, January 2021- April 2021

Post-election panel- “What does it all mean?” Virginia Commonwealth University- November 23, 2020

Speaker on voter rights and registration- Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) – September 2020

Black Lives Matter Podcast- George Mason University- July 2020

<https://schar.gmu.edu/faculty-and-research/schar-conversations-podcast>

Why Are Black Women Shut Out of Leadership Roles in State Houses? - By Buzz McClain

2018-<https://schar.gmu.edu/news-and-events/latest-news/why-are-black-women-shut-out-of-leadership-roles-in-state-houses>

Selected for the Future Faculty Development Program at Virginia Tech- November 2018

Research featured in department’s newsletter- October 2018

<https://schar.gmu.edu/news-and-events/latest-news/why-are-black-women-shut-out-of-leadership-roles-in-state-houses>

Invited speaker on “The State of Black Women in State Legislatures” Vote, Lead, Impact Conference, Vienna VA September 2018

Affiliate of the Gender and Policy Initiative at the Schar School of Policy and Government, 2017-present

George Mason University, Excellence in Teaching, University Wide, Spring 2017

Awards

Trailblazer Award- Political Science Department- December 2021

