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Education

Doctorate of Political Science (expected 2010)
The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Field: American Politics
Subfield: Urban Politics and Formal Theory

Dissertation: *Progressive Politics on the Ground: The Role of Minority Representation on Resource Allocations*

Committee: Harwood McClerking, William E Nelson Jr., Wendy Smooth and John Wright

Abstract: What are the relationships between minority representation and municipal funding decisions? I offer answers to this question by making use of large sample cross-sectional analysis and time series methods in order to differentiate funding patterns in the areas of health and hospitals, housing and community development and welfare between cities that have elected minority representatives and those that have not. I am interested in the longitudinal effects of minority representation. Therefore, I conduct a 50 year case study of Atlanta politics and changes in mayoral agendas. This pioneering project extends the literature on representation by documenting the political preferences of minority and non-minority representatives, thus testing conventional wisdom that they are in fact different.

“Mapmaking in Humanities.” Sponsored by Emory University. May 18-19, 2008.

Visiting Student. Emory University. 2008-2009

Certificate of Completion, 2008 Geographic Information Systems Training Course
The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Master of Arts, 2006 Political Science
The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts, 2003 Psychology and African American Studies
Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri

Research Interests

Urban Politics, Racial Politics, Health Policy, Housing Policy, and Geographic Information Systems

Academic Experience

- August 2007-June 2008 Instructor, *Political Science 101, Intro to American Government*, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University
- June 2006-August 2007 Research Assistant, Dr. Harwood McClerking, Department of Political Science and the Department of African/African American Studies, The Ohio State University
- March 2006- June 2006 Teaching Assistant, *Political Science 506, Ohio Politics*, Dr. Herbert Asher, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University
- January 2006-March 2006 Teaching Assistant, *Political Science 511, Political Strategy, Public Policy, and the Private Sector*, Dr. Alan Wiseman, Department of Political Science The Ohio State University
- September 2005-December 2005 Teaching Assistant, Recitation Leader, *Political Science 101, Intro to American Government*, Dr. John Wright, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

Other Work Experience

- June 2008-Present Healthcare Policy Analyst, The Government Accountability Office, Atlanta, GA
- August 2003-August 2004, *AmeriCorps Member – Project TLC*, The Exchange Club Family Center, Memphis, TN
- May 2003-August 2003, *Congressional Research Intern*, District Office of Congressman Harold Ford Jr., Memphis, TN

Conference Papers

- “Progressive Politics on the Ground,” presented at Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association; Baltimore, MD (April 2008).
- “Political Incorporation, Minority Mayors and Redistributive Politics,” presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists; Chicago, IL (March 2008).
- “When Money Matters: Black Mayors and Social Service,” presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007, Chicago, Ill.
- “The Black Church and the Drawing of the Boundaries of Blackness” (with Harwood McClerking, Lakeyta Bonnette and Kimberly White) presented at the 37th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 2006, Atlanta, GA
- "Political Empowered", Discussant, at the 36th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 2005, Washington, DC.

Awards and Honors

- Madison Scott Research and Travel Grant, 2007
- AGEP/SBES Graduate Student Research Grant, 2007
- Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus Travel Award, 2007
- AGEP/SBES Summer Research Assistantship, 2007
- Ray Travel Award, 2007
- AGEP/SBES Summer Research Assistantship, 2006
- Madison Scott Research and Travel Grant, 2005
- Graduate Student Fellowship, 2004
- Samuel DuBois Cook Fellowship, 2004

Service

- President, 2007-2008, Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus
- Chair, 2006-2007, Slater/Johnson Memorial Scholarship Committee, Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus.
- Doctoral Student Representative, Graduate Dean Search Committee, The Ohio State University
- Co-Chair, 2005-2007, University Affairs Committee, Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus.

Affiliations

American Political Science Association
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
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References

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