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EDUCATION

University of Michigan

Ph.D., Political Science, Expected May 2025

- Fields: American Politics (Major), Race, Ethnicity and Politics (Minor)
- Dissertation: When Hard Work Isn't Enough: Race, Inequality and the Politics of Achieving the American Dream
- Dissertation Committee: Vincent Hutchings (Chair), Nicholas Valentino, Nancy Burns, Rob Sellers

M.A., Political Science, 2021

University of Notre Dame

B.A., Political Science and English, *cum laude*, 2019
John Roos Prize for Best Senior Thesis in American Politics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Black politics, inequality, public opinion

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“By Any Means Necessary? How Black and White Americans Evaluate Protest Tactics in Response to a Police Killing” (with Leann McLaren). *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics*.

<https://doi.org/10.1017/rep.2023.45>.

“Crafting Democratic Futures: Understanding Political Conditions and Racialized Attitudes toward Black Reparations in the United States of America” (with Kamri Hudgins, Erykah Benson, Sydney Carr, Jasmine Simington, Jessica Cruz, Vincent Hutchings, Earl Lewis, Mara Cecila Ostfeld and Alford Young Jr.). *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*.

<https://doi.org/10.7758/RSF.2024.10.3.03>

Public Scholarship

“How do Americans react to the racial wealth gap?” (Institute for Social Research)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW	“Angry White Parents: How Race and Emotions Mobilize Participation in Local School Board Politics” (with Hilary Izatt and Francly Luna-Diaz)
COMPLETED MANUSCRIPTS	“If They Only Knew: Informing Blacks and Whites about the Racial Wealth Gap” (with Vincent Hutchings, Kamri Hudgins and Sydney Carr)
WORKS IN PROGRESS	Dreams & Nightmares: Black Politics in the Land of Opportunity (<i>Working Book Manuscript</i>)
FELLOWSHIPS	National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2021-2024 American Political Science Association, Minority Fellowship, 2019-2020 University of Michigan, Rackham Merit Fellowship, 2019-2025
GRANTS & AWARDS	<p><i>Individual</i></p> <p>Russell Sage Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant, (\$10,000), Spring 2022 American Political Science Association: Political Psychology Distinguished Junior Scholar Award (Spring 2024), Lee Ann Fujii Diversity Fellowship (Fall 2023), Travel Grant (Fall 2021) American Association for Public Opinion Research, Faculty-Diversity Pipeline Grant, Spring 2024 University of Michigan Center for Political Studies, Hanes Walton Jr. Endowment for Graduate Research, Spring 2022</p> <p><i>With Co-Authors</i></p> <p>University of Michigan Office of the Vice President of Research, Anti-Racism Research Grant (\$50,000), Fall 2022 University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity, Anti-Racism Graduate Student Research Grant, Spring 2023 University of Michigan Weiser Center for Emerging Democracy, Graduate Student Research Grant, Fall 2021 American Political Science Association, Centennial Research Grant, Fall 2021</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>* = Invited</p> <p>*Frontiers in Political Science: Race, Ethnicity and Politics, Duke University (2024) Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Virtual (2023), Virtual (2021), Boston (2018) Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago (2024, 2023, 2022) National Conference of Black Political Scientists: Atlanta (2023), Virtual (2022), Atlanta (2020) Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology: Santiago (2024) Athens (2022) Emerging Scholars Conference: Ann Arbor (2018)</p>

TEACHING Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to American Politics (Instructor: Charles Shipan), Fall 2020
Graduate Student Instructor, African Americans and the Political System (Instructor: Vincent Hutchings), Spring 2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
International Society of Political Psychology
American Association for Public Opinion Research

SERVICE *Discipline*
Member: Race, Ethnicity and Politics Graduate Student Issues Committee, American Political Science Association (Present)
Reviewer: Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics

University of Michigan
Vice President, Students of Color of Rackham (2022-2024)
Co-President, Political Scientists of Color (2022-2023)
Co-Founder, Interdisciplinary Workshop in Race, Ethnicity and Politics (2021-2022)
Political Action Chair, Students of Color of Rackham (2021-2022)
Co-President, Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics (2020-2021)

SKILLS Coding: R/RStudio (Advanced), L^AT_EX(Advanced), Stata (Proficient), Python (Beginner), Adobe Photoshop (Beginner)