

# Zoe Christina Walker

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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: The Politics of Hard Work: Black Americans, Inequality and 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, economic mobility, class

## UNDER REVIEW

“By Any Means Necessary?: How Black and White Americans Evaluate Protest Tactics in Response to a Police Killing” (with Leann McLaren)

*Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics*

“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.)

*Revise & Resubmit at RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*

## COMPLETED MANUSCRIPTS

“If They Only Knew: Informing Blacks and Whites about the Racial Wealth Gap” (with Vincent Hutchings, Kamri Hudgins and Sydney Carr)

“Angry White Parents: How Emotions Mobilize Participation in Local School

Board Politics” (with Hilary Izatt and Francy Luna-Diaz)

**WORKS IN  
PROGRESS**

*The Racial Politics of Hard Work: Black Americans, Inequality and the American Dream*  
(Book Manuscript)

**FELLOWSHIPS**

National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, Ford Foundation  
Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2021-2024  
National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Men-  
tion, 2021  
American Political Science Association, Minority Fellowship, 2019-2020  
University of Michigan, Rackham Merit Fellowship, 2019-2025

**GRANTS**

*Individual*

Russell Sage Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant, (\$10,000), Spring 2022  
American Political Science Association, Lee Ann Fujii Diversity Fellowship, Fall  
2023  
University of Michigan Center for Political Studies, Hanes Walton Jr. Endow-  
ment for Graduate Research, Spring 2022  
American Political Science Association, Travel Grant, Fall 2021

*With Co-Authors*

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 Stu-  
dent Research Grant, Fall 2021  
American Political Science Association, Centennial Research Grant, Fall 2021

**CONFERENCES**

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Los Angeles  
(2023), Virtual (2021), Boston (2018)  
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago (2023,  
2022)  
National Conference of Black Political Scientists: Atlanta (2023), Virtual (2022),  
Atlanta (2020)  
Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology: Athens  
(2022)  
Emerging Scholars Conference: Ann Arbor (2018)

**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 (Present)

**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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X(Advanced), Stata (Proficient), Python (Beginner), Adobe Photoshop (Beginner)  
Other skills: Public speaking, graphic design, event planning