

# Zoe Christina Walker

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## EDUCATION

### University of Michigan

Ph.D., Political Science, Expected May 2024

- Fields: American Politics (Major), Race, Ethnicity and Politics (Minor)
- Dissertation: “To be Both a Negro and an American”: How Black Americans Reconcile Systemic Racism with 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 with departmental honors , 2019  
John Roos Prize for Best Senior Thesis in American Politics, *cum laude*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Inequality, political psychology, race and ethnicity, class, public opinion

## WORKING PAPERS

Blaming the System and Blaming the Victim: Ambivalence in Black Americans' Explanations for Racial Inequality.

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 Franci Luna-Diaz)

By Any Means Necessary?: The Causal Effects of Protest Exposure on Black Political Attitudes (with Leann McLaren )

## 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

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

**GRANTS & HONORS** Anti-Racism Research Grant (with co-authors), National Center for Institutional Diversity (\$50,000), Fall 2022  
Dissertation Research Grant, Russell Sage Foundation (\$10,000), Spring 2022  
Hanes Walton Jr. Endowment for Graduate Research, University of Michigan, Spring 2022  
Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, Fall 2021  
Graduate Student Research Grant, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracy, Fall 2021  
Centennial Research Grant, American Political Science Association, Fall 2021  
Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2021-2024  
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention, 2021  
Minority Fellowship, American Political Science Association, Spring 2019

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

**SERVICE** **External**  
Race, Ethnicity and Politics Graduate Student Issues Committee, American Political Science Association (Present)  
**University of Michigan**  
Co-President, Political Scientists of Color (Present)  
Vice President, Students of Color of Rackham (Present)  
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), Python, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Adobe Photoshop

Other skills: Public speaking, graphic design, event planning