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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | Political Science, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (American Politics, Public Policy & Public Administration, and Race & Gender Studies) | 2017 |
| ICPSR | Summer Program in Quantitative Methods and Social Research, Michigan | 2017 |
| M.A. | Women's Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (Critical Race, Feminist, and Black Feminist Theory) | 2016 |
| M.S.W. | Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama. (Policy, Planning, and Administration) | 2012 |
| B.S. | University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama. (Psychology, Sociology) | 2006 |

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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| Assistant Professor of Law and Society, School of Public Affairs and Administration, African and African American Studies (Courtesy), University of Kansas | 2019-current |
| Postdoctoral Research Associate, Political Theory Project, Brown University | 2017-2019 |
| Visiting Research Fellow, Political Theory Project, Brown University | 2016-2017 |
| Adjunct Professor, Political Science Department, Clark University (MA) | 2018-2019 |
| Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Alabama at Birmingham | 2014-2016 |
| Adjunct Professor, School of Social Work, University of Alabama | 2015-2016 |
| Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Political Science, University of Alabama | 2012-2015 |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on normative and empirical approaches to Law and Society, American Politics and Race and Ethnicity.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 "Predation in State and Nation." *Race and Justice*, 11(2), 205–225.
- 2021 "Feeling Politics: Well-Being, Civic Duty, and Participation." *Policy Studies Journal*, 49(2), 591-615.
- 2020 "Testing Mechanisms: Carceral Contact and Political Participation." *Social Science Quarterly*, 101(2), 909-924.
- 2019 "Are Majority Minority Districts Too Safe?: A Look at the Alabama State Legislature." *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 16(1), 157-175.

Forthcoming “Redistricting.” In T. King-Meadow, K. Middlemass, & V. Sinclair-Chapman (Eds.), *African Americans in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of African Americans as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO

Forthcoming “Stop and Frisk.” In T. King-Meadow, K. Middlemass, & V. Sinclair-Chapman (Eds.), *African Americans in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of African Americans as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO

BOOK CHAPTERS

Forthcoming “Criminal Justice in State and Nation.” Chapter 10 in T. Kousser, C. Tolbert, and J. Michener (Eds.), *Politics in the American States: A comparative analysis*. 12th Edition, Congressional Quarterly Press.

Forthcoming “Liberty is for Everyone” in D. D’Amico and A. Martin (Eds.), *Marginalized Groups and the Market Processes*.

WORKING PAPERS

“Does It Matter Whom Candidates Marry? Assessing the Electoral Consequences of Interracial Marriages”

“Carceral Classrooms: Gendered Pathways into the Welfare State”

“Antigone: Autonomy and the State”

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

“The Politics of Racial Abjection”

(Revise and Resubmit)

“Public Assistance and Participatory Behavior: Resource Feedback Effects”

“Faith, Race, and Immigration: Religiosity and Racial Resentment”

BOOK PROJECT

The Alabama Democratic Conference (ADC) is arguably the United States’ most successful political organization when it comes to the use of law for political purposes. As such, it offers an excellent case study for examining the vital—yet understudied—question of how organizations can capitalize on available support structures for legal mobilization to successfully overcome systematic oppression. On the basis of data I have collected and analyzed, I investigate how this minority political organization sustained a statewide legal campaign for over twenty years (1965-1989), eventually achieving the most successful political usage of law in American history in service of enforcing voting rights. The central question then arises: what institutional, ideological, and/or instrumental features of the ADC account for its unique success relative to other civil rights organizations? I postulate that the causal factors include: the social context relative to other states; the ability of the ADC to build statewide strategic capacity relative to other organizations within the same social context; and its ability to effectively capitalize on the support structure for legal mobilization relative to other organizations within the same social context. This study of the ADC offers broad theoretical and practical implications for the study of political organizations and their relationship to legal structures.

GRANTS

National Science Foundation, LS. 2021. PI. "CAREER: We Dare Defend Our Rights: The Political Use of Law in the Enforcement of Voting Rights" (Pending - \$500,000/5 years)

William T. Grant Scholars Program. 2021. "A Sense of Belonging: Improving Outcomes Among Underrepresented Minority Students" (Pending - \$350,000/5 years)

Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh. 2021. "We Dare Defend Our Rights: The Alabama Democratic Conference" (Funded - \$8,318)

CLASSES TAUGHT

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| The Carceral State | KU |
| Race and Public Policy | KU |
| Introduction to Law and Society | KU |
| The Pursuit of Rights | KU |
| Theoretical Foundations of Law and Society | KU |
| Race, Crime, and Public Policy | Brown |
| Institutions: Questions of Power and Democracy | Brown |
| Race, Ethnicity, and Political Behavior | Clark University (MA) |
| State and Local Politics | Clark University (MA), UA, UAB |
| Public Policy | Clark University (MA), UA |
| Introduction to American Government | UA |
| Southern Politics | UA |
| Public Administration | UA |
| Social Policy and Social Programs, Honors (School of Social Work) | UA |
| U.S. Congress | UAB |
| Race, Politics, and Film (African American Studies) | UAB |

PRESENTATIONS

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| Carceral Classrooms (coauthor Juree Capers, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies) | |
| Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | April 2019 |
| Faith, Race, and Immigration | |
| Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | April 2018 |
| Testing Mechanisms: Carceral Contact and Participation | |
| Public Choice Conference, Annual Meeting | March 2018 |
| Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | April 2017 |
| American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | September 2016 |
| Feeling Politics: Well-Being, Civic Duty, and Participation | |
| American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | September 2018 |
| Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Annual Meeting | February 2018 |
| Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | January 2018 |

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| Sophistication, Inconsistency, and Symbolism: A Rational Approach to Ideology Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | January 2016 |
| Predation in State and Nation Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | January 2016 |
| Are Majority Minority Districts Too Safe? Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | April 2014 |
| Symposium on Southern Politics, Biannual Meeting | April 2014 |
| Public Opinion and Alabama's Immigration Bill (HB56) Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | January 2014 |
| Politics of Racial Abjection Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | April 2019 |
| National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Annual Meeting | March 2014 |
| The Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Annual Meeting (HB56) Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | April 2013 |
| Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting | January 2013 |

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS

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| Virtual Seminar Series: Policing and Police Reform in the United States (Moderator) University of Pittsburg, Center for Governance and Markets | Fall 2020 |
| 2020 Presidential Election Symposium, DePauw University | Fall 2020 |
| American Public Square at Jewell, Kansas City, MO. | Smr. 2020 |
| Feeling Politics, Univ. of Pittsburg, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs | Sp. 2020 |
| Carceral Classrooms, University of Missouri (Truman School) | Fall 2019 |
| Race, Crime, and Public Policy, University of New Orleans | Fall 2018 |
| Race, Crime, and Public Policy, Duke University | Fall 2018 |
| Race, Liberalism, and the State, Bridgewater State University | Fall 2017 |
| Race, Liberalism, and the State, University of Alabama at Birmingham | Sp. 2015 |

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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| 2021 | <i>Expanding Medicaid would enable treatment for mental health illness and ease the burden on law enforcement.</i> Topeka Capital-Journal |
| 2020 | <i>Carceral Contact & Participation.</i> 3Streams. Medium, July 30, 2020. |
| 2016 | <i>Globalizing the Agenda of #BlackLivesMatter.</i> Agenda for International Development, December 1, 2016. |
| 2015 | <i>Graduate students hurt by the Affordable Care Act.</i> The Hill, July 29, 2015. |
| 2014 | <i>The Federal Government Created Police Militarization. That's Why It Shouldn't Solve It.</i> Students for Liberty, December, 27 2014. |
| 2014 | <i>Ferguson the Latest Front in the State's War on Black Community.</i> PanAm Post August 22, 2014. |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| University of Kansas, School of Public Affairs and Administration Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, Commission on Racial Equity and Justice | 2020 - Present |
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Chair- Data Subcommittee
Student Athlete Appeals Board (KU) 2020 - Present
Undergraduate Committee, School of Public Affairs and Administration (KU) 2019 - Present

University of Alabama

Vice President, Research and Travel, Graduate Student Association 2014-2016
Member, University Committee on Technology 2014-2016
Graduate Mentor, Tide Together Program 2013-2015

National Association of Social Workers, Alabama Chapter

President 2013-2015
President Elect 2012-2013
Chair, Legislative Committee 2010-2013
Chair, Chapter Committee on Nomination and Leadership Identification 2010-2012