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Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2013-present

Associate Head, Department of Political Science, 2019-present

Affiliate, Center for Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2020-present

Faculty Affiliate, European Union Center, 2018-present

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Global Studies, 2013-present

Faculty Affiliate, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2012-present

Affiliated Faculty, Department of Asian American Studies, 2011-present

Faculty Associate, Cline Center for Advanced Social Research, 2007-present

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Academic Affiliate, Office of Evaluation Sciences, General Services Administration, 2016-present

Lenore Annenberg and Wallis Annenberg Fellow in Communication,
Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS),
Stanford University, 2018-19

Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, NY, 2015-2016

Visiting Professor, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile,
2015

Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Santiago, Chile, 2015

Hallsworth Visiting Professor, University of Manchester, UK, 2014-2015

Faculty Fellow, Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society,
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2010-2011

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science,
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2007-2013

Faculty Research Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research,
University of Michigan, 2000-2013

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2005-2007

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2000-2007

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, May 2002

M.A. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, May 1993

A.B. *magna cum laude*, Government, Harvard University, June 1992

Books, Monographs, Edited Volumes

Handbook of Innovations in Political Psychology, co-Editor (with Ethan Busby and Chris Karpowitz). Forthcoming 2023. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Boundaries of Obligation in American Politics: Geographic, National, and Racial Communities. 2010. NY: Cambridge University Press.

Ethnic Context, Race Relations, and California Politics (with Bruce Cain and Jack Citrin). 2000. San Francisco, CA: Public Policy Institute of California.

Journal Articles

"Social Contact and Immigration Attitudes: A Study of LDS Missionaries" (with Adam Berinsky, Christopher Karpowitz, Zeyu Chris Peng, and Jonathan Rodden). Forthcoming. *Journal of Politics*.

"Elected Officials, Empowered Voters: The Impact of Descriptive Representation on Voter Turnout" (with Matthew Hayes, Mark Fredrickson, Chera LaForge, and Andrew Bloeser). Forthcoming. *Political Behavior*.

"The Value of Citizenship and Service to the Nation" (with Jonathan Bonaguro). 2020. *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 6: 96-116.

"Maps in People's Heads: Assessing A New Measure of Context" (with Jake Bowers, Daniel Rubenson, Mark Fredrickson, and Ashlea Rundlett). 2020. *Political Science Research and Methods* 8: 160-168.

"Politics and the English Language in California: Bilingual Education at the Polls" (with Jack Citrin and Morris Levy). 2017. *California Journal of Politics and Policy* 9: 1-14.

"Racism, Group Position, and Attitudes about Immigration Among Blacks and Whites" (with Vincent Hutchings). 2014. *Du Bois Review* 11: 419-442.

"Would We Know 'Integration' If We Were To See It?: Measurement and The Imperative of Integration." 2014. *Political Studies Review* 12: 353-360.

"Bringing the Person Back In: Boundaries, Perceptions, and the Measurement of Racial Context (with Jake Bowers, Tarah Williams, and Katherine Simmons). 2012. *Journal of Politics* 74: 1153-1170.

" 'Little' and 'Big' Pictures in Our Heads: Race, Local Context and Innumeracy about Racial Groups in the U.S." 2007. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 71: 392-412.

"Who Fights: Substitution, Commutation, and 'Green Card Troops.'" 2007. *Du Bois Review* 4: 1-22.

" 'Racial Threat,' Partisan Climate, and Direct Democracy: Contextual Effects in Three California Initiatives" (with Andrea Campbell and Jack Citrin). 2006. *Political Behavior*. 28: 129-150.

"Two-Headed Coins or Kandinskys: White Racial Identification" (with Grace Cho). 2005. *Political Psychology* 26: 699-720.

"Multiculturalism in American Public Opinion" (with Jack Citrin, David Sears, and Christopher Muste). 2001. *British Journal of Political Science* 31: 247-75.

"Public Opinion Toward Immigration Reform: The Role of Economic Motivations" (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste). 1997. *The Journal of Politics* 59: 858-81.

Book Chapters

"Explaining Perceptions of Competitive Threat in a Multiracial Context" (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, and Ronald Brown). 2011. In Heather Gerken, Guy-Uriel Charles, Michael Kang, eds. *Race, Reform, and Regulation of the Electoral Process*. NY: Cambridge University Press.

"Who Belongs? Assimilation, Integration and Multiculturalism in the United States." 2009. In Gary Freeman, John Higley, James Jupp, eds. *Nations of Immigrants*, 2nd edition. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.

"Jus Meritum: Citizenship for Service" (with Grace Cho). 2006. In Taeku Lee, Karthick Ramakrishnan, and Ricardo Ramírez, eds. *Transforming Politics, Transforming America: The Political and Civic Incorporation of Immigrants in the United States*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.

"The Meaning of American National Identity" (with Jack Citrin and Brian Duff). 2001. In Richard D. Ashmore and Lee Jussim, eds. *Social Identity, Intergroup Conflict, and Conflict Reduction*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Other Publications

"How Generation Z, as the Multicultural Vanguard, Can Safeguard the Future of America." 2019. *Pacific Standard*.

"Participación de los inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos de América." 2009. *Panorama Social* 8.

"Group Closeness." A Pilot Study Report to the 1997 NES Pilot Study Committee and the American National Election Study Board of Overseers.
<http://www.umich.edu/~nes/resources/papers/pilotrpt.htm>. (1998)

Work in Progress

"The Origins of Demographic Misperceptions: Threat, Contact, and Domain-General Bayesian Proportion Rescaling" (with Brian Guay, Tyler Marghetis, and David Landy). *Under Review*.

"Who is a 'Migrant' in the Study of Migrant Incorporation?: Broadening Our Understanding of Migrant Populations" (with Yuan-Ning Chu, Hyo-Won Shin, and Matt Winters). *Under Review*.

"Do You See What I See? Ethnic Diversity, Pseudoenvironments, and Social Cohesion" (with Jake Bowers, Daniel Rubenson, Mark Fredrickson, and Ashlea Rundlett). *In preparation*.

"How Does Politics Affect Perceptions of Place? The Effect of Campaigns on Perceptions about Immigration" (with Jake Bowers, Ed Fieldhouse, and Jane Green). *In preparation*.

“Dual Citizenship and Political Participation” (with Seyoung Jung). *In preparation.*

“Thick versus Thin Assimilation: American Public Opinion about Language and Citizenship” (with Jack Citrin and Morris Levy). *In preparation.*

“Contact Itself or Contact’s Success? How intergroup contact improves attitudes” (with Chris Grady and Shuyuan Shen). *In preparation.*

“Migrant Political Participation in Home and Host Countries” (with Matt Winters, Hyo-Won Shin, and Yuan-Ning Chu). *In preparation.*

Grants, Honors, & Fellowships

Illinois Global Institute grant, Migration & Refugees in Regional and Global Perspectives Initiative, “Immigrant Incorporation in Comparative Perspective,” 2020-2021

Research Board grants, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign 2020, 2018, 2017, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2009 (~\$61,000)

Clarence A. Berdahl Undergraduate Teaching Award (by Pi Sigma Alpha), 2014

Cline Center for Democracy, Linowes Fellow, 2012-2015

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant, 2011 (with Daniel Rubenson and Jake Bowers) (\$74,000)

UIUC Library Data Purchase Pilot Program grant, “Mobilization, Empowerment, and Black Elected Officials”, 2010 (with Jake Bowers)

List of Teachers Rated as Excellent by their Students, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign 2010-2014, 2016-2018, 2020-2021

National Study of Ethnic Pluralism and Politics (Co-Principal Investigator with James Jackson (PI), Ronald Brown, and Vincent Hutchings)

National Science Foundation award (SES0419427), 2004-2006 (\$300,000)

Carnegie Corporation, 2005-2006 (\$169,000)

Rackham Interdisciplinary Institute grant, “Perceptions, Context, and Politics” (with Jake Bowers). University of Michigan, 2004 (\$30,000)

Roy Pierce Scholar’s Fund award, University of Michigan, 2005

Spring/ Summer Research grant, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, 2002

Reading Committee grant, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, 2002

National Election Study, “Community Obligation: A Proposal for the 1997 National Election Pilot Study.” Accepted by the American National Election Study Board of Overseers. 1997.

Invited Student Participant, Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 1997

Social Science Research Council International Migration Program Dissertation Workshop, 1997

University of Berkeley Department Fellowship, 1997-1998

Pi Sigma Alpha Award (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste) for best paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting, 1996

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 1995

Chicano/Latino Policy Project Mini-grant, 1994

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1993-1994, 1995-1997

Henry Robert Braden Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 1992-1993

Recent Invited Talks and Presentations

"How Does Citizenship Matter for Political Participation?: Socialization, Legal Status, and Dual Citizens." University of Colorado, Boulder, April 2022.

"National Identity and Racism in an Era of COVID-19: The Case of Asians and Asian Americans." International Seminar Series / Hibbert Roberts Lecture Series. Illinois State University, October 2021.

"Maps in People's Heads: The Politics of Perceptions of Community and Ethnic Diversity." American Politics Colloquium, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, December 2020.

"Maps in People's Heads: The Politics of Perceptions of Community and Ethnic Diversity." The Behavior and Identities Workshop, Duke University, February 2020.

"Variations in Perceptions of Community Boundaries and Diversity." Behavioral Science and Policy Institute, University of Texas, Austin, December 2019.

Survey Experiments Short Course, Invited Instructor, Institute of Political Methodology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 2019

"What is the Value of Citizenship?" Russell Sage Foundation Conference on the Legal Landscape of Immigration, New York, April 2019.

"The Politicization of Place: UKIP and Perceptions of Local Diversity in the UL." The Hanes Walton Jr. Lecture at the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, March 2018.

"The Politicization of Place: UKIP and Perceptions of Local Diversity." University of Copenhagen, May 2017.

"The Politicization of Place: UKIP and Perceptions of Local Diversity." Keynote speaker, Chicago Area Behavior Workshop. Northwestern University, May 2017.

"The Politicization of Place: UKIP and Perceptions of Local Diversity." University of Chicago, April 2018.

"Pseudoenvironments, Ethnic Diversity, and Social Capital." The Kraks Fond, Institute for Urban Economic Research. Copenhagen, Denmark, May 2017.

"Pseudoenvironments, Ethnic Diversity, and Social Capital." The New York Area Political Psychology Conference, April 2016.

"Pseudoenvironments, Ethnic Diversity, and Social Capital." Columbia American Politics Workshop, November 2015.

"Pseudoenvironments, Ethnic Diversity, and Social Capital." NYU Urban Seminar, November 2015.

"Do You See What I See?" Annual Workshop on Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religion" at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. April 2015.

"Diversity, Social Capital, and Attitudes about Immigration." The Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, April 2015.

"The Personal Survey." Working Group in Political Psychology and Behavior. Harvard University. March 2014.

"Measurement of Community." The American Panel Survey (TAPS) Workshop. Washington University, St. Louis, Nov 8-9, 2013.

"Context on Both Sides of the Equation." The Research Workshop in American Politics. University of California, Berkeley. October 2012.

"Does the Context Fit the Outcome?: When (or Where) Racial Context Should Affect Politics." "Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religious and Ethnic Diversity" conference at MIT. May 2013.

"Does the Context Fit the Outcome?: When (or Where) Racial Context Should Affect Politics." The Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (SPIRE), Yale University, New Haven, CT. October 2012.

"Pictures in Our Heads." The Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium (PIEC) workshop at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Sponsored by the Editorial Team for Politics, Groups, and Identities and Taylor & Francis. September 2012.

"Bringing the Person Back In: Boundaries, Perceptions, and the Measurement of Racial Context." The American Politics Workshop. University of Wisconsin. March 2012.

"The Measurement of Racial Context." Keynote speaker, Chicago Area Behavior Workshop at Northwestern University. Evanston, IL, May 2011.

"The Future—Multiculturalism, Integration, or Assimilation." Invited paper presented at the international conference "Nations of Immigrants: United States and Australia," organized by the University of Texas and Monash University, Prato, Italy, October 19-21, 2008.

"Muslims in Europe," invited participant at a research workshop sponsored by the Islamic Studies Initiative, the Center for International and Comparative Studies, the Department of Political Science, and the Center for European Studies, University of Michigan, November, 2007.

"You've Flown the Flag. Now What?": Patriotism, Civic Duty, and Perceptions of National Identity." Invited paper presented at the conference "Multiculturalism and Its Discontents," Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 23-24, 2007.

"Place and Politics: Understanding the Effects of Racial Context." Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, March 2006.

"Citizenship and Service in the U.S." Invited Presentation at the conference, "Nation of Immigrants: Identity and Incorporation," at the University of California, Berkeley. May 2003.

"Citizenship and Service in the U.S." The Fawley Lunch Series. University of Michigan Law School. March 2003.

"Whites' Notions of Identity and Community." The Political Psychology Conference of the Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota. April 2003.

"Citizenship and Public Responsibility." Invited presentation at the annual conference of the Gerst Program in Political, Economic, and Humanistic Studies, Duke University. March 2001.

Conference Papers and Presentations

Annual meetings of the American Association of Public Opinion Research, 2000, 2005

Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association 1995, 1997-1999, 2002-3, 2005-6, 2009, 2012-16, 2019, 2020

Annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, 2012

Annual meetings of the International Society of Political Psychology, 1996, 1998, 2012, 2015, 2017-8

Annual meetings of the Midwestern Political Science Association 1996-1998, 2002, 2005, 2007-8, 2011-13, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022

Professional Service and Leadership

Co-organizer of a conference within a conference at MPSA on Politics of Identity Across Subfields, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Diversity Fellowship Program Selection Committee, American Political Science Association, 2020-2021

Chair, Committee for the Lazarsfeld Paper Award, Political Communication section of the American Political Science Association, 2019-2020

Co-organizer, Intergroup Relations Workshops, August, October, November 2020; February, March, April, May, June 2021; September, October, November 2021; March 2022

Chair for "Political Culture, Identity, and Language" section for the 2020 meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Berlin/Online.

Chair, Selection Committee for the Director of the Summer Academy, International Society of Political Psychology, 2019-2020.

Inaugural Committee on the Status of Ethnic and Racial Minorities in Political Science, Midwest Political Science Association, 2019-2021

American Political Science Association Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession, 2009-2012, 2018-2021

Governing Council member, International Society of Political Psychology, 2017-2020

Co-organizer, APSA Political Psychology Preconference, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Editorial Board member, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* (Cambridge UP), 2014-present

President, Political Psychology Section, American Political Science Association, 2016-2018

Planning Committee member for the 2018 Cooperative Congressional Election Study

Chair, American Journal of Political Science Best Article Award committee, Midwestern Political Science Association, 2017-2018

Chair, American Politics Section Poster Award committee, Midwestern Political Science Association, 2017

Book Awards Committee, Association for Asian American Studies, 2016-2017

Migration and Citizenship Section, Best Article Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2016

President-Elect, Political Psychology Section, American Political Science Association, 2014-2016

Political Psychology Section, Best Dissertation Committee, American Political Science Association, 2013-2014

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, Best Book Committee, American Political Science Association, 2013-2014

Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2012-2013

American Political Science Association Minority Fellowship Program Selection Committee, 2010-2011

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, Best Dissertation Committee, Chair, American Political Science Association, 2010-2011

Receiving Communities Initiative. RCI is a national collaboration between academics and policymakers focused on immigration. 2010-2011

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, Best Dissertation Committee, American Political Science Association, 2009-2010

Westview Press Paper Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2009-2010

Advisory board member of the "Citizenship, Involvement, Democracy" Study, conducted by the Center for Democracy and the Third Sector (CDATS) at Georgetown University in 2005

Reviewer/ Referee:

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Review, American Statistical Association Proceedings, British Journal of Political Science, California Journal of Politics and Policy, Cambridge University Press, Citizenship Studies, Comparative Politics, Columbia University Press, Congressional Quarterly Press, Du Bois Review, European Union Politics, Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Migration, International Migration Review, International Organization, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Race, Ethnicity & Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, National Science Foundation, New

England Journal of Political Science, Oxford University Press, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Politics & Gender, Politics, Groups, & Identities, Politics and Religion, Polity, Population Research & Policy Review, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Opinion Quarterly, Research and Politics, Russell Sage Foundation, Rutgers University Press, SAGE Publications, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science & Medicine, Social Science Quarterly, Socioeconomic Review, Temple University Press, Time-Sharing Experiments for Social Scientists (TESS), University of Chicago Press, University of Michigan Press, World Politics

University Service

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Associate Head of Undergraduate Programs, Department of Political Science, 2019-2023

General Education Board, 2014-2015, 2019-2022

Departmental Liaison to the College of Literature, Arts and Sciences COVID planning committee, 2020

Coordinator of the Political Science Department Student Faculty Seminar, 2007-2014, 2016-2018, 2019-2022

Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2021-2022

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Social & Behavioral Sciences, 2020-2022

Cline Center Advisory Committee, 2014-present

Award Committee Member, Robert Ferber and Seymour Sudman Dissertation Awards for Survey Research, 2020, 2021

Coordinator of the Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science, 2019-2021

Ombudsperson, Department of Political Science, 2019-2020

Committee on Climate, Department of Political Science, 2018-2020

Schroeder Summer Fellows Award Committee, Cline Center, 2016, 2018

Chair, Alumni Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, 2016-2017

Faculty Advisory Group of the Humanities and Interdisciplinary Scholars' Collaboratory Strategy and Planning Group in the University Library, 2017

Chair, Cline Center Search Committee for a Visiting Research Coordinator, 2016

Chair, Cline Center Search Committee for a Visiting Analytics and Data Management Coordinator, 2016

Faculty Appeals Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2014-2015

Faculty mentor for Latino/Latina Studies postdoctoral fellow, 2014-2015

Undergraduate Instructional Programs Committee, Department of Political Science, 2013-2014

Awards Committee, Department of Asian American Studies, 2012-2014

Awards Committee, Department of Political Science, 2011-2012, 2009-2010

Internships Committee, Department of Political Science, 2010-2011

Senior Thesis Poster Judge, Department of Political Science, 2010

Chair, Political Science Academic Advisor Search Committee.

Department of Political Science, 2009

Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-2009

University of Michigan

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, 2001-2004

Rackham Merit Fellowship Review Committee, Rackham Graduate School, , 2002, 2004

Liaison for Racial/ Sexual Harassment, Department of Political Science, 2003-2005

Dissertations:

Completed:

- Bernard Brennan, 2021 (Johnson & Wales University)
- Chris Grady, 2020 (USAID)
- Kyle Estes, 2019 (Iowa State, visiting)
- Kaye Usry, 2018 (Elon University)
- Audrey Neville, 2017 (Barnard University, visiting)
- Tarah Williams, 2017 (Washington University, postdoc)
- Paul Testa, 2016 (Brown University)
- Matthew Spears, 2015 (City of Chicago, Office of Inspector General)
- Matthew Hayes, 2013 (University of Indiana, Rice University)
- David Hendry, 2012 (Postdoc at Yale University, Aarhus University, LSE)
- Wen Cheng Fu, 2012 in Communication (National Defense University, Taiwan)
- Grace Cho, 2011 (U.S. Government Accountability Office)
- Andrea Benjamin, 2010 (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
- Deniz Erkmén, 2009 (Boise State University)
- Alana Hackshaw, 2008 (Congressional Black Caucus Foundation)
- Liz Arbuckle Wabindato, 2006 (Northern Arizona University)
- Karen Chen, 2004 in Psychology (U.S. Department of State)
- Anna-Maria Ortiz, 2003 (U.S. Government Accountability Office)
- Mark Akiyama, 2003 in Psychology (California State University Bakersfield)

In-Progress:

- Rebeca Agosto Rosa (chair)
- Yuan-Ning Chu (chair)
- Caleb Griffin (chair)
- Jair Moreira (chair)
- Hyo-Won Shin (co-chair)
- James Steur (member)

- Betsy Rajala (current CASBS program director at Stanford)
- Theodore Charm (current PhD student at UT Austin)

Undergraduate Theses:

I have worked with over 20 students since 2000 at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Harvard University, and University of Michigan.