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Education

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ *Expected 2026*

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Politics

Committee: Ismail White (Chair), LaFleur Stephens-Dougan, Gleason Judd

Dissertation title: “Three Essays on Identity, Uncertainty, and Multiracial Solidarity”

Fields: American Politics, Race and Ethnic Politics, Formal and Quantitative Methods

University of Houston, Houston, TX 2019–2021

M.A., Political Science

University of Houston, Houston, TX 2017–2019

B.S., Political Science (*Magna Cum Laude*, *Collegiate Honors*, *Honors in Major*)

Publications

Rottinghaus, Brandon and **Isaiah C. Johnson**. 2021. “Presidential ‘Pitches’ and White House Pressure: Inter-Personal Presidential Persuasion in a Shared Lawmaking Environment.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

Working Papers

Johnson, Isaiah C. “Jack of All Trades, Master of None: Multiracial Politicians and Political Representation.”

Stephens-Dougan, LaFleur, Burcu Kolcak, **Isaiah C. Johnson**, Kaiyla Dartey, Jeron Fenton, Jasante’ Howard, and Ismail K. White. “Moving Beyond Linked Fate: A New Measure of Politicized Racial Identity.”

Under review, *Journal of Politics*

Stephens-Dougan, LaFleur, Davin L. Phoenix, Andrea Benjamin, Kaiyla Dartey, and **Isaiah C. Johnson**. “Double Jeopardy: Punitive Responses to Black Women Politicians’ Anger.”

Under review, *Political Behavior*

Works in Progress

Johnson, Isaiah C. “Measuring Racial Competence with Machine Learning: Evidence from Congressional Committees.”

Johnson, Isaiah C. “Lobbying over Identity: Multiracial Recognition and the Boundaries of Black Solidarity.”

Johnson, Isaiah C. “Multiracial Politicians and Political Representation: An Experimental Study.”

Sasso, Greg, Corrine M. McConaughy, and **Isaiah C. Johnson**. “The Dynamics of Suffrage.”

Johnson, Isaiah C., Gavin Medina, and Mellissa Meisels. “The Agency of Identity: Minority Candidate Rhetoric in Electoral Context.”

Stephens-Dougan, LaFleur, Byron D’Andrea Orey, Burcu Kolcak, Jeron Fenton, **Isaiah C. Johnson**, and Ismail White. “The 2024 Princeton–Jackson State National Black Election Study.”

Other Publications

Johnson, Isaiah C. and Guillermo Ortega. 2021. “Diversity and School Boards: An Analysis of Race, Geography, and Education Policy in Houston School Districts.” University of Houston Center for Mexican American Studies.

Grants and Fellowships

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute (NSF)	2025
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Behavior Seed Grant (\$400)	2025
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Graduate Student Research Grant (\$9,400)	2025
Quantitative and Analytical Political Science Fellowship (\$3,000)	2023–2025
Multidisciplinary Multiracial Small Research Grant (\$1,000)	2024
Lab on Politics, Race and Experimental Methods Grant (\$2,000)	2023
Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science Grant (\$1,500)	2022
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Grant (\$500)	2021
University of Houston Center for Mexican American Studies Fellowship (\$26,250)	2019–2021
University of Houston Political Science Delores Welder Mitchel Grant (\$2,000)	2019–2021
University of Houston Department of Undergraduate Research Travel Grant (\$528)	2019
University of Houston Department of Undergraduate Research Summer Fellowship (\$4,000)	2018

Awards and Honors

Princeton Department of Politics George Kateb Preceptor Award	2025
Princeton President’s Fellowship	2021–2023
University of Houston Dean’s List	2017–2019

Teaching

Princeton University , Preceptor	
POL 575: Formal Political Analysis I (Graduate)	Spring 2024, 2025
POL 345: Introduction to Quantitative Social Science	Fall 2024
POL 344: Race and Politics in the United States (Lead Preceptor)	Fall 2023

Presentations

American Political Science Association Meeting	2020, 2024, 2025
Midwest Political Science Association Meeting	2025
Conference on Identity and Inequality (Poster)	2024, 2026
The Racial Frontier Conference	2023
National Conference of Black Political Scientists	2023, 2026
Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity	2022
Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Conference	2019

Invited Talks

University of Colorado-Boulder Research on Accountability, Civics, and Equity Lab	2024
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Work Experience

Princeton University , Quantitative and Analytical Political Science Consultant	2023 - present
Princeton University , Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science Consultant	2021 - present
Princeton University , Department of Economics Research Assistant for Ellora Derenoncourt	Fall 2022
Princeton University , Department of Politics Research Assistant for LaFleur Stephens-Dougan	Summer 2021
University of Houston , Machine-Assisted Human Decision-Making Lab Research Assistant for Ryan Kennedy	Spring 2021

Service

Reviewer

PS: Political Science & Politics

Discipline

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting Chair & Discussant	2025
Princeton University , Conference on Bridging Representation Gaps Discussant	2025
Princeton University , Conference on Identity and Inequality Discussant	2024
Princeton University , Race and Policy Feedback Conference Discussant	2024

Department

Princeton University, Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science 2021 – present
Graduate Coordinator

Skills

R, LaTeX, STATA, Python, Qualtrics

References

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