

# Isaiah C. Johnson

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## Education

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**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

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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

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

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

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

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**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.”

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

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**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

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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

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

## Teaching

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<b>Princeton University</b> , 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

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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

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

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

## Service

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### Reviewer

*PS: Political Science & Politics*

## Discipline

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

## Department

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

## Skills

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R, LaTeX, STATA, Python, Qualtrics

## References

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