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EMPLOYMENT	Morehouse College Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science Harvard University Assistant Professor, Department of Government	Atlanta, GA 2017 – current 2014 – 2017 Cambridge, MA 2008 – 2014
EDUCATION	University of Rochester PhD, Political Science Morehouse College BA, Political Science	Rochester, NY August 2008 Atlanta, GA May 2003
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Black politics, race and representation, agenda setting, legislative behavior,	
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	2017. “The Paradox of Ambition.” <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> 70 (2): 269-278. 2015. “An Examination of Black Representation and the Legacy of the Voting Rights Act.” <i>Phylon</i> 52 (2). 2015. “Innovation, Inevitability, and Credibility: Tracking the Origins of Black Civil Rights Issues” <i>National Political Science Review</i> 17 (1). 2013. “From GRID to Gridlock: the Relationship between Scientific Biomedical Breakthroughs and HIV/AIDS Policy in the U.S. Congress” written with Manu Platt <i>Journal of the International AIDS Society</i> 16: 18446. 2008. “Participation for What? A Policy-Motivated Approach to Political Activism” <i>Political Behavior</i> 30: 391-413.	
BOOK REVIEW	2013. Review of <i>Oversight: Representing the Interests of Blacks and Latinos in Congress</i> by Michael D. Minta. <i>National Political Science Review</i> 15: 115-117.	
AWARDS	Rodney Higgins Award for Best Faculty Paper presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists: “Paradox of Ambition.” Outstanding Dissertation Award for Social Science, University of Rochester 2008-2009: <i>The Normalization of Black Politics</i>	

Sammy Young Award for Best Student Paper presented at the 2006 annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists: "Participation for What? The Relationship between Black Participation and Agenda Setting."

BOOKS IN
PREPARATION

In Progress. *A Mess of Pottage: The Normalization of Black Politics*. Draft is expected to be completed by September 2019.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

2016. "The Changing Impacts of Protest and Representation on Black Agenda Setting."
Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2016. "Public Pension Crises and the Broken Promise of Black Representation."
Research presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political scientists.

2015. "The Impact of Black Representation on Committees' Recognition of Black Issues."
Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

2014. "Committee Assignments and Black Agenda Setting."
Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

2013. "From GRID to Gridlock: The Relationship between Scientific Biomedical Breakthroughs and HIV/AIDS Policy in the U.S. Congress."
Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

2012. "From Trailblazers to Tokens: The Paradox of Ambition."
Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2009. "'Surprisingly Normal': Recognition of Black Issues by Non-Black Members of Congress"
Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2009. "Boons, Banes, and Neutrals: Context and Disparities in Political Participation"
Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

2008. "A Change Narrative of Black Agenda Setting"
Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Southern Political Science Association and the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

2008. "Legislative Problem-Solving: Exploring Bill Sponsorship in Post-War America"
Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Southern Political Science Association and the Midwest Political Science Association.

2007. "Marching Backwards Toward Freedom: Black Strategies to Expand the Scope of Conflict"
Paper presented at the annual meetings of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and the Midwest Political Science Association.

2006. "Preaching in the Wilderness: Exploring the Macro Dynamics of Political Participation"
written with Fredrick C. Harris
Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

INVITED TALKS

"A Mess of Pottage: Strategic Changes and Challenges in Black Agenda Setting," Department of Government, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA September 2016.

"Flint Water Crisis: Water Equality and the Fight for Environmental Justice," Spelman College,

February 2016. Role: Panelist.

“A Mess of Pottage,” Dr. Hanes Walton, Jr. Lecture Series, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI, January 2016.

“The Race Factor: Rights and Responsibilities,” Beloved Community Talks, The King Center, Atlanta GA, January 2016. Role: Panelist.

“The Normalization of Black Politics,” American Politics Seminar, Department of Politics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, Fall 2009.

“The Normalization of Black Politics,” Center on African American Politics and Society, Columbia University, New York, NY, Spring 2009.

TEACHING

PSC 251: National Government	Fall and Spring 2014-15, 2015-2016, Summer and Fall 2016
PSC 253: Scope and Methods	Fall and Spring 2015-2016, Summer and Fall 2016
PSC 497: Senior Seminar	Spring 2016, Fall 2016
PSC 460: Black Politics	Fall 2015
PSC 493: Directed Study - The American Congress	Spring 2015
PSC 410: Parties, Elections, and Interest Groups	Fall 2014

SERVICE

Assessment Coordinator for 2015-2016, Political Science Department	
Director, Brisbane Institute at Morehouse College	Spring 2015 – present
Web Manager, Political Science Department	Fall 2015 – present
Member, City of Atlanta’s Neighborhood Arts Advisory Group	Fall 2015
Reviewer 2015-2016: <i>National Political Science Review</i> , <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> , <i>American Political Science Review</i>	