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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present **US Government Accountability Office (GAO)**, Washington, DC
2020 - Present *Director of Leadership and Executive Development Programs*, Learning Center
2018 - 2020 *Senior Social Science Analyst (PE-IIB)*, Applied Research and Methods
2016 - 2018 *Senior Social Science Analyst (PE-IIA)*, Applied Research and Methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2017 - 2020 **American University**, Washington, DC
Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, School of Public Affairs
Courses: Policy Process (Graduate-Level)

2014 - 2016 **McDaniel College**, Westminster, MD
Assistant Professor of Political Science (Tenure-Track) and *Pre-Law Advisor*
Courses: Introduction to Political Science, American Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, Public Policy, Race and Ethnic Politics, Political Theory

2013 - 2014 **Brown University**, Providence, RI
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Taubman Center for Public Policy
Courses: Race and Public Policy, Public Opinion and Public Policy

EDUCATION

2013 **Brown University**, *Doctor of Philosophy*, Political Science
Dissertation: "Policy Infrastructure and the Politics of Civil Rights"
Committee: Marion Orr (Chair), Susan Moffitt, James Morone, Wendy J. Schiller

2009 **Brown University**, *Master of Arts*, Political Science

2006 **Boston University**, *Bachelor of Arts*, Political Science

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Government Reports 2021. *Program Evaluation: Key Terms and Concepts*, GAO-21-404SP, US Government Accountability Office (Washington, DC).

Journal Articles 2017. "Assessing the Voting Rights Act: Competing Analytical Paradigms." *National Political Science Review* 17 (2).

 2015. "Who Bails? A Multivariate Analysis of Bailouts under Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act." *Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development* 28 (1): 1 – 34 (with Shane Grannum).

2015. "Antidiscrimination versus Nondiscrimination: Competing Perspectives on the Voting Rights Act." *Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs* 4 (March): 168 – 187.

2012. "Pressure-Cooker Politics: Partisanship and Symbolism in State Certification of Federal Stimulus Funds." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 12 (March): 75 - 91 (with Edward A. Miller).

2011. "The Power of Context: State-Level Policies and Politics and the Educational Performance of the Children of Immigrants in the United States." *Harvard Educational Review* 81 (September): 407 - 437 (with Alexandra Filindra and Cynthia García Coll).

Chapters in Edited Volumes

2016. "The Voting Rights Act: Its Effect on People of Color," in *People of Color in the United States: Contemporary Issues in Education, Work, Communities, Health, and Immigration*. eds. Kofi Lomotey, Pamela Braboy Jackson, Muna Adem, Paulina X. Ruf, Valire Carr Copeland, Alvaro Huerta, Norma V. Iglesias-Prieto, and Donathan L. Brown. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood.

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020 *Richard J. Hillman Human Capital Management Award*, US GAO
- 2020 *Collaboration and Client Services Award*, US GAO, Applied Research and Methods Team
- 2019 *IT Excellence Award*, US GAO, Information Technology and Cybersecurity Team
- 2018 *Director's Award*, US GAO, Physical Infrastructure Team
- 2017 *'Above and Beyond' Award (2)*, US GAO, Applied Research and Methods Team
- 2016 *Director's Award*, US GAO, International Affairs and Trade Team
- 2015 *Technology Grant*, McDaniel College
- 2014 *Artinian Travel Award*, Annual Meeting, Southern Political Science Association
- 2013 *Postdoctoral Research Fellowship*, Taubman Center for Public Policy, Brown
- 2012 *Dissertation Fellowship*, Ford Foundation/National Research Council
- 2011 *Dissertation Fellowship*, Political Science Department, Brown
- 2010 *Scholarship to ICPSR Summer Program*, Political Science Department, Brown
- 2008 *Graduate Fellowship*, Political Science Department, Brown

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Representative Bureaucracy and Workforce Climate: Evidence from the Federal Government.” Public Management Research Conference. (with Steven Putansu). Chapel Hill, NC (UNC Chapel Hill). June 11-14.
- 2015 “Who Bails? A Multivariate Analysis of Bailouts under Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. September 3-6.
- 2014 “Public Opinion, Countermobilization, and Policy Success: The Case of School Desegregation” and “Race, Probability, and Justice.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. August 28-31.
- 2014 “The Voting Rights Act: A Tale of Two Tenses.” Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Wilmington, DE. March 12-15.
- 2012 “Public Opinion and Segregation in US Public Schools, 1987-2009.” Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Las Vegas, NV. March 14-17.
- 2011 “State Policy Context and Non-Citizen Student Educational Performance.” State Politics and Policy Conference. Hanover, NH (Dartmouth College). June 3-5.
- 2010 “States’ Acceptance of Federal Stimulus Funds: It’s the Economics (and the Politics) Stupid!” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. September 2-5.
- 2010 “The Conflicted Voter? The Endogenous Nature of Evaluations of Presidential Candidates and Political Parties.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 22-25.
- 2010 “An Improbable Journey? Barack Obama in Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta, GA. January 6-9.

INVITED TALKS (Selected)

- 2019 “Questions, Evidence, and Impact: Case Study at a Government Agency.” Guest Lecture. Brown University, Taubman Center for Public Policy. Providence, RI. May 1.
- 2016 “International Cash-Based Good Assistance: USAID Has Established Processes to Monitor Cash and Voucher Projects, but Data Limitations Impede Evaluation.” Briefing on GAO Report GAO-16-819 for InterAction (coalition of international NGOs). November 18.
- 2016 “Assessing Government Performance: Opportunities, Challenges, and Considerations” and “School Desegregation: Changes in Law, Opinions, and Outcomes.” Guest Lectures. Brown University, Taubman Center for Public Policy. Providence, RI. October 5.
- 2015 “Believe: Bigger Than Baltimore, Coming Together to Heal as One.” Opening Remarks. McDaniel College. Westminster, MD. April 29.
- 2015 “Privacy in the Digital Age.” 2015 Great Decisions Program of the Foreign Policy Association. Westminster, MD. February 9.

- 2013 “School Desegregation: History and Challenges.” Guest Lecture. Brown University, Taubman Center for Public Policy. Providence, RI. October 17.
- 2010 “School Desegregation: From *Brown* to *Parents...* and Back.” Brown University, Department of Political Science. Providence, RI. November 11.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- 2015 Thesis reader for Shane Grannum, candidate for A.B. in Public Policy, Brown University. “Miracle or Mirage? Voting Rights, Bailout, and the Enduring Quest for the Franchise.”
- 2014 Thesis reader for Amy Senia, candidate for A.B. in Public Policy, Brown University. “The Effectiveness of Federal Public Defenders Under the US Sentencing Guidelines and Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Polices.”
- 2011 Thesis reader for Haydar Can Taygun, candidate for A.B. in Public Policy, Brown University. “Political Economy of an Energy Hub.”

SERVICE TO THE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSION

- 2014 - 2020 *Adviser*, Web Communications, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- 2013 - 2014 *Reviewer*, American Politics Research
- 2014 *Discussant*, APSA Annual Meeting
- 2014 *Panel Chair*, NCOBPS Annual Meeting
- 2014 *Discussant*, SPSA Annual Meeting
- 2012 *Discussant*, NCOBPS Annual Meeting