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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, 2014

Dissertation: *Federal Circuit Courts and the Implications of the Doctrines of Procedure, Jurisdiction and Justiciability*

J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN, 2004

Licenses: *Alabama State Bar; State Bar of Georgia*

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL, 2001

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<i>Lecturer</i> , Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA	July 2021 – Present
<i>Associate Professor</i> , Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL	August 2020 – June 2021
<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL	August 2018 – July 2020
<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA	July 2014 – July 2018
<i>Instructor</i> , Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA	August 2009 – May 2014
<i>Adjunct Professor</i> , Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA	August 2012 – December 2012

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

The Honorable Tommy Bryan, The Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, Montgomery, AL	
<i>Staff Attorney</i>	January 2006 – July 2008
<i>Law Clerk</i>	January 2005 – December 2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
Law 5070, Lawyering: Foundations I
Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Law 5071, Lawyering: Foundations II
Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL

Political Science 201, American Government and Politics

Fall 2018, Spring 2019 (2 sections), Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Political Science 340, Introduction to Public Law

Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Political Science 341, American Constitutional Law

Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Political Science 462, Senior Honors Seminar

Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Political Science 463, Senior Honors Seminar

Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Integrative Public Policy and Development 616, Public Policy and the Law

Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

Political Science 101S, Introduction to American Politics

Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018 (2 sections)

Political Science 301W, Introduction to Public Law

Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Political Science 306, Judicial Process and Behavior

Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017

Political Science 408, American Constitutional Law and Politics I

Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Political Science 409, American Constitutional Law and Politics II

Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Political Science 1101, Introduction to American Government

Fall 2009, Summer 2010, Spring 2012, Summer 2012, Summer 2013,
Fall 2013 (2 sections), Spring 2014

Political Science 3140, Judicial Process and Courts

Spring 2014

Political Science 4955, Mock Trial

Fall 2012, Spring 2013

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

Political Science 251, National Government

Fall 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

Partisanship and Polarization in State Court Vacancies, 43 JUST. SYS. J. 391 (2022) (with Benjamin Melusky).

The Ideological Implications of the Federal Rules, 52 VA. SOC. SCI. J. 7 (2018).

The Disadvantages of African American and Somali Men in the U.S. Criminal Justice System, 6 SPECTRUM 99 (2017) (with Dorian Crosby).

A Hollow Hope? Social Change, the U.S. Supreme Court and Affirmative Action, 12 J. RACE & POL'Y 84 (2016).*

Specialization in Judicial Decision-Making: Comparing Bankruptcy Panels and Federal District Court Judges, 22 AM. BANKR. INST. L. REV. 408 (2014) (with Robert Howard).

Note, *Affirmative Action in Higher Education: Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*, 34 JUST. SYS. J. 369 (2013).*

Edited Works

Black Federal Judges and Civil Rights in the Age of Obama, in AFTER OBAMA: AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICS IN A POST-OBAMA ERA 201 (Todd Shaw et al. eds., 2021) (with Dianne M. Pinderhughes).*

Diversity Abound: Will Federal Judicial Appointees Mirror a Changing Citizenry?, in RACE, GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND THE POLITICS OF THE AMERICAN JUDICIARY 123 (Samantha Hernandez & Sharon Navarro eds., 2018) (with LaTasha Chaffin-DeHaan).

THE JOURNAL OF RACE AND POLICY (Shenita Brazelton ed., 2016).

Encyclopedia Entry

Protecting Minority Voting Rights in Lower Federal Courts, THE AMERICAN MOSAIC: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (2015) ABC-CLIO (database updated 2021).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Voting Rights in a Post-Civil Rights Movement Era, in DREAM AND LEGACY: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN THE POST-CIVIL RIGHTS ERA, VOLUME 2. Under review at the UNIVERSITY PRESS OF MISSISSIPPI.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Rhetoric, Reparations, and Representation. Chair and Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Virtual Conference, April 2021.

The Strategic Appointments and Decision Making of Federal Judges in Civil Rights Cases. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Virtual Conference, April 2021.

Voting Rights in a Post-Civil Rights Movement Era. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Virtual Conference, March 2021.

Federal Courts, Voting Rights in view of the Legacy of Dr. King. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Atlanta, Georgia, March 2020.

A Trump Throwback: A Retroversion of Progress in Diversifying the Federal Judiciary. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Chicago, Illinois, March 2018 (with LaTasha Chaffin-DeHaan).

African American Chief Circuit Court Judges and the Strategic Appointments of Federal Judges in Civil Rights Cases. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. San Diego, California, March 2017.

The Role of the Congressional Black Caucus in Appointments to the Federal Judiciary. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2017.

The Disadvantages of African American and Somali Males in the U.S. Criminal Justice System. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Jackson, Mississippi, March 2016 (with Dorian Crosby).

The Ideological Implications of Class Action Certification Decisions in Federal Circuit Courts. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016.

The Ideological Implications of the Federal Rules of Practice and Procedure in Federal Circuit Courts. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2015.

Visiting Judges Revisited. Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2015.

Federal Courts of Appeals, Ideology, and Procedural Issues. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2013.

The U.S. Supreme Court and Implications of Doctrines of Jurisdiction, Justiciability, and Procedure. Submitted and Accepted to the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2012.

Language of Rights at the U.S. Supreme Court. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2012 (with Michael Fix and Susanne Schorpp).

Federal Courts and Implications of Doctrines of Jurisdiction, Justiciability, and Procedure. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2011; also presented at the Georgia State University Political Science Graduate Student Conference, March 2011.

Specialization in Judicial Decision Making: Comparing Bankruptcy Panels and Federal District Court Judges. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2010 (with Robert Howard).

Searching for Motivated Reasoning in Judicial Decision-Making. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta, GA, January 2010 (with Robert Howard and Jason Reifler).

HONORS AND AWARDS

Nominee for the Robert L. Stern Award for Excellence in Teaching, Old Dominion University, Spring 2018.

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, Fall 2017.

F. Glen Abney Award, Georgia State University, 2008-2012.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Law

Legal Writing Institute, 2021 to Present.

State Bar of Georgia, 2006 to Present (active).

Alabama State Bar, 2004 to Present (inactive).

Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, 2011 to 2013.

Political Science

National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2015 to Present.

Midwest Political Science Association, 2008 to 2022.

American Political Science Association, 2008 to 2020.

Southern Political Science Association, 2008 to 2018.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Georgia State University

Department Service

Textbook Coordinator, Lawyering: Foundations, Spring 2022.

College Service

Recruiter, “Best Practices for Applying to Law School” at Spelman College, Fall 2021.

Tuskegee University

Department Service

Political Science Liaison, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Fall 2019 to Spring 2021.

Co-advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Fall 2018 to Spring 2021.

Co-advisor, Pre-Law Society, Fall 2018 to Spring 2021.

College Service

Member, Homecoming Committee, Fall 2018.

University Service

Deputy Coordinator, Title IX, Fall 2020 to Spring 2021.

Faculty, Integrative Public Policy & Development Ph.D. Program, Fall 2018 to Spring 2021.

Dissertation Committee Member, Kara Woods, “The Relationship between Heir Property, Social Institutions, and Civil Involvement in Macon County,” August 2019 – May 2020.

Old Dominion University

Department Service

Co-advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Fall 2014-Spring 2018.

Adjunct Professor Portfolio Reviewer, Fall 2014-Spring 2017.

Search Committee Member, Faculty Search in State and Local Politics, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016.

College Service

Dissertation Committee Member, Amy McDowell, “State Appropriations for the Judiciary: A Comparative Study,” in the School of Public Service, August 2015-May 2018.

Member, Advisory Council for the College of Arts and Letters, Spring 2015-Fall 2017.

College Representative, Commencement, May 2016.

Department Representative, Scholars Day, February 2015.

College Service (Invited Talks)

Panelist, “Emerging Issues in the Use of Force among Law Enforcement Officers: Shootings of Unarmed Black Males,” October 2016.

Panelist, “Presidential Primary Panel Discussion,” Department of Political Science and Geography, March 2016.

Panelist, “Reflections on the 2014 Midterm Elections,” November 2014.

Panelist, “Burned Books: The Fight for Free Expression,” Constitution Day, September 2014.

University Service (Invited Talks)

Guest Speaker, Improving Interdisciplinary Writing, February 2018.

Facilitator, CommUNITY Conversation on the Intersection of Free Speech and Diversity and Inclusion, November 2017.

Facilitator, Diversity Institute, Whose Space Is It: Knowledge of Social Inequities, October 2016.

Panelist, Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball, October 2016.

Panelist, “Confronting Implicit Biases and Stereotypes in the Classroom Setting,” Faculty Summer Institute, Center for Learning and Teaching, May 2016.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Academic Service

Editorial Board, The Journal of Race and Policy, Fall 2021 – Present.

Book Review Editor, National Review of Black Politics, May 2019 – Present.

Chair, Anna Julia Cooper Award for Teaching Excellence, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, June 2018 – March 2019.

Member, Neal Tate Award Committee for Best Paper in Judicial Politics, Southern Political Science Association, March 2018 – October 2018.

Member, Law and Courts Lasting Contribution Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Fall 2017 – September 2018.

Guest Editor, The Journal of Race and Policy, Fall/Winter 2016 Issue.

Reviewer, The Journal of Race and Policy, Fall 2018.

Reviewer, ABC-CLIO, Fall 2017.

Reviewer, Virginia Social Science Journal, Fall 2015, Fall 2017.

Reviewer, Justice System Journal, Fall 2013.

Advisor, Georgia State Undergraduate Mock Trial Association, Fall 2012-Spring 2013.

Member, Morehouse College Pre-Law Committee, Fall 2012.

Graduate Student Representative, Georgia State Department of Political Science Search Committee in Public Law, Fall 2010.

Professional Development

Participant, Writing for an Online Audience Workshop, Old Dominion University, June 2017.

Participant, Improving Disciplinary Writing Workshop, Old Dominion University, May 2015.

Professional Experience

Rater, Interdisciplinary Writing Assessment, Old Dominion University, May 2017.

Writing Across the Curriculum Consultant, Political Science 4180, American Chief Executives
Fall 2012.

Graduate Research Assistant, Professors Robert Howard, Jason Reifler, and Michael
Fix, Georgia State University, Department of Political Science, Fall 2008-Fall 2010.

* Indicates invited work.