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EMPLOYMENT

Harvard Kennedy School of Government

July 2014 – Present

Assistant Professor of Public Policy

Faculty Affiliate: Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation; Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy; Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy

Research Interests & Expertise: 20th Century African American history and politics; 20th Century US political and social history; race; politics, policies, political ideologies, and political institutions; civil rights; social movements; the American presidency

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, Princeton University.

August 2009

M.A. History, Princeton University.

October 2005

B.A. History, *cum laude*, Dartmouth College.

June 2003

BOOKS

The Loneliness of the Black Republican: Pragmatic Politics & The Pursuit of Power (Princeton University Press, 2015; 2nd Edition Reprint 2016): <http://press.princeton.edu/titles/10372.html>

- Winner of 2017 Crader Family Book Prize, Crader Family Endowment, Southeast Missouri State University
- Winner of 2015 James P. Hanlan Book Award, New England Historical Association
- Finalist for 2015 W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Book Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

Mourning in America: Black Men in a White House (book manuscript in progress)

PUBLISHED SCHOLARLY WORKS & ARTICLES

“Neoliberal Social Justice: From Ed Brooke to Barack Obama,” *Items*, Series on Reading Racial Conflict, Social Science Research Council, May 30, 2017: <http://items.ssrc.org/neoliberal-social-justice-from-ed-brooke-to-barack-obama/>

“Breaking Bad in Black and White: What Ideological Deviance Can Tell Us about the Construction of ‘Authentic’ Racial Ideologies,” *Polity* 47.2 (April 2015): 175-198 (with Tehama Lopez-Bunyasi): <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1057/pol.2015.5>

Invited Review of Alvin Tillery’s *Between Homeland and Motherland: Africa, U.S. Foreign Policy, and Black Leadership in America*, Roundtable Review, *H-Diplo*, Vol. XIV, No. 30 (May 2013): 16-20 – <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XIV-30.pdf>

“Making a ‘New Majority’: Black Republicans & The Nixon Administration,” *Painting Dixie Red: When, Where, Why, and How the South Became Republican*, Glenn Feldman, ed. (University of Florida Press: October 2011): 240-290.

“The Challenge of Change’: Edward Brooke, The Republican Party, and the Struggle for Redemption,” *Souls*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Winter/Spring 2011): 91-118.

“Samuel Pierce, Jr.” and “Stanley S. Scott.” Entries in *Oxford African American Studies Center Online/African American National Biography*, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, eds. (Oxford University Press, October 2009).

“Conscience of a Black Conservative: The 1964 Election and the Rise of the National Negro Republican Assembly,” *Federal History*, (January 2009): 32-45 - <http://tinyurl.com/y5vvz4ow>

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES & WORKS IN PROGRESS (SELECTED)

“The History and Progress of Black Citizenship.” Invited article for the Square One Project at the Justice Lab at Columbia University (currently under review at *DuBois Review*; estimated publication date, 2019).

“The Wars of Legitimacy: Social Movements, the Presidency, and the Illegitimacy of the State” (article manuscript in progress, with Megan Ming Francis, University of Washington Seattle)

“Black Outreach and Political Strategy in the 2016 Presidential Election” (article manuscript in progress, with Theodore R. Johnson, the Brennan Center for Justice, New York School of Law)

INVITED LECTURES & TALKS (SELECTED)

“40 Years After Reagan: U.S. Political History since 1980.” Solicited roundtable with Beverly Gage, Angela Dillard, Julian Zelizer, Lily Geismer, Claire Potter, Nelson Lichtenstein, and Kimberly Phillips-Fein for the annual meeting of the Organizations of American Historians, Washington, D.C., April 2020.

“Political Polarization, Tribalism, and Fact-Free Arguments.” Invited keynote panelist with Carol Anderson, David Gergen, and Daniel Shapiro for the University of Connecticut Law Review Symposium, Hartford, CT, October 2019.

“Workshop on Race, Capitalism, and History.” Invited speaker, National Project on Race and Capitalism, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, and the University of Chicago, Atlixco, Mexico, June 2019.

“From the Great Society to the Politics of Polarization.” Solicited roundtable with Kevin Kruse, Julian Zelizer, Brett Gadsden, and Jelani Cobb for the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2019.

“Workshop on the History and Future of Political Economy.” Invited presentation for the Hewlett Foundation, Berggruen Institute, and the Center for Advanced Study of the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, February 2019.

“Modern History, Community Culture, and Politics of Hartford, CT.” Invited consultation for the Education Group, Community Leadership Corps Initiative, the Obama Foundation, Hartford, CT/Washington, D.C., January 2019 – present.

“Mourning in America: Black Men in a White House.” Invited lecture for the “African American History Seminar,” Massachusetts Historical Society, February 2019.

“Race, Immigration, and the American Dream.” Keynote panelist, St. Olaf’s College, January 2019.

“Race Making and Racial Capitalism.” Keynote panelist for the “Histories of Racial Capitalism: Empire, Policing, & Resistance” workshop, University of Washington Seattle, November 2018.

“The History and Progress of Black Citizenship.” Invited presentation for the Square One Project at the “Future of Justice Policy” Roundtable, North Carolina Central University Juvenile Justice Institute, the Virtual Justice Project at the North Carolina Central University School of Law, and the Justice Lab at Columbia University, October 2018.

“Polarization in America.” Keynote speaker for workshop with the Dutch National Government, “Leadership in a Globalized Arena,” Executive Program for the Dutch Senior Civil Service, Harvard Kennedy School, September 2018.

“The Role of Female Voices in a 21st Century Democracy.” Keynote panelist for the annual Union Chapel Lecture in Martha’s Vineyard, Boston University, August 2018.

“Polarization in America.” Keynote speaker for workshop with the Dutch National Government, “Leadership in a Globalized Arena,” Executive Program for the Dutch Senior Civil Service, Harvard Kennedy School, June 2018.

“Trolls, Bots, Social Media, and Protests: Race and Democracy in the Age of Technology.” Invited “Digital Societies” lecture, Collegium Helveticum (Humanities) and the Computational Science and Engineering Laboratory, ETH Zurich, Zurich Switzerland, May 2018.

“The Future of American Political History.” Keynote lecture for the Annual American Political History Graduate Conference, Boston University, April 2018.

“The Roots of Race and Polarization: The HUD Low-Income Housing Scandal of the 1980s.” Invited speaker for the Department of African American Studies Faculty Graduate Seminar, Princeton University, March 2018.

“Race and the Reagan Administration.” Invited lecture for the Dole Institute of Politics and the Department of African and African-American Studies, University of Kansas, March 2018.

“Roundtable on the Problem of Political and Cultural Polarization.” Invited expert for the Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University, October 25, 2017.

“Conference on the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.” Invited speaker for Radcliffe Institute/Schlesinger Library Planning Conference for 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Harvard University, October 2017.

“[Race and Racism in the Age of Trump](#).” Invited keynote panelist with Charles Blow, Alan Dershowitz, Asma Khalid, April Ryan, and Armstrong Williams for the annual Hutchins Forum, Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University and PBS Newshour, Edgartown, Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts, August 2017.

“The Loneliness of the Black Republican.” Invited keynote lecture for the Hoover Institution Library and Archives Workshop on Political Economy, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, June 2017.

“Moving Race, Politics, and Diversity from the Margins to the Mainstream.” Invited keynote for the Purdue History Graduate Student Association 7th Annual Conference, West Lafayette, Indiana, March 2017.

“Black in America.” Keynote panelist for the National Museum of African American History and Culture and PBS, Washington, D.C., February 2017.

“[The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, Its Legacy, and the State of the Movement Today](#).” Invited keynote co-presenter for the Aspen Institute annual three-day workshop, Aspen, Colorado, February 2017.

“Race, Gender, and History in the 2016 Presidential Election.” Invited research talk for the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, February 2017.

“Intersectionality at the Core: Black Women in Politics.” Invited research talk for “Women and Leadership: Responses to Challenging Times,” Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, February 2017.

“Race, Gender, and Violence: The New American Politics?” Invited speaker for the Black Women’s Think Tank at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, February 2017.

“Race, History, and Resistance in the Era of Trump.” Invited Martin Luther King Day keynote lecture for St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, January 2017.

“Election 2016: How Did We Get Here and What Does it Mean?” Keynote plenary panelist for Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January 2017.

“Leveraging Black Power – Jesse Jackson and Two-Party Politics.” Invited speaker for “50 Years of Civil Rights Leadership: A University of Michigan Symposium in honor of Rev. Jesse Jackson,” Ann Arbor, Michigan, November 2016.

“More Style than Substance: African Americans and the Gerald Ford Presidency.” Invited keynote for Gerald Library Presidential Library and Archives, Ann Arbor, Michigan, November 2016.

“Racing to the Top: Black Voters and the 2016 Election.” Invited talk, Boston University, African American Studies Program Lecture Series/BU Office of the Provost “Conversations on Race” Series, November 2016.

“Race, Politics, Media and the Roots of the 2016 Election.” Invited talk for the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University, October 2016.

“A Thorn in the Flesh of the GOP: African Americans, Conservatism, and the Republican Party.” Invited keynote, Wellesley University, October 2016.

“On Black Power and Black Politics.” Invited speaker for the Conference in Honor of Charles Hamilton, Columbia University, October 2016.

“Race and the GOP.” Invited speaker for Wesleyan University, College of Social Studies, Middletown, CT, October 2016.

“The Implications of Race and Gender in the 2016 Election.” Invited panel with Anita Hill for Brandeis University, Dialogues Series, Waltham, Massachusetts, September 2016.

“[Race and the Race to the White House](#).” Invited keynote panelist with Donna Brazile, Charles Blow, and Armstrong Williams, Hutchins Forum, Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University and PBS Newshour, Edgartown, Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts, August 2016.

“The Future of Two Party Politics in the United States.” Invited keynote for the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, International Think Tank, Brussels, Belgium, July 2016.

“Author Meets Critics.” Invited plenary on *The Loneliness of the Black Republican*, Annual Policy History Conference, Journal of Policy History/Institute for Political History, Nashville, Tennessee, June 2016.

- “The Great Society Then and Now: Reimagining the Racial Justice and Public Policy Legacies of the 1960s.” Invited panelist for the LBJ School of Public Affairs, Barbara Jordan Forum, and the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy at the University of Texas-Austin, February 2016.
- “Black Lives Matter and the Modern Civil Rights Movement.” Invited panelist with Benjamin Crump, Eric Guster, Shaun King, Daryl Parks, and Rashad Robinson for Facebook, Inc., Menlo Park, California, February 2016.
- “Between the Lines: A Conversation with Leah Wright Rigueur and Jelani Cobb.” Invited book talk for the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, February 2016.
- “Race and the 2016 Election.” Invited talk for the Africana Studies Center, Drexel University, January 2016.
- “Requiem on Race: Black Politics and the Modern Republican Party.” Invited lecture for the UConn Reads Campus Wide Initiative: Race in America, University of Connecticut, October 2015.
- “Between Ben Carson and Barack Obama: Black Politics in 2016.” Invited lecture for Bowdoin College, October 2016.
- “Author Book Talk and Panel: *The Loneliness of the Black Republican*.” Author featured book panel for the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, April 2015.
- “The Loneliness of the Black Republican.” Invited talk for Central Connecticut State University, April 2015.
- “The Loneliness of the Black Republican: Pragmatic Politics & The Pursuit of Power.” Invited talk for the Modern America Workshop, Princeton University, March 2015.
- “Black Politics from Jackie Robinson to Ben Carson.” Invited talk for Yale Master’s Tea, Yale University, February 2015.
- “Conservatism and Intellectual History: Pasts and Futures.” Invited keynote panelist for the Annual Meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, University of California – Irvine, November 2013.
- “The Time of the Black Elephant Has Come”: Bill Brock, Black Republicans, and the Rise of Alternative Solutions.” Invited speaker for the American Political History Seminar Speaker Series, Boston University, April 2013.
- “Conservative Soul Brothers? Ed Brooke, Arthur Fletcher, and the Black Republican Economic Civil Rights Agenda.” Invited talk for the College of Social Studies Seminar, Wesleyan University, May 2011.
- “Race and Political Strategy in Modern American History.” Invited paper presented for the Modern America Workshop, Princeton University, November 2008.
- “Black Republicans and the 2008 Election.” Invited lecture at the Carl A. Fields Social Issues Roundtable, Princeton University, March 2008.
- “The Black Community and the Republican Party: Diametrically Opposed?” Invited lecture presented at the Yale Black Solidarity Conference – NAACP Professor Speaker Series, Yale University, February 2008.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

“Recasting Recent American History through Video: Politics and Race in a Televisual Age.” Panel presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois, January 2019.

“Divided Loyalties in the United States: Polarization and Partisanship in Contemporary America.” Panel presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois, January 2019.

“Does Race Trumps Politics?” Panel presentation for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, August 2017.

“Strange Bedfellows: Black, Brown, and Gay Republicans and the Future of the GOP.” Panel comment for the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2017.

“Impeachment, Partisanship, and Polarization.” Roundtable panelist for “America’s Newest History: The Nineties in Historical Perspective” conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, March 2017.

“Sports and Race in 20th-Century America.” Panel Chair and comment for the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January 2017.

“When the Moderate Republican Mattered: Moderate/Liberal Republicans and the Early 1970s.” Panel comment for the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January 2017.

“Beyond Goldwater Girls: Women’s Leadership in Conservatism Since 1970.” Panel presentation for the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, April 2016.

“The Strange Career of Black Liberalism.” Panel presentation for the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, April 2016.

“Social Movements and Democracy in American Politics.” Panel presentation for the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016.

“Civil Rights for the 21st Century: Decoding the Present with the Past.” Panel presentation for the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, GA, September 2015.

“More Shadow than Substance: The National Black Republican Council and the GOP, 1974-1976.” Paper presented for the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Wilmington, Delaware, March 2014.

“Black Conservatives, Color-Conscious Whites, and the Cost of Ideological Deviance.” Paper presented for the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Oakbrook, Illinois, March 2013.

“Desegregating Backlash: White Liberals and Black Citizens in the Making of Modern Conservatism.” Panel presentation for the Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 2012.

“Exploring Political Networks in the Post-Civil Rights Era.” Panel presentation for the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois, January 2012.

“‘The Time of the Black Elephant Has Come’: Black Republicans and Presidential Politics, 1976 – 1981.” History and Politics paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, September 2011.

“Black Economic Civil Rights and the Nixon Administration.” History and Politics paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2010.

“Examining the Alternatives: Reconsidering the Rise of the Republican Right.” Panel presentation for the Policy History Conference, Columbus, Ohio, June 2010.

“Africa on My Mind: Black Conservatives’ Perceptions and Policies for South Africa, 1979 – 1985.” Paper presented for Wesleyan University Workshop on Africa’s Global Past and Present: Rethinking Africa and the African Diaspora, Middletown, Connecticut, April 2010.

“Race and Modern Conservatism in the South.” Panel presentation for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Louisville, Kentucky, November 2009.

“Richard Nixon and the Black Capitalism Initiative.” Paper presented for the Annual Meeting of the Business History Conference and European Business History Association, Milan, Italy, June 2009..

GRANTS & AWARDS (SELECTED)

W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship, Hutchins Center for African & African American Research	2018 – 2019
Radcliffe Institute Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University	2017 – 2018
Organization of American Historians (OAH) Distinguished Lectureship	2017 – present
OAH Distinguished Lectureship – Historians’ Perspectives on the Rise of Donald Trump	2017 – present
Harvard Kennedy School Teaching Award (Highest Distinction on Course Evaluations)	Spring 2017
Dirksen Congressional Center, Congressional Research Grant	Summer 2016
Malcolm Wiener Center Summer Research Grant	Summer 2016
Hoover Institution Archives, Political Economy Workshop Grant (declined)	Summer 2014
Wesleyan University Meigs Small Grant	Spring 2014
Wesleyan University Carol A. Baker ’81 Memorial Prize (http://www.wesleyan.edu/pac/baker.html)	Spring 2013
Woodrow Wilson/Andrew W. Mellon Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty	2012 – 2013
Wesleyan Center for the Humanities, Faculty Fellowship	Spring 2012
Wesleyan University Project Grant	2011 – 2012
Wesleyan University/Teagle Foundation Expository Writing Seminar Grant	Fall 2011
Wesleyan University Pedagogical Grant (African American Politics Database)	Fall 2011
Oberlin College Frederick B. Artz Research Grant	Summer 2011
Wesleyan University Lecture Committee/Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life Grant (Ted Shaw ’76, NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund)	Spring 2009
Alfred D. Chandler, Jr. Travel Grant, Business History Conference	2008 – 2009
Woodrow Wilson Foundation /MMUF Dissertation Writing Fellowship	2008 – 2009
Social Science Research Council Doctoral Enhancement Grant	2008 – 2009
Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni Travel Grant	Summer 2009
Presidential Libraries/National Archives Research Grants for the Lyndon B. Johnson, George H.W. Bush, & Gerald Ford Libraries	2007 – 2008
Princeton University Graduate School/Center for African American Studies Faculty-Graduate Seminar Research Grant	2007 – 2008
Woodrow Wilson/MMUF Foundation Travel and Research Grant	2007 – 2008
Association of Black Princeton Alumni Graduate Service Award	Spring 2007
Princeton University Center for African American Studies Dissertation Grant	2006 – 2008
Princeton University Davis & Rollins Prizes in History	2003 – 2008
Princeton University Graduate School President’s Fellowship and Research Prize	2006 – 2008
Social Science Research Council Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant	2006 – 2007
Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion, Religion and Public Life Seminar Research Grant	2006 – 2007
Social Science Research Council Pre-Doctoral Research Development Grant	2005 – 2007
Princeton University Institute for International and Regional Studies Grant (South Africa)	Summer 2004
Andrew W. Mellon/Benjamin Mays Fellowship in Humanities & Social Sciences	2001 – 2003

ARTICLES, ESSAYS, AND OP-EDS (SELECTED)

“Will Power Trump Values in Virginia?” *New York Times*, February 11, 2019.

“Republicans Think Celebrities Can Win Them the Black Vote. They’re Wrong.” *Washington Post*, May 10, 2018.

“For Black Athletes, Wealth Doesn’t Equal Freedom.” *PBS Newshour*, October 18, 2017.

“The GOP’s Long History with Black Colleges.” *Politico Magazine*, February 27, 2017.

“Searching for the Black Trump Supporter.” *The Atlantic*, October 1, 2016.

“Why the Museum of African American History is About More than the Past.” *Bill Moyers & Co.*, September 29, 2016.

“Democrats and the Race Problem.” *PBS Newshour*, August 16, 2016.

“Why Can’t the GOP Get Real With Black Voters?” *New York Times*, August 4, 2016.

“Can the GOP Attract Black Voters?” *Vox*, August 1, 2016.

“When Muhammad Ali Endorsed Ronald Reagan.” *Washington Post*, June 10, 2016.

“Why the Republican Party Can’t Win Over Black Voters.” *New Republic*, April 19, 2016.

“Jackie Robinson: Militant Black Republican.” *The Root*, April 16, 2016.

“Why Trump is Doomed with Black Voters.” *The Atlantic*, April 8, 2016.

“Young Black People are Radically Reimagining What Political Activism Can Be.” *New York Times*, February 29, 2016.

“If Only Rich Men Like Bloomberg Can Save Us, It’s Not a Democracy.” *New York Times*, January 26, 2016.

“Do Republicans Really Want the Black and Latino Vote?” *The Root*, December 2015.

“Race-Baiting for the Presidency.” *The Atlantic*, November 18, 2015.

“What Explains Ben Carson? The Long History of Black Conservatism.” *Washington Post*, September 2015.

MISC. SCHOLARSHIP & MEDIA (SELECTED)

RESEARCH, WRITING, AND COMMENTARY FEATURED ON: MSNBC, CNN, CBS News, PBS, NPR, ABC News, The New York Times, Washington Post, C-SPAN, The Atlantic, Daily Beast, New Republic, The Root, Al Jazeera English, BBC Radio, Vox, Politico, New Yorker, Slate, Sirius XM Radio, BuzzFeed News, Weekly Standard, Washington Times, Choice, MTV News, HuffPost, Vogue, TV One News, Fortune Magazine.

- Regular On-Air Contributor for MSNBC (2016 – present)
- Regular On-Air Contributor for Al Jazeera English (2016 – present)
- Regular On-Air Contributor for WGBH – Boston PBS (2015 – present)
- Regular On-Air Radio Contributor for WNPR – CT NPR (2013 – present)
- Regular On-Air Radio Contributor for SiriusXM Radio (2015 – 2017)
- “American FLOTUS: Michelle Obama.” Expert contributor, CNN Miniseries (airing 2020)

- “American FLOTUS: Lady Bird Johnson.” Expert contributor, CNN Miniseries (airing 2020)
- “Race for the White House: 1980.” Expert contributor, CNN Miniseries (airing 2020)
- “Race for the White House: 1976.” Expert contributor, CNN Miniseries (airing 2020)
- “Tricky Dick.” Political analyst, CNN Miniseries on Richard Nixon (airing April 2019)
- “The Bush Family – A Political Dynasty.” Expert contributor, CNN Miniseries (aired March 2019)
- “Biography – The Trump Dynasty.” Expert contributor, A&E Network (aired February 2019)
- “American Presidents at War.” Expert contributor, History Channel Miniseries (aired February 2019)
- “RFK: The Kennedy Family Remembers.” Expert Contributor, The History Channel (aired June 2018)
- “[The Young Black Conservatives of Trump’s America](#).” Historical consultant for “Minority Reports,” documentary series, VICE Media (airing January 2019)
- “2018 Midterm Election Coverage.” On-Air contributor, Al-Jazeera English TV, November 6 – 7, 2018
- “[Rise Up: The Movement that Changed America](#).” Expert Contributor, History Channel (airing April 2018)
- “The Kennedys.” Expert contributor, CNN Miniseries (airing April 2018)
- “Untitled Sonny Liston Documentary.” Expert contributor, Showtime (filmed October 2017; airing 2019)
- “The Nineties.” Expert contributor, CNN Miniseries (airing July – August 2017).
- “How Protest Movements Can Actually Change People’s Lives.” Guest host and researcher for DecodeDC (Scripps Media), Episodes 206 and 207, August 2017
- “Presidential Election Coverage.” On-Air contributor, Al-Jazeera English TV, November 6 – 11, 2016
- “Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise.” Expert contributor, PBS/Ark Media (airing November 2016 and February – March 2017)
- “Black Women and the GOP.” C-SPAN/American History TV, April 2016
- “The Loneliness of the Black Republican,” *The New Republic – The Intersection*, November 2015
- “The Forgotten History of Black Republicans.” *The Daily Beast*, February 2015
- “Black Republicans.” *The Open Mind*, PBS, December 2014
- “1964.” Expert contributor. *American Experience* (PBS)/Insignia Films (airing January 2014)

ORGANIZED LECTURES, CONFERENCES. & SERIES (SELECTED)

“[Remaking American Political History](#).” Two-day conference examining the future of American Political History and emerging trends in the field. Co-chaired by Nicole Hemmer (The Miller Center at the University of Virginia) and Katie Cramer Brownell (Purdue University). Purdue University, June 2019.

“[Race and American Politics](#).” monthly multidisciplinary series of seminars and conversations on race and political and social issues, co-sponsored by the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, and the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University, Fall 2015 – present.

“[Race and Justice in the Age of Obama](#).” Two-day symposium analyzing race, politics and policy under the Obama administration, and offering assessments of the future of race and politics in the American political arena. Co-chaired by Khalil Gibran Muhammad (Harvard Kennedy School). Co-sponsored by the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation and the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University, Fall 2016.

“[Beyond Left and Right: What is Women’s Politics?](#)” Two-day symposium co-chaired by Claire Potter (The New School) and Robin Morris (Agnes Scott College) analyzing the political work of women since 1970 and the moments where women bridged, or failed to bridge, differences of ideology, religion, policy and party. Agnes Scott College, Fall 2016.

Joy-Ann Reid (MSNBC). “[How Race Impacts the 2016 Election](#).” Lecture for the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy, co-sponsored by the Ash’s Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation’s “Race and American Politics” series. Harvard University, October 2016.

“Representations of Blackness in Popular Culture.” Monthly Program and Discussion, Center for African American Studies, Wesleyan University, Spring 2014.

Khalil Gibran Muhammad, Director, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture/New York Public Library. *The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America*. First Book Series Lecture, Center for African American Studies, Wesleyan University, November 2011.

Joshua Guild, Associate Professor, Princeton University. “The Cultural Politics of Black Power in Brooklyn and London,” Guest Lecture, Program in African American Studies, Wesleyan University, February 2011.

COURSES TAUGHT

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL

- Conservatives and Liberals in America
- The Civil Rights Movement: Strategy, Leadership and Policy
- Race, Riot and Backlash in the United States
- Mobilizing for Social Change (Center for Public Leadership Workshop)
- Independent Reading and Research Course(s):
 - Tahra Goraya, “Women of Color in Elected Office and/or Positions of Leadership and Power”
 - Erin Rist, “Beyond Metrics: Building Intersectional Tools and Interventions to Increase Representation of Women of Color in the Tech Industry” (Spring 2019)
 - Tom Trail, “Race, Racism and Urbanization in the United States and the United Kingdom”
- Miscellaneous Dissertation Advising:
 - External Reader, dissertation committee of Theodore R. Johnson, Northeastern University, Law and Public Policy Program

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

- Introduction to Modern African American History
- The 20th Century United States
- The Long Civil Rights Movement in 20th Century America
- Race, Rage, Riots, and Backlash: 20th Century Protest Movements
- The Long Civil Rights Movement
- Black Political Thought
- United States Political History Since 1945
- 20th Century Black Conservatism
- Senior Theses:
 - Kevin Donohoe, “New York Democratic Reform Clubs, 1945 – 1956
 - Miriam Leshin, “The New Great Migration: Reinventing Race Relations in the New South?”
 - Maya Odum, “African-Americans in the Struggle Against Apartheid: Grassroots Organizing in Chicago, 1981-1994”
 - Robin Tholin, “Cumulative Voting in Illinois: A Case Study of Minority Groups and Opinions”
- Senior Essays Advised
 - Corinne Duffy, “‘Women in This House Are Not Monolithic’: Margaret Heckler and Republican Feminists in Congress, 1972-1980”
 - Ines Farag, “From Rhapsodies to Empathies: Du Bois’ Constructions of Egypt Within and Without *The Crisis*”
 - Dean Karoliszyn, “The Dark Period in the NBA: Trends That Defined Professional Basketball in the 1970s and 1980s”
 - Sofi Newmyer, “‘The Hollywood Ten’: History and Memory in the Cold War Era”
 - Harrison Polans, “From the Ashes: The Post-Watergate Republican Resurgence
 - Lucas Turner-Owens, “Historical Approaches to Addressing the ‘Black-White’ Achievement Gap”

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION (SELECTED)

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL

HKS “Dean’s Discussions” – Applying History’s Lessons to Today’s Challenges	Spring 2019
HKS Dean’s Executive Session on Controversial Topics and Political Partisanship	Fall 2017
Harvard Institute of Politics (IOP)/Weiner Center Public Lecture	Spring 2017
Harvard IOP/HKS Alumni Event (with David Gergen)	Spring 2017
HKS Dean’s Executive Council Session on the 2016 Election	Spring 2017
HKS Dean’s Executive Session on Race and Policing Speaker	Fall 2016
Harvard African American Policy Journal, Advisory Board	Fall 2016 – present
Women in Public Policy Program Council Speaker	Spring 2016
Center for Public Leadership Council Speaker (with Senators Alan Simpson and Bill Bradley)	Spring 2016
HKS New England Alumni Speaker (with David Gergen)	Spring 2016
Annual Malcolm Wiener Center Conference Call Speaker	November 2015
Harvard Inequality and Social Policy Program, Faculty Affiliate	Fall 2015 – present
Black Policy Conference, Advisory Board	October 2014 – present
HKS Visiting Committee Speaker	Spring 2015
HKS Dean’s Executive Council Speaker on Pressing Issues in Inequality	Spring 2015

MISC. SERVICE

Harvard University, Inequality in America Initiative , Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee	Spring 2019
Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, “The Long 19 th Century” Program and International Conference, Steering Committee	2017 – present
Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, “The Long 19 th Century Conference: Voting Matters,” Organizing Committee	2019 – present
Washington Post, “Made from History,” Editorial/Advisory Board	2017 – present
Cambridge-Harvard-Oxford Workshop on Inequality, Politics and Culture in America	2017 – 2018
BUNK (bunkhistory.org), Co-Editor of Politics & Power Section	2017 – 2018
SheSource.org Expert	2016 – present
Women Also Know Stuff Expert	2016 – present
NPR Source of the Week Expert	2016 – present
University of North Carolina Press, Race, Justice, and Power Series, Manuscript Reviewer	2017 – present
Journal of Policy History, Manuscript Reviewer	2014 – present
Cornell University Press, Manuscript Reviewer	2015 – present
Journal of Southern History, Manuscript Reviewer	2010 – present
Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni, Board of Directors	2013 – 2015
Miss Porter’s School, National Board of Trustees	2016 – present
Miss Porter’s School, National Board of Directors	2006 – 2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
 Organization of American Historians
 Association for the Study of African American Life and History
 American Political Science Association