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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2017- Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Bloomberg Distinguished Associate Professor, Political Science and Sociology
- 2012-2017 Yale University, New Haven, CT
Associate Professor (with tenure), 2016-, African American Studies and Political Science
Assistant Professor, 2012-2015, African American Studies and Political Science
Founding Director, 2015-, ISPS Center for the Study of Inequality (I-CSI)
Faculty Affiliate, The Justice Collaboratory, Yale Law School
- 2007-12 University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Assistant Professor, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics and Miller Center of Public Affairs

EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D., Political Science, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
Joint Degree Programs in Government & Social Policy
- 2001 B.A., Government, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.
Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH

Books

Arresting Citizenship: The Democratic Consequences of American Crime Control
University of Chicago Press, May 2014 (with A. Lerman).

Winner of the American Political Science Association's Dennis Judd Best Book in Urban Politics Award. Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Ethics*,

Punishment & Society, Contemporary Sociology, Criminal Justice Review, Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy, American Prospect, and by the Prison Policy Initiative.

Creating a New Racial Order: How Immigration, Multiracialism, Genomics, and the Young can Remake Race in America. Princeton University Press, March 2012 (with J. Hochschild and T. Burch).

Named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title for 2012. Reviewed in *Political Science Quarterly, Journal of American History, American Journal of Sociology, Ethnic and Racial Studies, and Contemporary Sociology.*

Frontlash: Civil Rights, the Carceral State, and the Transformation of American Politics. Under contract, Cambridge University Press.

Articles & Chapters

The State from Below: Distorted Responsiveness in Policed Communities (with G. Prowse and T. Meares), forthcoming in *Urban Affairs Review*, special issue on Citizenship and the City.

Too Much Knowledge, Too Little Power: An Assessment of Political Knowledge in Highly-Policed Communities. (with G. Prowse and S. Piston) forthcoming July 2019, *Journal of Politics* special symposium on Race and Law Enforcement.

The Great Decoupling: The Disconnection between Criminal Offending and Experience of Arrest Across Two Cohorts. (with A. Papachristos & M. Zanger-Tishler) RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation *Journal of the Social Sciences* 5(1): 89-123.

<https://www.rsfjournal.org/content/5/1/89>

Police Are Our Government: Politics, Political Science, and the Policing of Race-Class Subjugated Communities. (with J. Soss), *Annual Review of Political Science* 20 (2017): 565-591.

<http://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev-polisci-060415-093825>

Learning from Ferguson: Welfare, Criminal Justice, and the Political Science of Race and Class (with J. Soss), APSA Taskforce on Racial Inequality in the Americas. 2016. Available at:

<http://www.apsanet.org/inequalities>

A Tradeoff Between Democracy and Deterrence? An Empirical Investigation of Prison Violence and Inmate Advisory Councils (with A. Lerman), in *Democratic Theory and Mass Incarceration*, I. Loader, A. Dzur, and R. Sparks, eds., Oxford University Press, 2016.

The Carceral State and American Political Development. (with A. Lerman). In *Oxford Handbook of American Political Development*, R. Lieberman, S. Mettler, and R. Valelly, eds., 2016.

Is the Significance of Race Declining in the Political Arena? Yes, and No. (with J. Hochschild). *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 38.8 (2015): 1250-1257.

Staying out of Sight? Concentrated Policing and Local Political Action. (with A. Lerman). *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 651.1 (Jan. 2014): 202-219.

Detaining Democracy? Criminal Justice and American Civic Life. (with J. Hacker and C. Wildeman). *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 651.1 (Jan. 2014): 6-21.

Race and Crime in American Politics: From Law and Order to Willie Horton and Beyond. (with A. Lerman). In *Oxford Handbook of Race, Ethnicity, Immigration and Crime*, S. Bucerius and M. Tonry, eds., 2014.

Unhappy Harmony: Accounting for Black Mass Incarceration in a Post-Racial America. In *Beyond Discrimination: Racial Inequality in a Post-Racial Era*, F. Harris & R. Lieberman, eds. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2013.

Black Citizenship and Summary Punishment: A Brief History to the Present, *Theory and Event* 17.3 (2014).

The Electoral Consequences of Skin Color: The "Hidden" Side of Race in Politics. *Political Behavior* 34.1 (2012): 159-192.

Supported by a grant from the Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences. Data at: www.experimentcentral.org/data/data.php?pid=208

The Significance of Policy Failures in Political Development: The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and the Growth of the Carceral State. In *Living Legislation: Durability, Change, and the Politics of American Lawmaking*, J. Jenkins and E. Patashnik, eds. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012.

Destabilizing the American Racial Order. (with J. Hochschild & T. Burch). *Daedalus* (Spring 2011): 151-165.

Political Consequences of the Carceral State. (with A. Lerman). *American Political Science Review* 104 (Nov. 2010): 817-833.

'There's No One as Irish as Barack O'Bama': The Policy and Politics of American Multiracialism. (with J. Hochschild). *Perspectives on Politics* 8 (Sept. 2010): 737-759.

Winner of Best Paper Award from the APSA Public Policy section.

Between Reconstructions: Congressional Action on Civil Rights, 1891-1940. (with J. Jenkins and J. Peck). *Studies in American Political Development* 24 (April 2010): 57-89.

Frontlash: Race and the Development of Punitive Crime Policy. *Studies in American Political Development* 21 (Fall 2007): 230-265.

The Skin Color Paradox and the American Racial Order. (with J. Hochschild). *Social Forces* 86 (Dec. 2007): 643-670.

Racial Classification and the Politics of Inequality. (with J. Hochschild) In *Remaking America: Democracy and Public Policy in an Age of Inequality*, S. Mettler, J. Soss, and J. Hacker, eds., New York: Russell Sage, 2007.

Reviews

More security may actually make us feel less secure. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 115 (39): 9649-9651.

The Untold Story of Mass Incarceration. Book review of James Forman's *Locking Up Our Own* and John Pfaff's *Locked In*. *Boston Review*. <http://bostonreview.net/race-law-justice/vesla-m-weaver-untold-story-mass-incarceration>

Perspectives on Politics Triologue: Marie Gottschalk's *Caught: Race, Neoliberalism, and the Future of the Carceral State and American Politics* and Naomi Murakawa's *The First Civil Right*, Sept. 2015.

The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America. By Khalil Gibran Muhammad. *Perspectives on Politics* (2012).

Justice In America: The Separate Realities of Blacks and Whites. By Mark Peffley and Jon Hurwitz. *Public Opinion Quarterly* (2011).

More than Words: How 'Law and Order' Invigorated Conservatism, Did Irreparable Damage to Liberalism, and Ushered in a New Political Order. Review of Michael Flamm, *Law and Order: Street Crime, Civil Unrest, and the Crisis of Liberalism in the 1960s*. *The Forum*. (July 2008)

In Progress

Portals to Politics: Grassroots Narratives of Policing in the Low End, Baltimore, South Chicago, and the 53206. Book Project

Withdrawing or Drawing In? Political Discourse in Policed Communities. (with G. Prowse and S. Piston) Under review.

Transforming Police Surveillance of Kids to the Civic Incorporation of Youth. (with A. Geller) Under review.

Policing Narratives in the Black Counterpublic. Chapter under review in edited volume.

"They Treat Us Like a Different Race": A Multi-City Project on Class-in-Race Inequality (with J. Hochschild). Awarded Russell Sage Foundation, Presidential Award (\$149,446), June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016. <http://www.russellsage.org/awarded-project/they-treat-us-different-race-multi-city-project-class-race-inequality>

Collaborative Research: An AGEP Alliance Model to Advance Underrepresented Minority Faculty in the Social Sciences, National Science Foundation, \$295,876 (Lead PI: William Sandy Darity)

"The Only Battle in the Nation's History in Which the Black Community has not been Enlisted": Black Resistance and Alternatives to Incarceration

Retrenching Rights: The American Legislative Exchange Council and the Agenda to Curtail Racial Progress.

Re-estimating Race: How Incarceration Biases Studies of Black/White Political Attitudes. (with A. Lerman)

Public Writing

The Kavanaugh hearings show who we afford a second chance and who we don't. *Vox*, 28 September, 2018.

Why white people keep calling the cops on black Americans. *Vox*, 29 May, 2018.

Did Blacks Really Endorse the 1994 Crime Bill? (with E. Hinton and J. Kohler-Hausmann), *New York Times*, 13 April 2016.

"The next four years: Criminal justice," *Yale Alumni Magazine* (Jan. 2017).

The Missing Lesson of Ferguson: Conduct ≠ Contact, *Balkanization Blog*

Why Starbuck's is a Great Place to Talk About Race, *Take Part* (with B. Hopper)

Charging Media for Using Police-Shooting Video May Be the Price of Equal Justice, (with B. Hopper) *The Conversation*, 22 April 2015. Reprinted in *The New Republic* and *Newsweek*.

The Missed Opportunity of Robert Woodson: One conservative black activist's campaign for community crime control. *The Marshall Project*, 25 Feb. 2015.

High incarceration may be more harmful than high crime. *Baltimore Sun*, Dec. 21, 2014.

Protest is Democracy at Work. (with A. Lerman) *Slate*, 23 Dec. 2014.

The Only Government I Know: Citizenship, Democracy, and the Carceral State, *Boston Review*, May/June 2014.

Recognize, Revalue, and Rid. (with K. Matos) *Yale Daily News*, 25 Feb. 2014.

Is the United States a Racial Democracy? (with J. Stanley) *New York Times*, 12 Jan. 2014.

Democracy Spoiled: National, State, and Local Disparities in Disenfranchisement through Uncounted Ballots. (with C. Edley, Jr., P. Klinkner, and J. Benson). 2002.

The Incarceration Generation: When Parents Go to Prison, What Happens to Their Children? 2001. *FOCUS*, monthly magazine of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. 29(8): 5-6.

Interviews and appearances on Slate's Gabfest, PBS, C-Span Book TV, ThinkProgress, National Public Radio, BlogginheadsTV, Washington Post's Monkey Cage, Voice of America, BlogtalkRadio on the Tavis Smiley Network, and St. Louis Public Radio.

AWARDS

2018	Astor Visiting Lecturer, University of Oxford
2018	Gilman Scholars, Johns Hopkins University
2016	Andrew Carnegie Foundation Fellowship, \$200,000, Faces of American Democracy
2015	Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Award, \$149,466 (Award # 83-15-16), June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016. Dennis Judd Best Book Award 2015 (for Arresting Citizenship)
2014	Public Voices Fellowship, Yale University
2011	UVA Research Grant for Support in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences UVA Mead Honored Faculty
2010	UVA Summer Research Support Award
2009	UVA Page-Barbour Fund for Interdisciplinary Initiatives Grant (\$15,000) Best Paper Award from the APSA Public Policy Section (with J. Hochschild)
2008	Best Dissertation Award, APSA Section on Race, Ethnicity and Politics Finalist, Politics and History section Best Dissertation Award UVA Research Grant for Support in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
2007	Excellence in Diversity Fellowship, University of Virginia
2006	Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences Grant
2005	Brookings Institution Fellowship, Governance Studies
2004	Winner of the Special Competition, Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences European Network on Inequality Research Fellowship, London School of Economics Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Spring & Fall)
2003	National Science Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship Center for American Political Studies seed grant.
2002	Harvard Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy Doctoral Fellow
2001	Ford Foundation Pre-dissertation Fellowship Harvard Graduate Prize Fellowship American Political Science Association Minority Fellow Emmerich-Wright Prize for most outstanding undergraduate thesis Graduated with Highest Distinction
2000	Ralphe Bunche Summer Institute, American Political Science Association

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (Last 5 Years)

2019	The 14 th Amendment Sesquicentennial Symposium, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Thurgood
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Marshall Institute, Emory School of Law
Mead Lecture, Trinity College

- 2018
Cornell University, Population Center and the Institute for the Social Sciences
Oxford University, Faculty of Law, Roger Hood Lecture
Penn State University, Keynote at the Ethics of Policing conference
Columbia University, Institute for New Economic Thinking, "50 Years After the Kerner Commission" Event
Princeton University, Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Program on Identities and Institutions, "Workshop on Cities, Inequality, and Electoral Politics"
Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, 21st David Dinkins Forum, "The Incarceration Crisis that Threatens America's Democracy"
Harvard University and Scholars Strategy Network, Policy Feedbacks Project
Harvard Kennedy School, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy
Brown University, Anton-Lippitt Conference on Citizenship & the City
Harvard University, Working Group in Political Psychology and Behavior
Hamilton College, Levitt Center for Public Affairs Speaker Series
- 2017
Russell Sage Foundation
Notre Dame, The Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy & The Center for Civil and Human Rights
University of Missouri, St. Louis and Confluence Scholars Strategy Network
Princeton University, Center for Study of Democratic Politics
Georgetown University, Prisons and Justice Initiative
Northwestern University
University of Chicago, Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society, "The State, Violence, and Social Control in the Contemporary World"
New York University Law School
National Endowment for the Humanities Civil Rights Summer Institute, Harvard University
Emmaus United Church of Christ
- 2016
Johns Hopkins University, Sociology Dept.
Duke University, Sanford School of Public Policy, "Big Problems in American Democracy" series
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Maryland Judiciary Education Center, presentation on the Impact of Incarceration on Communities
Educate the Vote: Presidential Election 2016, Cornell University Institute for Public Affairs
Johns Hopkins, Political Science
Duke University, public lecture in the series "Mass Incarceration and the Carceral State: Global Dialogues and Local Histories."
Black Solidarity Conference, Yale University
- 2015
Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs
Wealth and Finance in Post-Civil Rights America, Harlem Book Fair, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York
APSA Taskforce on Racial Inequality in the Americas, UC Berkeley
Yale Law School, Criminal Justice Roundtable
Val R. and Madge G. Lorwin Lecturship at the University of Oregon

Rutgers University, American politics workshop
 Columbia University, political science department
 The Artist's Voice: Titus Kaphar in Conversation with Kika'il DeVeaux, Tina Reynolds and Vesla Mae Weaver, around the Jerome Project exhibit, Studio Museum of Harlem

LEADERSHIP

Founding Director, **The ISPS Center for the Study of Inequality (I-CSI)**, Yale University, 2015-2017. I-CSI promotes research to address the political and civic dimensions of inequality. During our first two years, we held important events on racial inequality after the voting rights act, shared prosperity and income inequality with the Washington Center for Equitable Growth, the anniversary of HBO's hit series *The Wire* and urban inequality, immigration policy and inequality, and policing in comparative societies. Most importantly, we launched the signature stamp of the center, the inequality working groups comprised of two dozen intellectual leaders who develop a multi-faceted research agenda around a pressing issue related to inequality (*Deconstructing Ferguson and Toward and New Urban Reconstruction*). Led by a simple charge – to put forward one bold idea – we work closely over the next two years on these ideas in order to begin new conversations or change old ones. I-CSI's working groups think expansively, work collaboratively, and measure unconventionally in order to push the frontiers of inequality research and develop "outside the box" policy ideas.

Member, **Executive Session on Community Corrections**, Harvard Kennedy School of Government and National Institute of Justice (2013-2016). Appointed by the National Institute of Justice and the Harvard Kennedy School, the Executive Session works towards generating bold reforms and concepts for creating a better, more humane, less racially targeted criminal justice system. I co-wrote the consensus document, *Toward an Approach to Community Corrections for the 21st Century*.

https://www.hks.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/centers/wiener/programs/pci/files/Consensus_Final2.pdf

Co-Founder. **Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (SPIRE)**. Co-organized with Dan Butler, Daniel Gillion, and Sophia Wallace, a biannual conference to provide young faculty of color and scholars interested in race and ethnic politics a robust forum for presenting their work and a community of scholars while advancing the frontiers of racial politics research.

Detaining Democracy? Criminal Justice and American Civic Life. Yale University, November 8-9, 2012. Co-organized with Jacob Hacker and Chris Wildeman. Papers were published in a special issue that we edited of the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (Jan. 2014).

TEACHING & ACADEMIC SERVICE

National Service (Last 5 Years)

- Advisory Council Member, Center for Community Change, Putting Families First: Good Jobs for All campaign (2015-)
- Member, Presidential Taskforce on Racial Inequality in the Americas, American Political Science Association (2014-)

- Roosevelt Institute private convening on developing support for an intersectional progressive agenda
- Blurbs for books by Jamila Michener, Julilly Kohler-Hausmann, Jesse Rhodes, Domingo Morel, Frank Baumgartner, Maya Sen, and Chris Zepeda-Millan
- Member, E.E. Schattschneider Award Committee for best dissertation in American Politics, American Political Science Association (2018)
- Member, Social Science Research Council, Scholarly Borderlands, Working Group on Big Data and Historical Social Science, 2018-
- Executive Council Member:
 - APSA's Race, Ethnicity, and Politics section (2015-)
 - APSA's Urban and Local Politics section (2016-)
- Editorial Board Member:
 - Perspectives on Politics (2015-)
 - Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (2014-)
 - Political Behavior (2014-)
 - Theoretical Criminology (2018-)
- Manuscript Workshop or Author Meets Critics Panelist:
 - Brown University, Anton-Lippitt Conference on Domingo Morel's Takeover (2018)
 - Harvard Kennedy School of Government Ash Institute Manuscript Review for Yanilda Gonzalez's book ms., "Authoritarian Coercion by Democratic Means: The Paradox of Police Reform in Latin America" (2017)
 - Brown University Political Theory Project manuscript workshop for Brandon Davis, "Predation in State and Nation: Carceral Contact and Political Spillage" (2017)
 - Harvard Kennedy School Manuscript Review for Avidit Acharya, Matthew Blackwell, and Maya Sen's book, "Southern Slavery and its Political Legacy: How America's Peculiar Institution Continues to Affect American Politics Today" (2015)
- Panelist, Center for Community Change annual conference (Dec. 2017)
- Panelist, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute 30th Anniversary Panel at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the APSA
- Discussant, Policing in Comparative Perspective: Police Violence, Corruption and Democracy, APSA 2016
- Organizer and Chair, 2016 APSA Roundtable, Gender Inequality in the US: Beyond Political Representation
- Panelist, Committee on the Status of Women panel on Gender Best Practices in political science at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the APSA
- Moderator, Scholars Strategy Network, event on Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson's American Amnesia (April 2016)
- Member, Social Science Research Council, initiative on the Decent City (2014)
- Meeting with CT Gov. Dannel Malloy over Second Chance Society proposals (Dec. 2014)
- Chair, APSA Section on Public Policy, Best Paper 2014 Award Committee

- Section co-chair, Politics and History, 2011 APSA Annual Meeting
- Steering Committee, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute
- Regional Leader, Scholars Strategy Network (2013-2015)
- Referee, American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, American Political Science Review, Cambridge University Press, Chicago University Press, Du Bois Review, Guggenheim Foundation, Journal of Politics, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, Journal of Urban History, Law and Society Review, MacArthur Foundation, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Princeton University Press, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, Public Opinion Quarterly, Punishment and Society, Routledge, Russell Sage Foundation, Social Problems, Sociological Perspectives, Studies in American Political Development, Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, Washington Center for Equitable Growth.

Johns Hopkins University

- Search Committee Member, Director of the Center for Africana Studies (2019)
- Chair, Living Hopkins: "Policing in Baltimore" Roundtable (2019)
- Moderator, "Life Sentences: A Conference on Incarceration and the Humanities," (Nov. 2017)
- Member, Presidential Frontier Awards committee, 2017 and 2018
- Faculty member, Social Policy Faculty Committee, 2017-
- Bloomberg Distinguished Professors Lunch and Learn presentation (2018)
- Medical School, Lisa Cooper's Jam Session Presentation (2018)
- Sociology Department, faculty presentations of research to graduate students (2018)
- Presentation to the Johns Hopkins President's Parents Roundtable in New York City (2018)
- Panelist, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Annual Conference in Athens, "Disrupting Polarization: New Forums for Dialogue (2018)
- Presentation of Portals for the Johns Hopkins Board of Trustees meeting (2018)
- Panelist, Johns Hopkins University, Public Safety Initiatives, Discussion Series, "Constitutional Policing and Police Accountability" (2018)
- Discussant, JHU Workshop on Social Policy and Inequality, 21st Century Cities Initiative, paper by Jamila Michener (2018)
- Discussant, JHU Workshop on Social Policy and Inequality, 21st Century Cities Initiative, paper by Bruce Western (2019)

Yale University

- Senator, FAS Faculty Senate, elected to three-year term in first ever system of faculty governance (2015-2017)
 - Executive Council Member, Faculty Senate (2015-2016), elected to one-year term on 6-person council
 - Served on Senate's Committee on the Yale College Expansion, Diversity and Inclusion ad-hoc committee, and chair the Committee on Elections
 - Conducted and analyzed the Diversity and Inclusion survey in 2016 and co-wrote the Report on Faculty Diversity and Inclusivity in FAS. Approved by the Senate for Distribution to the Faculty and the University, May 19, 2016.

https://fassenate.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/FAS-Senate_2016-05-19_Diversity-and-Inclusivity.pdf .

- Conducted the internal senate elections
- Chair, Search committee in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration tenure-track job, Political Science (2016)
- Council Member, Yale Women's Faculty Forum (2015-2017)
- Faculty Affiliate, Yale Law School, Justice Collaboratory (2015-)
- Advisory Board member, Yale ISPS Policy Lab (2016-2017)
- Committee Service:
 - Yale Poynter Fellowship (2016-2017)
 - African American Studies Curriculum Committee (2016-2017)
 - Graduate Admissions Committee, African American Studies (2016)
 - Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science and African American Studies (2012-13)
 - Senior Social Scientist Search Committee, African American Studies (2012-13)
 - Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes scholarship committee (2012) (2014)
- Guest lecturer, The Politics of US Public Policy (J. Hacker), Racial Formations (E. Alexander), Affirmative Action (I. Shapiro), Inequality and American Democracy (J. Hacker), Race and Punishment (J. Forman, Jr.), Contesting Injustice (L. Wood), Introduction to Politics (S. Stokes), Introduction to Politics (S. Kalyvas)
- Panelist/Discussant/Moderator:
 - Yale FAS Senate panel on Academic Expertise in the Trump Era (2017)
 - Battleground: Three Experts on the 2016 Election's Key Race and Media Dynamics, Yale University (Oct. 2016), Moderator
 - Discussant, Yale Law School, Critical Race Theory conference (Nov. 2016)
 - Policing Post-Ferguson, Yale Law School (April 2015), Moderator
 - Yale Law School, Arthur Liman Public Interest Colloquium, Detention on a Global Scale: Punishment and Beyond, panel on "Democracy and Detention" (April 2015)
 - "Charleston and its Aftermath: History, Symbols, Policy," Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University (Sept. 2015)
 - "Arresting Patterns" conference, Yale University Art Gallery and Artspace, panel on Decarcerating America. (Sept. 2015)
 - Yale University, Ferguson and Beyond Teach-In (March 2015)
 - Yale University, Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration panel, "Policing and Incarceration" (Jan. 2015)
 - "The Next Four Years: A Policy Agenda for the Second Obama Term," Yale ISPS (2013)
 - "The Progressives' Century: Democratic Reform and Constitutional Government in the United States," Yale University (2013), Moderator
 - "How to Choose a Dissertation" panel for graduate students in the social sciences, Yale (2012)

- Founder, Working Group on Racial Inequality. University of Virginia. Supported with funds from Page Barbour.
- Co-organizer, The Problem of Punishment: Race, Inequality, and Justice. Carter G. Woodson Institute, University of Virginia. April 16-17, 2009. (Co-organizers Deborah McDowell and Claudrena Harold.)
- Politics Department: Advisory Committee (2008-2010, 2011-12), Graduate Committee, American Politics Study Group (2007-2012), American Politics Search Committee (2008) (cancelled)
- Miller Center of Public Affairs: Organized “Constructing a New Political Order” Colloquium series, Governing American in a Global Era (2007-2012), Predoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee (2009), Presidential Oral History Project Search Committee (2008, 2010)
- Batten Policy School Search Committee in American Politics (2009)
- Harrison Undergraduate Research Award Committee (2009)
- UVA Carter G. Woodson Institute, African-American Studies Curriculum Committee (2007-09)

Teaching & Advising

Courses:

Introduction to Social Policy: Baltimore and Beyond, Undergraduate, Fall 2017

Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States Undergraduate, Spring 2013.

Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States Graduate, Spring 2015, Fall 2016.

Social Policy and Inequality in the United States Undergraduate lecture, Fall 2014, Spring 2017; undergraduate seminar, Fall 2012

Race and the Politics of Punishment Graduate, Spring 2013, Fall 2017.

Race and the Politics of Punishment Undergraduate, Spring 2015, Fall 2016.

American Political Development (University of Virginia)

Graduate Advising (Yale, unless otherwise noted):

Tommaso Bardelli, chair of dissertation committee, “Governing the Margins: Regimes of Control in Advanced Capitalism.”

Michael Weaver, dissertation committee member, “Publicity and the De-legitimation of Lynching.”

Gwen Prowse, advisor, “‘The City Lives in Fear of the State’: Explaining Local Activism in the Era of Preemption”

Sophie Jacobson, dissertation advisor, “Who should pay? Who should provide? American Childcare Preferences in Comparative Perspective”

Ramon Garibaldo, co-chair of dissertation committee, “Contesting Sovereignty: The Politics of Immigrant Rights Organizing”

Charles Decker, second year paper advisor and dissertation committee member, “Business Power, Public Opinion and the Right to Work Campaign.”

Keahnan Washington, prospectus committee member, "We are New Orleans: Mediating alchemies of citizenship against technologies of exclusion in the 'post-disaster' city."

Aaron Greenberg, second year paper advisor

Matthew Denney, advisor

Phil McHarris, informal advisor, Sociology

Richard Johnson, advisor to visiting doctoral student from Oxford political science

Steph Saxton (Hopkins)

Jessica Levy (Hopkins), PhD Committee, "Black Power Inc.: Global American Business and the Post-Apartheid City"

Senior Essay Advising:

2018-19: Bridget Carolan, Wilson Fellows project

2017: Libby Dimenstein, Patrick Doolittle, Lena Gankin; Dahl Fellow Michael Zanger-Tishler

2016: Anna Baron (year long, winner of best senior essay in American Politics), Malik Gerdes, William Searcy; Libby Dimenstein; Sarah Grossman-Kahn, Jackson Beck

2015: Devon Fiorino, Sofia Langatova, Michelle Zhang

2014: Joshua Eisenstat, Ezra Ritchin (second reader and informal advising)

2013: Jake Amatudra, Emily Wanger (winner of the William Pickens prize for best essay)

2012: Samuel Bendinelli

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University, Professor Christopher Edley, Jr. (2002-03)

Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery, AL (2002)

Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Washington, DC (2001)

Democratic National Committee, Office of African American Outreach, Washington, DC (1999)

U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington, DC (1998)