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TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS American Politics, Urban Politics, American Political Development, Race and Ethnicity, Inequality, Political Geography, Research Methods

EDUCATION PhD Candidate in Political Science
Dissertation Title: *Cities on the Hill: Urban Politics in National Institutions*
Minor Field: Quantitative Methods
Advisors: Ira Katznelson, Justin Phillips
M.Phil, Political Science, Columbia University, October 2009
M.A., Political Science, Columbia University, August 2007
M.A., Political Science, New School for Social Research, May 2006
Outstanding Masters Candidate Award Recipient
B.A., University of Notre Dame, May 2001
Magna cum laude
Major: Government and International Affairs
Minor: Anthropology

RESEARCH *Cities on the Hill: Urban Politics in National Institutions.* (Dissertation) This project highlights the maturing urban-rural cleavage in contemporary American politics, and develops the “city delegation” theory as an historical causal explanation of urban representatives’ behavior in Congress and a source of liberalism.
“Filibuster Vigilantly: The Liminal State and 19th Century U.S. Expansion”:
This paper theorizes the relationship between private military forces and American foreign policy implementation on the frontier. Under review for publication.
“Most-racial, not post-racial: the 2008 U.S. Presidential election in comparative and historical perspective.” working paper. This paper uses a new measure of ethnoracial voting to judge the level and causes of group-based electoral division in the contemporary United States.
“Democracy, Targeted Redistribution, and Ethnic Inequality” (with John Huber and Radhika Gore), working paper. This paper uses an original dataset to test a theory about the institutions and inequality in a comparative context, finding a robust, causal relationship between democracy and inequality across groups, but not overall inequality.
“Can Municipal Governments be Trusted with Policy Implementation? A Re-Evaluation of Federal Block Grants” (with Justin Phillips), working paper. This paper measures the extent to which local governments spend block grant funds in the specified manner.

The City Neighborhood Study: This multiyear public opinion project employs a mixed-mode survey of six large American cities to investigate participation patterns and the relationship between diversity and racial attitudes in rapidly changing neighborhoods (With Prof. Robert Shapiro and Maria Narayani Lasala Blanco). Data collection in progress.

“*Where Race Matters: A Geographic Approach to the Racial Threat Hypothesis*,” working paper. This paper evaluates geographically weighted regression, which allows for causal heterogeneity, as a tool for estimating the effect of local ethnoracial context on political attitudes and behavior in California and across the United States.

Contributing author to *Cities in American History* (forthcoming 2011, CQ Press), edited by Richardson Dilworth. Entries on Chicago (1929-1941), New York (1941-1952 and 1952-1989).

CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION

American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto (2009), Washington (2010), Seattle (2011).

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 2008, 2010, 2011.

2011 Harvard Saguaro Institute/University of Manchester SCHMi Summer Workshop on Social Consequences of Hard Times in Britain and the U.S. Crewe Hall, U.K. June, 2011.

G.E. Hendricks Symposium: “The Challenge of Inequality in the Age of Obama: Does Race Still Matter?”, Lincoln, NE, November 2010.

Advanced Spatial Analysis Workshop: Spatial Pattern Analysis, Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, Santa Barbara, CA, July 2010. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, November 2009.

Democracy and Diversity Institute, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, Cape Town, South Africa, January 2005. New School for Social Research Union of Political Science Students Annual Conference, New York, April 2005.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, Fall 2006 to Present. Courses taught (Sample student evaluations available upon request):

20th Century American Politics (Ira I. Katznelson)

American Politics and Social Welfare Policy (Robert C. Lieberman)

State Politics (Justin H. Phillips)

Introduction to American Politics (Justin H. Phillips)

Special GIS Instructor and Research Mentor, Columbia University Office of Minority Affairs, Summer Research Program, Summers 2010 and 2011.

Guest Lecturer, Tartu State University, Parnu, Estonia, May 1999.

Course: Business Negotiations

Social Studies Teacher and Department Chair, Resurrection Catholic School, Pascagoula, MS 2001-2002.

Courses: American History, Government, Economics, Geography, World History, Church History, Mississippi Studies

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p>Research Assistant for John Huber, Columbia University, Summer 2009 - Present.</p> <p>Research Assistant for American Institutions Project directed by Ira Katznelson and John Lapinski, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, Summer 2009 - Present.</p> <p>Research Assistant for Alfred Stepan on special project for <i>Perspectives in Politics</i>, Columbia University, Spring/Summer 2011.</p> <p>Research Assistant for Justin Phillips, Columbia University, Summer 2007.</p> <p>Participant, Advanced Spatial Analysis Workshop: Spatial Pattern Analysis, Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, Santa Barbara, CA, July 2010.</p> <p>Participant, Democracy and Diversity Institute, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, Cape Town, South Africa, January 2005.</p>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>Coordinator, with Dorian T. Warren, CURP Seminar Series, Center for Urban Research and Policy at the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, Spring 2008 - Present .</p> <p>Coordinator, with Fredrick C. Harris, Center for African American Politics and Society Workshop, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, Spring 2008 - Spring 2009.</p> <p>Editorial Assistant, American politics, <i>Political Science Quarterly</i>, Fall 2009-Present.</p>
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>Faculty Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, Fall 2006 - Present</p> <p>Dean's Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University, Summer 2007, 2008, 2011.</p> <p>Applied Statistics Center/Center for the Study of Developing Societies Summer Research Grant, Columbia University, Summer 2010.</p> <p>Conference Travel Grant, Social Science History Association, 2009.</p> <p>Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2011.</p>
SKILLS AND RELEVANT TRAINING	<p>Data management; Mixed-mode and address-based survey methods; Geographic Information Systems (ArcInfo, GeoDa); statistical analysis, programming, and presentation skills (R, Stata). Spanish and French upon request.</p>
REFERENCES	<p>Available upon request</p>