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Education

- 2002 Ph.D., Ohio State University, Political Science
- 1992 M.A., Ohio State University, Political Science
- 1991 B.A., University of North Carolina-Asheville, Political Science, with Honors

Fields of Specialization

African American and Minority Politics, Political Representation (African American, Ethnic Minorities, Gender), Voting Rights and Redistricting, Black Political Participation, Legislative Politics and Institutions

Employment

- 2015-Present Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Purdue University
Director, Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion
- 2013-2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Purdue University
- 2010-2013 Director of Graduate Programs in the Social Sciences, Kearns Center for Leadership and Diversity in Arts, Sciences, and Engineering
Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester
- 2002-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester
Director, Center for the Study of African-American Politics (2006-2009)
Director, Washington Semester Program (2003-2007)
- 2000-2002 Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. 2014. "Leveraging Diversity to Mobilize Resources for Change in Political Science." *Gendering Political Science Symposium* proposal organized by Carol Mershon and Denise Walsh. (expected publication *PS: Political Science and Politics* 2015)
- Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. 2013. "Inter-minority Group Relations and The Role of Institutions." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 1(2): 260-262.
- Michael D. Minta and Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. 2013. "Diversity in Political Institutions and Congressional Responsiveness to Minority Interests." *Political Research Quarterly*. 66(1): 127-140.

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Robert W. Walker, and Daniel Q. Gillion. 2009. "Unpacking Civic Participation: Analyzing Trends in Black [and White] Participation Over Time." *Electoral Studies*. 28(4): 550-561.

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman and Melanye Price. 2008. "Black Politics, the 2008 Election, and the (Im)Possibility of Race Transcendence." *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 41(4): 739-745.

Fredrick C. Harris, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, and Brian McKenzie. 2005. "Macrodynamics of Black Political Participation in the Post-Civil Rights Era." *Journal of Politics*. 67 (4): 1143-1163.

William D. Anderson, Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, and Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. 2003. "The Keys to Legislative Success in the U.S. House of Representatives." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 28 (3): 357-386.

Book

Fredrick C. Harris, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, and Brian McKenzie. 2006. *Countervailing Forces in African-American Civic Activism, 1973-1994*. NY: Cambridge University Press.

Book Chapters

Brown, Nadia E., Michael D. Minta, and Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. "Personal Narratives and Representation Strategies: Using C-SPAN Oral Histories to Examine Key Concepts in Minority Representation." (*Forthcoming*).

Sinclair-Chapman, Valeria, Sasha Eloji, and Sharese King. 2014. "The Women of Color Circle: Creating, Claiming, and Transforming Space for Women of Color on a College Campus," in *Intersectionality & Higher Education: Theory, Research, & Praxis*. Mitchell, Donald S., ed. New York: Peter Lang Publishing.

Fredrick C. Harris, Brian McKenzie, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. 2008. "Structuring Group Activism: A Macro Model of Black Participation," in *New Race Politics in America: Understanding Minority and Immigrant Voting*, Kerry Haynie and Jane Junn, eds. NY: Cambridge University Press.

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. 2006. "Transforming Politics: The Symbolic Roots of Black Representation." In *Black and Latina/o Politics: Issues in Political Development in the United States*, William E. Nelson, Jr., and Jessica Perez-Monforti, eds. FL: Bancroft and Ashe Publications.

Electronic Publications

Sinclair-Chapman, Valeria. 2014. [Making the Diversity Investment: Building Inclusive Research Environments in STEM](#). Presentation at the 2013 ADVANCE-Purdue Gender and STEM Research Symposium, November 13-14, 2013.

Works in Progress

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. *The Long Game: Race, Representation, and Political Possibility in the*

People's House. (Book-length manuscript, working title).

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman and Stephen E. Gent. "Diversity and the Changing Opportunity Structure for Minority Representation, 1973-2007."

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman (w/ Nadia E. Brown). "Naming and Shaming: Constituting Blackness and Minority Representation through Symbolic Politics."

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Ronke Tapp, Harriet Royer, and Kristen Hocker. "IRE: Building Inclusive Research Environments in STEM."

Research Projects / Data Collection

"The Effects of Diversity in State Legislatures on Environmental Justice Policymaking and Outcomes," (with Nadia Brown). 2014. Research support from the Purdue Department of Political Science and a Diversity and Inclusion Grant funded by Purdue University (Laurel Weldon, PI).

"Indiana Moral Mondays: Activism, Participation, and Youth Civic Engagement," (w/ Harry Targ and Jay McCann). 2014. Research support from the Purdue Department of Political Science.

"Politics and Water Policy Decision-Making." (w/ Kartik B. Ariyur, Venkatesh Merwade, Sorin Matei, and Nicole Kong). 2014. Research support from Purdue University Mellon Grand Challenge Awards.

Grant Activity

Awarded: "Equitable Water Policy Decisions Using Big Data," (Kartik B. Ariyur, PI). Mellon Grand Challenge Exploratory Award. \$50,000.

Awarded: C-SPAN Video Library Education Research Grant (w/ Nadia E. Brown and Michael Minta). \$2500

Applied: "Social Movements as Teaching Moments: Youth Civic Engagement as a Pedagogy of Practice," (w/ Harry Targ and Jay McCann). Spencer Foundation New Civics Initiative Small Grant (\$50,000).

Applied: "Diversifying the Professoriate: Advancing White Women and Women of Color in Psychology and Political Science," (S. Laurel Weldon, PI). NSF ADVANCE (\$750,000).

Applying: "Hazard SEES: Improving Flood Resiliency Through Integration of Modeling, Mapping, and Communication," (Venkatesh Merwade, PI). NSF Interdisciplinary Research in Hazards and Disasters LOI (\$1,500,000).

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

2007 Ralph Bunche Book Award presented by the American Political Science Association for *Countervailing Forces* (w/ Fredrick Harris and Brian McKenzie).

2007 W. E. B. DuBois Book Award presented by the National Conference of Black Political

Scientists for *Countervailing Forces* (w/ Fredrick Harris and Brian McKenzie).

Humanities Project Grant (w/ Stephanie Li). Funded film and speaker series on “Politics and Media Constructions: Anticipating the 2008 Presidential Election.”

Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2004-2005.

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, 1999-2000.

Women’s Research and Education Institute (WREI) Congressional Fellowship, 1992-1993.

Student Awards

2011, 2008 W.E.B. DuBois Award for Educational Excellence, Black Students’ Union, University of Rochester

2011 Award for Outstanding Contributions to Student Life, Student Government Association, University of Rochester

Honorary Appointments

2011-2012 HERS (Higher Education Resource Services) Wellesley Institute. HERS is an educational non-profit that annually selects 70 women faculty and administrators nominated by universities across the country to prepare them for institutional leadership roles.

Invited Presentations

“Active Solidarity and Intersectional Praxis: Toward a Socially Responsible Model of Inclusion in Social Movements,” New Approaches to Citizenship and Inequality Symposium: Gender, Race, and Rights, October 1, 2015, Purdue University.

“Concluding Remarks: Race, Inequality, and Presidential Leadership.” Annual Wepner Symposium on the Lincoln Legacy and Contemporary Scholarship, University of Illinois, Springfield, June 25-27, 2015, Springfield, Illinois.

SPSA Roundtable on “The Baby Penalty: Exploring the Implications of Parenthood for Women in Political Science,” at the 85th annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 9-11, 2014.

“Leveraging Diversity to Mobilize Resources for Change in Political Science.” Paper presented at the 2013 APSA Short Course on “Gendering Political Science: Strategizing New Directions for Advancing Women in Political Science,” at the 2013 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28, 2013.

“Leveraging Diversity to Mobilize Resources for Change in Political Science.” Paper presented at the 2013 SPSA Conference Within a Conference on “Gendering Political Science” at the 84th annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 3-5, 2013.

“Black Leadership and Race Transcendence: Approaching Race in the Memoirs of Shirley Chisholm and Barack Obama.” Paper presented at the American Political Memoir, a Symposium of the Interdisciplinary Study of Political Rhetoric, Media, and Public Opinion, University of

Rochester, April 1-2, 2010.

“A Bicameral Perspective on the Effects of Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Congress,” (with Michael D. Minta). Paper presented at the Legislative Elections, Process, and Policy: The Influence of Bicameralism Conference held at Vanderbilt University, Oct 22-24, 2009.

“A ‘New’ New Black Politics?” Obama, the ’08 Election, and the Future of Black Politics.” Paper presented at the annual Phelps Colloquium Series, University of Rochester, Oct 31, 2008.

“Exploring the Micro-Dynamics of Political Participation: Unpacking Trends in Black [and White] Activism Over Time,” (with Robert W. Walker and Daniel Q. Gillion). Paper presented at the 2008 Shambaugh Conference on “The American Voter Revisited: Change or Continuity Over the Last Fifty Years,” May 8-10, 2008, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa.

Intersectionality Short Course at the 2008 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Creating Gender panel at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

Recent Conference Papers and Participation

“Researching Communities of Color,” Women of Color Pre-Conference, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September, 2015.

“What is Fusion Politics in Practice? A Case Study on Indiana Moral Mondays, annual meeting of the Global Studies Association, June 12-14, 2015.

“Personal Narratives and Representation Strategies: Using C-SPAN Oral Histories to Examine Key Concepts in Minority Representation,” (w/ Nadia E. Brown and Michael Minta.) Paper presented at the 2014 C-SPAN Conference, Purdue University, November 16-18.

Chair. “Black, Urban, and Transnational: A Legacy of Scholarship from William E. Nelson, Jr.” at the 45th annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 12-15, 2014.

Organizer. “45 Years: A Retrospective on NCOBPS and the Work of William E. Nelson, Jr.” at the 45th annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 12-15, 2014.

“Making the Diversity Investment: Building Inclusive Research Environments in STEM.” Presentation at the 2013 ADVANCE-Purdue Gender and STEM Research Symposium, November 13-14, 2013.

“Legislators as Problem-Solvers: Explaining Bill Sponsorship in Post-War America,” (with Matthew Platt). Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

“Exploring the Micro-Dynamics of Political Participation: Unpacking Trends in Black [and White] Activism Over Time,” (with Robert W. Walker and Fredrick C. Harris). Paper presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

“Black Political Participation in High and Low Cost Political Acts,” (with Fredrick C. Harris and Brian McKenzie). Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“Toward a Macro-Theory of Black Political Participation,” (with Fredrick C. Harris and Brian McKenzie). Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

“Countervailing Forces: Black Political Participation in the Post-Civil Rights Era,” (with Fredrick C. Harris and Brian McKenzie. Paper presented at the 2002 annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

“Shifting Forces: An Analysis of Black Political Participation Over Time,” (with Fredrick C. Harris). Paper presented at the 2002 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

“Shifting Forces: An Analysis of Black Political Participation Over Time,” (with Fredrick C. Harris). Paper presented at the 2001 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

Organizer and Chair, Plenary Session, The Work of Ron Walters: African-American Presidential Politics, at the 2008 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Chair, Legislative Politics panel at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

Chair, Minority Voting and Minority Representation panel at the 2007 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Chair and Discussant, Gender, Race, and Intersectionality panel at the 2007 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Selected Professional Service

Leon Weaver Award Committee for the best conference paper presented on a panel in the Representation and the Electoral Systems Section of the American Political Science Association, 2015.

Best Paper in *Perspectives on Politics* Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2013.

Co-President, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2009-2011.

President, Women Caucus of the South, Southern Political Science Association, 2010-2011.

Vice-President, Women Caucus of the South, Southern Political Science Association, 2009-2010.

Secretary, Women Caucus of the South, Southern Political Science Association, 2008-2009.

Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession, American Political Science Association, 2008-2011.

Committee on the Status of Blacks in the South, Southern Political Science Association, 2008-2010.

Chair, Du Bois Book Award Committee, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2009-2010.

APSA Minority Fellowships Selection Committee, 2007-2010.

Section Chair, Faculty Research and Development at the 2008 and 2009 annual meetings of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

Section Chair, Undergraduate Research at the 2008 annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2006-2009.

Ralph Bunche Book Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2005-2006

Executive Council, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section (REP), American Political Science Association, 2002-2004.

Mentor, American Political Science Association Mentoring Taskforce, 2002-present.

University/Departmental Service

Purdue University

Meanings Committee. Diversity and Inclusion Research Project (Laurel Weldon, PI), 2013-Present.

Future Faculty Initiative Diversity and Inclusion Committee (university-wide), 2010-present.

Graduate Recruitment Committee (Chair), 2013-present.

Graduate Studies Committee, 2013-present.

Previous Service

University Enrollment Committee, 2006.

Political Science Department Diversity Committee, 2007-2009.

African-American Politics Search Committee, 2006, 2007, 2008.

Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Political Science, 2000-2004, 2008-present.

Honors Committee, Department of Political Science, 2001-2004.

Core Faculty, Center for the Study of African-American Politics, 2000-2006.

Executive Council, Frederick Douglass Institute, 2006-2009.

Associate Member, Frederick Douglass Institute, 2000-2009.
FDI Postdoctoral and Predoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, 2004-2008.
Curriculum Committee, Frederick Douglass Institute, 2002-2005.
Faculty and Graduate Research Committee, Frederick Douglass Institute, 2003.
Associate Member, Susan B. Anthony Institute, 2000-2010.
Faculty and Graduate Research Grants Committee, Susan B. Anthony Institute, 2003-2008.

Professional Memberships

Associations

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
National Conference of Black Political Scientists

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Politics, Groups, and Identities Journal, Journal of Race and Policy, National Political Science Review, Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy, Princeton University Press, NYU Press, Longman Press, CQ Press, Routledge, Polity Publishing

Additional Engagement

“Ella Baker and New Perspectives on Community Engagement.” Presentation at the Unitarian Universalist Church, West Lafayette, IN (December 2015).

Ferguson Teach-In, Part II (Panelist). Hosted by African American Studies, Purdue University (October 2014).

“Opportunities for Youth Politics and Civic Engagement.” Talk presented to the Purdue University Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (October 2014).

Expert Interview. 2013. *Criminal Injustice: Death and Politics at Attica*. A documentary film by David Marshall and Chris Christopher.

“Ella Baker and Transformative Leadership: Re-envisioning Models of Community Engagement.” Workshop presented at the 2013 Urban Fellows Student Orientation, University of Rochester, June 2013.

“Extending the Civil Rights Movement/Revisiting the Voting Rights Act.” Talk presented at the Rochester City School District Teaching American History Program. May 2013.

“Building Inclusive Research Environments in STEM.” March 2013. Two-day original diversity and inclusion workshop presented for the Department of Biomedical Engineering (Graduate Students/Faculty), University of Rochester, Rochester, New York. [Assembled and presented with cross-unit team.]

Radio appearances on “WXXI Connection with Bob Smith,” a local public radio show.

“Response to Obama Win 2008,” *Fox News Business*.