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Education

Purdue University
Ph.D., Political Science, Expected graduation date: May 2022
Major Field: American Politics
Minor Field: Public Policy
Graduate Certificate in African American Studies

Purdue University
M.A., Political Science,
Graduation date: May 2019
Major Field: American Politics
Minor Field: Public Policy

Jackson State University
B.A., Political Science, Summa Cum Laude
Graduation date: April 2017

Dissertation

The Knowledge Within: Conceptualizing African American Political Knowledge

Dissertation Abstract – I contend that the current conceptualizations of political knowledge as either general and domain-specific categories of knowledge, as well as the measurement of general political knowledge cannot capture knowledge relevant to the African American political experience. This project makes both methodological and theoretical innovations by using focus groups and survey data to develop two new categories of knowledge: Black political knowledge and concurrent knowledge. I center the voices and experiences of African Americans to showcase how the Black public sphere is instrumental in shaping the information that African Americans learn and retain about politics. In turn, this dissertation will show that the current racial “gap” is not due to African Americans’ lack of political knowledge but the parochial knowledge battery that excludes information relevant to the African American experience.

Chair: Nadia E. Brown

Committee Members – Rosalee Clawson; Valeria Sinclair-Chapman; Logan Strother

Publications

Brown, N.E., Ingram, A.J., Jackson, J.C., Lenear, I.S., Smith, A.D. (Forthcoming) “Black Lady Classroom.” In *Handbook of Political Research Pedagogy*, eds. Eric D. Loepp, Daniel Mallinson, and Julia Marin Hellwege. Palgrave McMillan.

Brown, N.E., Jackson J.C., & Strawbridge, M.G. (Forthcoming) “Talking and Testifying: Black Congresswomen’s Response to Covid-19” in *The Evolution of Political Rhetoric: The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research, Volume 6*, eds. Robert Browning. Purdue University Press.

Dickinson, K. A., Jackson, J. C., & Williams, P. H. (2020). Jackson State University: Challenging Minds and Cultivating the Political Science Pipeline. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 53(1), 148-150.

Caballero, G., Jackson, J. C., & Brown, N. E. (2020). Community as Self: An Interview with Nadia E. Brown. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 53(2), 312-313. (Reprint)

Caballero, G., Jackson, J., and Brown, N. (2018). “Community as Self: An Interview with Nadia Brown.” *The Legislative Scholar*, 3(2), pp. 17-19.

Works in Progress

Articles

“Prototypical or Stereotypical? The Influence of Stereotypes on the Media’s Coverage of Candidates.”

“Did You Get My Message: Republican Black Women’s Messaging” with Nadia E. Brown, India Lenear, and Michael Strawbridge

Research Experience

Spring 2021	Research Assistant, Ask Every Student Program -Conducted and transcribed focus groups with college students regarding voter registration and voting -Member of Dr. Melissa Michelson’s collaborative research team -Assisted in writing reports for the grant funders and future publications
Fall 2020	Textbook Contributor, <i>political science is for everybody</i> -Brainstormed activities, supplementary material, and evaluation metrics for introductory-level political science textbook -Created the instructor’s manual and testbank for the upcoming Introduction to Political Science textbook
Fall 2018	Research Assistant, Data Science Building Blocks: From Ethics to Exploration, Purdue University -Collaborated with Dr. Rosalee Clawson in creating online and in-person materials for a one-hour Political Science course

Teaching Experience

Fall 2020	Teaching Assistant, Pol 229: Data Science and Public Policy
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assisted Dr. Rosalee Clawson in creating the online materials for the course -Held one-on-one meetings with students; graded assignments; managed the online learning and teaching software for the course.
Spring 2020	Teaching Assistant, Pol 428: The Politics of Regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Held one-on-one meetings with students; graded assignments. -Aided in facilitating online learning spaces due to the pandemic
Fall 2019	Teaching Assistant, Pol 229: Data Science and Public Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assisted Dr. Rosalee Clawson in grading for Pol 229 -Facilitated in-class discussion and activities with students

Guest Lectures and Keynotes

Spring 2018	Interpersonal Communication, Information, and the Appearance of Black Women, Black Women Rising, Purdue University
Spring 2018	“Comparison in the Thief of Joy,” Keynote Address at the 2018 Anniston Middle School Commencement, Anniston, AL

Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

Spring 2021	Dean Knudsen Dissertation Award, Purdue University, (\$2,000)
Spring 2021	Hanes Walton Jr. Award for Quantitative Methods Training, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, (\$350)
Spring 2021	H.H. Remmers Award, Purdue University (\$2,500)
Spring 2020	Teaching Assistant of the Year Purdue Department of Political Science
Spring 2020	Graduate Assistantship Program Scholarship Recipient, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Spring 2019	Devin Roberson Award (\$500) Purdue University Political Science Department
Spring 2018	H.H. Remmers Award, Purdue University (\$1000)
Fall 2017	George Washington Carver Fellowship, Purdue University

Conference Participation

Spring 2021	“Talking and Testifying: Black Congresswomen’s Response to Covid-19” With Nadia E. Brown and Michael Strawbridge National Conference of Black Political Scientists Virtual Conference
Spring 2021	2021 National Undergraduate Student Research Conference Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society Discussant Virtual Conference
Spring 2020	“Prototypical or Stereotypical? The Influence of Stereotypes on the Media’s Coverage of Candidates” National Conference of Black Political Scientists Atlanta, Georgia
Fall 2018	“CLAIM: Mentoring and a Black Studies Learning Community” with Jennifer Freeman Marshall, Valeria Chapman-Sinclair, Lupita Acosta-Roberts, Megan Williams Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN
Spring 2018	“(Re)-Envisioning Detroit” The Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs Spring Reception Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Spring 2018	“The Effect of Socioeconomic Factors on African American News Media Source Preference and Political Knowledge” PRIEC, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI
Spring 2018	“Examining the Racial Gap within Political Knowledge” Underrepresented Minority Visitation Research Expo, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Research Interests

American Politics, Political Behavior, Women and Politics, Black Politics

Mentoring Experiences

Graduate Student Mentoring

2018-2020

Peer Mentoring
Political Science Graduate Student Association
Purdue University

Undergraduate Mentoring

Summer 2018, 2019	Departmental Mentor Summer Research Opportunity Program Purdue University
Spring 2018	Departmental Mentor College of Liberal Arts Inspired, Mentored and eMpowered (CLAIM) Purdue University

Departmental Service

2018-2020	Recruitment Representative Political Science Graduate Student Recruitment Visit Purdue University
Fall 2018, 2019	Recruitment Event Coordinator Alumni Graduate Recruitment Roundtable Event Jackson State University
Summer 2018, 2019	Recruitment Representative Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Graduate School Fair Duke University
2019-2020	Mentoring/Recruiting Director Political Science Graduate Student Association Purdue University
2018-2019	Treasurer Political Science Graduate Student Association Purdue University

College and University Service

2018-2020	Departmental Recruitment Representative Purdue Graduate Diversity Visitation Program Purdue University
2019-2020	Student Representative Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Student Advisory Board Purdue University

Professional Service

Spring 2020	Newsletter editor
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National Conference of Black Political Scientists

Fall 2017 Social Media Editorial Assistant
Politics, Groups, and Identities

Additional Academic Training

Summer 2021 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research
(ICPSR) Summer Program
University of Michigan

Summer 2019 Summer Course Design Institute
Center for Instructional Excellence, Purdue University

Fall 2017 Writing Workshop with Dr. Aaron Hoffman
Department of Political Science, Purdue University

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Association for the Study of African American Life and History

References

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