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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

American Politics, especially State, Local, and Urban Politics; Public Policy Processes; and Social Cleavages

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, State University of New York at Albany, 2001

M.P.S. in Political Management, The Graduate School of Political Management, New York State Board of Regents/State University of New York (now at The George Washington University), 1992

A.B. in Political Science, Syracuse University, 1991

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Political Science, Emory University, 2009-Present (courtesy appointment in the Department of Religion)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University, 2003-2009

Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow (Rank: Visiting Assistant Professor), Department of Political Science and Office of University-Community Partnerships, Emory University, 2001-2003

Doctoral Teaching Fellow (Rank: Visiting Instructor), Department of Political Science and Office of University-Community Partnerships, Emory University, 2000-2001

Research Associate, Urban and Metropolitan Studies Program, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, State University of New York, 1999-2000 (Research Aide and Senior Research Aide, 1995-1999)

Lecturer, Department of Political Science and International Relations, State University of New York at New Paltz, Fall 1998

Assistant to the Directors of Research and Communications, New York State Commission on Constitutional Revision, 1993-1995

Richard A. Wiebe Public Service Fellow, New York State Senate, Albany, NY, 1992-1993

PUBLICATIONS & SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Book

1. *God & Government in the Ghetto: The Politics of Church-State Collaboration in Black America* (University of Chicago Press, December 2007), 304 pp.

Reviewed by Journal of Politics; Perspectives on Politics; Politics & Religion; Political Science Quarterly; Journal of Church & State; Journal of Law & Religion; Urban Affairs Review; American Journal of Sociology; City & Community; Contemporary Sociology; and Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly.

Articles

1. “Religion, the ‘Regional Perspective,’ and Defensive Localism in the Metropolis,” accepted for publication, *Urban Affairs Review*
2. “Which Congregations Will Take Advantage of Charitable Choice? Explaining the Pursuit of Public Funding by Congregations,” *Social Science Quarterly* 87 (2006):55-75
3. “Congregations in Low-Income Neighborhoods and the Implications for Social Welfare Policy Research,” *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 34 (2005):316-339 (Michael Leo Owens and R. Drew Smith)
4. “Citizen Participation and Strategic Planning for an Urban Enterprise Community,” *New England Journal of Public Policy* 13 (1998):143-162
5. “Local Party Failure and Church-Based, Black Nonparty Organizations,” *Western Journal of Black Studies* 21 (1997):162-172. (Reprinted in *Black Clergy and Local Politics: Clergy Influence, Organizational Partnership, and Civic Empowerment*, eds. R. Drew Smith and Fredrick Harris, Rowman & Littlefield, 2005)
6. “Renewal in a Black Working-Class Neighborhood,” *Journal of Urban Affairs* 19 (1997): 183-205.

Articles in Progress

1. “Compassion in Action: The Distributive Politics of Federal Funding for Faith-Based Initiatives Across the States,” with Amy Yuen (revise and resubmit)
2. “Women and Politics in Cities: Determinants of the Descriptive Representation of Women in City Halls and Councils,” with Adrienne Smith and Beth Reingold
3. “Sanctioning the Right to Assistance: States, Felons, and Social Welfare,” with Adrienne Smith

Edited Book Chapters

1. “The Problem Is Not Punishment, Per Se: Punitive Policies and Attitudes towards Felons as Polity Members,” in *The Problem of Punishment: Race, Inequality, and Justice*, eds. Deborah McDowell, Claudrena Harold, and Vesla M. Weaver. University of Virginia Press, under review.
2. “Faith-Based Initiatives,” in *The Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, eds. Charles Lippy and Peter Williams, Congressional Quarterly Press, forthcoming.
3. “Party Politics and Black Church Political Organizations in Queens, NY,” in *Black Churches and Local Politics: Clergy Influence, Organizational Partnerships, and Civic Empowerment*, eds. R. Drew Smith and Fredrick Harris. Rowman & Littlefield, 2005.(Reprint of 1997 *Western Journal of Black Studies* article)

4. “Contestant, Advocate, Implementer: Social Services and the Policy Roles of African American Churches,” in *Long March Ahead: African American Churches and Public Policy in Post-Civil Rights America*, edited by R. Drew Smith. Durham: Duke University Press, 2004.
5. “Capacity Building: The Case of Faith-Based Organizations,” in *Building the Organizations that Build Communities: Strengthening the Capacity of Faith- and Community-Based Development Organizations*, edited by Roland Anglin. Washington, DC: Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2004.
6. “Doing Something in Jesus’ Name: Black Churches and Community Development Corporations,” in *New Day Begun: African American Churches and Civic Culture in Post-Civil Rights America*, edited by R. Drew Smith. Durham: Duke University Press, 2003.
7. “Is Strong Incorporation Enough? Black Empowerment and the Fate of Atlanta’s Low-Income Blacks,” in *Racial Politics in American Cities, 3rd Edition*, edited by Rufus Browning, Dale Rogers Marshall, and David Tabb. Longman Publishing, 2002. (Michael Leo Owens and Michael J. Rich)
8. “The Reverend Floyd Flake: African Methodist Episcopal Church Minister for School Choice,” in *Religious Leaders and Faith-based Politics: Ten Profiles*, edited by Jo Renee Formicola and Hubert Morken. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2001.
9. “Black Church-Affiliated Community Development Corporations and the Coproduction of Affordable Housing in New York City,” in *Nonprofits in Urban America*, edited by Richard Hula and Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore. New York: Quorum Books, 2000.

Other Work in Progress

1. *Prisoners of Democracy: Policies, Attitudes, and the Political Standing of Ex-Offenders* (book manuscript)
2. “Public Support for Faith-Based Organizing to Reduce Poverty” (conference paper and article manuscript)
3. “Redevelopment of the McDaniel Glenn Housing Community as a HOPE VI Community,” with Michael J. Rich and Elizabeth Griffiths (report for the Atlanta Housing Authority)

Op-Ed

1. “Why Blacks Support Vouchers,” *New York Times*, February 26 (2002):A27.

Book Reviews

1. *A World of Gangs: Armed Young Men and Gangs Culture*, by John Hagedorn and *Urban Outcasts: A Comparative Sociology of Advanced Marginality*, by Loic Wacquant. *Perspectives on Politics* 7 (2009):691-693.
2. *Transforming the City: Community Organizing and the Challenge of Political Change*, edited by Marion Orr. *Urban Affairs Review* 44 (2008):142-144.
3. *How the Other Half Worships*, by Camilo Jose Vergara. *Shelterforce: The Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Building* 147 (Fall 2006): 40-41.

4. *Streets of Glory: Church and Community in a Black Urban Neighborhood*, by Omar McRoberts. *Urban Affairs Review* 41 (2005):109-112.
5. *Saving America? Faith-Based Social Services and the Future of Civil Society*, by Robert Wuthnow. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 34 (2005):409-413.

Academic Conferences

1. “Women and Politics in Cities: Determinants of the Descriptive Representation of Women in City Halls and Councils,” Urban Affairs Association, Honolulu, March 10-13, 2010 (Adrienne Smith, Beth Reingold, and Michael Leo Owens)
2. “Women and Politics in Cities: Determinants of the Descriptive Representation of Women in City Halls and Councils,” American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto, September 3-6 2009 (Adrienne Smith, Beth Reingold, and Michael Leo Owens)
3. “Sanctioning the Right to Assistance: States, Felons, and Social Welfare,” American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto, September 3-6 2009 (Michael Leo Owens and Adrienne Smith)
4. “Convicts, Communities, and Cities: The Urban Challenges of Mass Decarceration.” Urban Affairs Association, Chicago, March 4-7, 2009
5. “Post-Felony Citizenship & the Determinants of ‘Invisible Punishment’ of Ex-Felons by the American States.” State Politics and Policy Conference, Philadelphia, May 30-31, 2008 (Michael Leo Owens and Adrienne Smith)
6. “Poverty Reduction, Realpolitik, or Both? Federal Faith-Based and Community Initiative Funding and the States, 2002-2006,” State Politics and Policy Conference, Philadelphia, May 30-31, 2008. (Under review at *Political Research Quarterly*) (Michael Leo Owens and Amy Yuen)
7. “Gentrification and Neighborhood Change: Lessons from Atlanta,” Urban Affairs Association Meeting, Seattle, Apr 26-28, 2007 (Kelly Hill, Michael Rich, and Michael Leo Owens)
8. “Redeeming Cities through Regionalism and Religion.” Urban Affairs Association, Montreal, April 19-22, 2006. (Under revision for resubmission to *Urban Affairs Review*)
9. “Which Churches Will Take Advantage of Charitable Choice? Examining the Effects of Clergy Attitudes towards Public Funding.” Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Los Angeles, November 2004. (Published as “Which Congregations Will Take Advantage of Charitable Choice? Explaining the Pursuit of Public Funding by Congregations” in *Social Science Quarterly*, vol. 87, pp.55-75)
10. “*Homo Politicus* in the ‘Projects’: Political & Civic Participation by Public Housing Residents.” American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2004. (Revision of 2004 Southern Political Science Association paper)
11. “Social Welfare Ministries in Public Housing Neighborhoods: The Policy Implications of Community Outreach by Churches.” Urban Affairs Association, Washington, DC, April 1-3, 2004. (Revision of 2003 Independent Sector Spring Research Forum paper and published as “Congregations in Low-Income Neighborhoods and the Implications for Social Welfare Policy Research” in *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, vol. 34, pp. 316-339)
12. “Reconceiving the Political Participation of African America Congregations.” Association for Research

- on Nonprofits and Voluntary Action, Denver, November 20-22, 2003. (Revision of 2003 American Political Science Association paper and portions published as Chapter 2 in *God & Government in the Ghetto*)
13. "Capacity-Building: The Case of Faith-Based Organizations." Building the Capacity of Faith- and Community-Based Organizations, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, June 10-11, 2003. (Published as "Capacity Building: The Case of Faith-Based Organizations," in *Building the Organizations that Build Communities: Strengthening the Capacity of Faith- and Community-Based Development Organizations*)
 14. "Seeking the "Regional Good" on Behalf of Cities: Ethical Decisions and Religious Leadership in Regional Politics." Summer Workshop in Urban Politics, University of Missouri-Kansas City, June 19-21, 2003.
 15. "Politics by Other Means: Urban Black Churches, Community Development, and Public Policy." American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 28-31, 2003. (Revision of 2002 Symposium on Religion and Politics paper and portions published as Chapter 1 in *God & Government in the Ghetto*)
 16. "Congregation-Based Social Welfare Ministries in Public Housing Neighborhoods: Findings from Four Cities." Independent Sector Spring Research Forum, Bethesda, MD, March 6-7, 2003. (Published as "Congregations in Low-Income Neighborhoods and the Implications for Social Welfare Policy Research" in *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly*)
 17. "Politics by Other Means: Urban Black Churches, Community Development, and Public Policy." Symposium on Religion and Politics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, May 3-4, 2002. (Published as Chapter 1 in *God & Government in the Ghetto*)
 18. "Bureaucratic Enfranchisement and Faith-Based Institutions in Cities." Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, April 25-28, 2002. (Revision of 2002 Urban Affairs Association paper and published as Chapter 5 in *God & Government in the Ghetto*)
 19. "Nonprofitization and the Membership of Black Churches in Urban Micro-Regimes." Urban Affairs Association, Boston, March 20-23, 2002. (Revision of 2001 American Political Science Association paper and published as Chapter 6 in *God & Government in the Ghetto*)
 20. "Policy and Pulpits: Devolution, Urban Microregimes, and Black Churches." American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 29-September 2, 2001.
 21. "Urban Agenda-Setting and National Policy Change: The Role of Policy Entrepreneurs, Focusing Events, and Receptive Publics." Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 13-15, 1997.
 22. "Majority-Black Residential Areas in the United States." Paper presented (with Richard P. Nathan) at the Poverty Research Seminar Series, Northwestern University-University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research, Evanston, February 19, 1997 (Revision of 1994 Association for Policy Analysis and Management paper and published in *Rockefeller Institute Bulletin*, Winter 1995: 14-22)
 23. "Participation and Empowerment: The Promise and Performance of an Enterprise Community." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, November 14-16, 1996. (Published in *New England Journal of Public Policy*, vol. 13, no. 2, pp. 143-162)
 24. "Reinstilling the Social by Rebuilding the Physical: Neighborhood Renewal in a Working-Class Black

Neighborhood.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, New York City, March 21-23, 1996. (Published in *Journal of Urban Affairs*, vol. 19, no. 2, pp. 183-205)

Posters, Colloquies, and Roundtables

1. “A Reexamination on the 20th Anniversary of Clarence Stone's Regime Politics: Governing Atlanta: 1946-1988.” Roundtable, American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto, September 3-6, 2009
2. “Post-Felony Citizenship & the Determinants of ‘Invisible Punishment’ of Ex-Felons by the American States.” Poster, American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2008 (Michael Leo Owens and Adrienne Smith)
3. “Helping Hands: Understanding the Civil and Service Roles of Faith-Based Organizations.” Colloquy, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, D.C., November 8-10, 2007.
4. “Community Building and Social Change in Atlanta: A Novel Undergraduate Fellowship Program.” Colloquy, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, March 2006.
5. “The Capacity of Congregations to Reform Community Problems.” Poster, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Atlanta, GA, October 2004. (Paper accompanying the poster was published as “Capacity Building: The Case of Faith-Based Organizations,” in *Building the Organizations that Build Communities: Strengthening the Capacity of Faith- and Community-Based Development Organizations*)
6. “Pulpits and Policy: Devolution, Urban Micro-Regimes, and Black Churches.” Poster, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 30-September 2, 2001.

Invited Presentations, Addresses, and Remarks

1. “Deviants and Democracy: The Case of Drug Felons,” Emory University Law School, February 10, 2010
2. “Deviance as Difference and Politics: The Case of Felons.” Exploring Race and Difference at Emory: Mapping Current Research and Charting Future Directions, Emory University, October 2, 2009.
3. “The Problem Is Not Punishment, Per Se: Punitive Policies and Attitudes towards Felons as Polity Members.” Symposium on “The Problem of Punishment: Race, Inequality, and Justice,” Carter G. Woodson Institute, University of Virginia, April 16-17, 2009
4. “Black Churches in the Age of Obama: African American Churches and Public Policy.” Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, April 6, 2009
5. “Convicts, Communities, and Cities: The Urban Challenges of Mass Decarceration.” Center for Urban Policy and Research and Center on African American Politics and Society, Columbia University, March 26, 2009
6. “Greeting the ‘Deviant’: Churches, Convicts, and Communities.” Center for Ethics in Community, Saint Vincent College, February 25, 2009
7. “Prisoner Reentry in Atlanta: Scope and Challenges,” The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C., December 3, 2007; Atlanta Funders’ Group, Atlanta, April 8, 2008; Georgia STANDUP Alliance, Atlanta, April 18, 2008 (Michael Rich and Michael Leo Owens)

8. "Congregations and Ex-Prisoner Reentry in Atlanta," Winter Seminar of Grantees, The Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY, January 24-25, 2008.
9. "God and Government in the Ghetto: The Political Logics of Church-State Partnerships in Poor Neighborhoods." Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse University, September 13, 2007; Program in American Democracy, University of Notre Dame, April 20, 2007; Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, April 9, 2007; and Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 22, 2007.
10. "Ex-Prisoner Reentry: An Intersection of Race, Religion, and the Politics of Social Construction." Racialized Religion: A Conference on the Intersection of Race, Religion, and Politics, University of Texas-Austin, March 29-31, 2007.
11. "Author Meets Critics – A Critique of *Locked Out: Felon Disenfranchisement and American Democracy*." Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, November 20, 2006
12. "The Political Logic of Municipal Faith-Based Initiatives." 41st Annual Herman G. James Endowed Lecture on Municipal Affairs & Government, Department of Political Science, Ohio University, May 11, 2006.
13. "A Civic Life: The Volunteerism of a Political Scientist." Political Science and Public Administration Honors Induction Ceremony, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, March 17, 2006.
14. "Mixing the Public & Private: Clergy Attitudes & Behaviors in Metro Atlanta." Faith and the City Leadership Institute, Atlanta, GA, February 14, 2005.
15. "The Political Future of Vouchers," What Next for School Vouchers Conference, Program on Education Policy and Governance, Taubman Center for State and Local Government, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, October 17-18, 2002.
16. "Vouchers and Urban Afro-America." New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute, Bloustein School of Public Policy, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, June 3, 2002.
17. "Who Shall Provide for the Poor? Congregations, Government, and the New Welfare State." Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS, March 25, 2002.
18. "The Devolution Revolution and the Changing Politics of Urban Black Churches." Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, January 28, 2002.
19. "Religion and Urban Society: Using Social Science to Understand the Connections." Spirit of Liberty Symposium, Center for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, November 13, 2001.
20. "Contestant, Advocate, Implementer: The Policy Roles of the Black Faith Sector during Devolutionary Times." 3rd Annual Conference of the Scholar Practitioner Program, James McGregor Burns Academy of Leadership, University of Maryland, Washington, DC, June 28-30, 2001.
21. "The Choices of Charitable Choice: Making Sense of the Federal Faith-Based and Community Initiative." Interfaith Health Working Group, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, June 26, 2001.

22. “Charitable Choice: The Federal Policy Context for Faith-based Community Involvement.” Statewide Conference on Adolescent Health and Wholeness, Carter Center, Atlanta, May 25, 2001.
23. “From Protest to Political Economy: The New Politics of Black Church-based Economic Development” and “Welfare Reform: The Context for Faith-Based Involvement in Policy Implementation.” National Conference on the Public Influences of African American Churches, Washington, D.C., April 19-21, 2001.
24. “Doing Something Political in Jesus’ Name: Black Church-Associated CDCs & Affordable Housing.” Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, April 4, 2001.
25. “Public Policy, Political Realignments, and Faith-Based Action in Black Communities.” National Symposium on Social Witness, “Prophetic’ Discernment,” and Post- Civil Rights Era Churches, Leadership Center, Morehouse College, Atlanta, March 3, 2001.
26. “Faith-based Community Development: What of Political Action and Development?” Research Issues in Faith-based Community Development Workshop, National Association for Community Economic Development, New Orleans, October 12, 2000.
27. “Sectarian Institutions in State Welfare Reforms: An Analysis of Charitable Choice.” Reforming Welfare through Charitable Choice Symposium, Ford Foundation, New York City, May 17, 2000.
28. “Political Explanations for the Existence of Black Church Associated Community Development Corporations.” Department of Political Science Lecture, Emory University, Atlanta, April 18, 2000.

SPONSORED RESEARCH

Prisoners of Democracy (2006-Present)

1. Principal Investigator, “Public Attitudes about Public Policies towards Ex-Prisoners in Georgia,” Community Voices, Morehouse School of Medicine, \$47,000 (in-kind grant: data from a 2007 telephone survey of 800 likely voters in Georgia and 800 likely voters in Washington, D.C.)
2. Principal Investigator, “Ex-Prisoners as Citizens and Neighbors: Public Attitudes towards Ex-Prisoner Reentry in Atlanta,” Emory University Research Committee, \$25,000 (grant for a telephone survey of 900 adults in metropolitan Atlanta)
3. Co-Principal Investigator with Michael J. Rich, “Atlanta Ex-Prisoner Reentry Mapping Network,” The Urban Institute & Annie E. Casey Foundation, \$25,000 (grant for data acquisition, six focus groups, and miscellaneous research expenses)
4. Principal Investigator, “Congregations and Ex-Prisoner Reentry: The Role of Clergy in Attitude Formation,” The Louisville Institute, \$9,000 (grant for three focus groups with Christian clergy and lay leaders)
5. Principal Investigator, “Convicts, Congregations, and Community Attitudes: A Study of Religious Organizations in Ex-Prisoner Reintegration in Atlanta,” Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding Strategic Initiative, Emory University, \$3,000 (grant for two focus group with Christian clergy and lay leaders and research travel support to the National Ex-Prisoner Reentry Conference)
6. Principal Investigator, “Convicts, Communities, and Cities: The Urban Challenge of Mass Decarceration,” Faculty Development Grant, Emory College/Woodruff Foundation, \$1,500 (grant for research travel to Chicago for interviews with mayoral staff and conference presentation) and

Professional Development Fund, President's Commission on the Status of Minorities, Emory University, \$400 (support for conference travel)

Governing Urban Problems (2005-2009)

1. Co-Principal Investigator with Michael J. Rich, Lance Waller, and Elizabeth Griffiths, "Assessing the Impact of Public Housing Transformation on Crime Patterns in Atlanta," Annie E. Casey Foundation, \$45,000 (support for quantitative analysis of the effects of public housing redevelopment and mobility among housing choice voucher-holders on crime rates)
2. Co-Principal Investigator with Michael J. Rich and Elizabeth Griffiths, "Effects of Public Housing Redevelopment on Individuals, Schools, and Communities: An Evaluation of the McDaniel-Glenn HOPE VI Revitalization Project," Atlanta Housing Authority, \$400,000 (support for multiple waves of surveys and interviews with former residents of public housing and community stakeholders)
3. Co-Principal Investigator with Michael J. Rich, "Local Governance and Urban Revitalization: Collaborative Models for Reducing Poverty and Building Equitable Communities," Institute for Advanced Policy Solutions, Emory University, \$250,000 (support for three-day conference, two visiting scholars, a semester-long seminar, and production of an edited volume for an academic publisher)
4. Co-Principal Investigator with Michael J. Rich, "Gentrification and Social Change: A Comparative Analysis of Atlanta Neighborhoods and the Community Politics of Gentrification," NeighborWorks America, \$75,000 (support for surveys of 600 households in six gentrifying neighborhoods)
5. Co-organizer with Thomas Remington, "Symposium – A Global Look at Governance: The State-Market-Civic Nexus," Governance Program, Claus Halle Institute for Global Learning, Emory University, \$20,000 (support for one day research symposium, inclusive of airfare and lodging for twelve visiting scholars)
6. Principal Investigator, "Religion and Regional Equity Politics," Faculty Development Grant, Emory College/Woodruff Foundation, \$2,500 (support for purchase of questions on Spring 2008 Georgia Poll of 500 adults)

The Politics of Church-State Collaboration in American Cities (1999-2004)

1. Principal Investigator, "Pulpits and Policy: The Politics of Church-Based Community Development in New York City, 1980-2000," Dissertation Fellowship for Minorities Program, Ford Foundation, \$22,000 (support for dissertation research and writing)
2. Principal Investigator, "Pulpits and Policy: The Politics of Church-Based Community Development in New York City, 1980-2000," Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$15,000 (support for dissertation research and writing)
3. Investigator, "The Social Welfare Activities of Churches in Public Housing Communities," Faith Communities and Urban Families Project, The Leadership Center, Morehouse College and Annie E. Casey Foundation, \$9,000 (support for focus groups and travel to four cities and summer support for writing)
4. Investigator, "Origins of African American Church-Based Community Development Corporations" and "The Policy Roles of African American Churches in the Post-Civil Rights Movement Era," Public Influences of African American Churches Project, The Leadership Center, Morehouse College and Pew Charitable Trusts, \$6,000 (summer support for research and writing)

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

Cities, Power, and Cinema; Community Building & Social Change; Field Practicum in Community Building & Social Change; Local Government; Nonprofits in Urban America; Race, Politics, and the “Atlanta Paradox”; Religion & Social Welfare Policy; Urban Public Policy; Urban Politics; Urban Problems & Faith-Based Solutions

Graduate

Directed Readings in Urban Politics; Directed Readings in Public Policy Processes; Governance and Nongovernmental Organizations in the United States; Religion & Social Welfare Policy; Urban Politics

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

1. Fellow, Institute for Advanced Policy Solutions, Emory University, Spring 2008-Spring 2009 (\$250,000 research grant)
2. Transforming Community Project Faculty Pedagogy Seminar, Emory University, 2008 (\$2,500 research & teaching stipend)
3. Fellow, Summer Faculty Study Trip, Atlantik Bruke/Halle Institute for Global Learning, 2007 (Two-week study in Germany of political, economic, and cultural affairs)
4. Piedmont Workshop Faculty Pedagogy Seminar in Sustainability, Emory University, 2007 (\$1,000 research & teaching stipend)
5. Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007 (two-week research visit)
6. Theory-Practice-Learning Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Emory University, 2006 & 2009 (\$300 teaching grants)
7. Provost's Faculty Seminar in Disability Studies, Emory University, 2006 (\$1,000 research & teaching stipend)
8. Freshman Seminar Grant, Center for Teaching and Curriculum, College of Arts and Sciences, Emory University, 2006
9. Young Alumni Award, Rockefeller College of Public Administration and Policy, State University of New York at Albany, 2004
10. Norton Long Young Scholar, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2004
11. Professional Development Fund, President's Commission on the Status of Minorities, Emory University, 2004 (\$500 Conference Travel Grant) and 2008 (\$400 conference travel grant)
12. Teaching Fellowship, Office of University-Community Partnerships, Emory University, 2002-2003
13. Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for Minorities, Ford Foundation, 2000 (Honorable Mention, 1999)
14. Young Scholar Award, Urban Affairs Association and Sage Publications, 2000
15. Emerging Scholar Award, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, 1999
16. Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1999
17. Next Generation Leadership Fellowship (Alternate), Rockefeller Foundation, 1998
18. Public Policy Student Cash Award, New York State Academy of Public Administration, 1997
19. Richard A. Wiebe Fellow, Post-Graduate Legislative Fellowship, New York State Senate, 1992-1993

20. Alfred E. Sloan Fellowship, The Graduate School of Political Management, State University of New York, 1991-1992

21. Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, 1991

SERVICE

Department of Political Science

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2004-Present

Member, Professional Relations Committee, Fall 2004-Fall 2007

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Fall 2003-Summer 2004

Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Fall 2003 & Fall 2004

Member, Public Policy Processes Comprehensive Examination Committee, Fall 2003 & Fall 2006

Member, American Social Cleavages Comprehensive Examination Committee, Fall 2003 & Fall 2004

Member, State, Local, and Urban Politics Comprehensive Examination Committee, Fall 2004

Co-Organizer, "Pizza and Politics: Graduate Student Paper Workshop," Fall 2007-Present

Member, Proposal Committee for Mellon-Sawyer Seminar on Urban Governance, December 2005-January 2006

Co-Organizer, Governing Cities and Regions Lunch Series, Spring 2005

Discussion Leader, "Race and Diversity in the Classroom," Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program, Spring 2007, 2008, and 2009

Discussion Leader, "Promoting Group Discussion," Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program, Fall 2004

Guest Speaker, "A Nonprofit Life," Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Fall 2005

College and University

College of Arts and Sciences

- Panelist, "My Philosophy," New Faculty Retreat, Center for Teaching and Curriculum, Emory College, April 5-6, 2008
- Social Sciences Representative (Elected), Academic Standards Committee, Fall 2004-Spring 2007
- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Fellowship in Community Building and Social Change, 2002-Present
- Chair, Program Subcommittee, Faculty Advisory Committee, Fellowship in Community Building and Social Change, 2003-Present

- Mentor, Mentoring for Excellence Program, Office of Multicultural Programs and Services, Fall 2002-Spring 2005
- Moderator, State of Race: A Moderated Discussion between Julian Bond and Alan Keyes, Student Government Association, Spring 2002
- Member, Truman Fellowship Mock Selection Committee, Dean's Office, Emory College, Spring 2001

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

- Presenter and Field Trip Planner/Guide, "Emory as Place," Graduate Student Orientation, March 29, 2008
- Member, Selection Committee, Emory Minority Graduate Fellowship, Spring 2004
- Member, Selection Committee, Community Partnership Graduate Fellowship, Spring 2004 & Spring 2005

Office of University-Community Partnerships

- Member, Community Dialogue Group, Transforming Community Project, Fall 2008-Spring 2009
- Focus Group Participant, Transforming Community Project, Spring 2009
- Senior Faculty Fellow, Fall 2003-Present
- Member, Selection Committee, Community Building and Social Change Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Fall 2005-Spring 2006
- Member, Selection Committee, Faculty Mini-Grant Program, Summer 2004
- Organizer, Policy Lunch Series, Fall 2003-Spring 2004

Offices of the Provost and President

- Member, Understanding Race and Difference Working Group, University Strategic Plan Initiative, Spring 2007
- Member, Board of Advisors, Program in Manuscript Development, Office of the Provost, Fall 2006-Present
- Presenter, "From Dissertation to Book Manuscript," Program in Manuscript Development, Office of the Provost, Fall 2004
- Member, Focus Group, Faculty Concerns Committee, President's Commission on Race and Ethnicity, Fall 2005
- Member, Signature Theme Brainstorming Committee: Policy Solutions and Implementation, Office of the President, Spring 2005

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association

- Member, Executive Council, Urban Politics Section, September 2006-August 2010
- Member, Urban Politics Data Committee, Urban Politics Section, September 2006-August 2007
- Chair, “Racial Politics in American Cities” and “Political Dimensions of the Faith-Based Initiative” Panels, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 31-September 3, 2006
- Discussant, “Variegated Religion in American Minority Communities” Panel, Annual Meeting, Chicago, September 2-5, 2004
- Member, Bryan Jackson Dissertation Research Support Award Committee, Urban Politics Section, 2003-2004
- Chair, “Race, Ethnicity, and the City” Panel, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 28-31, 2003
- Chair and Discussant, “Religious Mobilization” Panel, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 30-September 2, 2001
- Chair, “Religion and Public Policy” Panel, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2-6, 2000

Urban Affairs Association

- Member (elected), Governing Board, 2009- 2012
- Member, 37th and 38th Annual Program Committees, 2006-2008
- Member, Membership Committee, 2004-2007
- Moderator, “Urban Challenges of Ex-Prisoner Reentry” Panel, Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 5-7, 2009
- Moderator, “Institutional Roles in Community Development” Panel, Annual Meeting, Montreal, April 19-22, 2006
- Moderator, “Urban Politics: From Polarization to Incorporation” Panel, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 1-3, 2004
- Moderator, “Social Capital” Colloquy, Annual Meeting, Boston, March 22, 2002
- Moderator, “Faith-Based Development: Housing and Community” Panel, Annual Meeting, Detroit, April 27, 2001
- Moderator, “Community-Based Organizations and Community Capital” Panel, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, May 4-6, 2000

National Conference of Black Political Scientists

- Chair, Urban Politics Section, Annual Meetings, 2004-2006

- Chair & Discussant, “Race in Urban Politics” Panel, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, March 23-25, 2006
- Chair & Discussant, “Urban Politics Research that Makes You Go, Hmmm,” Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 24-26, 2005

Academic Journals and University Presses (Manuscript Reviewer)

Editorial Boards: *Urban Affairs Review* (2009-2012) and *Journal of Urban Affairs* (2009-2012)

Manuscript Reviewer: *Perspectives on Politics; Urban Affairs Review; Journal of Urban Affairs; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Politics and Policy Review; Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly; City and Community; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; State and Local Government Review; Journal of the Community Development Society; Oxford University Press; Temple University Press; Congressional Quarterly Press; Rowman and Littlefield Publishers; Baylor University Press; Rutgers University Press.*

Government Agencies, Public Policy Institutes, and Political Organizations

Member, National Academic Advisory Board, City Hall Fellows, 2008-Present

Member, Board of Directors, National Housing Institute, 2005-Present

Consultant, New York City Charter Revision Commission, 2004

Consultant, Office of Policy Development and Research and Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2003

Senior Research Associate, Faith Communities and Urban Families Project, Leadership Center, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, 2002-2004

Member, Social Justice Philanthropy Advisory Committee, National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, Washington, D.C., 2002-2003

Reviewer, Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2002

Public Lecturer, “The Choices of Charitable Choice: Making Sense of the Federal Faith-Based and Community Initiative.” Interfaith Health Working Group, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, 2001

Project Scholar, Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, 2001-2007

Project Scholar, Public Influences of African American Churches Project, The Leadership Center, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, 2000-2002

Facilitator, “Charitable Choice: The Federal Policy Context for Faith-based Community Involvement.” Statewide Conference on Adolescent Health and Wholeness, Carter Center, Atlanta, 2001

Member, Policy Advisory Group, African-Americans in a Diversifying Nation Study, National Policy Association-University of Michigan Program for Research on Black Americans, 1998-2000

Member, Affirmative Action Task Force, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and National Planning Association, 1995-1996

Philanthropies (Consultancies)

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Media (Interviews)

National Public Radio; ABC News; New York Times; Los Angeles Times; Atlanta Journal-Constitution; Reuters; Baltimore Sun; Houston Chronicle; McClatchy Newspapers; Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel; Philadelphia Tribune; The Neil Boortz Show; The Ray Flynn Show Bloomberg News Service; WSB-TV Atlanta; Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting Network; and Atlanta Christian Times Today.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (Organized Sections: Urban Politics, State Politics and Policy, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, Public Policy, and Qualitative Methods); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action; National Conference of Black Political Scientists; Urban Affairs Association