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Education

Political Science, Ph.D., expected June (2023)
Political Science, M.A., (2022)
Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Dissertation Title: Viable Candidate Oversupply
Committee: Andra Gillespie, Bernard Fraga, Michael Owens

Political Science, B.A. (Magna Cum Laude), (2018)
Columbia University, New York, New York

Political Science, A.A. (Honors), (2014)
Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

Research Interests

Political Behavior, Racial and Ethnic Politics, Voting and Elections, Experimental Design, Causal Inference.

Working Papers

Sparrow, Kevin, "The Limits of Racial Cues: Black Voters, Ideology, and Descriptive Representation" (Under Review)

Sparrow, Kevin, "Viable Candidate Oversupply: A Black Voter's 2-Stage Cognitive Voting Model" (Working Paper)

Sparrow, Kevin, "Viability and Vote Choice: Black Voters and the Complex Electoral Environment" (Working Paper)

Gillespie, Andra, and Kevin Sparrow, "Messaging or Melanin? Disentangling Demands for Descriptive Representation and Ideological Congruence in Two Congressional Districts" (Working Paper)

Teaching Experience

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
African American Politics, Fall 2021 (w/ Andra Gillespie)
(Undergraduate Lecture Course)

Voting, Elections, and Public Opinion, Spring 2024
(Undergraduate Lecture Course)

Teaching Assistant, US National Politics, Spring 2022 (Instructor: Andra Gillespie)

Grants, Awards & Fellowships

Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Completion Grant (2022)

American Political Science Association Travel Grant (2022)

Graduate Research Grant, Department of Political Science Emory University (2021)

Centennial Scholars Fellowship, Laney Graduate School, Emory University (2018 - 2023)

Conference Participations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Paper Presenter: 2022, 2023

National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Paper Presenter: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
Panel Chair: 2022, 2023
Panel Discussant: 2022

Southern Political Science Association
Paper Presenter: 2023

New Perspectives and Questions in Legislative Studies Conference
Paper Presenter: 2021

Research Experience

Doctoral Dissertation Research
Randomized Experiments
Large-N Statistical Analysis
Focus Group Facilitation

Graduate Assistant for Bernard Fraga
Coordinated Spire Conference (2022)
Manage 2022 Fulton County Election Exit Poll (2022)
Manage Emory's 2022 Cooperate Election Study (CES) Module

Melissa Michaelson and Stephanie DeMora, Party at the Mailbox
Conducted Voter Interviews and Cleaned Data (2020)
Moderated Focus Groups and Recruited Survey Respondents (2022)

Research Assistant for Julie Hairston (2022 - Present)
Atlanta Housing Authority Archival Research and Expert Interviews

Editorial Assistant to Professors Pearl K. Dowe and Andra Gillespie *National Review of Black Politics* (2020)
Reviewed and prepared scholarly manuscripts for publication by the academic journal.

Research Assistant, Prof. Danielle Jung (2019)
Manually coded inter-state conflicts using U.S. State Department reports

References

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