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### Academic Employment

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2013-present.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2007-2013.  
Faculty Associate, Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois, 2007-present.  
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, 2011-present.  
Faculty Research Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research,  
University of Michigan, 2000-present.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2005-2007.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2000-2007.

### Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, May 2002.  
M.A. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, May 1993.  
A.B. *magna cum laude*, Government, Harvard University, June 1992.

### Books and Monographs

*Boundaries of Obligation in American Politics: Geographic, National, and Racial Communities*. 2010. NY:  
Cambridge University Press.

*Ethnic Context, Race Relations, and California Politics* (with Bruce Cain and Jack Citrin). 2000. San  
Francisco, CA: Public Policy Institute of California.

### Journal Articles

“Racism, Group Position, and Attitudes about Immigration Among Blacks and Whites” (with  
Vincent Hutchings). Forthcoming. *Du Bois Review*.

“Bringing the Person Back In: Boundaries, Perceptions, and the Measurement of Racial Context  
(with Jake Bowers, Tarah Williams, and Katherine Simmons). 2012. *Journal of Politics* 74:  
1153-1170.

“‘Little’ and ‘Big’ Pictures in Our Heads: Race, Local Context and Innumeracy about Racial  
Groups in the U.S.” 2007. *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 71: 392-412.

“Who Fights: Substitution, Commutation, and ‘Green Card Troops.’” 2007. *Du Bois Review* 4: 1-22.

“‘Racial Threat,’ Partisan Climate, and Direct Democracy: Contextual Effects in Three California  
Initiatives” (with Andrea Campbell and Jack Citrin). 2006. *Political Behavior*. 28: 129-150.

“Two-Headed Coins or Kandinskys: White Racial Identification” (with Grace Cho). 2005. *Political  
Psychology* 26(5): 699-720.

“Multiculturalism in American Public Opinion” (with Jack Citrin, David Sears, and Christopher  
Muste). 2001. *British Journal of Political Science* 31: 247-75.

### **Journal Articles (continued)**

“Public Opinion Toward Immigration Reform: The Role of Economic Motivations” (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste). 1997. *The Journal of Politics* 59: 858-81.

### **Book Chapters**

“Explaining Perceptions of Competitive Threat in a Multiracial Context” (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, and Ronald Brown). 2011. In Heather Gerken, Guy-Uriel Charles, Michael Kang, eds. *Race, Reform, and Regulation of the Electoral Process*. NY: Cambridge University Press.

“Who Belongs? Assimilation, Integration and Multiculturalism in the United States.” 2009. In Gary Freeman, John Higley, James Jupp, eds. *Nations of Immigrants, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.

“*Jus Meritum*: Citizenship for Service” (with Grace Cho). 2006. In Taeku Lee, Karthick Ramakrishnan, and Ricardo Ramírez, eds. *Transforming Politics, Transforming America: The Political and Civic Incorporation of Immigrants in the United States*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.

“The Meaning of American National Identity” (with Jack Citrin and Brian Duff). 2001. In Richard D. Ashmore and Lee Jussim, eds. *Social Identity, Intergroup Conflict, and Conflict Reduction*. New York: Oxford University Press.

### **Other Publications**

“Participación de los inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos de América.” 2009. *Panorama Social* 8.

“Group Closeness.” A Pilot Study Report to the 1997 NES Pilot Study Committee and the American National Election Study Board of Overseers.  
<http://www.umich.edu/~nes/resources/papers/pilotrpt.htm>. (1998)

“Public Opinion Toward Immigration Reform: How Much Does the Economy Matter?” (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste). 1995. CLPP Working Paper, Vol. 1, No. 5. Chicano/Latino Policy Project..

### **Grants, Honors, & Fellowships**

Cline Center for Democracy, Linowes Fellow, 2012-2014

Research Board grant, University of Illinois, 2012 (\$18,500)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant, 2011 (with Daniel Rubenson and Jake Bowers)(\$74,000)

Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society, Faculty Fellow, 2010-2011

UIUC Library Data Purchase Pilot Program grant, 2010 (with Jake Bowers)(\$3800)

Research Board grant, University of Illinois, 2010 (\$8810)

List of Teachers Rated as Excellent by their Students, University of Illinois, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Research Board grant, University of Illinois, 2009 (\$9250)

National Study of Ethnic Pluralism and Politics (Co-Principal Investigator with James Jackson (PI), Ronald Brown, and Vincent Hutchings)

- National Science Foundation award (SES0419427), 2004-6 (\$300,000)
- Carnegie Corporation, 2005-6 (\$169,000)

Rackham Interdisciplinary Institute grant, “Perceptions, Context, and Politics” (with Jake Bowers). University of Michigan, 2004 (\$30,000)

National Election Study, “Community Obligation: A Proposal for the 1997 National Election Pilot Study.” Accepted by the American National Election Study Board of Overseers.

Roy Pierce Scholar’s Fund award, University of Michigan, 2005 (\$5000)

### **Grants, Honors, & Fellowships (continued)**

Spring/ Summer Research grant, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, 2002 (\$4000)  
Reading Committee grant, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, 2002 (\$5000)  
Invited Graduate Student Participant, Annual Meeting of the Political Methodology Section, 1997  
Social Science Research Council International Migration Program Dissertation Workshop, 1997  
University of Berkeley Department Fellowship, 1997-98  
Pi Sigma Alpha Award (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste) for best paper presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meeting, 1996  
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 1995  
Chicano/Latino Policy Project Mini-grant, 1994  
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1993-94, 1995-97  
Henry Robert Braden Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 1992-93

### **Current Projects**

“Mapping Communities” Research Project in Canada (with Jake Bowers, Daniel Rubenson, Mark Fredrickson, and Ashlea Rundlett).

Mapping module on the 2015 British Election Study (with Jake Bowers and Daniel Rubenson).

Proposal to the 2015 Canadian Election Studies.

"Would We Know 'Integration' If We Were To See It?: Comment on Anderson's *The Imperative of Integration*." Currently under review.

“Objective Context, Subjective Perceptions, and Racial Threat” (with Tarah Williams and David Hendry). In preparation.

“Race, Representation, and Participation: The Multiple Dimensions of Political Participation” (with Matthew Hayes, Chera LaForge, Mark Fredrickson, and Andy Bloeser). In preparation.

“Is the Patriot a Good Citizen?” (with Vincent Hutchings and Katherine Simmons). In preparation.

### **Invited Talks and Presentations**

Invited participant. “Annual Workshop on Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religion.” Stanford University. May 2014.

Invited Speaker. Working Group in Political Psychology and Behavior. Harvard University. March 2014.

“Measurement of Community.” Invited speaker at The American Panel Survey (TAPS) Workshop. Washington University, St., Louis, Nov 8-9, 2013.

Invited Roundtable Participant, “Author Meets Critics: Elizabeth Anderson's *The Imperative of Integration*” at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago. August-September 2013.

“Does the Context Fit the Outcome?: When (or Where) Racial Context Should Affect Politics.” Invited speaker. “Comparative Approaches to Immigration and Religious and Ethnic Diversity” conference at MIT. May 2013.

**Invited Talks and Presentations (continued)**

“Context on Both Sides of the Equation.” Invited speaker at the Research Workshop in American Politics. University of California, Berkeley. October 2012.

“Does the Context Fit the Outcome?” Invited speaker at the Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (SPIRE) at Yale University, New Haven, CT. October 2012.

“Pictures in Our Heads.” Invited speaker at the Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium (PIEC) workshop at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Sponsored by the Editorial Team for Politics, Groups, and Identities and Taylor & Francis. September 2012.

“Bringing the Person Back In: Boundaries, Perceptions, and the Measurement of Racial Context. Invited Speaker at the American Politics Workshop. University of Wisconsin. March 2012.

“Race, Representation, and Political Participation. Data Purchase Program Brownbag, University Library, UIUC, February 2012.

Invited speaker. Chicago Area Behavior Workshop at Northwestern University. Evanston, IL, May 2011.

Invited participant. “Comparative Politics of Immigration” conference at Princeton University. Funded by the Luce Foundation and the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies. March 2011.

“Is a Patriot a Good Citizen?” Invited Speaker at the Asian American Brownbag Series, Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, December 2010.

“The Future—Multiculturalism, Integration, or Assimilation.” Invited paper presented at the international conference “Nations of Immigrants: United States and Australia,” organized by the University of Texas and Monash University, Prato, Italy, October 19-21, 2008.

Invited participant/presenter at “Models of Immigrant Incorporation,” a research workshop organized by Cornell University and Harvard University, Ithaca, NY, May 15-16, 2008.

Invited participant at “Muslims in Europe,” a research workshop sponsored by the Islamic Studies Initiative, the Center for International and Comparative Studies, the Department of Political Science, and the Center for European Studies, University of Michigan, November 1-2, 2007.

“You’ve Flown the Flag. Now What?: Patriotism, Civic Duty, and Perceptions of National Identity.” (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, Ronald Brown, and Katherine Drake). Invited paper presented at the conference “Multiculturalism and Its Discontents,” Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 23-24, 2007.

Place and Politics: Understanding the Effects of Racial Context.” Invited talk at Harvard’s Center for American Political Studies. March 2006.

“Ethnic Consciousness and Participation.” Invited roundtable participant at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2003. Philadelphia.

### **Invited Talks and Presentations (continued)**

“Citizenship and Service in the U.S.” Invited Presentation at the conference, “Nation of Immigrants: Identity and Incorporation,” at the University of California, Berkeley. May 2003.

“Whites’ Notions of Identity and Community.” Invited presentation at the Political Psychology Conference of the Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota. April 2003.

“Citizenship and Service.” Invited talk at the Fawley Lunch Series. University of Michigan Law School. March 2003.

“Citizenship and Public Responsibility.” Invited presentation at the annual conference of the Gerst Program in Political, Economic, and Humanistic Studies, Duke University. March 2001.

“American Identity and Conflict among American Ethnic Groups” (with Jack Citrin and Brian Duff). Invited paper presented at the Third Rutgers Symposium on Self and Social Identity. April 1999. Piscataway, NJ.

### **Conference Papers and Presentations**

“Maps and ‘Pictures in Our Heads’: The Effects of Perceptions of Communities on Immigration Attitudes. Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Political Science Association, Montreal, July 2014.

"Does the Context Fit the Outcome?: When (or Where) Racial Context Should Affect Politics" (with Jake Bowers, Daniel Rubenson, Mark Fredrickson, and Ashlea Rundlett). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2013.

“Race in ‘Pictures in Our Heads’”: The Political Effects of Perceptions of Communities (with Jake Bowers, Daniel Rubenson, Mark Fredrickson, and Ashlea Rundlett). Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2013. Chicago.

“Do You See What I See: The Political Effects of Context” (with Jake Bowers and Daniel Rubenson). Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2012. New Orleans.

"Bringing the Person Back In: Boundaries, Perceptions, and the Measurement of Racial Context." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. July 2012. Chicago.

“A New Measurement for Context Effects: A Research Design” (with Jake Bowers, Daniel Rubenson, and Mark Fredrickson). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association. June 2012. Edmonton.

"Bringing the Person Back In: Boundaries, Misperceptions, and the Measurement of Racial Context" (with Tarah Williams and Katherine Drake). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2012. Chicago.

“Maps and ‘Pictures in Our Heads’: The Political Effects of Perceptions of Communities” (with Jake Bowers and Daniel Rubenson). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2012. Chicago.

### **Conference Papers and Presentations (continued)**

“Racial Diversity, Representation, and Participation: Untangling Theories of Empowerment, Social Capital, and Group Conflict” (with Matthew Hayes). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2011. Chicago.

“Racial Context is Factual, but is Racial Threat Partisan?” (with David Hendry). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2009. Toronto, Canada.

“Racism, Group Position, and Attitudes about Immigration among Blacks and Whites.” (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, and Ronald Brown). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2008. Chicago.

“Transnationalism and Immigrant Civic Engagement in London, Madrid, and Berlin.” (with Laura Potter). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2007. Chicago.

“Whose Side Are You On? Environmental Determinants of Inter-Group Conflict.” (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, Ronald Brown, and Katherine Drake). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2007. Chicago.

“Whose Side Are You On?” (with Vincent Hutchings, James Jackson, and Ronald Brown). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 2006. Philadelphia.

“Patriotism, Civic Duty, and Perceptions of National Identity.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 2005. Washington, D.C.

“The National Ethnic Politics Study (NEPS): Ethnic Pluralism & Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” (with Vincent L. Hutchings, Ronald E. Brown, James S. Jackson, and Nakesha Faison). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Public Opinion Research. May 2005. Miami Beach.

“Overlapping Communities: The Political Effects of Racial Context and Identity for Whites, Blacks, Latinos, and Asians” (with Katherine W. Drake). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2005. Chicago.

“Maps and ‘Pictures in Our Heads’: Testing the Assumptions of Power Threat Theory” (with Jake Bowers and Katherine W. Drake). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2005. Chicago.

“Testing Power Threat Theory.” Presentation to the National Election Studies Seminar, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan. March 30, 2005.

“Measurement of Racial Identity: A Comparison of Whites and Blacks.” Presentation to the National Election Studies Seminar, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan. October 20, 2004.

“Pragmatic Sample Design for Detecting Contextual Effects: Assessing the Power Threat Theory of Race Relations” (with Jake Bowers). Presentation to the Quantitative Methodology Program of the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. March 18, 2003.

### **Conference Papers and Presentations (continued)**

“Go for Broke’: Military Service and Citizenship in the U.S.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2002. Boston.

“Pictures in Our Heads’ as Maps: How do Perceptions of Racial Context Relate to Identity, Attitudes, and Objective Context?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2002. Chicago.

“The Missing Latino Voice: Language of Interview and Bias in Measuring Hispanic Attitudes and Voting Behavior” (with Adam Berinsky). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research. May 2000. Portland, Oregon.

“Blurring the Color Line: The Effects of Ingroup Identity and Outgroup Affinity on Redrawing Community Boundaries.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 1999. Atlanta.

“Who is This ‘We’ We Keep Talking About: Conceptualization and Measurement of Community.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 1998. Boston.

“Competing Conceptions of Community and Identity in the American Mass Public.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. July 1998. Montreal, Canada.

“Racial ‘Threat’ and Direct Democracy: Contextual Effects in Two California Initiatives” (with Andrea Campbell and Jack Citrin). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 1998. Chicago.

“Ethnic Context, Group Conflict, and Racial Attitudes: California Votes on Affirmative Action and Immigration” (with Jack Citrin, Bruce Cain and Andrea Campbell). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 1997. Washington, D.C.

“How Affect and Value Interact: A Validity Test of the Theory of Symbolic Racism” (with Jake Bowers). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 1997. Chicago.

“Protecting Ourselves from the First Amendment? Public Opinion and Tolerance of Pornography and Hate Speech” (with Samantha Luks). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 1996. Chicago.

“On the Trail of the Angry White Male” (with Christopher Muste and Jack Citrin). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. July 1996. Vancouver.

“Liberalism and Multiculturalism: The New Ethnic Agenda in Mass Opinion” (with Jack Citrin, David Sears, and Christopher Muste). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 1995. Chicago.

“The Economy, the Personal Economy, and Public Opinion Toward Immigration” (with Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, and Christopher Muste). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. March 1995. Portland. (Awarded the Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best paper).

### **Conference Papers and Presentations (continued)**

“Group Identity, Group Affect, and Opinions on ‘Ethnic Issues.’” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. March 1995. Portland. (Nominated for the Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best paper).

### **Teaching Interests**

Citizenship in the U.S., Comparative Ethnic Politics, Immigration Politics, Patriotism and National Identity, Political and Social Identities, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Politics of Diversity, Public Opinion, Racial and Ethnic Politics in the U.S., Research Design: Concepts & Measurement, Voting Behavior and Elections.

### **Professional Activities**

Reviewer/ Referee:

*American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Review, American Statistical Association Proceedings, British Journal of Political Science, California Journal of Politics and Policy, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Politics, Congressional Quarterly Press, Du Bois Review, Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Migration, International Organization, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, National Science Foundation, New England Journal of Political Science, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Public Opinion Quarterly, SAGE Publications, Social Forces, Social Science Quarterly, Temple University Press, Time-Sharing Experiments for Social Scientists (TESS), University of Michigan Press, World Politics.*

Political Psychology Section, Best Dissertation Committee, American Political Science Association, 2013-2014.

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, Best Book Committee, American Political Science Association, 2013-2014.

Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2012-2013.

American Political Science Association Minority Fellowship Program Selection Committee, 2010-2011.

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, Best Dissertation Committee, Chair, American Political Science Association, 2010-2011.

Receiving Communities Initiative. RCI is a national collaboration between academics and policymakers focused on immigration. 2010-2011.

American Political Science Association Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession, 2009-2012.

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, Best Dissertation Committee, American Political Science Association, 2009-2010.

Westview Press Paper Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2009-2010.

Advisory board member of the “Citizenship, Involvement, Democracy” Study. The CID study was conducted by the Center for Democracy and the Third Sector (CDATS) at Georgetown University in 2005.

Member: American Association for Public Opinion Research, American Political Science Association, American Sociological Association, International Society of Political Psychology, Midwestern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association.

## **University Service**

Undergraduate Instructional Programs Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2013-2014.

Awards Committee, Department of Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, 2012-2014.

Awards Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2011-2012, 2009-2010.

Internships Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2010-2011.

Senior Thesis Poster Judge, Department of Political Science, 2010.

Political Science Academic Advisor Search Committee, Chair. Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2009.

Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2008-2009.

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2001-4.

Rackham Merit Fellowship Review Committee, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, 2002, 2004.

Liaison for Racial/ Sexual Harassment, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2003-5.

### **Dissertation Committee Member:**

Brianna Lawrence, ABD

Matthew Spears, ABD

Matthew Hayes, 2013 (University of Indiana)

David Hendry, 2012 (Postdoc at Yale University)

Wen Cheng Fu, 2012 in Communication (Postdoc at UIUC)

Grace Cho, PhD 2011 (U.S. Government Accountability Office)

Andrea Benjamin, PhD 2010 (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Deniz Erkmen, PhD 2009 (Boise State University)

Alana Hackshaw, PhD 2008 (Congressional Black Caucus Foundation)

Liz Arbuckle Wabindato, PhD 2006 (Northern Arizona University)

Karen Chen, PhD 2004 in Psychology (U.S. Department of State)

Anna-Maria Ortiz, PhD 2003 (U.S. Government Accountability Office)

Mark Akiyama, PhD 2003 in Psychology (California State University Bakersfield)

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor (Harvard University & University of Michigan)

## **Additional Education**

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan

Multi-City Study of Urban Inequality, 1999; Hierarchical Linear Models, 1998;

Time Series Analysis, Categorical Data Analysis, 1995

## **Languages and Other Skills**

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (fluent); Spanish (fair)

Experience with: SPSS, Stata, LISREL, R/Splus

## **References**

References Available Upon Request