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Academic Positions

University of Texas at Austin
Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies
Department of African and African Diaspora Studies
Associate Professor 2020-present

Florida International University
Department of Politics and International Relations
Assistant Professor, 2012-2019
Associate Professor, 2019-2020

Princeton University
Center for African American Studies
Postdoctoral Fellow, 2011-2012

Education

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
Political Science
Ph.D., 2011
Comparative Politics; Race, Ethnicity and Politics

New York University
Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Master of Arts, 2004

Tufts University
International Relations
Bachelor of Arts, 2001

Research Interests

Comparative Racial Politics, Racial Ideology in the Americas, Black Group Consciousness, Racial & Political Attitudes, Racial Inequality, Afro-Latinos, Black Politics in the Spanish-speaking Caribbean

Publications

Book

2017. *The Power of Race in Cuba: Racial Ideology and Black Consciousness During the Revolution*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Winner of Two National Book Awards:

American Political Science Association (APSA), Best Book Award, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section

National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), W.E.B DuBois Distinguished Book Award

Reviewed: [Journal of Latin American Studies](#), [Temas](#), [Latin American Politics and Society](#), [American Review of Books](#), [Journal of Race Ethnicity and Politics](#)

Coverage: [InterPress Service](#)

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

2022. "Las Vidas Negras Importan: Centering Blackness and Racial Politics in Latin American Research." *Annual Review of Political Science*. 25. Online.

2021. "Re-narrating Mariel: Black Cubans, Racial Exclusion and Building Community in Miami." With Devyn Spence Benson. *Anthurium*. 17.2: 6.

2021. "Racializing Politics, Validating Race: Racial Consciousness and Vote Choice in Puerto Rico." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 9:1: 59-80.

2020. "Deciding on the Future: Race, Emigration and the New Economy in Cuba." *Journal of Latin American Studies*. 52:2: 399-422.

2019. "Who Are the Black Revolutionaries? Resistance in Cuba and the State Boundaries that Endure." *SOULS. A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*. 21: 323-338.

2018. "Black Activism and the State in Cuba." In *Comparative Racial Politics in Latin America*. Kwame Dixon and Ollie Johnson, Eds. New York: Routledge Press.

2013. "When Ideology Clashes with Reality: Racial Discrimination and Black Identity in Contemporary Cuba" *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 36.10: 1619-1636.

Other Publications & Media

The Color of Wealth in Miami. With Alan A. Aja, Khaing Zaw, Mark Paul, Daniel Bustillo, Darrick Hamilton, William Darity, Jr. and Anne E. Price. Joint Publication of Duke University, The New School, Brooklyn College, the City University of New York, and the Insight Center for Community Economic Development. February, 2019.

Coverage: [Washington Post](#), [Miami Herald](#), [WRLN](#), [EURWEB](#)

[“Latin America still thinks blackface is funny. It’s dehumanizing.”](#) *Miami Herald*, 31 May 2018.

Book Reviews

2018. Review of Juliet Hooker, *Theorizing Race in the Americas: Douglass, Sarmiento, Du Bois and Vasconcelos*. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics*. 1-3.

2016. Review of Jalane A. Schmidt, *Cachita’s Streets: The Virgin of Charity, Race and Revolution in Cuba*. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 40.8.

2015. Review of Kristina Wirtz, *Performing Afro-Cuba: Image, Voice, Spectacle in the Making of Race and History*. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 39.3: 503-505.

Works in Progress

Black Migration into a “White” City: Power, Privilege and Exclusion in Miami. With Devyn Spence Benson (Under contract with Oxford University Press)

How Race Matters Among Latinos: Puerto Rican Identity Politics. With Angie Gutierrez. (In preparation)

Afro-Latinos: Racial Politics, Identity Formation and Experiences in Blackness. (In preparation)

Race and Policing in Latin America. With Yanilda González. (In preparation)

Revisiting Social Dominance Theory: National Attachment and Black Consciousness in Puerto Rico and Cuba. (In preparation)

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

“The Present and Future of Latin American/Latinx Studies at CUNY and Beyond: Building Bridges.” Laguardia Community College, New York. April 26, 2021.

“BIPOC Graduate Students and the Publishing Process.” University of Texas at Austin. March 26, 2021.

“Race Matters in Latino Communities: Voting and Positionality Among Black Cubans in the United States.” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Baltimore MD (virtual conference). March 12, 2021.

“Understanding the ‘Latino Vote’ and Latinx Communities.” The Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. December 17, 2020.

“Who are the Black Revolutionaries? Resistance in Cuba and the State Boundaries that Endure.” Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin. October 21, 2020.

“*El efecto Mariel: Before, During, and After*.” Cuban Heritage Collection, University of Miami. September 18, 2020

“Democracy and Exclusion.” Democracy and Autocracy in America Mini-Conference, American Political Science Association (virtual conference). September 9, 2020.

“Black Migration into a White City.” University of Pennsylvania, January 29, 2020.

“The Power of Race in Cuba.” Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. South Bend, ID. September 24, 2019.

“The Price of the Ticket Roundtable: Difference and Democracy in Contemporary Times.” American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. August 30, 2019.

“Recruiting and Retaining Faculty of Color.” American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. August 30, 2019.

“Individualizing Racism: The Concealment of Racial Inequality in the Americas.” National Conference of Black Political Scientists. March 16, 2019.

“The Power of Race in Cuba.” Inaugural Mark Sawyer Memorial Lecture, University of California, Los Angeles. January 11, 2019.

“Framing Race in the Americas” Politics and Poetics of Race in the Americas,

University of Memphis. Memphis, TN. November 9, 2018.

“Political and Racial Outsiders?: Afro-Latino Political Attitudes. Presentation for American Political Science Association. Boston, MA. August 30-Sept 2, 2018.

“Author as Critic’ Roundtable: New Books on Black Politics and Race.” Presentation for American Political Science Association. Boston, MA. August 30-Sept 2, 2018.

“Self-Confidence and Survival in the Academy.” Presentation for American Political Science Association. Looking Back and Moving Forward: Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of the APSA Latin Caucus. Boston, MA. August 29, 2018.

“Racial Self-Identification and Sampling of Afro-Latinos.” 2018 Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey (CMPS) Summer Research Workshop and Planning Meeting. University of California, Los Angeles. August 8-10, 2018.

“Racial Inequality, Wealth, and Discrimination in Miami.” Afro-Latino Heritage Summit, Miami, FL. April 14, 2018.

“The Power of Race in Cuba.” Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. April 5th, 2018.

“National Identity and Black Consciousness in Puerto Rico and Cuba.” Presentation for National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Chicago, IL. March 14-17, 2018.

“Comparative and Transnational Approaches to the Study of Race.” Mark Q. Sawyer Symposium: The Politics of Race in Global Perspective. University of Chicago, March 13-14, 2018.

“The Power of Race in Cuba.” Books and Books, Coral Gables, FL. Cuban Research Institute. September 26, 2017.

“Does Race Matter? Racial Consciousness and Voting in Puerto Rico.” Presentation for American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA. August 31-September 3, 2017.

“We are all Cuban, But we Are Not all Equal: Racial Politics in Contemporary Cuba” & “Examining the Caribbean’s Racial Democracies.” Wither Cuna? Perspectives on Cuba in the 21st Century. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, July 10-12, 2017.

“Lifting the Silence: Black Political Attitudes and Racism in Puerto Rico.” Presentation for National Conference of Black Political Scientists. San Diego, CA. March 14-18, 2017.

“A Perfect Marriage: Socialism and Racelessness in Contemporary Cuba.” Presentation for Latin American Studies Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico. May 27-30, 2015.

“Racial Activism and Black Consciousness in a Racial Democracy.” Plenary Session for Tenth Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies. Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University, Miami Florida. February 26-28, 2015.

“Counting Race Without Racial Difference: Racial Categorization and the State in Cuba.” Presentation for Global Blackness Conference. Global Inequality Research Initiative, Duke University, Durham, NC. November 6-8, 2014.

The Seeds of a Black Movement: Racial Consciousness & Activism in Contemporary Cuba.” Presentation for Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. April 3-6, 2014.

“White Racial Attitudes and Racial Silence in Contemporary Cuba.” SAGGSA Colloquium Series. Florida International University, Miami Florida. October 11, 2013.

Racial Ideology and Black Activism in Latin American and the Caribbean. Keynote Speech. Teacher Training Workshop, Florida International University, Miami Florida. October 3, 2013.

“I’m Not Racist: Anti-Racialism in Cuba.” Presentation for Ninth Conference on Cuban and Cuban American Studies. Florida International University, Miami FL. May 23, 2013.

“The Power of a Frame: The Characterization of Racism as Prejudice in Cuba.” Presentation for American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. August 30-September 2, 2012.

“Race, Stereotypes and Immigration: Intergroup Perceptions in a Set of Southern Cities” Submitted with Paula McClain, et al., Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL., April 22-25, 2010.

“Uncovering Blackness: Racial Democracy and Black Consciousness in Contemporary Cuba.” Presentation for the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, GA., March 17-21, 2010.

“We Are Not Valued: Racial Discrimination and Black Identity in Revolutionary Cuba.” Presentation for the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA. January 7-9, 2010.

“The Commonality of Marginalization: Black Consciousness and Solidarity in Cuba.” Presentation for the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA., November 19-21, 2009.

“Black and White Americans and Latino Immigrants: A Preliminary Look at Attitudes in Three Southern Cities.” Presentation with Paula McClain et al., American Political Science Association Conference, Toronto, Canada, September, 2009.

“Acts of Recovery.” Presentation of exhibit and research project on the *Social and Economic History of the Black Presence at UNC*. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, April, 2006 & 2007.

Teaching Experience

Assistant/Associate Professor: Race, Politics and Caribbeans, Cuban Politics, Race and Politics in the Americas, Racial Politics in the United States, Latino Politics, Introduction to Mexican American and Latina/o Studies, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Comparative Racial Politics (graduate course) Seminar in Comparative Politics (graduate course)

Assistant Professor: Racism and Racial Identity in Puerto Rico – University of Puerto Rico, Cayey, Fall 2016.

Instructor: Black Politics in the Americas, Center for African American Studies, Princeton University, Spring 2012.

Instructor: Race and Politics in the Americas, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina, Fall 2010 & Spring 2011

Instructor: Latin American Politics, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina, Spring 2007

Fellowships and Awards

Russell Sage Foundation, Race, Ethnicity and Immigration Grant, 2020

Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grant, 2020

W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Book Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2019

Best Book Award, American Political Science Association, Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section, 2018

APSA Special Projects Fund, 2018

Provost Humanities Research Grant, Florida International University, 2018
McKnight Junior Faculty Fellowship, 2017-2018
Broad Fellowship Award, Florida International University, 2017
Research Award, Latin American and Caribbean Center, 2016
Travel Award, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina, 2010
Off Campus Dissertation Award, The Graduate School, University of North Carolina, 2008
Travel Award, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina, 2005
Tinker Field Research Grant, Institute for the Study of the Americas, University of North Carolina, 2005

Service

Director, Afro-Caribbean Sample, Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey
Editorial Board, Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies Journal (LACES)
Editorial Board, National Journal of Black Politics
Section Chair, Afro-Latino Politics, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Committee Chair, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Best Book Award
Review Panel, National Science Foundation, Accountable Institutions and Behavior (AIB) Program
Member, Committee on the Status of Latinos in the Profession, APSA
Committee Chair, Awards Committee, Latino Caucus of APSA
Member, Race and Democracy Project

Reviewer, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics, Groups and Identities*, *Journal of Race, Latin American Research Review*, *Ethnicity and Politics*; *Transforming Anthropology*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *SOULS*, Russell Sage Foundation

Panel Chair, Discussant: APSA, MPSA, NCOBPS (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

Membership

American Political Science Association
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Latin American Studies Association