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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Black American Political Behavior, Urban Politics, Local Reparations, Trauma, Collective Memory

EDUCATION

Northwestern University
The Graduate School
Ph.D. Program in Political Science

Begin Date: September 2019

Northwestern University
The Graduate School
Master of Arts, Political Science

Graduation Date: December 2022

Oberlin College
Bachelor of Arts, Politics and Law & Society Double Major
Minor in Africana Studies

Graduation Date: May 2018

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Office of Fellowships, Northwestern University

Graduate Assistant Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Fall 2025 – Summer 2026

- Supported a pipeline process that emphasizes mentoring, research support, programming, and student cohort building in an undergraduate research program setting

Northwestern Prison Education Program, Northwestern University

Instructor Winter 2024

- Taught an in-person American Government and Politics undergraduate seminar course to 15 incarcerated students at Stateville Correctional Center in Illinois

Chicago Field Studies, Social Justice, Northwestern University

Instructor Spring 2023

- Taught 12 student Field Studies in Social Justice undergraduate course

School of Education and Social Policy, Lecturer Briellen Griffin, Northwestern University

Teaching Assistant Fall 2022

- Social Policy and Implementation undergraduate course

Department of Political Science, Associate Professor Reuel Rogers, Northwestern University

Teaching Assistant Spring 2022

- African American Politics undergraduate course

School of Education and Social Policy, Associate Professor of Human Development and Social Policy Sally Nuamah, Northwestern University

Lead Teaching Assistant Winter 2022

- Race, Inequality, and Public Policy undergraduate course

Department of Political Science, Payson S. Wild Professor James Druckman, Northwestern University

Teaching Assistant Fall 2021 – Winter 2022

- Sports, Politics, and Public Opinion first-year seminar course

Department of Political Science, Payson S. Wild Professor James Druckman, Northwestern University

Research Assistant Summer 2021 – Winter 2022

Department of Political Science, Dr. Kumar Ramanathan, Northwestern University

Research Assistant Summer 2021 – Winter 2022

Center for Civic Engagement, Northwestern University

Graduate Assistant Winter 2021 – August 2021

- Led graduate student programming aimed at increasing levels of civic engagement among graduate students at the University, which included a series of workshops

Department of Political Science, Assistant Professor Chloe Thurston, Northwestern University

Teaching Assistant Fall 2020

- Introduction to American Politics and Government virtual undergraduate course

Summer Workshop, Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers, Phillips Academy Andover

Summer Workshop Intern July 2018

- Developed teaching practices through intensive graduate-level coursework on critical theory and transformative pedagogy
- Engaged in professional training working workshops and peer-to-peer mentorship in residential living and learning environment

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Office of Undergraduate Research, Oberlin College

Research Fellow, May 2016 – May 2018

- Created an independent research project, under the mentorship of tenured Professor Charles Peterson, analyzing the structural, cultural, and economic factors influencing African American voter turnout in Cleveland

Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, American Political Science Association, Duke University

Bunche Scholar June 2017

- Created empirical research project analyzing the relationship between perceptions of corruption and voter turnout for African Americans, Latinos, and White Americans throughout the United States

Department of Sociology, Professor Daphne John and Professor Yago Colas, Oberlin College

Teaching Assistant Fall 2017

- Assisted faculty with the inaugural *Sports, Culture, and Society* course cluster in Sociology
- Crafted teaching curriculum and organized practicum projects across the city of Oberlin for 12 first-year students enrolled in the cluster

Boston City Council Research Project, Boston City Councilor Andrea Campbell, Boston, MA
Research Fellow January 2016

- Conducted preliminary research on a policy that guarantees short-term housing for citizens who have just been released from jail or prison throughout Boston

PUBLICATIONS

- Nelsen D. Matthew, Newton Monique, and d’Urso S. Amanda. “Forty Acres and a Mule: Symbolic Politics and the Pursuit for Black Reparations in the United States” *Perspectives on Politics*. July 2025
- Newton, Monique and Nelsen D. Matthew. 2024. “The Politics of Expedience: Evanston, Illinois and the Fight for Reparations” *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences Special Issue on Reparations in the Social Sciences*. June 2024
- Newton, Monique, Harrison F. Brian, and Kammerer F. Edward. 2022. “Political Science & LGBTQ Identity: Thoughts & Suggestions for LGBTQ Graduate Students” *APSA Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond Guidebook*.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- Newton Monique April 27, 2021. “When are police aggressive – and when are they respectful – toward Black Lives Matter protesters?” *The Washington Post*

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June 2025
- Presidential Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2024-2026
- Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, December 2024
- Minar Research Award, Political Science Department, Northwestern University 2024
- Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, Northwestern University, 2023
- APSA Public Scholarship Program, American Political Science Association, 2022-2023
- Social Justice Mini-Grant, Northwestern Office of Diversity and Inclusion, August 2022
- Dissertation Proposal Development Program, Northwestern University, Summer 2022
- Summer Dissertation Proposal Workshop Participant, Howard University, May 2021
- Minority Fellow, American Political Science Association, 2019-2020
- Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs, Pittsburgh, August 2018-May 2019
- Division III NCAA Track and Field National Champion, Discus 2018 and Shotput 2017
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Oberlin College, 2016-2018
- Division III NCAA Track and Field Academic All-American, USTFCCA, 2017(3), 2018(5)
- Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Scholar, American Political Science Association, 2017
- Honda Scholar-Athlete Award Recipient, Oberlin College Athletics, 2016, 2017
- Jerome Davis Research Award, Department of Sociology at Oberlin College, 2016

PRESENTATIONS

- Western Political Science Association, In person. Newton, M April 2026, “Body of Lies: Collective Memory, Traumatic Events, and Collective Action during the Black Lives Matter Movement

- International Society of Political Psychology, In person. Newton, M July 2025, “Body of Lies: Collective Memory, Traumatic Events, and Collective Action during the Black Lives Matter Movement”
- Organizing Forum Conference, In person. Newton, M, May 2025, “Worst Behavior: How Traumatic Events Impact Local Political Participation of Black Neighborhoods in the United States”
- Towards Liberation Conference, In person. Newton, M, May 2025, “Body of Lies: Collective Memory, Traumatic Events, and Collective Action during the Black Lives Matter Movement
- Southern Political Science Association, In person. Newton, M, January 2025, Author Meets Critics for Black Women Taught Us by Jenn Jackson
- American Political Science Association, In person. Newton, M, September 2024, “No Safety: An Exploration of the Meaning of Traumatic Events for Black Americans”
- Midwest Political Science Association, In person. Newton, M, April 2024, “No Safety: An Exploration of the Meaning of Traumatic Events for Black Americans”
- American Political Science Association, Virtual. Newton, M, Nelsen M, d’Urso A September 2023, “In Support of Reparations: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment”
- Workshop on New Directions in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration, In person. Newton, M. October 2022 “The Roots of Local Opinion Formation: Evanston, Illinois, and Local Reparations” Notre Dame
- Midwest Political Science Association, In person. Newton, M, and Nelson, M. April 2022, “The Roots of Local Opinion Formation: Evanston, Illinois, and Local Reparations”
- Midwest Political Science Association, In person. Torres-Beltran, A, and Newton, M. April 2022, “Pride and Prejudice: The Effects of Hate Crimes on Political Participation”
- Midwest Political Science Association, In person. Newton, M, and Torres-Beltran, A. April 2022, “Adults See Ghosts: The Political Consequences of Crime in American Cities”
- American Political Science Association, In person. Newton, M October 2021, “After the Storm: Black Lives Matter Protests and the Spatial Variation of Policing in Chicago”
- Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual. Newton, M. April 2021, “After the Storm: Black Lives Matter Protests and the Spatial Variation of Policing in Chicago”
- National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Virtual. Newton, M. February 2021 “After the Storm: Black Lives Matter Protests and the Spatial Variation of Policing in Chicago”
- Black Graduate Student Association Conference, Virtual. Newton, M. November 2020, “After the Storm: Black Lives Matter Protests and the Spatial Variation of Policing in Chicago”
- Senior Research Symposium at Oberlin College, May 9, 2018, Oberlin, OH. Newton, M. (2017), “Myth vs. Reality: Uncovering the Causes of Black Voter Turnout in American Cities”
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) Midwest Regional Conference, October 21, 2017, Northfield, MN. Newton, M. (2018), “Myth vs. Reality: Uncovering the Causes of Black Voter Turnout in American Cities”
- Celebration of Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium at Oberlin College, October 27, 2017, Oberlin, OH. Newton, M. “Myth vs. Reality: Uncovering the Causes of Black Voter Turnout in American Cities”

- Poster Presentation, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2, 2017, San Francisco, CA. Newton, M. (2016), “Everythang’s Corrupt: Evaluating Perceptions of Corruption and Voter Turnout in the United States”
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) Midwest Regional Conference, October 21, 2016, St. Louis, MO. Newton, M. “Myth vs. Reality: Uncovering the Causes of Black Voter Turnout in American Cities”

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Office of Diversity and Inclusion, The Graduate School, Northwestern University

Diversity Fellow Fall 2021 – 2023

- Assisted in the recruitment and retention of underrepresented populations to foster an inclusive environment and facilitate graduate student community engagement

Office of Diversity and Inclusion, The Graduate School, Northwestern University

Summer Research Opportunity Program Group Leader Summer 2022

- Led a group of 14 college sophomores and juniors from the social sciences and humanities through an intensive summer research experience

Charles Deering McCormick University Librarian Search Committee, Northwestern University

Committee Member Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Teaching Committee, Department of Political Science (2022-2023)
- Co-Chair American Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science (2019 – 2021)
- Logistics Coordinator, Graduate Student Union, Department of Political Science (2020 – 2021)

REFERENCES

- Dr. Reuel Rogers
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- Dr. James Druckman
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