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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies and Social Studies (2015-Present)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Junior Prize Fellow in History, Economics, and Politics (2012- 2015)

EDUCATION

YALE UNIVERSITY

New Haven, CT

PhD in Political Science and African-American Studies, *University and Department Distinction*

Dissertation: "Which Way to Memphis?: Historiography, Political Theory, and the Long Civil Rights Movement" supervised by: Seyla Benhabib (Political Science and Philosophy) and Gerald Jaynes (Economics and African American Studies)

Examination Fields: Political Philosophy, Contemporary Political Theory, American Politics, Race and Politics

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE, THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2005-2006)

Oxford, UK

MSc in Political Theory Research

2005-2006 Michael von Clemm Fellow

HARVARD COLLEGE (2001-2005)

Cambridge, MA

AB in Government and African and African-American Studies, *magna cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

"After Ferguson," *The Point* (Summer 2015)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

"The Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Exploratory Seminar Grant, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (2015-2016)

Alex Willingham Best Political Theory Paper Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (2014)

Best Paper, Foundations of Political Theory Section, American Political Science Association (2013)

Yale University Dissertation Fellowship (2011-2012)

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Diversity Fellowship (2007-11, deferred for one year)

Yale Graduate Fellowship (2006-2011)

Sterling Prize Fellowship, Yale University (2006-2009, deferred for one year)

Andrew W. Mellon/Benjamin E. Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship (2003-2005)

Andrew Ramroop Prize, Harvard University (2005)

Alain Locke Prize, Harvard University (2005)

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

“What is Black Political Thought?,” Black Political Thought: Past and Present, University of California Los Angeles (May 2015)

“On the Economy,” Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Yale University (May 2015)

“Social Justice for Women of Color,” Association of Black Harvard Women, Harvard College (April 2015)

“On *Selma*,” discussion panel with Peniel Joseph and Lisa Coleman, Harvard Kennedy School (March 2015)

“Ferguson and Hiphop Activism: Game On,” discussion panel with Tef Poe and Walter Johnson, Hiphop Archive and Research Institute and Charles Warren Center for American History (December 2014)

“The Modern Black Male Athlete: Race, Justice, and Sports,” discussion panel with Richard Sherman, Domonique Foxworth, Arian Foster, and Larry Fitzgerald, Harvard College (April 2014)

“Race, Film, and Culture,” discussion panel with Wesley Morris and Kellie Carter Jackson, The Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy, Jr. Forum at the Harvard Kennedy School (April 2014)

“Critical Race Theory and the Tasks of Political Philosophy: On Rawls and the Racial Contract,”

- Annual Conference of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Wilmington, DE (March 2014)
- Dartmouth College Political Theory Workshop (February 2014)
- Columbia University Political Theory Workshop (December 2013)

“Irony and Its Politics in Civil Rights Historiography,”

- University of California, Los Angeles Political Theory Workshop, co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (March 2014)
- Radical Thought on the Margins: Princeton and Cornell Political Theory Reading Group Conference, Ithaca, NY (October 2013)

“Political Theory and the Historiography of the Civil Rights Movement: Exemplarity, Narrative, Judgment,” Center for History and Economics, Harvard University (November 2013)

“A Letter from a Birmingham Jail: A 50th Anniversary Panel Discussion” with Lani Guinier, Diane McWhorter, and Jonathan Bruno, Lowell House, Harvard University (April 2013)

“Revisiting the ‘Racial Contract,’” Roundtable Panel on Charles W. Mills’ *The Racial Contract*, 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (August 2013)

“Exemplarity and Excavation: Narrative, Political Theory, and the Civil Rights Movement,” Political Thought and Historical Imagination Conference, International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Yale University (March 2013)

“The Allure and Authority of African-American History,” Invited Lecture, Harvard Black Students’ Association Black History Month Celebration (February 2013)

“The Tragic Vision of the Civil Rights Movement”

- Program on Economics, History, and Politics, Harvard University (February 2013)
- 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Panel on Social Movements, New Orleans, LA (August 2012 – canceled)
- Invited Lecture, Amherst College, Political Science Department and American Studies Department (December 2011)
- Invited Lecture, University of Chicago, Political Science Department (November 2011)
- Invited Lecture, Yale University, Political Science and African American Studies Departments (November 2011)
- Invited Lecture, Cornell University, Government Department (October 2011)
- Invited Lecture, University of Delaware, Political Science Department (October 2011)

“HBO’s *The Wire*: Philosophy, Politics, Aesthetics,” Invited Lecture, Tufts University, Medford, MA (April 2011)

“Which Way to Memphis?: The Civil Rights Movement in Historiography and Political Theory”

- Yale University Political Theory Workshop, New Haven, CT (March 2011)
- Endeavors: Perspectives on Black Life and Culture, Yale University, New Haven, CT (October 2011)

“Obama and the Crisis of Authority in Black Political Life” Invited Lecture, Stonehill College, Easton, MA (February 2010)

“The Wire @ Harvard: Lessons for Politics and Policy,” a forum with William Julius Wilson, Lawrence D. Bobo, Sonja Sohn, Michael K. Williams, and Andre Royo, sponsored by the Boston Foundation, the Ella J. Baker House, and the Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University (October 2009)

“On Fear and Fearlessness in Gandhi and Fanon”

- 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Panel on Comparative Political Theory, Toronto, ON, Canada (September 2009)
- Global Nonviolence International Conference, Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA (April 2009)
- New York State Political Science Association Annual Conference, Political Theory Section on Political Violence; John Jay College in New York, New York (April 2009)
- Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Harvard University, (November 2007)

“Has Our Nation Moved Beyond Race?,” a panel with Frank Rich, David Frum, Jennifer Hochschild, and Frederick Harris, sponsored by the Harvard Black Alumni Society—New York Chapter and the Harvard Alumni Association; Harvard Club of New York (March 2009)

“Election 2008: Race, Ethics, and Politics—Where Do We Go From Here?,” a panel with David Mayhew, Avril Clarke, and Denise Khor, hosted by YALEVOTES!, and co-sponsored by the Yale College Council, the African American Cultural Center, NAACP, La Casa, Native American Cultural Center, Asian American Cultural Center, and Ivy Council; Yale University (October 2008)

“Mezcla: African American and Latino Politics,” a discussion hosted by YALEVOTES! and La Casa Cultural; Yale University (October 2008)

“Sunday Brunch Lecture,” Yale Black Men’s Union; Yale University (October 2008)

“The Road to the White House: Race, Class, and Ethics in the 2008 Presidential Election,” a panel discussion hosted by YALEVOTES!, co-sponsored by The Yale College Democrats, the Yale chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Black Graduate Network; Yale University (October 2008)

“From Garbage Workers to Thug Life: What the Black Freedom Movement Means,” Pan African Leadership Summit to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Mason Temple, Memphis, TN (April 2008)

“Understanding America: African American Experiences,” Organization for International Students and Scholars, Yale University (February 2008)

“Is Hip-Hop Still Good For Black America?: Black Culture and Its Impact on the Community”, a panel with Damon Dash, Tricia Rose, and Rev. Eugene Rivers, The Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy, Jr. Forum at the Harvard Kennedy School, (February 2008)

“On the Turn to Diversity in American Politics and Culture,” American Politics Graduate Colloquium, Yale University, (November 2007)

“What is the ‘Power’ in Black Power?: Black Power Political Theory and the Philosophy of Hannah Arendt,” Philosophy/Religion Academic Exchange Session at the 2007 Conference of Ford Fellows, University of California, Irvine (October 2007)

"You Talkin' Loud, But You Ain't Sayin' Nothin'?: Race and Racism in a Hip-Hop Age," invited lecture to the Oxford Hive, the Oxford Left Forum, and the Oxford Afro-Caribbean Society at Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford (January 2007)

"On Authenticity and Identity," Yale Political Philosophy Colloquium (October 2006)

"What's Race Got To Do With It? (And Me?): A Conversation on Race, Nation, and Obligation in the 21st Century," Inaugural Lecture of the Joint Political Discussion Series for Oxford Afro-Caribbean Society, Students of Oxford's Caribbean Association, and the Oxford Africa Society (May 2006)

SERVICE

- Harvard College Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion (2014-2015)
- University Advisor, Harvard Black Students’ Association (2013 - present)
- Resident Tutor in Government, Social Studies, African and African American Studies, and Fellowships, Lowell House, Harvard University (2012- 2015)
- Lowell House Senior Common Room (2010 - present)
- President, Alumni Board, Harvard Black Men’s Forum (2009- present)
- Board of Trustees, Baltimore BORN (Boys Opportunity and Resource Network) (2009-2012)
- Committee Member, Young Professionals for the Harlem Children’s Zone (2009-2011)

- Founder and Co-Chair, *Endeavors: Perspectives on Black Life & Culture* – An African American Studies Colloquium at Yale University (2007-2009)
- Fellow, Yale University Office for Diversity and Equal Opportunity (2007-2009)
- Graduate Advisor, Yale Black Men’s Union (2007-2009)
- Editorial Board, *Maroon: Yale Journal of African-American Studies* (2007-2008)
- Hosting Committee, 2006 Harvard Black Alumni Weekend: Roots and Revision (2006)
- Intern, African-American National Biography Project, W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African and African American Research/Oxford University Press (2005)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND UNIVERSITY AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Center for History and Economics, Harvard University
Hutchins Center for African and African American Research

MANUSCRIPT REFEREE

DuBois Review: Social Science Research on Race
PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review