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Education

Princeton University: Ph.D., Politics (June 1996). M.A., Politics (January 1993).
Harvard Divinity School: M.T.S. (June 1989).
Princeton University: A.B. *summa cum laude*, Independent Concentration in Politics and Ethics (June 1987).

Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Politics, University of Virginia, 2005-
Assistant Professor of Politics, University of Virginia, 2001-2005.
Assistant Professor of Politics, Babson College, 1998-2001.
Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, 1997.
Lecturer, Princeton University, Fall 1996.

Publications

Book

The Evidence of Things Not Said: James Baldwin and the Promise of American Democracy (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2001).

Books in Progress

Democracy's Reconstruction: W. E. B. Du Bois in the 21st Century (under contract with "Transgressing Boundaries: Studies in Black Politics and Black Communities," ed. Cathy Cohen and Frederick Harris, Oxford University Press)

"Reparations: A Democratic Idea"

Articles in refereed journals and book chapters

"Act and Fact: Slavery Reparations as a Democratic Politics of Reconciliation," in *The Politics of Reconciliation in Multicultural Societies*, ed. Will Kymlicka and Bashir Bashir (Oxford University Press, 2008).

"Reparations *after* Identity Politics," *Political Theory* 33 (December 2005): 786-811.

"Representative Women: Slavery, Citizenship, and Feminist Theory in Du Bois's 'Damnation of Women,'" *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 20 (Summer 2005): 127-48.

"Vexed Genealogy: Octavia Butler and Political Memories of Slavery," in *Democracy's Literature: Politics and Fiction in America*, edited by Patrick Deneen and Joseph Romance (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2005), 171-90.

“Unreconstructed Democracy: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Case for Reparations,” *American Political Science Review* 97 (February 2003): 33-44.

“Finding the Words: Baldwin, Race Consciousness, and Democratic Theory,” in *James Baldwin Now*, edited by Dwight McBride (New York: New York University Press, 1999), 75-99.

“The Appeal of Innocence: Baldwin, Walzer, and the Bounds of Social Criticism,” *The Review of Politics* (Summer 1999): 373-401.

“‘A Most Disagreeable Mirror’: Race Consciousness as Double Consciousness,” *Political Theory* (June 1998): 346-69.

Book reviews, encyclopedia articles, and miscellaneous publications

“The Life and Afterlife of Slavery,” in *Thinking of Reading: The University of Virginia Reader’s Guide*, edited by Jessica Feldman and Robert Stilling (University of Virginia Press [forthcoming]).

“W. E. B. Du Bois,” *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, edited by John H. Moore (Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2008).

Review of *Party/Politics: Horizons in Black Political Thought*, by Michael Hanchard, *Perspectives on Politics* 5 (September 2007).

Review of *Democratic Faith*, by Patrick J. Deneen, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 74 (September 2006).

Review of *We Who Are Dark: The Philosophical Foundations of Black Solidarity*, by Tommie Shelby, *Symposia for Race, Gender, and Philosophy* (April 2006).
<https://confab.mit.edu/confluence/display/SGRP/SGRP+Home>

“James Baldwin,” *Encyclopedia of Literature and Politics: Censorship, Revolution, and Writing*, edited by M. Keith Booker (Greenwood, September 2005).

Review of *The Miner’s Canary: Enlisting Race, Resisting Power, Transforming Democracy*, by Lani Guinier and Gerald Torres, *The Review of Politics* (Summer 2003).

“James Baldwin,” *Civil Rights in the United States*, editors Waldo E. Martin and Patricia Sullivan (Macmillan Reference, 2000).

“Ralph Bunche,” “Ella Baker,” “Angela Davis,” and 15 other biographical entries, *Encarta Africana* and *Perseus Africana Encyclopedia*, editors K. Anthony Appiah and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Microsoft and Perseus Books, 1999).

Review of *W. E. B. Du Bois and American Political Thought: Fabianism and the Color Line* by Adolph L. Reed Jr., *American Political Science Review* (December 1998).

Fellowships and Academic Honors

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Associate Professor for Distinguished Teaching, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University (2008-09)

National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship (Spring 2007)

Mead Honored Faculty Fellow, University of Virginia (2005-06)

Nominee, Outstanding Faculty Award, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (2005)

Resident Fellow, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (2004-05)

Sesquicentennial Associate, University of Virginia (2004-05)

All-University Teaching Award, University of Virginia (2004)

University Teaching Fellowship, University of Virginia (2003-04)

Summer Research Grant, University of Virginia (2008, 2005, 2003)

Co-Winner, Best Paper Award, Foundations of Political Theory Section, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2002)

Non-Resident Fellow, W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research, Harvard University (1998-2001)

Babson College Board of Research, Summer Research Stipend (2000, 1999, 1998), Course Release (Fall 2000, Spring 1999)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on "The Civil Rights Movement: History and Consequences," Harvard University (Summer 1999)

Resident Fellow, Center for the Study of Values in Public Life, Harvard Divinity School (Spring 1998)

Resident Fellow, W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research, Harvard University (Spring-Fall 1997)

Society of Fellows of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Princeton University (1994-96)

Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Prize Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University (1993-94)

Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University chapter (1987)

Papers at Recent Professional Conferences and Invited Colloquium Presentations

"Innocence in the Age of Apology: Why James Baldwin Now," Carleton College (April 2008).

"W. E. B. Du Bois in the 21st Century," Political Theory Workshop, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (April 2008).

"Does Black Political Thought Have a Genre?" American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 2007).

"'Getting Over It' and Not Getting By: Slavery and the Reparations Debate," public lecture at Connecticut College (April 2007).

"W. E. B. Du Bois and the Problems of the 21st Century," Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (April 2007).

“W. E. B. Du Bois and Critical Race Autobiography,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2006); revised versions presented at the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Murphy Institute, Tulane University, New Orleans (December 2006); and at the Government Department Colloquium, College of William and Mary (April 2007).

“Facing the Worst,” roundtable on “Blacks in Theory, Blacks in Practice,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2006).

“Against Reconciliation?” Political Theory Workshop, Cornell University Department of Government (April 2006); also presented at invitational conference on “The Politics of Reconciliation in Multicultural Societies,” Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario (April 2006).

“Black World, White Nation: On W. E. B. Du Bois’s Critical Internationalism,” Political Theory Colloquium, Harvard University Department of Government (December 2005).

“White Nation, Black World: Reading Du Bois’s *The Suppression of the African Slave-Trade* in 2005,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2005); also presented at the Association for Political Theory Meeting (October 2005).

“Reading *Dusk of Dawn*: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Practice of Autobiography,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (March 2005).

“Slavery Reparations, Identity Politics, and American Democracy,” invitational conference on “Comparative Perspectives on Race, Nationalism and the Politics of Memory: Poland and the United States,” Warsaw, Poland (March 2005).

“(Re)Examining Slavery Reparations,” Conference on Public Service and the Law, University of Virginia Law School (February 2005).

“Reparations *after* Identity Politics,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2004).

“Vexed Genealogy: Octavia Butler and Political Memories of Slavery,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 2003).

“‘Naught to Do with the Slaves’: Du Bois, Historical Memory, and the Souls of White Folk,” “Roundtable on the 100th Anniversary of W. E. B. Du Bois’s *The Souls of Black Folk*,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 2003).

“Representative Women: Slavery, Gender, and Citizenship in the Thought of W. E. B. Du Bois,” Collegium for African American Research, Winchester, England (April 2003). Revised versions presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (March 2004); the University of Virginia Political Theory Colloquium (April 2004); the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (April 2005).

“Reparations as Reconstruction: Reimagining Slavery, Race, and Citizenship in the 21st Century,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 2002).

“The Argument of John Brown,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 2001).

“‘A Structure of Memory and Critique’: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Case for Reparations,” Collegium for Afro-American Research, Sardinia, Italy (March 2001).

“Unreconstructed Democracy: W. E. B. Du Bois and the ‘Post-Civil Rights’ Predicament,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 2000). Revised versions presented at the Department of Political Science Riker Seminar/Frederick Douglass Institute Seminar, University of Rochester (May 2002); the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (September 2004).

Selected Service and Professional Experience

Political Theory Section Co-Chair, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2008)

APSA Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee (2008)

Best Paper Committee, Foundations of Political Theory Section, APSA (2008)

Pre- and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, Carter G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American and African Studies, University of Virginia (2006-8, 2002-04)

Political Theory Search Committee (Chair), University of Virginia (2006). Successfully recruited two assistant professors.

Nominating Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Virginia (2005-08)

Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics* (2005-07)

Chair’s Advisory Committee, Department of Politics, University of Virginia (2005-07)

University Summer Grants Committee, University of Virginia (2005-07)

Faculty Consultant, Excellence in Diversity Program, University of Virginia (2005-07)

American Politics Search Committee, University of Virginia (2005-06)

Book Prize Committee, Race, Ethnicity & Politics Section, APSA (2004-05)

Fellowship Selection Committee, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (2004)

American Studies Search Committee, University of Virginia (2003-04)

Phi Beta Kappa Book Prize Committee, University of Virginia (2003-04)

Mentor, Office of African American Affairs, University of Virginia (2002-present)

Manuscript Reviewer, *Political Theory*; *American Political Science Review*; *Journal of Politics*; *The Review of Politics*; *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*; *Theoria*; Cornell University Press; Oxford University Press; University of Minnesota Press; University Press of Kansas; University of Alabama Press