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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Mississippi
Assistant Professor of Political Science and African American Studies
August 2023 to Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science. Michigan State University, 2023.
M.A. Political Science. Michigan State University, 2019.
B.S. Criminal Justice (Magna Cum Laude). Jackson State University, 2017.

PEER- REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Jamil Scott, **Kesicia A. Dickinson**, and Pearl K. Dowe. 2020. "Who is Stacey Abrams? An Examination of Gender and Race Dynamics in State-Level Candidacy." In *Good Reasons to Run: Women and Political Candidacy*, Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 56-67.

Kesicia A. Dickinson, Jasmine Jackson, and Princess Williams. 2020. "Jackson State University: Challenging Minds and Cultivating the Political Science Pipeline." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 53(1): 14850. doi: 10.1017/S1049096519001148.

Jamil Scott, **Kesicia A. Dickinson**, Eric Gonzalez Juenke, and Steven Thomas. 2020. "The Summer Research Opportunities Program at Michigan State University." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 53(1): 13739. doi: 10.1017/S1049096519001057.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Kesicia A. Dickinson. "Students as Knowledge Brokers: Bringing Voter Engagement Back Home To Their Families." *State of the Student Vote Substack*. December 13, 2023.

Kesicia A. Dickinson, Marty Jordan, Sarah Reckhow, and Joshua Sapotichne. "InnovateGov in Detroit: Connecting the University's Most Vital Resource to a City's Most Urgent Challenges." *Urban Affairs Forum*. January 8, 2020.

SELECT WORKING PAPERS

Kesicia A. Dickinson. "Unpacking Voters Preferences About Candidate Training Programs." In preparation for submission.

Kesicia A. Dickinson. "How She Wins: The Role of Formal Training in Evaluations of Black Women Candidates." In preparation for submission.

Byron D. Orey and **Kesicia A. Dickinson**. "Protest, Plague, and Politics: The Role of Emotions and Trauma in Explaining Political Participation." In preparation for submission.

Jamil Scott, **Kesicia A. Dickinson**, Nazita Lajevardi, and Shayla Olson. "Supply and Demand of Female Candidates in the 2018 and 2020 Elections." In preparation for submission.

Jamil Scott, **Kesicia A. Dickinson**, and Erika Vallejo. "Hollow Prizes?: The Expectations and Successes of Women of Color Mayors."

Byron D. Orey and **Kesicia A. Dickinson**. “Sources We Can Believe In: The Effect of Elite-Cueing on Black Americans Attributions of Black Inequality”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Contributor, Candidate Characteristics Cooperative (C3) Database, 2018 - Present

- The 2018 data is publicly available

Collaborator, Team Michelson, 2022 - Present

Contributor, 2022 Cooperative Election Study (CES)

Participant, The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), June 13-24, 2022

Contributor, 2018 Candidate Characteristics Cooperative Data

- Coded race and gender of candidates who ran for office in state of Michigan in the 2020 election

Research Assistant, Institute for Public Policy and Social Science Research, 2017 to 2019

- Created experimental treatments and contributed to analyses and report for grant project regarding voter turnout with Disability Rights Michigan
- Total Amount: \$25,000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Mississippi

POL 320, AAS 320: African American Politics

POL 398: Special Topics in Political Science – Exploring Intersectionality

Michigan State University

Teaching Assistant, ISS 335: National Diversity

Teaching Assistant, PLS 320: Judicial Politics

Teaching Assistant, PLS 494, 894: Field Experience in Political Science

Teaching Assistant/Facilitator, Summer Research Opportunities Program

Teaching Assistant, PLS 100: Introduction to American Politics

Teaching Assistant, PLS 302: Urban Politics

Teaching Assistant, PLS 225: Power, Authority, and Exchange

Teaching Assistant, PLS 422, PPL 891: InnovateGov

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Unpacking Voters Preferences About Candidate Training Programs.” Presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists 55th Annual Meeting. March 13-17, 2024. Los Angeles, CA.

“Protest, Plague, and Politics: The Role of Emotions and Trauma in Explaining Political Participation” with Byron D. Orey. Presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists 55th Annual Meeting. March 13-17, 2024. Los Angeles, CA.

“How She Wins: The Role of Formal Training in Evaluations of Black Women Candidates.” Presented at the 80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. April 13-15, 2023. Chicago, IL.

“Students as Knowledge Brokers.” Presented at the 2023 State of the Student Vote Research Network Workshop. April 12, 2023. Chicago, IL.

“Black Women Candidates and How they Show Up: Examining Black women's self-presentation as candidates.” Presented at the 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. April 7-10, 2022. Chicago, IL.

Chair, Founders' Symposium Symposium at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists 53rd Annual Meeting. March 9-12, 2022. Virtual.

“Women's Recruiting Groups and Candidate Trainings: Does Women's Participation Influence Candidate Evaluation.” Presented at the CREW/PSOC Joint Workshop hosted online by Michigan State University. December 3, 2021.

Panel Moderator, Leadership and Promotion Strategies at the Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Student Success Conference. November 5-6, 2021. Virtual.

Chair, Founders' Symposium Symposium at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists 52nd Annual Meeting. March 10-13, 2021. Virtual.

Discussant, Public Policy Session 1 at the Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference. March 5-7, 2021. Virtual.

Panel Moderator, Developing Community Engaged Research with a Global Impact at Michigan Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Fall Conference. October 23-24, 2020. Virtual.

Chair, Founders' Symposium at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists 51st Annual Meeting. March 9-11, 2020. Atlanta, GA.

Panelist, Founders' Symposium at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists 50th Annual Meeting. March 13-17, 2019. Baton Rouge, LA.

“More than Just a Strategy: Black Mayors Deracialized Governance” with Jamil Scott. Presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists 50th Annual Meeting. March 13-17, 2019. Baton Rouge, LA.

“Black Women Mayors: Agenda Setting for Whom?” with Aliyah McIlwain and Jamil Scott. Presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists 50th Annual Meeting. March 13-17, 2019. Baton Rouge, LA.

“Supply and Demand of Female Candidates in the 2018 Election.” Presented at the Meeting of the Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium October 18, 2019. St. Louis, MO.

“Supply and Demand of Female Candidates in the 2018 Election.” Presented at the Fall 2019 Race and Politics Mini-Conference. October 4, 2019. Ann Arbor, MI.

“Not all Women are Evaluated Equally.” Presented at the Spring 2019 Race and Politics Mini-Conference. April 26, 2019. East Lansing, MI.

“Moving Up or Moving Out? Candidate Training Programs and Women of Colors Progressive Political Ambition.” Presented at the 77th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. April 3-7, 2019. Chicago, IL.

“Who is Stacey Abrams? An Examination of Gender and Race Dynamics in State Level Candidacy” with Jamil Scott and Pearl K. Dowe. Presented at the Fall 2018 Race and Politics Mini-Conference. September 24, 2018. Ann Arbor, MI.

Panel Moderator, Graduate School Expectations at the 2018 Michigan Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Fall Conference. September 15, 2018. East Lansing, MI.

Poster Presentation Evaluator, Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Fall Conference. September 15, 2018. East Lansing, MI.

“Moving Up or Moving Out? Candidate Training Programs and Women of Colors Progressive Political Ambition.” Presented at the 114th American Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition. September 2, 2018. Boston, MA.

“Women of Color: Ready but Not Running.” Presented at the 49th Meeting of the Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium. April, 20, 2018. East Lansing, MI.

“Who is Stacey Abrams?: An Examination of Gender and Race Dynamics in State Level Candidacy” with Jamil Scott and Pearl K. Dowe. Presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists 49th Annual Meeting. March 14-17, 2018. Chicago, IL.

“Who is Stacey Abrams? An Examination of Gender and Race Dynamics in State Level Candidacy” with Jamil Scott and Pearl K. Dowe. Presented at Good Reasons to Run: A Conversation Between Advocates and Academics. November 11, 2017. Philadelphia, PA.

WORKSHOPS AND INVITED TALKS

“How She Wins: The Role of Candidate Training in Evaluations of Black Women Candidates.” Presented at the Representation and Identity Politics Workshop at Rice University. February 9-10, 2023.

“How She Wins: An Exploration of the Candidacies of Black Women.” Presented at the Minority Politics Online Seminar Series. November 1, 2022.

“How She Wins: The Role of Candidate Training in Evaluations of Black Women Candidates.” Presented at the Notre Dame New Directions in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop. October 9-10, 2022.

“How She Wins: An Exploration of the Candidacies of Black Women.” Presented at the Emerging Issues in Political Science Speaker Series at University of Georgia. May 25-26, 2022.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Internal
University of Mississippi

Michigan State University

- College of Social Science Summer Research Fellowship. 2021. Total Amount: \$5000.
- Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Scholar Award. 2019. Total Amount: \$2000
- Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Scholar Award. 2018. Total Amount: \$2000
- College of Social Science Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Fellowship. 2018. Total Amount: \$1000
- Academic Achievement Graduate Fellowship, 2017 to 2018

External

- National Conference of Black Political Scientists Lena Harris Stromile Student Leadership Award, 2021
- American Political Science Association Spring Minority Fellowship. 2018. Total Amount: \$2000
- National Conference of Black Political Scientists Graduate Assistantship Program Travel Award, 2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Departmental Service**SERVICE***University of Mississippi*

- American Politics Search Committee, Fall 2023

Michigan State University

- *Graduate Student Representative*, Graduate Studies Committee, 2022 to 2023
- *President*, Graduate Student Association, 2021 to 2022
- *Vice-President*, Graduate Student Association, 2020 to 2021
- *Professionalization Chair*, Graduate Student Association, 2018 to 2019

University Service*University of Mississippi*

- African American Studies Program Director Search Committee, Spring 2024

Michigan State University

- *Council Member*, Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, 2021 to 2023
- *Steering Committee Member*, Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate, 2017 to Present
- *Editor in Chief*, Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Science Today Bulletin, 2019 to 2020

Discipline Service

- *Status Committee for African Americans in the South*, Southern Political Science Association, 2023 to Present
- *Graduate Student Representative*, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2019 to 2022
- *Graduate Training and Graduate Student Experiences Working Group Member*, American Political Science Association Task Force Examining Issues and Mechanisms of Systemic Inequality in the Discipline, 2020 to 2021
- *Graduate Student Issues Committee*, American Political Science Association's Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, 2018 to 2020

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, and Southern Political Science Association

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