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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1990

BA Cum Laude, History, Howard University, 1978

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Visiting Research Fellow, Utrecht University, Fall 2016

Professor of Politics, Mount Holyoke College, 2013 to present

Associate Professor of Politics, Mount Holyoke College, 1999 to 2013

Assistant Professor of Politics, Mount Holyoke College, 1992 to 1999

Visiting Scholar, Msgr. John J. Egan Urban Center, DePaul University, 1995-96

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Williams College, 1990-92

### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS**

Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship, 2016-2017

Mount Holyoke College Faculty Fellowship, 1996, 2000, 2012, and 2016.

Baccalaureate Speaker, May 1997, May 1994.

Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship for Minorities, 1995-1996

## RESEARCH

### Books

*Racial Democracy and the Black Metropolis: Housing Policy in Postwar Chicago* (Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2012).

\*Roundtable Discussion at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists annual meeting, Oakbrook, IL, March 2013 and at the Social Science History Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2013

Co-author of *Renewing Black Intellectual History: the Ideological and Material Foundations of Black American Thought* (Boulder, CO: Paradigm Press, 2009).

### Referred Publications

“Obama, Race and Urban Policy” in James DeFilippis, ed., *Urban Policy in the Time of Obama* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2016)

“American Politics and the Liberal Arts College” *Polity* Vol. 46, No. 1 (January 2014): 122-130.

“The Quest for Racial Democracy: Black Civic Ideology and Housing Interests in Postwar Chicago.” *Journal of Urban History* Vol. 26, No. 2 (January 2000): 131-157.

“Self-Help, Black Conservatives, and the Reemergence of Black Privatism,” in Adolph L. Reed, Jr., (ed.) *Without Justice For All: The New Liberalism and Our Retreat from Racial Equality*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1999.

### Invited Publications (peer reviewed)

“Public Housing” and “Housing and Living Conditions” in *Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration of the Twentieth Century*, Volume I & II edited by Steven A. Reich (Greenwood Press, 2006)

Co-authored “Building Sustainable Community/University Partnerships in a Metropolitan Setting,” Alan Bloomgarden, Mary Bombardier, Myrna M. Breitbart, Kiara Nagel, and Preston H. Smith II in *Inside and Out: Universities and Education for Sustainable Development*. Edited by Robert Forrant and Linda Silka. (Amityville, NY: Baywood Publishing Co., Inc., 2006)

“Chicago Urban League” and “Congress of Racial Equality” (CORE) in James R. Grossman, Ann Durkin Keating, and Janice L. Reiff, eds., *The Encyclopedia of Chicago* (University of Chicago Press, 2004).

“National Urban League” in *Encyclopedia of Urban America: The Cities and Suburbs*, Vol II. Neil Larry Shumsky (ed.). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, Inc., 1998.

### **Media Appearances**

“Interview: Amerikaanse professor waarschuwt voor segregatie Nederlandse wijken: ‘Do not go there’ Sociale Vraagstukken by Matthijs Uytterlinde and Darko Lagunas, January 13, 2017 <http://www.socialevraagstukken.nl/interview/amerikaanse-professor-waarschuwt-voor-segregatie-nederlandse-wijken-do-not-go-there/>

“Difficult Dialogues” with President Lynn Pasquerella, Amherst Media, November 25, 2013.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of Jeffrey Helgeson, *Crucibles of Black Empowerment: Chicago’s Neighborhood Politics from the New Deal to Harold Washington* (Chicago: University of Chicago, 2014) in *The American Historical Review*, 120(4)(October 2015): 1511-1512

Review of Marcus Anthony Hunger, *Black Citymakers: How The Philadelphia Negro Changed Urban America* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013) in *City & Community*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (April 2014): 88-90

Review of Margaret Garb, *City of American Dreams: A History of Home Ownership and Housing Reform in Chicago, 1871-1919* and Andrew Wiese, *Places of Their Own: African American Suburbanization in the Twentieth Century* in *Left History: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Historical Inquiry & Debate*. Issue 12.2 (Fall/Winter 2007): 152-156.

Review of *The Bubbling Cauldron: Race, Ethnicity, and the Urban Crisis* by Michael Peter Smith and Joe R. Feagin (eds.) in *Contemporary Sociology*. November 1996.

Review of *The Closing Door: Conservative Policy and Black Opportunity* by Gary Orfield and Carol Ashkinaze in *Transition: An International Review*, Issue 58, 1992.

### **Conference Papers and Invited Presentations**

Lecture on “The Plan for Transformation in Chicago: The Reconcentration of Poverty,” Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Utrecht University, Netherlands, November 2016.

Presented “Obama, Race, and Urban Policy,” Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Utrecht University, Netherlands, November 2016

Presented “Challenges Facing Social Housing in the Netherlands: A Comparative Perspective,” at “New Horizons for Urban Regeneration” meeting at Platform 31, The Hague, Netherlands, November 2016.

Presented my research on race and housing in Chicago at Faculty Friday, Mount Holyoke, March 2015

Invited participant in a roundtable discussion of Adolph Reed, Jr, “Nothing Left: The Long, Slow Surrender of American Liberals” in Harper’s Magazine (March 2014) at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 2015

My research on social housing was featured in the McCulloch Center Video Series, Mount Holyoke College, August 2014

Presentation on “Racial Democracy and the Black Metropolis” on March 15, 2013 at University of Illinois, Chicago

Keynote Address for Black History Month on “Racial Democracy and the Black Metropolis” on February 25, 2013, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

Presented paper entitled, “Ghanaian Immigrants and the Health Care Industry in Massachusetts,” at Social Science History Conference, November 15, 2012, Boston, Massachusetts

Lecture on “Racial Democracy and the Black Metropolis” on September 20, 2012 at Towson State University, Baltimore, Maryland

Participant in symposium titled, “Rethinking Africana Studies” on April 7, 2012, Williams College, Williamstown, MA

Presentation on “American Politics and the Liberal Arts” at the Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges Workshop, November 11 & 12, 2011, Amherst College, Amherst Massachusetts

Discussant on panel entitled “Race and Residential Patterns in 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Cities, November 20, 2011, Social Science History Association, Boston, Massachusetts

Presentation on “Gentrification in Holyoke” for CRUSH, Salsarengue Restaurant, June 30, 2011, Holyoke, Massachusetts

Roundtable participant on former Directors of the Third World Center, Brown University, February 5, 2011, Providence, Rhode Island

Roundtable participant on *Renewing Black Intellectual History* book at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 18-21, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia

Interviewed on “Racial Democracy and Black Politics” on WBAI, hosted by Doug Henwood in New York, December 4, 2008

Discussant on panel entitled “Markets in the Black Metropolis,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2004.

Participant on the Community/University Partnerships: Moving from Community Service to Social Justice (Lessons from Holyoke, Massachusetts) at Sixth Conference of the Puerto Rican Studies Association, October 21-23, 2004, Graduate Center of the City University of New York

“Locating Class in Black Philadelphia and Black Chicago: DuBois, Frazier, and Black Social Science,” presented paper at The Centennial of W.E.B. DuBois’s *Souls of Black Folks*, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, October 2003.

“Mapping Class in Black Chicago, 1940-1970,” Talk at Hampshire College, February 11, 2002.

“The Chicago School of Human Ecology and the Ideology of Black Civic Elites,” Talk at Center for the Study of Race, Inequality and Politics, Institute for Social Policy Studies, Yale University, April 2001.

“Public Housing Redevelopment Policy,” Talk at Hampshire College, December 3, 1997.

Panel Participant on entitled, “The Fight for Fair Housing: How Can Housing Play a Part in Addressing the Challenges of Racial and Economic Isolation.” *Home Work*. The Connecticut Housing Coalition’s 1997 Annual Conference, November 5, 1997. Meriden, Connecticut.

Commentator on Public Housing in Chicago on WBAI, hosted by Doug Henwood in New York . July 18, 1996.

Presented “The Quest for Racial Democracy: Black Housing Policy in Postwar Chicago.” Urban Studies Program. De Paul University. Chicago. May 23, 1996.

Presented “Black Self-Help Ideology and Black Conservatives: Perpetuating in Disinvestment in Black Communities.” Egan Urban Center. Chicago. January 25, 1996.

Presented “Hidden History of Racial Segregation in Springfield and Holyoke, Massachusetts.” Regional Approaches to Ending Housing Segregation Conference. Holyoke, Massachusetts. April 25, 1995.

National Forum of Black Public Administrators. Presented condensed version of "Self-Help, Black Conservatives, and the Reemergence of Black Privatism." New Orleans, Louisiana. April 1994.

Organization of American Historians. Presented "Chicago Urban League's Response to Urban Renewal in Postwar Chicago, 1945-1960." Atlanta, Georgia. April 1994.

Rethinking Marxism Conference. Participant on panel discussion of Robert Gooding-Williams, ed. *Reading Rodney King, Reading Urban Uprising*. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. October 1993.

Bertha Caplen Reynolds Society Seventh National Meeting. Facilitated workshop on "Remembering Racism" for social workers organization. Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. June 1993.

New England Political Science Association Meeting. Presented "*The Urban League and Regime Politics in Postwar Chicago*." Worcester, Massachusetts. April 1991.

National Conference of Black Political Scientists Meeting. Presented "*Race Relations, Social Welfare, and The Politics of Black Urban Reform: Chicago Urban League, 1916- 40*." Baton Rouge, Louisiana. March 1989.

Amherst College. Presented "Reagan's Urban Policy" on a panel discussion on "Reaganism." Amherst, Massachusetts. March 1985.

National Conference of Black Political Scientists Meeting. Presented "*The National Urban League and the Development of Black Corporatist Politics*." Washington, DC April 1984.

American Political Science Association Meeting. Panel participant, "*Reaganism and Crisis of Culture*." Denver, Colorado. September 1982.

National Conference of Black Political Scientists Meeting. Presented "*Toward a Theory of Representation in the Black Community*." Baltimore, Maryland. March 1982.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, CONSULTANCY**

Member of the American Association of University Professors, 2007-present

Member of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists

Member of the National Advisory Board, Institute for Liberal Education and Civic Engagement jointly sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Campus Compact, 2003-2006

Academic consultant to *Oh, What a Time! Black Life on the Homefront During World War II*. Radio program written and produced by Roger House. Co-produced the segment on Chicago. July 1996.

Consultant to two-part radio program, *Ain't Gonna Be Treated This Way: Black Life in the Great Depression*. National Public Radio, February, 1993.