Preliminary Panel Program

2015 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BLACK POLITICAL SCIENTISTS (NCOBPS) ANNUAL MEETING

Atlanta, Georgia March 17, 2015 through March 21, 2015

Thursday, March 19
10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

03/19/2015 - 10:00 AM
Location:
IX: The Attitudinal and Political Influences of Culture

Amber Burke, Independent, Lakeyta M. Bonnette, Georgia State University and Osamagbe O. Osagie, Georgia State University - Nicki Minaj and Her Relationship with Feminism Through a Hip-Hop Feminist Lens

Dana D. Dyson, University of Michigan at Flint, John Arnold, Lane College and Sasha Drummond-Lewis, University of Michigan at Flint - Lights, Camera, Action: Repressive Policies and Minority Images in Media

Georgina Class-Peters, University of Delaware - Through the Eyes of the Beholder: Perceptions of Beauty

Irelene P Ricks, Johns Hopkins University - School of Education (SOE) and Phoenix Ariana Ricks, Independent - The Revolutionary Mind: A Demand for Image Equity in a Color-Conscious Society
03/19/2015 - 10:00 AM
Location:

**VII: Author meets Critics Roundtable: Adolph Reed Jr.'s *Nothing Left***

Nikol Alexander-Floyd, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey,

Frederick C. Harris, Columbia University

Mack Jones, Clark Atlanta University

Willie Legette, *affiliation not provided to SSRN*

Adolph L. Reed Jr., University of Pennsylvania - Department of Political Science

Preston Smith, Mount Holyoke College

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Location:

**V: Roundtable: The Need for and Role of *Endarch: Journal of Black Political Research* in a 'Post Racial' World***

Leslie Small, Clark Atlanta University

Kurt Young, Clark Atlanta University
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Location:

**VIII: Blacks and American Political Institutions**

*Jarrod Grant*, Clark Atlanta University, *Simonee Thomas*, Clark Atlanta University, *Noel Welchel*, Clark Atlanta University and *Ingrid Butler*, Clark Atlanta University - [Clark Atlanta University Presidential Studies Series: Race and the Postmodern American Presidency](#)


*LaGina Gause*, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor - *The Advantage of Disadvantage: Legislative Responsiveness to Collective Action by the Politically Marginalized*  

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Location:

**IV: Blackness, Gender Non-Conformity and the Politics of Intersectional Violence**

*Tayler J. Mathews*, Clark Atlanta University and *Idai Zhou*, Clark Atlanta University - *The Prevalence of Sexual Violence, Campus Response, and Complicating Factors at Historically Black Colleges and Universities*  

*Brandon R. Davis*, University of Alabama - Department of Political Science - *Policing Black Sexuality*  

*Ashley CJ Daniels*, Independent - *Rethinking Title IX: Are Single-Sex Public Schools Beneficial for Black Girls?*  

*S. Nicole Cathey*, Howard University - Department of Political Science - *In Search of Justice: The Politics of Identity, Religion and Civic Engagement in the African American LGBT Community*
Thursday, March 19
1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

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Location:

X: Influencing the Vote

Maryann Kwakwa, University of Notre Dame - Department of Political Science - Race, Risk and Incumbents: The Effects of Authoritarianism on Vote Choice in 2012

Emmitt Y. Riley, University of Mississippi - Revisiting the Informational Theory: Black Representatives, White Voters and Majority Black Congressional Districts

Chryl N. Laird, Saint Louis University - Black Like Me: How Political Communication Changes Racial Group Identification and its Implications

Brandon R. Davis, University of Alabama - Competition in Southern Legislatures: Are Majority Minority Districts Too Safe?

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Location:

IV: Roundtable: Teaching Race in American Politics: Pathways to a Comparative Race and Ethnicity Textbook

Dianne Marie Pinderhughes, University of Notre Dame

Todd C. Shaw, University of South Carolina

Toni-Michelle Travis, George Mason University
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Location:


**Akinyele K. Umoja**, Georgia State University - 'The People Will Decide': Chokwe Lumumba, New Black Power, and the Potential for Participatory Democracy in Mississippi


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Location:

**VIII: Food Politics**

**Jessica Lynn Stewart**, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) - Regional Blackness: Regional Differences in African American Views on Racial Progress and Government Assistance

**Kiyadh Burt**, Independent Scholar - Health Houses in MS: Alternative Care for the Needy

**Teri Fair**, Suffolk University - 'Hunger Games' and Urban Agriculture: The Regulation of Urban Food Production
Thursday, March 19
3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

03/19/2015 - 3:00 PM
Location:

VIII: Providing Services at the State and Local Level

Jonathan Collins, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) - To the Organized Go the Spoils: The Role of Social Capital in State Allocation of Education Spending Under Equity-Based School Finance Reform

Meghan Wilson, Brown University - City Auction: Municipal Response to Fiscal Distress in Detroit

Sekou Franklin, Middle Tennessee State University - Racial Hierarchy, Second-Order Devolution, and Medicaid Reform Before Obamacare

William Terry, University of Oregon - The Impact of African American Voting on Public Educational Finance in the Post-Voting Rights Act South

Marion Orr, Brown University - Charles Diggs and the Evolution of African-American Politics
03/19/2015 - 3:00 PM
Location:

**VIII: Race in the Bureaucracy**

**Camillia Redding**, Columbia University - Bureaucratic Rulemaking: Opportunity for Minority Interest Groups to Impact Public Policy

**MaCherie Placide**, Western Illinois University - Flames of Racial Profiling: An Examination of Character Traits of Law Enforcement Officers

**James R Jones**, Columbia University - Raced Identities in White Spaces: The Racialized Professional Identity of African American Legislative Staff

**Lashonda Brenson**, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor - Where's the Caucus? A Study of Minority Agenda Setting Behavior

**Matthew B. Platt**, Morehouse College - The Impact of Black Representation on Committees' Recognition of Black Issues

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Location:

**IV: Identity and Representation in the Post-Civil Rights Era**

**Tyson King-Meadows**, University of Maryland, Baltimore County - Dueling Visions of Blues People: Racial Authenticity, Presidential Legacies, and Incumbent Protection in the 2010 Democratic Primary in Memphis, Tennessee

**Nadia Elizabeth Brown**, Purdue University and **Valeria Sinclair-Chapman**, Purdue University - Racial Identity, Symbolic Legislation and the Benefit of Black Representatives in the Statehouse

**Brianna Nicole Mack**, Ohio State University (OSU) - Get with the Program: Examining the Relationship between Information Processing and Black Group Norms

Lolita D Gray, affiliation not provided to SSRN,

Rickey Hill, Mississippi Valley State University,

Byron D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University

Robert Starks, Northeastern Illinois University

Friday, March 20
10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

V: Roundtable: The 'Atlanta School' of Black Political Science, 1972-2014: Theoretical Streams in Four Decades of Graduate Research

Kurt Young, Clark Atlanta University

Hashim Gibrill, Clark Atlanta University
03/20/2015 - 10:00 AM
Location:

I: Building Relationships and Understanding Africa in a Post-Colonial context

**Meseret Ashame**, Independent Scholar - *Colonialism, Post Colonialism and Public Memory*


**Sharon L Bowers**, Independent Scholar - *Collective Efforts of African and African American Women to Redesign the Separate Sphere: Resistance as a Power Tool*

03/20/2015 - 10:00 AM
Location:

VIII: Race, Partisanship and Electoral Behavior

**Tammy Greer**, Independent - *Political Economy of Gentrification in Metropolitan Atlanta*

**William Boone**, Clark Atlanta University - *Forty Years of Black Governance in Atlanta, Georgia*

**Keneshia Grant**, Syracuse University - *When Politicians Seek Strange Bedfellows: Thad Cochran, Black Voters and the Balance of Power in Elections.*

**Dianne Marie Pinderhughes**, University of Notre Dame - *Obama and Civil Rights Policy*
V: Roundtable Discussion: Applying for Faculty Positions at Various Types of Institutions and Making It Through the Tenure Process

Christopher Matthew Whitt, Augustana College

X: All Politics Are Local: Lessons from Urban Centers

Sally Nuamah, Northwestern University - How School Closings Teach Citizens About Democracy: Lessons from Chicago and Philadelphia

Tyson King-Meadows, University of Maryland, Baltimore County - The Perils and Promise of Localizing National Racial Politics: Coalition Erosion, Issue Ownership, and the 2014 Maryland Gubernatorial Election

James Daniel Steele - Diversity and its Limits in Electoral Politics: The Case of North Carolina

Lorenzo Morris, Howard University - The Last Stages of Gentrification: The 2014 Washington, DC Mayoral Election

Keneshia Grant, Syracuse University - Relocation & Realignment: The Impact of the Great Migration on Politics in Chicago 1946-1962

IV: Author Meets Critics: Roundtable on Sisters in the Statehouse: Black Women and Legislative Decision Making by Nadia Brown

Nadia Elizabeth Brown, Purdue University

Pearl K. Dowe, University of Arkansas

Melanye Price, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey - Rutgers University, Camden
Friday, March 20  
1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.  

03/20/2015 - 1:00 PM  
Location:  

**III: Recovering the Howard School of International Affairs**  

**Saidat Ilo**, Howard University - *Power Transition Theory: The Case of China and the U.S. In Nigeria*  

**Krista Johnson**, Howard University - *Merze Tate and the White Man's Blunders*  

**Pearl Robinson**, Howard University - *UN Trusteeship And Howard University's Conference On "Trust & Non-Self-Governing Territories," 1947*  

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Location:  

**II: Roundtable: Black Conservatism in a ‘Post-Racial’ World**  

**Leslie Small**, Clark Atlanta University,  

**Marla Hollis**, Clark Atlanta University,  

**Sharon L Bowers**, Independent  

**William Boone**, Clark Atlanta University
03/20/2015 - 1:00 PM
Location:

**XI: Poster Session I**

**Portia Hemphill**, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor - *Behind the Music: Exploring the Dynamic Relationship between Rap Music, Civic Engagement, and Black Youth*

**Najja Baptist**, Howard University and **Geoffrey Stephen Bell Jr.**, Howard University - *'Hip Hop-Tivism': Digital Activism in the Age of Social Media*


**Abbisola Oxley**, DePauw University - *Who Led the Masses: The Nation of Islam or Malcolm X?*

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Location:

**IV: Blackness and Its Contestations**

**James L. Taylor**, University of San Francisco - *Peoples Temple, Jim Jones, and Black America*

**Carley Michelle Shinault**, Howard University - *'When the Black Bourgeoisie Meets the Truly Disadvantaged': Intra-Racial Politics of Class and Residential Choice in Prince George's County, MD*

**Dorian Crosby**, Spelman College - *Somalis in Minneapolis, Minnesota: An Analysis of Ethnicity and Politics*
03/20/2015 - 1:00 PM
Location:
II: Roundtable: After Obama: African American Politics in a Post-Obama America

Todd C. Shaw, University of South Carolina,
Robert A Brown, Spelman College
Joseph P. McCormick II, Howard University - Department of Political Science -

Friday, March 20
3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

03/20/2015 - 3:00 PM
Location:
IV: Gender, Class and Conservatism in Neoliberal Times (Co-Sponsored with ASBWP)

Chair: Nikol Alexander-Floyd, Rutgers University

Nikol Alexander-Floyd. "Surviving Inhospitable Environments: Affordable Housing Activists, The Ruses Of Deconcentrating The Poor, And Neoliberal Outsourcing Of Community"

Brittany Lewis. From the Million Man March to My Brother's Keeper.

Rosemary Ndubuizu. Neoliberal South Africa: Black Women Workers and Hypocritical Class Hysteria,


Discussant: Adolph Reed, Jr., University of Pennsylvania
VII: Critical Perspectives on Black Politics

**Hoda Zaki**, Hood College - *From Montgomery to Tahrir: The Transnational Journeys of Nonviolence*

**Tony Fairfax**, CensusChannel - *Analyzing a Linear Presidential Trend*

**Micah Akuezue**, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) - *Writing Behind the Lines: Liberation and Black Radical Expression in Lloyd Brown's Iron City*

**Najja Baptist**, Howard University - Department of Political Science - *The War Within: A Fractal Analysis of Double Consciousness*


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VI: Media and Political Communication

**Lindsey Johnson**, Simmons College - *Twitter as a Political Organizing Tool Among African Americans*

**Elizabeth J. Davies**, Emory University - *Politics, Protest, and Hashtag Activists: Political Participation of African Americans on Social Media*

**Anika Green**, Independent - *All These Liberations: Exploring the Myths and Misconceptions of Black Feminism*
X: (De)Mobilizing the Vote

David C. Wilson, University of Delaware - Do Cues About Harm to Age and Racial-Ethnic Groups Reduce Support for Voter ID Laws?

Chanse Jamal Travis, University of Mississippi - The Political Power of Church

Brianna White, Wellesley College - Affluent Colleges: Which Students Become Politically Active?

II: Criminal Justice & Social Inequality

Keesha M. Middlemass, Trinity University - Reimaging Black Female Offenders Hiding in Plain Sight

Jasmine Syedullah, University of California, Santa Cruz - A Claim on Her Future: A Criminalized Woman's Right to Self-Defense

Gerald K. Fosten, Independent Scholar - The Relationship between the Criminal Justice System and Social Inequality in Tennessee's African American Community

Natasha V. Christie, University of North Florida - The Race-Welfare Connection as Seen Through State Adoption of the Felon Welfare Ban

Amanda Gillespie, affiliation not provided to SSRN - Justice as Fairness: Is Stand Your Ground Just?
Saturday, March 21
8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

03/21/2015 - 8:00 AM
Location:
V: Life after Tenure (ASBWP/NCOBPS Co-Organized Roundtable)

Nikol Alexander-Floyd, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey,
Wendy Smooth, Ohio State University (OSU),
Dianne M. Pinderhughes, University of Notre Dame
Sherri L. Wallace, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)

03/21/2015 - 8:00 AM
Location:
VIII: Roundtable: 40 Years of Home Rule in the District of Columbia: The Challenge Continues

Yeisha Thompson, DC Office of Federal Programs & Grants, & University of the District of Columbia
Jerome Hunt, The University of the District of Columbia
Shiela Harmon Martin, The University of the District of Columbia
Robin Gilbrecht, The University of the District of Columbia
03/21/2015 - 8:00 AM
Location:

I: Africa Then and Now: Economic, Structural, Political, and Health Determinants of the Continent in the 21st Century

Kwame Boakye Dankwa, Albany State University - U.S. -- African Leaders' Summit of 2014: Imperatives for a New Partnership

Marda Mustapha, College of Saint Rose - Beyond Culture: Structural Determinants of the Spread of Ebola in Sierra Leone

Peter A. Ngwafu, Albany State University - The United States and Democracy in Africa: Discrepant Orientations of Anglophone and Francophone Africa Toward Democratic Practices (Good Governance, Administrative Reforms and Human Rights)

Emmanuel Konde, Albany State University - Evolution of United States-Africa Relations from Disinterest, Summitry, to Containment of China's Putsch for Economic Hegemony, 1945-2014
Stephen Maynard Caliendo, North Central College and Charlton D. McIlwain, New York University (NYU) - Effects of Levels of Implicit Association, Symbolic Racism, and Explicit Racial Resentment on Evaluation of White and Black Candidates

Tony Carey Jr., University of North Texas and Valerie Martinez-Ebers, University of North Texas - Race, Religion, and Redistribution: The Differential Impact of Religiosity on Attitudes Towards Social Welfare Policies

Jas Sullivan, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Michael Henderson, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, T. Wayne Parent, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge - Department of Political Science and Jonathan Winburn, University of Mississippi - Regional Effect on African-American Attitudes Toward Traditional American Values

Byron D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University, Kyler Lee, Independent and Donald Hewitt, Independent - Psychological and Physiological Responses to Traumatic Events: The Case of Ferguson, Missouri

Antoine Banks, University of Maryland, Ismail White, George Washington University and Brian McKenzie, University of Maryland - Black Leaders Tempering Their Anger: How Black Nationalism Can Lose Its Political Influence
03/21/2015 - 8:00 AM
Location:

**II: Social Movements & Civil Rights**

**Catherine Paden**, Simmons College - *The Black Panther Party: A Study in Local and National Impact on Advocacy and Policy*

**Albert Leon Samuels**, Southern University - *Crucible of Reaction: The Nullification Crisis and the Antebellum Roots of 'the Southern Strategy'*


**Michael Stewart, Jr.**, Howard University - *Public Policy Implementation and Social Movements: Understanding the Post Civil Rights Black Farmer's Movement and Land Loss Prevention*

**Saturday, March 21**
**9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

03/21/2015 - 9:00 AM
Location:

**XI: Poster Session**

**LaKerri R Mack**, affiliation not provided to SSRN - *Voter Disenfranchisement in Georgia: Examining the Photo Voter Identification Law*


**Benjamin Arah**, Bowie State University - *African Literature as Celebration of Culture and Philosophy: Reading of and Reflecting on Chinua Achebe’s Works/Speeches*

**Brittany L Gray**, Independent Scholar- *I Love You, But This Isn't Working Out For Me: The Political Implications of Normalized Apathy in the HBCU Graduate School Experience*
Saturday, March 21
10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

03/21/2015 - 10:00 AM
Location:

VI: Black Political Behavior

Byron D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University and Nafessa Edges, Jackson State University - Black Strategic Voting or Genuine Republican Support: The 2014 Mississippi Senate Race

Byron D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University and Aschira White, Jackson State University - The Evolution and Devolution of the Voting Rights Act (1965-2014)


Unislawa Williams, Spelman College and Ashley Reid, Independent Scholar - Not Turning the Other Cheek: Factors Contributing to Violent Progression Among Nonviolent Campaigns

Maalik Nickerson, Morehouse College – Rocking the Boat: Class Divisions Amongst Racial Minorities

03/21/2015 - 10:00 AM
Location:

V: Techniques for Successful Teaching as a Black Political Science Professor in Majority Non-Black Environments

Chair: Christopher Matthew Whitt, Augustana College

Donna L. Taylor, Pace University - African-Americans and Study-Abroad Options in Political Science

Jarrod Grant, Clark Atlanta University - Political Science Instructional Technology Best Practices in 21st Century Classrooms/Lecture Halls: Blending Theoretical Frameworks of Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge with Applied Interactivity
03/21/2015 - 10:00 AM
Location:

VI: The Atlanta Neighborhood Research Project--An Undergraduate Research Experience and Results from an NSF-Funded Panel Study

Chair: Todd C. Shaw, University of South Carolina

Kadijah Ndoye (Spelman College)
Ama Yates-Ekong (Spelman College)
Sarah Brokenborough (Spelman College)
Onteria Harris (Morehouse College)
Jeremy Prim (Morehouse College)
Na'il Salahu-Din (Morehouse College)
Christopher Miller (Morehouse College)
Carrington Raven (Morehouse College)

03/21/2015 - 10:00 AM
Location:

VII: Author meets Critics Roundtable on Knowledge, Power, and Black Politics by Mack Jones

Robert Smith, San Francisco State University,
Kurt Young, Clark Atlanta University,
Kelly Harris, Chicago State University,
James L. Taylor, University of San Francisco
Adolphus Belk Jr., Winthrop University
II: Social Networks & Community Activism

**Alexandra Moffett-Bateau**, CUNY, John Jay College of Criminal Justice - Social Networks, Neighborhood Context and the Development of Membership within a Political Community

**Caroline S. Hossein**, University of Toronto - A Counter Movement: African Self-Help Groups in the Americas

**Geoffrey Stephen Bell Jr.**, Howard University - Department of Political Science - The Impact of Digital Social Capital on Digital Activism Among Howard University Students: A Triangulative Analysis

**Angela Jones**, Georgia State University - Envisioning New Communities: Cooperatives and New Afrikan Ujamaa

**Jerome Hunt**, University of District of Columbia - Land Banking in a 'Post-Racial' Society: Philadelphia, Pa a Year Later