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University of Chicago—PhD in Political Science (2018) & PhD in Theology (2018)

Dissertation—“*Sex in God’s City: Theology as Political Persuasion*”

Dr. Michael C. Dawson (Co-Chair), Dr. Dwight Hopkins (Co-Chair), Dr. John Brehm, and Dr. Linda Zerilli

University of Chicago—MA in Political Science (2014)

MA Paper—“*Blue Bible, Red Bible: Sin or Right? Examining the Impact of Theology on Morality Based Opinions Among Faith Centered African Americans*”

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor—Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, B.A. in Public Policy (2011)

Focus Area—The intersection and implications of race, socio-economic status, and gender as it relates sexual and reproductive health policy.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Cobb, R. J., Üsküp, D. K., and Jefferson, S. (2017). Congregational composition and explanations for racial inequality among black religious affiliates. *Race and Social Problems*, A 9(2), 163-169.
- Avery, L., Ward, L. M., Moss, L., & Üsküp, D. (2016). Tuning Gender: Representations of femininity and masculinity in popular music by Black artists. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 43(2), 159-191.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Policy

- The White House—Presidential Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies “Establishing a Working Group on the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence Against Women and Girls, and Gender-related Health Disparities” March 30, 2012; Co-Authored Memorandum and wrote background memorandum on behalf of the acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Op-Eds and Blog Articles

- Sexual and Reproductive Health & Justice Blog: “The History and Politics of Hair”. March 5, 2014. <http://chicagofamilyplanning.wordpress.com/2014/03/05/history-and-politics-of-hair/>
- Sexual and Reproductive Health & Justice Blog: ““Female Unauthorized Hairstyles” and the US Army”. May 20, 2014. <http://chicagofamilyplanning.wordpress.com/2014/05/20/female-unauthorized-hairstyles-and-the-us-army/>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Üsküp, D. (2016, In Progress) *God of the Oppressed or God Oppressed?: Interrogating the relevance of western theological discourse in Black America*
- Üsküp, D. (2016, In Progress) *The Prophetic President: Reflections on President Barack Obama’s legacy by African American pastors*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics; Sexual and Heath Policy; Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Religion and Politics, Sociology of Religion, Constructive Theology (Black Theology; Womanist Theology)

FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), Sammy Younge Best Student Paper Award (2018)
- American Political Science Association, Travel Grant (2017)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow (2013-2016)
- University of Chicago, Mellon Mays Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2016)
- Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Honorable Mention (2016)
- Political Networks Workshop & Annual Conference Travel Fellowship, NSF Sponsored (2016)
- University of Chicago Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture Travel Grant (2013, 2015, 2016)
- The Louisville Institute Doctoral Fellowship (2015)
- University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Research Grant (2015)
 - Division Wide Competition, \$18,900
- University of Chicago Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Research Initiative Grant (2015)
 - Campus Wide Competition
- University of Chicago, Graduate Student Association Travel Grant (2015)
- University of Chicago, UChicagoGRAD Travel Award (2015)
 - Campus Wide Competition
- Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention (2013)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant—University of Chicago Fall 2016
- Provided statistical evaluation of data on the US election utilizing STATA by preparing the dataset and conducting both descriptive and advanced modeling analysis. Principal Investigator: Dr. Michael Dawson
- 125th Departmental Histories Fellow Summer 2016
- Worked independently and as part of a team fellows to research intellectual histories of the University of Chicago's graduate programs since its founding in 1890. Gathered information about the Political Science Department's faculty and doctoral students through archival research, interviews, and data analysis. Produced a definitive list of faculty and PhDs in the department and a timeline of significant events that shaped the department's history.
- Research Associate—Williams Wade-Golden Research and Consulting Group Winter 2014
- Provided research evaluation support of a multi-million dollar granting agency to examine the grant maker's diversity practices. Collected qualitative and quantitative data and completed content analysis.
- Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Participant—Duke University Summer 2011
- Participated in an intensive 5-week program that focused on race and American politics and statistical methods. Utilized STATA to test hypotheses to create an empirical research paper.
- Research Assistant—University of Michigan, Office of Academic Multicultural Incentives Fall 2010-2012
- Provided research and administrative support to Assistant Director for Research and Assessment; Assisted a 20-year research initiative funded at \$1.5 million by the Ford Foundation and the University of Michigan; Collected, analyzed, and interpreted quantitative and qualitative data, producing detailed written reports, figures, and graphics for institutional and national dissemination of the office's diversity and retention publications. Principal Investigator: Dr. Katrina Wade-Golden
- Research Assistant –University of Michigan, Department of Psychology Fall 2010-Fall 2011
- Served in a research lab researching adolescent's development of conceptions of gender and sexuality, media influences, body image, and race; contributed to creating codebook protocol for the Music Lyric Analysis project, coded over 500+ Billboard 100 songs, trained RAs, and analyzed data via SPSS. Principal Investigator: Dr. L. Monique Ward

Research Assistant—University of Michigan, Department of Psychology

Winter 2009

- Assisted doctoral researcher in collecting data from participants for an academic motivation study.

TEACHING

- Teaching Assistant: University of Chicago Introduction to Data Analysis, Graduate Course (2014)
- Teaching Intern: University of Chicago Social Science Inquiry Sequence 1, Research Theory & Inquiry (2014)
- Teaching Assistant: University of Chicago The Practice of Social Science Research (Winter 2015)
- Teaching Assistant: University of Chicago The Practice of Social Science Research (Lead TA, Spring 2015)
- Teaching Intern: University of Chicago Social Science Inquiry Sequence 2, Statistics and Causal Inference (2015)
- Teaching Intern: University of Chicago Social Science Inquiry Sequence 3, Research Methods (2015)

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Project Coordinator—Chicago Violence Prevention Collaborative (QCDC)

Fall 2013-2016

- Created a violence prevention survey disseminated among South Side Chicago respondents. Trained student researchers in the areas of quantitative survey development, dissemination, and analysis. Managed a staff of five providing assistance in curriculum and program structure development for the Chi Anti-Vi initiative.

Assistant Director—University of Chicago, Black Youth Project Summer Research Institute

Summer 2013

- Provided instructional, administrative, and research support for the inaugural year of the institute aiding high school students with the skills, resources, and support to be heard in the decision-making processes that impact their daily lives. Provided instructional and curriculum development support in research methods, presentation and speaking skills, organizing, leadership and policy skills.

White House Intern, Domestic Policy Council, Office of National AIDS Policy

January-May 2012

- Wrote background briefings, memorandums, and fact sheets for senior policy staff. Collected and analyzed news clips and tracked websites relevant to the ONAP team. Performed administrative functions, planned events, drafted correspondences and policy memorandums for publication and implementation.

PRESENTATIONS

- American Political Science Association: Panel Presenter “The Prophetic President: Reflections on President Barack Obama’s legacy by African American pastors”, September 1, 2017.
- Midwest Political Science Association: Panel Presenter “Politicking Pastors: Experimenting with Womanist Theological Messages “I’m with Her””, April 8, 2017.
- National Conference of Black Political Scientists: Panel Presenter “Politicking Pastors: Experimenting with Womanist Theological Messages “I’m with Her””, March 16, 2017.
- American Political Science Association: Panel Presenter “Politicking Pastors: Experimenting with Womanist Theological Messages “I’m with Her””, September 1, 2016.
- Political Networks Workshops and Conference: Poster Presenter “Live Experiments: Experimenting with a Womanist Bible Study Seminar”, June 23, 2016.
- West Coast Experiments Conference: Poster Presenter “Politics & The Bible: Experimenting with Religious and Political Messages”, May 21, 2016.
- American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting: Panel Presenter “Red Bible, Blue Bible”, November 22, 2015.

- American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting: Panel Presenter “Politicking from the Pulpit”, November 22, 2015.
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting: Panel Presenter “Red Bible, Blue Bible”, October 25, 2015.
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting: Panel Presenter “Politicking from the Pulpit”, October 23, 2015.
- Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting: Panel Presenter “Red Bible, Blue Bible”, August 22, 2015.
- University of Chicago Divinity School Theology and Religious Ethics Workshop, “Red Bible, Blue Bible”, March 3, 2015.
- University of Chicago American Politics Workshop, “Red Bible, Blue Bible”, November 17, 2014.
- American Political Science Association: Panel Presenter “The Damnation of Women—The Redemption of Black Folk”, August 31, 2013.
- American Political Science Association: Poster Presenter “The (Black) Woman in the Mirror: Determining the Relationship Between Internalized Body Image and Sexual Risk Taking Behaviors in African American Women”, September 3, 2011.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Panel Chair & Discussant: “Measuring American Religious Diversity and Its Association with Out-group Threat” September 2, 2016.
- Conference Organized: “Graduate Student Working Conference: Sexual and Reproductive Justice,” Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago, April 11, 2014.
- Conference Organized: “Graduate Student Working Conference: Sexual Justice Beyond Reproduction,” Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago, April 5, 2013.
- Conference Organized: “Graduate Student Working Conference: Sexual and Reproductive Justice,” Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, Center Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Innovation in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Ci3), and the Urban Network, University of Chicago, May 15, 2015.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- The American Political Science Association (APSA)
- The American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSR)
- The Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)
- National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

MEDIA COVERAGE

- Raising HIV/AIDS awareness: Alum continues dedication as White House intern. June 27, 2012. http://www.fordschool.umich.edu/news/?news_id=819
- Unbreakable Bonds: The last strand of hope in a wig of solidarity. September 16, 2014. <http://photos.essence.com/galleries/unbreakable-bonds-last-strand-hope-wig-solidarity>

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish (Basic); German (Reading); French (Reading)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Advanced Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite | Excel: Pivot Tables and Macros | STATA | SPSS | R | Project Planning | Data Entry and Management