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Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Political Science, Howard University, Washington, DC. (Black Politics, American Politics, Political Theory)	2020
M.A.	Political Science, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi (Race, Ethnicity and Politics, Political Psychology, Modern, Classical, and Black Political Theory)	2010
B.A.	Political Science, North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina (Summa Cum Laude)	2008
CCRI	Community Census and Redistricting Institute, Duke University	2021
MTSU	Fellow, Redistricting Project. Middle Tennessee State University	2022
PRI	Participatory Redistricting Institute, University of Arkansas	2010
CCRI	Community Census and Redistricting Institute, Duke University	2010
NAEP	Summer program in Qualitative Research Methods, Howard University	2016
NAEP	Summer program in Multivariate Research Methods, Howard University	2016
ICPSR	Summer program in Qualitative Research Methods, Michigan	2018

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Arkansas	2020-Present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Arkansas	2019-2020
Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, Howard University	2014-2018
Researcher, Ron Walters Center for Public Policy and Leadership	2016
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Political Science, Howard University	2013
AP Exam Reader, Government, AP Central, The College Board	2011-Present
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Political Science, Jackson State University	2008-2010
Lab Manager, Political Psychology Lab, Jackson State University	2008-2010
Research Fellow, Dr. Margret Walker National Research Center	2009-2010
Research Assistant, Political Science Dept., North Carolina Central University	2007-2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on normative and empirical approaches to American Politics, Race, Black Politics, political behavior, political psychology, political communication, Black Music, political activism, culture and social media.

PUBLICATIONS

Baptist, N. (2015). W. E. B. Du Bois' Souls of Black Folks. In A. K. Bangura, (Eds.) *Fractal*

Complexity in the Works of Major Black Thinkers. Volume Three. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

Hinnant-Crawford, B. & Baptist, N. (2018). Beyond Knowing Your History: Multicultural and Citizenship Education as Necessities for Democracy. In B. Hinnant-Crawford, C. S Platt, C. & A. Hilton Newman, (Eds.), *Comprehensive Multicultural Education in the 21st Century: Increasing Access in the Age of Retrenchment*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Baptist, N. (2021). And When They Wake-Up: Black Lives Matters, Rappers, and Activism. In L. Bonnette and A. Belk, (Eds.), *For the Culture: Hip-Hop and the Fight for Social Justice*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan Press.

Orey, B. D. A., Baptist, N., & Sinclair-Chapman, V. (2021). Racial identity and emotional responses to confederate symbols. *Social Science Quarterly*.

Baptist, N. K. (2021). "As is" America: Subcontracting freedom. *Social Science Quarterly*.

Baptist, N. (Forthcoming). Politics in the Key of Life: A Black Artist Influence on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. *National Review of Black Politics*.

Non-Refereed Publications

Book Review: American While Black: African Americans, Immigration, and the Limits of Citizenship	2021
Book Review: Black Lives Matters	2016
Book Review: Anthems: Social Movements and the Sound of Solidarity	2016
"The Wall of Shame: SCOTUS, SCALIA, and STATES; OH MY!"	2013
"The Hall of Shame: Zimmerman, et al"	2012
Onyx Observer, Urban Digital Newsletter: April 15, 2012	
"Study War No More: The Nubian Sacrifices"- NCSU	2003

WORKING PAPERS

Feelings of Distress and John Henryism Active Coping during the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States: Results from a National Survey

Black Political Alienation in the 21st Century

Does Black Lives Matter?: Political Elite Response to Social Movements

From Post-Racial to Post-Obama: A longitudinal study of Racial attitudes

Like Father, Like Son: Race specific campaigning of two Black mayors (Ras Baraka and Chokwe Lumumba)

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Racial Identity and Emotional Responses to the Confederate Battle Symbol (*Social Science Quarterly*)

Call Outs and Clap Backs: Congresswomen of Color and Inter-branch Discourse in the Age of Trump (*Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*)

Power to the Student: Gender, Black Student Activism, and HBCUs (*NPSR*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Social Media Seminar (University of Arkansas)	Spring 2020
Civil Rights Policy (University of Arkansas)	Spring 2020
Black Politics (University of Arkansas)	Spring 2020
Black Politics (University of Arkansas)	Fall 2019
American National Government (University of Arkansas)	Fall 2019
Intro to Research (GA, Howard University)	Spring 2018
Pan Africanism (GA, Howard University)	Spring 2017
Intro to Black Politics (GA, Howard University)	Spring 2015-2016
Intro to Political Theory(GA, Howard University)	Fall 2014
Intro to American Government (GA, Howard University)	Spring 2013-2015
Getting Hip to Hip Hop (GA, North Star High School)	Fall 2011
Intro to College Life (GA, University of Nebraska- Lincoln)	Fall 2011
Intro to American Government: (TA, Jackson State University)	Fall 2009
Intro to Law: (TA, Jackson State University)	Fall 2009
The American Presidency: (TA, Jackson State University)	Fall 2009
Blacks & American Political Systems: (TA, Jackson State University)	Spring 2009
Ethics : (TA , North Carolina Central University)	Spring 2008

PERSONAL AWARDS/GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

Blair Center Summer Research Fellow Amount: \$2,000	Summer 2020
Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation at University of Arkansas Amount: \$3,000	Fall 2020
National Science Foundation (COVID & Black Trauma) Amount: \$500,000	Fall 2021
National Science Foundation (Transformative American Politics: Examining the role of organizations and movements in reshaping politics and policymaking) Amount: \$1,130,000	Fall 2021

PRESENTATIONS

Does Black Lives Matter?: Political Elite Response to Social Movements National Conference for Black Political Scientist Annual Meeting	March, 2021
Call Outs and Clap Backs: Congresswomen of Color and Inter-branch Discourse in the Age of Trump National Conference for Black Political Scientist Annual Meeting	March, 2020
The Black Mosaic Experience edia National Conference for Black Political Scientist Annual Meeting	March, 2020
From Post-Racial to Post-Obama Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April, 2018
Black Lives Matter: Race, Policing, and Identity, and Political Engagement (Discussant), Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	March, 2018
Black Politics at an Intersection: Challenging Persistent Inequities Founders Symposium (Moderator) National Conference for Black Political Scientist Annual Meeting	March, 2017
A Book Discussion of Fighting Neoslavery in the 20th Century National Conference for Black Political Scientist Annual Meeting	Spring 2001
The War Within: A Fractal Analysis of Double Consciousness National Conference for Black Political Scientist Annual Meeting	March, 2015
Hip Hop-tivism: Digital Activism in the Age of Social Media National Conference for Black Political Scientist Annual Meeting	March, 2015
Founders Symposium: Hip Hop and Globalization National Conference for Black Political Scientist Annual Meeting	March, 2014
Children in Exile: Examining the Relationship between Pan-Africanism and Rap Music National Conference for Black Political Scientist Annual Meeting	April, 2014
Heavy is the Head that Wears the Crown: Presidential Evaluation Criteria Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting National Conference for Black Political Scientist Annual Meeting	April, 2011 March, 2011

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS

Black Music and Black Rights University of Tennessee Chattanooga (Paid)	Fall 2021
Black Trauma and Black Politics: DEI symposium University of Arkansas	Fall 2021
Constitution Day Lecture: As-Is America University of Arkansas	Fall 2021
Perspectives on Blacks and Voter Mobilization 2020	Fall 2020
Black Lives Matter and Protest Movements: A Panel Discussion University of Tennessee Chattanooga (Paid)	Fall 2020
Voter Townhall: The Past, Present, and Future of the Black Vote Townhall Moderator: University of Arkansas	Spring 2020
Diversity Dialogue University of Arkansas: Lecturer	Summer 2020
Black Politics: Beyond Northam Guest Speaker: NAACP Fairfax (Paid)	Spring 2019
Blackface: A Community Conversation on its History and Impacts	Spring 2019

Townhall Moderator: NAACP Arlington (Paid)	
Education First: A Conversation about Education	Spring 2019
Guest Host: "I Am Dr. Sharon Show" (online radio show)	
And When They Wake-Up: Black Lives Matters, Rappers & Activism	Spring 2019
Black History Keynote Speaker: Newberry College (Paid)	
Rage Against the Machine: Finding Blackness in the 21st Century	Spring 2016
The Black Studies Idea: Toward a Scholarship of Indictment, Symposium: John Hopkins University	
Citizenship and Political Development: The Effects of External Pressure to Shape Policy	
Medgar Evers/Ella Baker Civil Rights Lecture Series	Spring 2000
Millsaps College	

MEDIA AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

JSU Doc a Day Series: Commentator Spring 2020

4029 News TV. *Voter Town Hall highlights the Black Vote*. February 20, 2020
<https://www.4029tv.com/article/voter-town-hall-highlights-the-black-vote/31013703#>

KNWA FOX 24. Teaching Critical Race Theory in the classroom; controversy continues in Arkansas. June 20, 2021. <https://www.nwahomepage.com/news/teaching-critical-race-theory-in-the-classroom-controversy-continues-in-arkansas/>, 2021.

NBC News. Chris Jones, a nuclear engineer and political newcomer, enters Arkansas governor's race. June 15, 2021. <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/chris-jones-nuclear-engineer-political-newcomer-enters-arkansas-governor-s-n1270869>

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

Faculty Advisor, Solidarity Society	Fall 2021
Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department	Fall 2021
Member, Student Awards Committee, Department	Fall 2020, 2021
Member, Faculty Grievance Committee, Department	Fall 2020
Chair, Master Thesis Committee, Department Maria Sandoval	Spring 2022
Chair, Honors Thesis Committee, Department Emily Schlichtig	Spring 2022
Chair, Master Thesis Committee, Department Warrington Sebree & Kaylin Oliver	Spring 2021
Member, Master Thesis Committee, Department Jose Ayala	Spring 2021
Director, Social Media Institute	Summer 2020
Facilitator, Redistricting Institute	Spring 2020
Panelist, Black Student Welcome	Fall 2020

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Political Science Association

Diversity Task Force Summer 2020-2021

National Conference for Black Political Scientist

Chair, Sam Younge Best Student Paper Award	Spring 2022
At-Large Member	Spring 2021
Fundraising Committee	Spring 2021
Constitution Committee	Fall 2015-2017
Graduate Student Representative	Fall 2015-2017

Howard University

Professor Search Committee	Fall 2015
Chair Search Committee	Fall 2015
Vice President, Graduate Political Science Association	Fall 2016
President, Graduate Political Science Association	Fall 2013-2015

African Heritage Studies Association

Graduate Student Representative	Fall 2015-2017
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Electoral Experience

Mentor, Redistricting Institute	Fall 2021
Vance D. Siggers Campaign (Consultant)	Fall 2008-2010
Working America (Canvasser)	Fall 2000-2008
Operation BIG Vote (Canvasser)	Fall 2004

Survey Data

2020. Blair Center Spring Survey, Diane. D. Blair Center for Southern Politics and Society, University of Arkansas. (Co-Investigator with Najja K. Baptist, Angie Maxwell, and Todd Shields).

