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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida State University, 2006–Present

Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, Middle Tennessee State University, 2005–2006

Instructor, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2002–2005

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, The Ohio State University, June 2006.

Dissertation: “Racial Cleavages in Political Interest”

Committee: Herb Weisberg & Harwood McClerking (Co-chairs), Paul Beck, and Tom Nelson

M.A., Political Science, The Ohio State University, June 2002.

B.A., Philosophy; B.A. Political Science, Howard University, May 1999.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- *Research Grant:* Florida State University, Council on Research and Creativity, Planning Grant, 2008-2009. For work on the project, “The Impact of Survey Artifacts on the (Mis)Interpretation of Political Interest Trends” (with Betsy Jane Becker).
- *Nominee:* The Florida State University Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2007.
- *Faculty Grant:* Committee on Black Faculty Support, Office of Graduate Studies, Florida State University, 2006. For general research support and travel.
- *Research Grant:* Florida State University, Council on Research and Creativity, First Year Assistant Professor (FYAP) Summer Award, 2006-2007. For work on project, “Understanding Interest in Politics and Political Participation as Mutually-Reinforcing Concepts.”

Publications

Block Jr., Ray. 2007. "Usually, But Not Always': A Report on the Race Gap in Political Interest, 1952 - 2004." *The Crisis: NAACP Special Edition* 114 (January/February): 13-17.

Block Jr., Ray. 2007. "Urban Politics." *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, Second Edition*. Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson Gale.

McClerking, Harwood K. and Ray Block Jr. 2005. Book review of *The New White Nationalism in America: Its Challenge to Integration*, by Carol M. Swain. *National Political Science Review* 10: 205-207.

Manuscripts Under Review

"Some Like it Hot: Towards A Political Climate Explanation of Racial Differences in Political Interest"

"History Voters: How Racial Attitudes May Have Helped, Rather than Hurt, Barack Obama's Campaign for the Presidency"

Work in Progress

"Two Intersecting Pathways to Black Nationalism: The Influence of Disillusionment and Perceived Linked Fate"

"Political Interest is Increasing: Evidence from the American National Election Studies" (with Betsy Jane Becker and Ariel M. Aloe) "The Social Determinants of Identity Choice" (David A. Siegel)

"The Impact of Social Identity on Third-Party Mediation" (with David A. Siegel and Paul R. Hensel)

Conference Activity

Annual Meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (2007)

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2005, 2002, 1998)

Annual International Campbell Collaboration Colloquium (2008)

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002)

Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002)

Annual Meeting of the Ronald E. McNair Research Conference (1998)

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (2005)

Annual Meetings of the Southern Political Science Association (2008, 2007, 2005)

Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association (2008)

Annual Meetings of the Student of Color Rakham Conference (2003, 2002)

Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (2003)

Invited Talks

Block, Jr., Ray 2007. "A Political Climate Model of the Race Gap in Political Interest." Talk delivered at Toward a Transformative Agenda Around Race, a national conference and film festival sponsored by The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

Block Jr., Ray. 2006. "Race and Political Interest." Talk delivered at Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.

Block Jr., Ray. 2005. "The Racial Gap in Political Interest." Paper presented at the Conference in African American Political Psychology, Austin, TX.

Research and Teaching Interests

Research: American government with concentrations in minority group politics, political participation, public opinion, political psychology, and survey methodology

Teaching: Introduction to American government, urban politics, political science research methods, data analysis, racial attitudes

Professional Service

Referee: *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*

Member: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Society for Political Methodology

Member: Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society (Inducted in 1999)