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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The University of Chicago **2018-Present**
Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

Brown University
Ph.D., Department of Political Science **2018**

Dissertation: “Monopoly Politics: The Impact of Emergency Management on Institutions and Residents in Michigan”

Committee: Katherine Tate (chair), Wendy Schiller, Marion Orr, & James Morone

M.A. in Political Science **2013**

Spelman College
B.A. in Political Science **2011**

Thesis: Motorized Community: Educational Reform in Detroit Public Schools

RESEARCH INTEREST

I examine the state government’s intervention into local governance in the midst of financial crisis and how this intervention impacts political participation and democratic accountability specifically in historically urban communities.

Topics of Interest: Public Policy, American Politics, Urban Policy, Race and Ethnic Policy, Urban Planning, State and Local Government, Public Administration, Political Economy, and Social Policy

WORK UNDER REVIEW

Wilson, Meghan E., “Democracy Postponed: Changes in Democracy and Participation at the Local Level.” *Under Review*

Wilson, Meghan E., “City Auction: Municipal Response to Fiscal Distress in Detroit.” *Under Review*

Meghan E. Wilson and Kevin McGravey, “Bankrupt Democracy: Democratic Theory within Budgetary Constraints.” *Under Review*

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Wilson, Meghan E. “Race in the American City: Vestiges of the Old Racial Order in the [new] urban city.” Article being prepared for submission.

Wilson, Meghan E. “Citizen v. Resident: The Resistance by Local Government to Immigration Policy.” Article being prepared for submission.

Collins, Jonathan E. and **Meghan E. Wilson**, “The Politics of Local Fiscal Crisis: How Local Residents Respond to Municipal Bankruptcy in San Bernardino, CA and Detroit, MI.” Article being prepared for

submission.

Bourassa, Aimee, Katherine Tate, Cadence Willse, and **Meghan E. Wilson**, “Angry White Man: Sources of Political Dissatisfaction in the United States.” Article being prepared for submission.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Race in the American City: Vestiges of the Old Racial Order in the [new] Urban City”
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2017
 - Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA September 2017
- “You Still Live There: Limitations of the Social Welfare Policy in Poverty Irradiation” w/ Victoria H. Kidd
- Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Providence, RI, April 2017
 - Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA September 2017
- “Bankrupt Democracy: Democratic Theory within Budgetary Constraints” w/ Kevin McGravey
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2017
- “Democracy Postponed: Changes in Democracy and Participation at the local level”
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016
- “Remaking the Institution: The intersection of People Politics and the Market in Detroit”
- Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Newport, RI, April 2016
 - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2016
- “Emergency Management and the Growth of the Neoliberal City”
- Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, San Diego, CA, March 2016
- “Let them Speak: Impact of Municipal Crisis in Detroit, MI and San Bernardino, CA” w/ Jonathan Collins
- Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, San Diego, March 2016
 - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2016
- “City Auction: Municipal Response to Fiscal Distress in Detroit”
- Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL, March 2015
 - Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientist, Atlanta, GA, March 2015
 - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015
- “The Angry Age: Sources of Political Dissatisfaction in the U.S.” w/ Aimee Bourassa, Katherine Tate, & Cadence Willse
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015
- “Look at me! A Randomized Controlled Experiment of the Effects of Gender and Interview Attire on Survey Response Bias” w/ Paul White
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2015

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Charles Koch Foundation, Research Grant	2018-2020
Charles Koch Foundation, Dissertation Grant	2017
Brown University Spatial Structures in Social Sciences, Travel Grant	2017

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Ford Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship, <i>Honorable Mention</i>	2015
Belfer Family Graduate Fellowship in Public Policy, Dissertation Fellowship	2014-2015
Wayne State University Humanities Center, Fellowship	2014-2015
Brown University Graduate Student Fellowship/Assistantship Package	2011-2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Independently Taught Courses

- Minority Political Behavior, Spring 2017, Department of Political Science, Clark University
- Minority Political Behavior, Winter 2017, History, Philosophy, and the Social Sciences, Rhode Island School of Design
- Minority Political Behavior, Spring 2016, Department of Political Science, Brown University
- Money vs. People: Are Budgets the Ruler of American Democracy?, Summer 2016, Summer at Brown University

Teaching Assistantships at Brown University

- African American Politics, Spring 2017, Professor Marion Orr
- Urban Politics and Public Policy, Fall 2015, Professor Marion Orr
- Introduction to American Political Process, Head T.A., Spring 2014, Fall 2012, Professor Wendy Schiller
- Introduction to Illicit Global Economy, Fall 2013, Professor Peter Andreas
- Campaigns and Elections, Fall 2012, Professor Michael Tesler

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS

Certificate: Spatial Structures in Social Sciences GIS Institute, Brown University

This is an intensive course focused on visualization, management, and analysis of geographic data. This program covers management of spatial data, conduct geographic analysis, and communicate spatial concepts.

Certificate IV: Teaching Consultant Program

Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University

This is a year-long program to help develop and observe effective teaching strategies. The focus of the program is to develop expertise in leadership and pedagogical development.

Certificate I: Sheridan Teaching Seminar

Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University

Yearlong seminar and workshop series focusing on fundamental principles of pedagogy and developing a reflexive teaching practice

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Builders of Promise

Detroit, MI

Founder and Executive Director

2012-Present

- Publicized and Promoted the organization social and community network
- Surveyed land and developed a comprehensive plan for community development
- Composed and oversaw implementation of private foundation and government grants
- Planned both, large and small dollar fundraising events

Brown University

Providence, RI

Diversity Strategist for the Graduate School

2016-2017

- Advise younger graduate students in their first three years of doctoral programs through research development and publications.
- Implemented university-wide recruitment and retention plan for graduate students of color.
- Developed a diversity action community for the graduate school to create a level of transparency and accountability between the administration and the graduate students.
- Designed and hosted a two-week writing and professionalization retreat for graduate students of color.
- Training volunteers, interns and others to facilitate nuanced and inclusive discussions on challenging topics.
- Served as advisor to the associate dean of diversity and inclusion for the graduate school.
- Managed social media and oversaw a significant increase in active engagement with the public.
- Implemented highly acclaimed public programs and facilitated a critical panel discussion.

Research Associate and Lecturer

2011-2017

- Created spatial datasets of Michigan Communities in economic crises.
- Integrated, improved, and analyzed large databases in Excel, R, and SPSS.
- Developed and Taught 3 sections of Minority Political Behavior, 2 Sections of Introduction to American Political Process, Urban Politics and Policy, and Campaigns and Elections.

Detroit Public School District

Detroit, MI

Summer Youth Employment Coordinator

2010-2012

- Established skilled trade summer program providing 150 high school age summer employment and hands on training opportunities.
- Negotiated fair compensation packages for employees based on Michigan living wage and project labor agreements.
- Provided administrative, programming, and logistical support for Detroit Public Schools' \$500.5 million Capital Improvement Bond.

City of Detroit

Detroit, MI

Legislative Analyst for Councilman Kwame Kenyatta

2007-2009

- Responded to constituents with complaints and worked diligently to resolve each matter expeditiously 80% of assigned complaints were resolved successfully. The other 20% were escalated to higher offices.
- Served as liaison among members of city council, handled resolutions and contracts for community research and development.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- National Conference of Black Political Scientist
- Urban Affairs Association