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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018-2020      **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**  
**Department of Political Science**  
*Postdoctoral Scholar*

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**  
**Race and Capitalism Project**  
*Postdoctoral Fellow*

## EDUCATION

Ph.D.      **BROWN UNIVERSITY**  
***Doctor of Philosophy, May 2018***  
*Concentration: State and Local Politics, Urban Politics, Race and Democratic Theory*  
*Dissertation: Monopoly Politics: The Impact of Emergency Management on Institutions and Residents in Michigan*  
*Committee: Katherine Tate(Chair), Marion Orr, & Wendy Schiller*

A.M.      **BROWN UNIVERSITY**  
***Master of Political Science, May 2013***  
*Concentration: American Politics, Political Theory*

B.A.      **SPELMAN COLLEGE**  
***Major: Political Science, May 2011***  
*Concentration: Human Rights and Social Justice*

## ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

**Wilson, Meghan E.**, “Urban Economic Stability: Neoliberal Adjustments During Economic Crises.” *Under Review*

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

Collins, Jonathan E., Valdimir E. Medenica, and **Meghan E. Wilson**, “‘Berned’ by Millennials: Age, Race, and Third-Party Vote Choice in the 2016 Presidential Election.” *Under Review*

## SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Manuscript*

**Wilson, Meghan E.**, “Monopoly Politics: Local Governments Plight to Survive Emergencies”  
State’s centralization of local power has been a tactic for sustaining power for nearly 3 decades; however, in the last decade we have seen more state governments intervene as a way to assist in navigating financial distress. Using seventeen years of survey data, individual voter files, census data, budget data and qualitative interviews, this manuscript tracks the ways that financially distress cities

shift and what the impact is on the residents in these cities. With Michigan as a case for centralizing power, the project contends with the political and social norms contested to reach financial solvency.

*Articles*

**Wilson, Meghan E., “Broke’n’ Cities: Understanding Racial Domination in Urban Budgeting”**

Urban budgeting has taken several forms over the last half century as the population has shifted in the city center. Given the shift in the way cities are budgeting, this paper analyses the ways that city budgets reinforce articulations of domination. The paper uses the ways that some cities are able to leverage partnership and other are forced to spend cash as a point of contention in articulating racial dynamics in the sustainability of urban cities.

**Wilson, Meghan E. “Betting on Black: Emergency Management’s Hedges on the Marginalized”**

As more cities engage in economic development and financial restructuring, they err on the side of risk and capital growth often to the detriment of already marginally situated residents. By answering the question: what programs are local public institutions willing to wager in the interest of fiscal stability? This paper provides a critical analysis of the ways that finance capitalism engages with public administration. This research helps explain the priorities of local public institutions and the kinds of risk they are willing to take when marginalized communities are at stake. *To be submitted for a review December 2019.*

**Wilson, Meghan E., “You Still Live There: Limitations of the Social Welfare Policy in Poverty Irradiation”**

Using Panel Study on Income Dynamics (PSID) to answer the question: How effective is social welfare policy in eradicating poverty? This paper analyzes the socioeconomic and political climates surrounding housing policies in Oakland and Detroit in order to better understand where the social policy falls short and what it ignores. *To be submitted for publication January 2020*

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

2018-2020

**CHARLES KOCH FOUNDATION**

University of Chicago, Department of Political Science  
Research Fellowship (\$140,000)

2017

**CHARLES KOCH FOUNDATION**

Brown University, Department of Political Science  
Dissertation Grant (\$5000)

2016-2017

**SPATIAL STRUCTURES IN SOCIAL SCIENCE**

Travel Grant (\$500)

2015

**FORD FOUNDATION DISSERTATION WRITING FELLOWSHIP**

Honorable Mention

2014-2015

**BELFER FAMILY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN PUBLIC POLICY**

Brown University, Department of Political Science  
Dissertation Fellowship

2014-2015

**HUMANITIES CENTER**

Wayne State University  
Writing Fellowship

2011-2014

**GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP/ASSISTANTSHIP PACKAGE**

Brown University, Department of Political Science

## TEACHING

### *Instructor of Record*

2017 MINORITY POLITICAL BEHAVIOR  
**Clark University**, *Department of Political Science, Spring*  
**Rhode Island School of Design**, *History, Philosophy and the Social Science, Winter*

2016 MINORITY POLITICAL BEHAVIOR  
**Brown University**, *Department of Political Science, Spring*

MONEY V. PEOPLE: ARE BUDGETS THE RULER OF BEHAVIOR  
**Brown University**, *Summer at Brown*

### *Teaching Assistant*

#### **Brown University**

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

### *Pedagogical Training*

#### **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.*

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 “Conjuring the Spectacle: Understanding the Rise and Decline of  
“**A Reckoning: Toward an Urban Political Economy and Public Choice**”  
• Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.

#### “**Broke’n’ Cities: Understanding Racial Domination in Urban Budgeting**”

- Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, CA
- Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA

2017 “**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
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA

#### “**You Still Live There: Limitations of the Social Welfare Policy in Poverty Irradiation**”

- Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Providence, RI

- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA
- “Bankrupt Democracy: Democratic Theory within Budgetary Constraints” w/ Kevin McGravey**

- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

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
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

2015

**“City Auction: Municipal Response to Fiscal Distress in Detroit”**

- Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL
- Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientist, Atlanta, GA
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

2018-2019

**DIVERSITY FIRST CONSULTING**

*Education Account Lead*

- Developed comprehensive support for company and community partners to communicate across platforms to effectively articulate company’s commitment to the transformative engagement.
- Lead and represented our Social Innovation efforts and manage various stakeholders, from individual contributors to executives, to effectively prioritize goals.
- Provide direction, input and general support to Diversity initiatives, at a local and national level. Fostering positive relationships internally as well as externally for business impact, risk mitigation and building our corporate brand.

2012-2018

**BUILDERS OF PROMISE**

*Founder and Executive Director*

- 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

2016-2017

**BROWN UNIVERSITY**

*Diversity Strategist for the Graduate School*

- 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 among the administration and the graduate students.
- 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.
- Implemented highly acclaimed public programs and facilitated a critical panel discussion.

2010-2012 **DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Summer Youth Employment Coordinator*

- 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.

2007-2009 **CITY OF DETROIT**

*Legislative Analyst for Councilman Kwame Kenyatta*

- 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.

**SERVICE**

2019-2020 SECTION CHAIR, Inequality and Social Justice  
National Conference of Black Political Scientist

2016-2017 DIVERSITY ADVISORY BOARD, Chair and Member  
Brown University

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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

**REFERENCES**

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