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**JOINT APPOINTMENT:
Department of Africana Studies**

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Florida State University, 1985
 - Major Area: American Government
 - Minor Areas: Public Policy and Public Administration
- Master of Arts Public Administration, Florida State University, 1981
- Bachelor of Arts, Florida State University, 1979
 - First Major: Criminology
 - Second Major: Government

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2016 to present Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware
- 1994 to 2015 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware
- 1987 to 1994 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware
- 1984 to 1987 Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, University of Mississippi
- 1981-1984 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Florida State University

RESEARCH AND RELATED EXPERIENCE

Research Interests: African-American politics in post-civil rights America (special emphasis on political mobilization), urban politics and community development (with a focus on inner-city communities), the politics of racial inequality (special emphasis on educational disparities), and African politics with emphasis governance, poverty reduction and human development in Sub-Saharan Africa)

Publications

Books

- **Black Politics Today: The Era of Socioeconomic Transition** (Routledge 2012)
- **The Pace of Progress: A Report on the State of People of Color in Delaware**, co-authored with Leland Ware and David Rudder (Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League Publisher 2002)

Journal Articles, Book Chapters, and Proceedings

- “Non-Structural Factors and Black Students Negative School Disciplinary Outcomes” under review at **Education and Urban Society**
- “Political Attitudes and Perceptions of Batswana: The Implications for Sustainable Economic and Human Development in Sub-Saharan Africa, forthcoming the **International Journal of African Development**
- “Perceptions of racial progress and mistreatment today: The implications for the “Two Nations Thesis.” **National Review of Black Politics**, 2020, vol 1, number 2, pp. 251-270
- “Race and Perceptions of Policing in Delaware,” in **Implicit Bias and Policing in Communities in Delaware** by Delaware Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, January 2020, pages 81-85
- “Rise of a New Black Middle-Class: The Social, Political and Economic Implications for Blacks a Community” in **The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty** edited by Robert Rycroft, (California: ABC-CLIO Greenwood Press) 2017 pages 40-45.
- “Good Governance as a Foundation for Sustainable Human Development in Sub-Saharan Africa” **Third World Quarterly**, Fall 2016, pages 1-16

(<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2016.1191340>)
DOI:10.1177/0013124516633503

- “The Politics of Race and Educational Disparities in Delaware’s Public Schools” in **Education and Urban Society**, June 2016. DOI: 10.1177/0013124516633503
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(eus.sagepub.com/content/early/2016/03/02/0013124516633503.full.pdf+html)
- “Examining Human Capital Capacity’s Influence on Human Development and Poverty Reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa” **International Journal of African Development**, volume 3, number 3, Fall, 2015
(<http://scholarworks.wmich.edu/ijad/vol3/iss1/>)
- “The “Politics of Inclusion” Revisited: The Case of Blacks in America” **Western Journal of Black Studies**, Volume 39, no 3, Fall 2015
- “Blacks’ Political Mobilization Today: The Implications for Addressing Intra-Community Issues Such as Capacity Building and Development” **Journal of Political Science**, Volume 43, 2015, pages 39-72
- “Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Time: The Black Middle-Class in the Age of Obama” with Leland Ware, **Howard Law Journal**, volume 55, issue 2, Winter 2012, pages 533-574
- “The Political Orientation of Blacks and Whites: Converging, Diverging, or Remaining Constant?” **Social Science Journal**, Volume 42, 2006, pages 487-498
- "Local Labor Market Structure and Black Unemployment" **Review of Black Political Economy**, volume 30, number 3, Fall 2002, pages 53-73
- “The Socioeconomic Transition of Black Populations in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland: 1950 to 1990” in **The African-American Experience in Delaware and Eastern Shore of Maryland** edited by Carole Marks (The Christian Council of Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore and the University of Delaware Black American Studies Department:1997) pages 199-220
- "The Occupational Mobility of Black Males Revisited: Does Race Matter?" **Social Science Journal**, volume 32, number 2, April 1995, pages 121-135
- "Income Inequities between Black and White Populations in Southern Counties" **The Review of Black Political Economy**, volume 22, number 4, spring 1994, pages 145-158. Reprinted in **Blacks in Rural America** edited by James Stewart

and Joyce Allen-Smith (Transaction Publishers, 1995)

- "The Educational Attainment and Intergenerational Mobility of Black Males: The 1970s and 1980s," **Urban Review: A Quarterly Journal of Issues and Ideas in Public Education**, volume 32, number 2, June 1994, pages 137-151
- "Blacks' Socioeconomic Status in the South: Does Proportionate Population Size Make a Difference?" **Humanity and Society** volume 17, number 4, November 1993, pages 399-420
- "African-Americans' Educational Characteristics and Political Representation in Mississippi" **Southeastern Political Review**, Volume 3, Winter 1993, pages 133-151
- "African-American's Public Opinion: Homogeneous or Heterogeneous?" **Western Journal of Black Studies**, Volume 15, number 3, Fall 1991, pages 171-179
- "Blacks' Political Representation in Rural Mississippi" in **Blacks in Contemporary Southern Politics**, edited by Laurence Moreland, Todd Baker, and Robert Steed (Praeger Press, 1987) pages 149-159

Blogs, Newspaper Commentaries, and Public Scholarship

- "Efforts to reduce gun violence in the city aren't working." **Wilmington News Journal eEdition Article**, Comment, Sunday, August 25th, 2019
- "Delaware must acknowledge the role of race in education." **Wilmington News Journal eEdition Article**, Comment, Sunday, June 9th, 2019
- Young people are changing black politics in Delaware, **Wilmington News Journal eEdition Article**, Comment, Sunday, December 2, 2018."
- Race matters in Delaware schools. Until we acknowledge that, education reform will not work, **Wilmington News Journal eEdition Article**, Sunday, March 21, 2018.
- Working Paper #4: "Racial Disparities Remain Deep in Delaware: A Half A Decade After the Kerner Commission Report" posted September 2016 <https://independent.academia.edu/TheodoreDavisJr> or upon request

- “Divides along race, location, and party” News: Key Issues Facing Delaware. University of Delaware’s Center for Political Communication. August 1, 2016, <https://www.cpc.udel.edu/news/Pages/key-issues-facing-delaware.aspx>
- “Delaware’s Case Shows Why the Racial Achievement Gap in Education Remains Stubbornly Large.” **The London School of Economics (LSE) US Centre’s Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy**, July 5th, 2016 (<http://bit.ly/29fbvkP>) or (<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2016/07/05/delawares-case-shows-why-the-racial-achievement-gap-in-education-remains-stubbornly-large/>)
- Working Paper #3: "The Expulsion/Suspension Rate in Delaware's High Schools: Is It Just a Matter of Race?" May 2015 <https://independent.academia.edu/TheodoreDavisJr> or upon request
- “Racial Disparities in Delaware’s Public Schools Require Attention and Action” Diversity US: A Blog of the Center for the Study of Diversity, May 9, 2014, <http://sites.udel.edu/csd/>
- Working Paper # 2: “Capacity Building and Community Development in an Inner-City Community: A Preliminary Examination of Black Leaders’ Attitudes and Perceptions in Wilmington Delaware” 2011 <https://independent.academia.edu/TheodoreDavisJr>
- Working Paper #1: “The Pace of Black Student’s Progress in Delaware’s Public Schools: The Achievement Gap Revisited” 2010 <https://independent.academia.edu/TheodoreDavisJr>
- “When drugs and violence rule: the problem with inner-city Wilmington is economic and social instability.” **News Journal, Wilmington Delaware**, Sunday, February 20, 2005.

Miscellaneous (and available upon request)

- “Indicators of Well-Being: Black Children in Delaware Part II.” A Power-Point research presentation developed and circulated for the consumption and information of the public, distributed in January 2013.
- “What’s up with the Brothers in Delaware?” A Power-Point research presentation developed and circulated for the consumption and information of the public,

distributed in October 2012.

- “Delaware’s Black Children: Indicators of Well-Being.” A Power-Point research presentation developed and circulated for the consumption and information of the general public, distributed in August 2009.

Book Reviews

- Review Essay: Rosalee Clawson and Eric Waltenburg, Legacy and Legitimacy: Black Americans and the Supreme Court, in **Political Science Quarterly**, Winter 2009-10
- Book Review: Smith, Robert C. and Richard Seltzer. Contemporary Controversies and the American Racial Divide in **American Political Science Review**, volume 95, number 4, December 2001

Delaware Black Community Research Project

The DBCRP aims to produce a number of analytical, policy and working papers that will assist community stakeholders and others as they go about addressing issues of racial disparities in Delaware. More specifically DBCRP assists community stakeholders by producing data-driven plans and strategies for addressing problems in the areas of education, health, labor and community development (and by extension crime).

Work in Progress

- “Not All Black Boys are Bad:” So Why the Racial Disparities in School Discipline?
- “Black Boys in Delaware and Delaware’s Public Schools: Embattled, Embittered and Endangered?”

Book Project in Progress

- Book project tentatively titled **The Politics and Perils of Racial Disparities and Inequality in Educational.**

Presentations, Conference Participation and Other Activities

- “Perceptions of racial progress and treatment 50 years after the Kerner Commission Report: The Implications for the Two Nation Thesis” presented at the Southern Political Science Association’s 2019 conference, (January 17-19, 2019), Austin Texas.
- “Political attitudes and perceptions of Botswanans: the implications for sustainable human development and effective governance.” Presented at the 2018 Consortium for International Management, Policy, and Development and University of Botswana Political Science Department Administrative Studies Conference in Gaborone, Botswana.
- “The Politics of Racial Disparities: A Half Century after the Kerner Commission Report.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association 2017 Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 11-14, 2017
- “Blacks’ perception of factors impeding Black students’ academic success” presented at the International Conference on Urban Education in San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2-5, 2016
- Co-Program Chair for the Consortium for International Management, Policy, Administration, and Development June 2015 conference in Livingstone, Zambia. The conference theme is “Ideals and Practice of Good Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa.”
- “The Politics and Perils of the Growing Educational Debt: Political Challenges and Educational Disparities,” presented at the International Conference on Urban Education, November 6-8, 2014 at Montego Bay, Jamaica
- “Good Governance and Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Implications for Poverty Reduction,” 9th International Conference Consortium for International Management, Policy and Development (CIMPAD), June 23-26, 2013, Windhoek, Namibia, Africa
- “Capacity Building and Community Development in a Black Inner City Community: An Examination of Black Leaders’ Attitudes and Perceptions,” 43rd annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 12- 17, 2012, Las Vegas, NV
- “Assessing Capacity Building and Good Governance Indicators in Sub-Saharan

Africa: The Implications for Poverty Reduction,” at the 6th African Economic Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, October 25-28, 2011 (sponsored by African Development Bank, Economic Commission of Africa, and the United Nations Development Programme)

- “The Attitudes of Populations in Select Sub-Saharan African Nations: The Implications for Sustainable Development on the Continent,” International Conference on Business, Hospitality and Tourism Management, October 12-15, 2011, Montego Bay, Jamaica
- “Pace of Black Students in Delaware’s Public Schools Progress: The Educational Achievement Gap Revisited,” Achievement Gap Midwest Regional Conference, November 3-6 2010, Chicago, IL
- Assessing the Capacity Building Indicators in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comparative Analysis” International Workshop on “Capacity Building for Global Competitiveness in Developing Economies: The Nexus of Technology Development and Transfer, Education, and Culture,” October 14 –16, 2009, Accra, Ghana
- “Black Political Leadership in the Post-Civil Rights Era,” Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, November 13, 2008, Boston, MA
- Roundtable participant, “African-American Perspectives on Political Science: Author Meets Critics” Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, November 16, 2007, Philadelphia, PA
- “Blacks and the Politics of Inclusion: A Framework for Understanding Minority/Majority Politics” Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, November 7-9, 2006, Boston, MA
- “Changing Values and the Rise of Intra-Racial Politics Among Blacks,” Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, November 11-13, 2004, Boston, MA
- “Public Opinion of Blacks and Whites: Convergence, Divergence, or Remaining Constant?” Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 30 – April 1, 2003, Denver, CO
- “Public Opinion of Blacks and Whites: Convergence, Divergence, or Remaining Constant?” Northeastern Political Science Association and International Studies Association-Northeast, November 11-13, 1999, Philadelphia, PA

- "Structural Factors Associated with Black Unemployment in the South," 10th Annual Conference of the Society to Advance Socioeconomics, July 1997, Montreal, Canada
- "A Theoretical Framework for Understanding Black Politics," National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 1997, Chicago, IL
- "The Social, Political, and Economic Development of the Black Population in America: A Historical Analysis" National Association of African-American Studies Conference, February 1995, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA
- "Black and White Populations' Unemployment in Southern Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties" Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics, April 1993, New York, NY
- "A Political Paradigm of Intergroup Interaction" Southern Political Science Association meeting, November 1991, Tampa, FL
- "Making the African-American Vote Count: An Assessment of Three Strategies" Southern Political Science Association meeting, November 1990, Atlanta, Ga
- "Race Consciousness and African-American's Public Opinion" National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 1990, Atlanta, Ga
- "Black Representation in the South: Preconditions Revisited," The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 1988, Charleston, SC.
- "The Implications of Blacks' Social and Economic Underdevelopment in the Rural South," Conference on Ethnic and Racial Minorities in Advanced Industrial Societies, December 1987, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
- "Middle-Class Blacks as Status Inconsistent: Their Political Attitudes Relative to Other Status Consistent and Inconsistent," Midwest Political Science Association meeting, April 1987, Chicago, IL.
- "Nonpolitical Factors That Explain Black Representation in the Rural South: A Case Study of Mississippi," The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 1986, Charleston, SC.

Funded Research

- \$5,000 grant from the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning to update POSC 452 (Topics in Urban Politics)
- \$2,650 from Institute for Global Studies (IGS) Global Exchange Program Funding to travel to Botswana to present a conference paper.
- Recipient of a 2016 General University Research Grant for \$6,860 for a project called "The University of Delaware's African-American Community Study Initiative." Funding period between June 2016 and May 2018.
- Recipient of a 2013 Department of Political Science and International Relations Faculty Research Grant entitled "A Study of the Politics and Perils of the Educational Attainment Gap: A Comprehensive Analysis Using Longitudinal Databases"
- Recipient of a 2009 General University Research Grant of \$2,000 Project Title: "Attitudinal Congruence Between Leaders and Masses in an Urban Inner City Community: What Do Leaders Think?"
- Principal investigator on a research project entitled "Status Inconsistency Revisited: The Case of the Black Middle Class." This planning grant was funded by the National Science Foundation August 1989.
- Principal investigator on a research project entitled "A Competitive Power Relationship: Its Consequence in the Rural South." This research project was funded through a University of Delaware's General University Research Grant in 1989.
- The principal investigator for a research project entitled "Black Representation in rural Mississippi." The University of Mississippi funded this research project in 1986.

TEACHING

Teaching Interests: Urban Politics, general public policy, politics and the African-American experience, politics and poverty, and Africana Studies (governance and poverty reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa).

Courses Recently Taught

- Introduction to American Politics
- Introduction Africana Studies (Department of Africana Studies)
- Introduction to Public Policy

- Politics, Public and Inequality
- Politics and the African American Experience
- Urban Politics
- Topics in Urban Politics: Politics and Sustainable Development
- Topics in African Politics: Governance and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa

SERVICE

University

- Awards and Honors Committee
- Faculty Board for Athletics
- Member AAUP Collective Bargaining Team (2012/13 Collective Bargaining Team)
- Office of Equity and Inclusion Diversity Awards Committee (2012)
- Mentor for the McNair Program (2012)
- Executive Committee of the Black American Studies Program (2005 – 2008 and 2012 to present)
- Member on the Board of the African Heritage Faculty Caucus (2008 – 2009)
- Major contributor to the Academic Program Review of the Black American Studies Program (2005)
- Chairperson of the University's Faculty Senate's Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee (1999 to 2002)
- AAUP Executive Steering Committee (1999)
- AAUP Student Award Committee (1998 to 2003)
- Chairperson of the African Heritage Faculty Caucus (1996 to 1998)

College of Arts and Sciences

- College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate Promotion and Tenure Committee (2012)
- President of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate (2010-2011)
- Member of the Department of Black American Studies chair search committee (2011)
- President-Elect of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate (2009-2010)
- Chair of College of Arts and Sciences Committee on Committees and Nominations (2008-2009)
- College of Arts and Sciences Steering Committee (2008)
- At-large member of the College of Arts and Science Faculty Senate (2005 -2008)
Member of College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate Academic Appeals Committee (2001 - 2004)

Department

- Executive Committee 2013 to 2015
- Member of several search committees.
- Awards Committee 2012 to present
- Undergraduate Studies Committee 2007 to 2012
- Internship Director (1995 to 1999)
- Chaired of Public Administration Committee (1997-1998)

Miscellaneous Campus

- Guest on a panel entitled Political Science/Public Policy at the National Conference on Higher Education: 25th Annual Graduate Opportunities Conference on February 18, 2012
- Participant on a panel on "Title I/Education Forum" sponsored by the Friends of Title I, on March 3, 2012 in Wilmington, Delaware
- Guest speaker on behalf of the Lifelong Learning's Current Issues-Lecture and Discussion class. Topic was "Black Politics Today: Era of Socioeconomic Transition" October 4, 2012
- Participant for Department of Black American Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series entitled "The 2012 Elections: Who Wins, Who Loses and Why It Matters." October 25, 2012
- I was a guest lecturer on September 21 for the Research on Women 2011 Lecture Series. Lecture topic was "Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Time: Black Families and Black Women in the Age of Obama." (2011)
- Moderator for panel on "Legacies, Part I" the University of Delaware's Department of Black Studies Regional Undergraduate Studies Research Conference on March 19, 2011 (2011)
- Guest speaker in Dr. Carlton Cooper's BISC 625 (Biology of Cancer) class (2011)
- Faculty lecturer in School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy Seminar Series, Fall 2010 (2010)
- Faculty lecturer in BAMS/WOMS 298-010 (Research, Ethnicity and Culture 2009 Lecture Series). Title of lecture: Beyond Class: Other Factors Influencing Black Politics in this Era of Socioeconomic Transition. (2009)
- Keynote speaker for the African American Students of Distinction Ceremony, Sunday, April 26, 2009 (2009)
- Guest panelist for the Center for International Studies discussion of study abroad opportunities (2009)
- Faculty lecturer in UNIV 320 (Contemporary Issues: Resident Assistants I) (2009)

- Presented a lecture on “Race Issues” to first-year Resident Assistants in the fall 2008 RA Class. (2008)
- Guest speaker for Ms. K. Taggart’s honor’s civics class at William Penn High School on April 28, 2008. The topic of the lecture was “Challenges Facing Inner-City Communities.” (2008)
- Presented a lecture on “Race Issues” to first-year Resident Assistants in the fall 2007 RA Class. (2007)
- The University of Delaware African Students Association in conjunction with the Black Student Union invited me as a distinguished faculty guest for an event held on October 8th from 7.30pm-8.30pm Kirkbride 006. The topic was African American coalition in the 21st-century struggle against racism and economic exploitation. (2007)

Other (select off campus)

- Guest on a panel entitled Political Science/Public Policy at the National Conference on Higher Education: 25th Annual Graduate Opportunities Conference on February 18, 2012 (2012)
- Participant on a panel on “Title I/Education Forum” sponsored by the Friends of Title I, on March 3, 2012 in Wilmington, Delaware (2012)
- Guest speaker on behalf of the Lifelong Learning’s Current Issues-Lecture and Discussion class. Topic “Black Politics Today: Era of Socioeconomic Transition” October 4, 2012 (2012)
- Guest on a panel entitled Political Science/Public Policy at the National Conference on Higher Education: 25th Annual Graduate Opportunities Conference on February 19, 2011 (2011)
- Guest speaker at the Academy of Lifelong Learning Current Event Discussion class on October 16, 2008 at Arshat Hall on the University of Delaware Campus in Wilmington. (2008)

The Profession

- Academic Program Reviews: Delaware State University, April/May 2009. Authored the report “Academic Review of the Political Science Program in the Department of History, Political Science and Philosophy.”
- Article Reviewer: Political Science Quarterly, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Politics and Policy Journal, American Journal of Political Science, Eastern Economic Journal, Polity, American Review of Politics, Review of Educational Research, Third World Quarterly, World Development
- Book Proposal Reviewer: E. Peacock Publisher, Pearson/Hall, CQ Press,

Oxford University Press, Sage, Rowman and Littlefield

Other Professional Activity (including Development)

- Institute Research Poverty, Teaching Poverty 101 Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, June 2-6, 2013
- National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, to participate in the NELS:88/ELS:2002 Database Seminar, held in Washington, D.C. May 18th through the 20th.
- Selected as a Fellow of the Association of Institutional Research, National Center for Educational Statistics, and National Science Foundation 2003 Summer Data Policy Institute, June 16 through 26 in Potomac, Maryland.
- A participant for the University of Delaware, Fulbright American Studies Institute on U.S. National Security Policy Formulation in the Era of Globalization, January 2004.
- Served as grant reviewer for the National Science Foundation's Digital Government Program (January 28-30, 2003)
- Reviewer for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) FY 2002 Field-Initiated Studies Education Research Grant Program (May 2001)
- Reviewer for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) FY 2001 Field-Initiated Studies Education Research Grant Program (October 18, 19, and 20, 2000)

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