

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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**EDUCATION**

2001	PhD	Northwestern University
1992	B.A.	Hampton University

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**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- African American Racial Identity
- Race & Neighborhood Politics
- Audio Ethnography & Documentary
- Urban Ethnography
- Faculty Development
- Writing Practice & Process

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2015 – present **Founder & Writing Coach**  
[InkWell Academic Writing Retreats](http://www.inkwellretreats.org)
- 2008 – 2016 **Associate Professor**  
Departments of African American Studies & Political Science, UIC
- 2009 – 2014 **Associate Director**, Campus Programs & Community Partnerships  
Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (UIC)
- 2008 – 2009 **Acting Assistant Dean**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UIC
- Spring 2008 **Faculty Fellow**  
Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, UIC
- 2003 – 2004 **Faculty Fellow**  
Institute for the Humanities, UIC
- 2002 – 2008 **Assistant Professor**  
Departments of African American Studies & Political Science, UIC

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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### **Publication Awards**

- 2009 Winner, Best Book Award  
American Political Science Association Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section
- 2008 Finalist, Mexico New Book Award
- 2006 Finalist, President's Book Award, Social Science History Association
- 2004 Winner, Rodney Higgins Paper Award  
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- 1999 Winner, Best Paper Award  
Urban Affairs Association

### **Research Fellowships**

- Spring 2008 Faculty Fellowship, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, UIC
- 2003-2004 Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Humanities, UIC
- 1996-2000 Doctoral Fellowship, Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Program
- 1995-1996 Doctoral Fellowship, Women's Studies Department, Northwestern University
- 1992-1995 Predoctoral Fellowship, National Science Foundation

### **Research & Travel Grants**

- 2007, 2005 Research/Travel Grant, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Junior Faculty Research Support/Travel Fund, University of Illinois, Chicago
- 2004 Research Grant, Office of Social Science Research, University of Illinois, Chicago: "Day Labor Advocacy in Chicago's Neighborhoods"
- 2004 Research Grant, Chicago Field Museum, Center for Cultural Understanding and Change, Urban Research & Curriculum Transformation Institute
- 1998 Travel Grant, Consortium for Institutional Cooperation

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

- Under Contract *Becoming the Writer You Already Are: An Academic's Guide to Discovering Your Writing Process*
- 2008 *Jim Crow Nostalgia: Reconstructing Race in Bronzeville*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press.
- Winner, 2009 Best Book Award, American Political Science Association, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section*
- Finalist, 2006 President's Book Award, Social Science History Association*
- Reviewed in:
- Science & Society*
- Journal of American Ethnic History* 30:2 (Winter 2011): 110.
- American Studies* 49:3 (Fall/winter 2008): 296-297.

### Articles & Chapters

- 2014 "[Good Tape: Methodological Lessons from Working with Audio.](#)" *PUBLIC: A Journal of Imagining America* 2(1).
- 2012 "How We Write: Understanding Scholarly Writing Through Metaphor." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 45 (4).
- Reprinted in [Navigating the Profession: Sage Advice from the Pages of PS: Political Science](#). Virtual Issue 1, 2016.
- 2008 "Defensive Development: The Role of Racial Politics in Gentrification." *Urban Affairs Review*. 43 (6), 751-776.
- 2008 "Integration and the Collapse of Black Social Capital: Nostalgia and Narrative in the Neoliberal City" in Jane Collins, Micaela Di Leonardo and Brett Williams, eds., *The New Landscapes of Inequality: The Erosion of Citizenship in a Neoliberal Era*. Santa Fe, New Mexico: School of Advanced Research Press.
- Finalist, 2008 New Mexico Book Award*
- 2005 "The Downside of Racial Uplift: The Meaning of Gentrification in an African American Neighborhood." *City & Society* 17 (2), 265-288. Reprinted in *Sociology, Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life Readings*, Eighth Edition, David M. Newman and Jodi A. O'Brien, eds. (Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, Forthcoming).
- Winner, 2004 Rodney Higgins Faculty Paper Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists*
- 2000 "Reconstructing Bronzeville: Racial Nostalgia and Neighborhood Redevelopment." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 22 (2): 107-122.
- Winner, 1999 Best Paper Award, Urban Affairs Association*

## **PUBLICATIONS (continued)**

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### **Audio & Multimedia**

- In Post-Production *Fly Away Home: Hurricane Katrina & Environmental Displacement*, a 6-minute audio documentary.
- In Post-Production *Meet the Budget Cuts*, with Liz Thomson (photographer). A multimedia audio documentary, available at [www.MeetTheBudgetCuts.weebly.com](http://www.MeetTheBudgetCuts.weebly.com).
- 2016 *She Flew Para Abajo*. A digital story on just cause evictions. Coproduced with Ryan White, Laura Hadden, and narrators Adriana and Emily Larraga. In collaboration with the Groundswell Oregon Collective and the [Community Alliance of Tenants](#). September.
- 2016 *Como un mapa en mi piel*. An audio collage. In collaboration with the Amamantar y Migrar Oral History Project. On exhibit at:  
  
"Amamantar y Migrar: Month of Art & Action," May 11 – June 10, 2016, Latino Network, Portland, OR.
- 2015 *Manny y Mirella*. One of three digital stories on the impact of collaborations between Portland police and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Coproduced with Sofie Sherburt and narrators Manny y Mirella Pérez. In collaboration with the Groundswell Oregon Collective and the [Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition](#).
- 2014 "Reconstructions." With Erica Meiners. [Lux/Lumina](#). Vol 8.
- 2012 "Cut/Back (From Meet the Budget Cuts)" [The 51%. Episode #1219](#). WAMC. Nov 22.
- 2012 *I don't recall*, with Erica Meiners (coproducer). A three-part audio collage. On exhibit at:  
  
"Opening the Black Box: The Charge is Torture," October 4 – December 21, 2012, Sullivan Galleries, School of the Art Institute of Chicago.  
  
Temple Contemporary, Temple University

### **Reviews**

- 2014 "The Power of Healing." Review of "The Hospital Always Wins," produced by Laura Starecheski, [RadioDoc Review](#) 1(1).

### **Narrative Nonfiction**

Under Review *Backpack*

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Academic Writing Retreats

2015-present InkWell Academic Writing Retreats, May, June, August

2017 *Ready Set Flow: An Academic Writing Retreat.* Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, September 29.

*Ready Set Flow: An Academic Writing Retreat.* University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 19 & 20.

2012 – 2015 *WriteOut! Dissertation Writing Retreats*, Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy, UIC, January, May, August

### Invited Presentations & Workshops

2016 Guest Mentor, Dissertation Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, [www.facultydiversity.org](http://www.facultydiversity.org), February 25

2016 “Collect, Listen, Amplify: A Workshop on Imagining Uses for Oral History” University of Illinois, Chicago, IL, March 4.

2015 “PHinally Done. Top Tips for Dissertation Writers.” National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Guest Mentor Workshop, [www.facultydiversity.org](http://www.facultydiversity.org), October 8.

2015 “Advancing the Retreat: How to Maintain Your Momentum When the Retreat is Done.” [Latin American Cities Working Group 'Writing for Publication' Retreat](#), Rio Piedras, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 3.

2015 “The Power of Pause: How to Design an Effective Summer Writing Retreat.” National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Guest Expert Workshop, [www.facultydiversity.org](http://www.facultydiversity.org), May 27.

2015 “Writing as Metaphor: Discovering a Writing Process that Works for You.” National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Guest Expert Workshop, [www.facultydiversity.org](http://www.facultydiversity.org), March 12.

2014 Writing Coach, “WriteOut! Dissertation Writing Retreat,” Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy, UIC. January, May, August.

2014 “How to Make a Writing Plan,” Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy, UIC, January 22 and September 11.

2013 “The Curse of Magical Thinking: Freeing Yourself from Unrealistic Writing Goals,” Graduate Student Professional Socialization Series, Department of Sociology, UIC, October 30.

## **PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

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### **Invited Presentations & Workshops (continued)**

- 2012 "Meet the Budget Cuts" Presentation and discussion, *Applied Words Series | Writing as Social Activism*. Guild Literary Complex, Chicago, IL, March 28.
- 2012 "Engaging and Troubling Narratives of African American Migration" paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Vancouver, BC, April 13-17.
- 2009 "How to Get Your Work Done: Writing Groups for the Dissertation & Beyond," UIC College of Education December 1.
- 2008 "Adolph Reed, Jr. and the Problem of Authenticity in Black Politics." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL, March 19-22.
- 2007 "Defensive Development: The Role of Racial Politics in Gentrification." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 15-18.
- 2007 "The Roots of Black Gentrification." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, St. Michael Barbados, October 9-12, 2007.
- 2006 "The Rise and Fall of Bronzeville: Jim Crow Nostalgia and Neighborhood Development in the Neo-Liberal State." Advanced Seminar, School of American Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 12-16, 2006.
- 2004 "Coercive Spaces: Structure and Agency in Regulated Urban Environments." University of Illinois, Chicago Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Seminar Series *Beyond Structure and Agency*, November 8, 2004.
- 2004 "Race, Recollection & Revitalization: Neighborhood Development on Chicago's South Side." Urban History Seminar, Chicago Historical Society, October 20.
- 2004 "Uplifting the Race" Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois, Chicago, February 9.

### **Professional Meetings**

- 2015 "Sound Proof: Making Arguments in Audio" Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana, IL, May 20-23.
- 2007 "Gentrification and Nostalgia: Managing Class Tensions in African American Neighborhoods." Paper presented at the "Dilemmas of Blackness" Annual Faculty Workshop, African American Studies Department, University of Illinois at Chicago, June 7-9.
- 2004 "Racial Nostalgia and Black Gentrification." Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 19-21.

## **PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

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### **Professional Meetings (continued)**

- 2004 "Who's Zoomin' Who?": African Americans & Gentrification." Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Washington, D.C., March 31-April 3.
- 2004 "Black Gentrification: Revitalization as Racial Uplift." Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL, March 24-28.
- 2003 "From Negro Removal to Racial Revitalization: Blacks and the New Gentrification." Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 19-23.
- 1999 "*Restoring Bronzeville*: Racial Group Identity and the Reconstruction of Place." Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Louisville, Kentucky, April 14-17.
- 1999 "*Restoring Bronzeville*: Racial Group Identity and the Construction of Political Meaning." Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 13-15.
- 1998 "'In the Eye of the Beholder': Group Identity and the Construction of Political Meaning." Paper Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Political Science Association, November 14.

### **Organizer/Discussant/Moderator**

- 2015 Co-Facilitator, "Oral History in Movements Against Policy Brutality", Groundswell Video Chat, Portland, OR, March 5.
- 2014 Moderator, "Power!" *Eyes on the Prize* Community Dialogue, Social Justice Initiative, UIC, Chicago, IL, March 31.
- 2007 Co-Organizer, "Dilemmas of Blackness" Annual Faculty Workshop, African American Studies Department, UIC, June 7-9.
- 2005 "Race, Family & Community." Remarks delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL February 26.

## **TEACHING**

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Introduction to Black Politics  
Contemporary Black Politics  
Race & the Politics of Neighborhood Development  
Race & Urban Life: A People's Guide to Chicago  
Racial Identity & Political Consciousness  
Ethnographic Field Methods  
Introduction to Women's Studies

## SERVICE

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### Referee

- *City & Community*
- *City & Society*
- *Environment and Planning*
- *Journal of Urban Affairs*
- National Science Foundation
- *RadioDoc Review*
- *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black*
- *Politics, Culture and Society*
- *Urban Affairs Review*
- *Urban Geography*

### Disciplinary Service

- Member, *RadioDoc Review* Editorial Board, 2013 - present
- Chair, Emerging Scholar Award Committee, Urban Affairs Association, 2007-2008
- Member, UIC Urban Forum Operations Committee, 2014
- Member, *Souls: Journal*, Editorial Working Group, 2012-2015
- Member, *Urban Affairs Review* Editorial Board, 2011-2014
- Member, Emerging Scholar Award Committee, Urban Affairs Association, 2006-2007
- Member, Best Urban Politics Dissertation Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2004-2005
- Member, Planning Committee, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2003-2004

### University Service

- Chair, Faculty Writing Group, Under-Represented Faculty Mentoring Program, UIC, 2007-2008
- Faculty Partner (Invited), Campus Housing Faculty Program, UIC, 2013 - 2015
- Discussion Leader, Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Research Forum, April 12, 2012.
- Member, Graduate Writing Subcommittee, UIC Senate Committee, 2014-2015
- Member, Exhibit Committee, Jane Addams Hull-House Museum, 2013-2015
- Member, American Migrations Advisory Board Research, UIC, 2013-2015
- Member, Sustainability Strategic Thinking Process Meeting, UIC, 2013-2014
- Member, Chancellor's Award Selection Committee, Graduate College, UIC, 2012-2014
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee, College of Urban Policy & Public Affairs, UIC, 2012-2013
- Member, Civic Engagement Research Fund Review Committee, Institute for Policy & Civic Engagement, UIC, 2011-2012
- Member, Diversity Strategic Thinking and Planning Committee, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, UIC, 2010-2012
- Member, CUPPA-CBA Merger Committee, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, UIC, 2011-2012
- Member, Network of Diversity Related Units, UIC, 2011-2012
- Member, Director Search Committee, Institute for the Humanities, UIC, 2011-2012
- Member, Liberal Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Initiative Selection Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, UIC, 2010-2011
- Member, Undergraduate Funding Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, UIC, 2010-2012
- Member, Student Research Forum Planning Committee, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, UIC, 2008-2009
- Member, General Education Assessment Pilot Program, Office of Programs and Academic Assessment, UIC, 2007-2008
- Member, Department Head Search Committee, African American Studies, UIC, 2005-2006



## **SERVICE (continued)**

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### **Departmental Service**

Chair, Programming Committee, African American Studies Department, UIC, 2012-2014  
Chair, Faculty Writing Group, Under-Represented Faculty Mentoring Program, UIC, 2007-2008  
Co-Chair, Faculty Mentoring Committee, African American Studies Department, UIC, 2011-2013  
Member, General Education Assessment Pilot Program, Office of Programs and Academic Assessment, UIC, 2007-2008  
Member, Search Committee, African American Studies Department Head, UIC, 2005-2006  
Member, Search Committee, Office of Social Science Research, UIC, 2005-2006  
Member, Teaching and Learning Committee, African American Studies, UIC, 2013-2014, 2007-2008  
Member, Programming Committee, African American Studies Department, UIC, 2007-2008  
Member, Quorum Committee, African American Studies Department, UIC, 2012-2013, 2002-2003  
Member, Human Subjects Review and Compliance Committee, African American Studies Department, UIC, 2010-2011, 2003-2005,  
Member, Senior Social Scientist Search Committee, African American Studies Department, UIC, 2009-2011  
Member, Advisory Committee, African American Studies Department, UIC, 2009-2010, 2007-2008  
Member, Search Committee, African American Studies Department, UIC, 2007-2008  
Member, Engaged Scholarship Subcommittee, African American Studies Department, 2007-2008  
Member, Assistant Director Search Committee, Department of African American Studies, UIC, 2007-2008

### **Community Service**

Member, Oregon Groundswell Collective, 2015-present  
Intake and Triage Volunteer, Community Health, Chicago, IL, 2008-2009  
Language Tutor, Erie Neighborhood House, Chicago, IL, 2007  
Consultant, Whitney Young High Teacher's Grant, Chicago, IL, 2004-2005  
Member, Board of Directors, The Employment Project, Chicago, IL, 2003-2004  
Advocate & Researcher, Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago, IL, 2003-2004  
Spanish Translator, Helping Hands Health Clinic, Chicago, IL, 2003-2004