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Position Associate Professor, Political Science Department, University of California, Irvine (Feb 2020-Present)

Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, University of California, Irvine (July 2014-Feb 2020)

Education

Ph.D. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Joint Ph.D. Program in Public Policy and Political Science (2015)

B.A. Christopher Newport University
Political Science (2005)

Dissertation *Anger (Mis)Management? Racial Differences in the Emotional Foundations of Political Action*
Committee: Ted Brader (co-chair), Vincent L. Hutchings (co-chair), Nancy Burns, Ann C. Lin

Research Interests

Black politics (Black identity, Black political behavior; Black affect); political psychology (affect, emotion and cognition); political behavior (mobilization, electoral and insurgent participation); public opinion (racial ideology and attitudes, efficacy); urban politics (descriptive representation); religion and politics

Honors, Fellowships and Grants

2019 Black Leadership and Advancement Coalition (BLAC) Distinguished Lecturer Award

2019 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Fostering Undergraduate Research

2018 Dean's Honoree for Teaching Excellence in the School of Social Sciences

2017 Research grant in recognition of work in service of First Generation First Quarter Challenge Program, UCI School of Social Sciences (\$5000)

2017 Medical Humanities Initiative Research Grant (with Shawn Rosenberg and Mark Fisher) (\$4759)

- 2015-2019 Center for the Study of Democracy Seed Grants (4 awards of \$2500, totaling \$10,000)
- 2016 University of California Hellman Fellowship (\$30,000)
- 2015 UC Education Abroad Program Underrepresented Students Outreach Initiative Grant (\$5,000)
- 2011 Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Student Award
- 2007 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow
- 2005 Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2005 American Political Science Foundation Minority Fellowship
- 2004 Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Fellow, Duke University

Publications

Book

Phoenix, Davin. (Dec 2019). *The Anger Gap: How Race Shapes Emotion in Politics*. Cambridge University Press.

Published articles

Chan, Nathan & Phoenix, Davin “The Ties that Bind: Assessing Effects of Political and Racial Church Homogeneity on Asian American Political Participation” Forthcoming at *Politics and Religion*

Ronald E. Brown, Davin L. Phoenix and James S. Jackson. (July 2019) “Turning the Wheels: Striving and African American Social Identity in the 21st Century” *National Political Science Review*

Maneesh Arora, Davin L. Phoenix, and Archie Delshad. (2019) “Framing Police and Protesters: Assessing Volume and Framing of News Coverage Post-Ferguson, and Corresponding Impacts on Legislative Activity.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 7:1, 151-164. DOI: 10.1080/21565503.2018.1518782

Davin L. Phoenix & Maneesh Arora. (2018) “From Emotion to Action among Asian Americans: Assessing the Roles of Threat and Identity in the Age of Trump.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 6:3, 357-372, DOI: 10.1080/21565503.2018.1494011

Ronald Brown, R. Khari Brown, Davin L. Phoenix and James S. Jackson (2016) “Race, Religion and Anti-Poverty Attitudes” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 55.2. 2016. DOI: 10.1111/jssr.12258

Articles under review

Phoenix, Davin “Black Hope Floats: Racial Emotion Regulation and the Uniquely Motivating Effects of Hope on Black Political Participation.” Conditional acceptance pending revisions at *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*

Chan, Nathan & Phoenix, Davin “Red Streets, Blue Streets: Neighborhood Political Composition and Political Participation among Asian Americans.” Under review at *Journal of Race and Ethnic Politics*

Published chapters and edited volume entries

Hutchings, Vincent L., & Phoenix, Davin. (May 2015) “Racial Disenfranchisement: Social Science Perspectives on the Struggle for Racial Equality” In Nancy Pinkerton (Ed.) *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences: An Interdisciplinary, Searchable, and Linkable Resource*.

Phoenix, Davin. “The Mile High Difference: Examining the Impact of Political and Institutional Context on the Electoral Strategies Pursued by Minority Mayors in Denver and the Impacts of those Strategies on Minority Communities.” [Book chapter] In Ravi K. Perry (Ed.) *21st Century Urban Race Politics: Representing Minorities as Universal Interests*. United Kingdom: Emerald Group Publishing Limited. April 2013

Working papers & current projects

Fisher, Mark, Phoenix, Davin, Rosenberg, Shawn, Mousa, Myrna, Greenia, Dana, Corrada, Maria, Kawas, Claudia, and Paganini-Hill, Annlia. “Political Ideology and Cognition in Aging: Resilience of Political Identification and Fragmentation of Policy Choice”

Phoenix, Davin. & Chan, Nathan. “The Color of Anger: Racial Efficacy, Resignation, and Emotion in Politics”

Pitzer, Tabitha, Phoenix, Davin, & Stout, Christopher. “Evaluations of Political Rhetoric across Race and Gender”

Phoenix, Davin, Piston, Spencer, Chudy, Jennifer. & Hutchings, Vincent. “The Disempowerment Effect: Critically Reassessing the Role of Descriptive Representation on the Participation of Blacks”

Phoenix, Davin. and Willoughby-Herard, Tiffany. “Black Abroad: How Experiences with Global Blackness Shape Black Youth Activism at Home”

Conference Participation & Invited Academic Talks

Apr 2020 “More than a Feeling: Refining Measures of Emotions and Assessing their Effects in Politics across Racial Groups” (with Camille D. Burge) Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association [Canceled to due COVID-19]

Feb 2020 “The Anger Gap: Seeing Red beyond Black and White” Frank 2020 Gathering. Gainesville, FL.

Nov 2019 Michigan Political Scientists of Color 2019-20 Distinguished Speaker. “The Anger Gap: How Race Shapes Emotion in Politics” U-M.

Nov 2019 Invited Book Talk. “The Anger Gap: How Race Shapes Emotion in Politics” UCLA.

Nov 2019 Keynote Speaker, Critical Observations on Race and Ethnicity Conference. “The Anger Gap: How Race Shapes Emotion in Politics” UC Irvine.

Nov 2019 “Invited Book Talk. “The Anger Gap: How Race Shapes Emotion in Politics” MSU.

Aug 2019 “The Color of Anger: Racial Efficacy, Resignation, and Emotion in Politics” (with Nathan Chan). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington DC

June 2019 “The Anger Gap: Racial Efficacy, Resignation, and Emotion in Politics” Problems of Democracy Workshop, Center for the Study of Democracy, UC Irvine.

May 2019 Invited Talk. “The Anger Gap: Race, Resignation, & Emotion in Politics” UCSD.

Apr 2019 “Political Rhetoric: Does it Matter if it is Positive or Negative?” (with Tabitha Pitzer and Christopher Stout). Annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.

Mar 2019: “Seeing Red in Black and White: The Moderating Effects of Racial Resignation & Agency on Black Anger & Action” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Baton Rouge, LA.

Mar 2018. “Seeing Red in Black and White: Race, Participation and the Anger Gap.” Winter Colloquium, UC Irvine.

Aug 2017. “White Anger, Black Pride: Racial Differences in the Mobilizing Impact of Emotions on Political Activity” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA

Apr 2017. Invited Talk “Seeing Red in Black and White: Race, Anger and Political Participation.” UCLA.

Jan 2017. “Anger in Black and White: The Moderating Effect of Race on the Translation of Anger to Action” Pacific Coast American Politics Conference, Tucson, AZ.

May 2016. “Urban Studies/Spatial Meaning/Where We Do Our Work” Presented at Scandal in Real Time: A National Conference on Black Women, Politics, Oral History. UC Irvine.

Mar 2016. Invited Talk: “Anger (Mis)Management? Exploring Racial Differences in the Foundations of Political Action.” UC Santa Barbara.

Feb 2016. Discussant, Mini-conference: Marginalization, Inclusion and the Future of Political Science. UC Irvine

Jan 2016. Discussant, Panel entitled “Causal Processes.” Center for the Study for Democracy Conference on Political Persuasion. Laguna Beach, CA.

April 2015. Discussant, panel entitled “Race and the Criminal Justice System.” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

April 2015. Anger (Mis)Management? Exploring Racial Differences in the Foundations of Political Action. Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV

April 2013. Threat as (Contingent) Motivator? Exploring Divergences in the Emotional and Participatory Responses of Blacks and Whites to Threatening Political Stimuli. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

March 2013. Threat as (Contingent) Motivator? Exploring Divergences in the Emotional and Participatory Responses of Blacks and Whites to Threatening Political Stimuli. Presented at the Annual Convention of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Oakbrook, IL.

March 2011.. Descriptive Representation and Participation among Blacks, Latinos and Women in the 21st Century. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Phoenix, D. & Piston, S. (March 2009). Political Participation among Blacks, Latinos and Whites in the 21st Century. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

August 2004. Black Images and Blurred Visions: Examining of the Effect of Exposure to Mainstream Media on the Political Trust Levels of African-Americans. Poster Session at the annual meeting of the American Political Science, Chicago, IL.

Research Presentations to Community and Student Organizations

2018 Feb 6 “Anger (Mis)Management? Race, Emotion and Political Participation in the Current Political Era” Presentation to Concerned Citizens of Laguna Woods Village.

2018 Jan 18 “Evidence Based Policy Making as a Goal” Panel discussion at Letting Evidence Lead the Way Conference, hosted by the Science Policy Group at UCI

2017 Mar 7 “Grave Effects: The Trump Administration and Health Policy.” Presentation to UCI Global Health Research, Education and Translation Team

2017 Feb 28 “Activism in the Trump Era.” Presentation to UCI Social Policy and Public Service Advocates

- 2017 Jan 17 “Psychological Dimensions of Race: Implications for Identity, Attitudes and Behaviors.” Presentation to UCI (De)constructing Diversity Initiative
- 2017 Jan 14 “Mobilizing that Matters: Evidence from Research.” Presentation to Women’s Political Action Group of Huntington Beach
- 2016 Oct 14 “Making your Voice Heard: A Guide to Voting in the 2016 Election.” Presentation to TRIO Scholars Program
- 2015-19 “Reflections on Research: From Experience to Inquiry to Influence.” Annual Presentation to UCI Summer Academic Enrichment Program (SAEP)
- 2016 May 5 “Black Democratic Engagement in the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenges offered by Social Media.” Presentation to UCI Social Policy and Public Service Advocates
- 2016 “Expectations Lost? What’s Next for the 2016 Election?” Panel Speaker. UCI, Social Science Expert Speaker Series [Part 1 on May 11; Part 2 on Oct 5)
- 2015 Feb 18 “Race and Participation in Orange County and Beyond.” Presentation to South Orange County Democratic Club
- 2014 Nov 17 “Post-election Roundtable.” Panel Speaker. UCI Center for the Study of Democracy

Research Projects

- 2017-18 Principal Investigator: “Distinguishing the Attitudinal Antecedents and Behavioral Impacts of Political and Racial Anger.” Online experiment conducted on national sample through Qualtrics survey platform. Funding from grant in recognition of work for First Generation First Quarter Challenge and Center for the Study of Diversity Seed Grant
- 2016-18 Co-Principal Investigator, with Shawn Rosenberg and Mark D. Fisher. “Political Ideology and Cognition.” Created survey experiment instrument for distribution to members of 90+ Study. Funding from Medical Humanities Initiative Research Grant
- 2016-17 Co-Principal Investigator, with Tiffany Willoughby-Herard. “The Black Study Abroad Experience and Political Engagement.” Creating interview instruments designed to assess how Black college youth’s study abroad experience affect their political identity, strategizing and activity upon return. Funding from UC Education Abroad Program Underrepresented Students Outreach Initiative Grant
- 2015-19 Principal Investigator, “Policies Policing Police: Examining State Measures on Law Enforcement Post-Ferguson.” Supervised undergraduate research

teams creating two national data sets: (1) The State Legislative Action on Policing (SLAP) database of state legislation related to policing, 2014-16, and (2) the Media Perspectives on Policing (MPOP) database of news articles related to policing and police-related protest movements from the 15 largest newspapers, 2014-16. Funding from Center for the Study for Democracy.

- 2016 Collaborator and content provider. 2016 Collaborative Multi-racial Post-election Survey (CMPS) Funding from 2016-17 Hellman Fellowship
- 2013-2014 Principal Investigator, "Exploring the Moderating Effects of Racial Group Identity on the Motivation to Participate in Response to Threat and Opportunity" Created and fielded survey experiment among convenience sample in metro Detroit area. Funding from Rackham Graduate School
- 2008-2010 Research Assistant, Dr. Vincent Hutchings
National Politics Study (NPS) Mayoral Project
Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
- 2008-2009 Research Assistant, Dr. Michael Traugott
PEW Election Auditing Project
Department of Political Science, University of Michigan

Teaching and Advising

- 2014-19 Assistant Professor, University of California, Irvine
Undergraduate teaching: African American Politics; Introduction to Race & Ethnicity; American Political Behavior; Urban Politics and Policy; Public Opinion; Mass Media and Politics
- Undergraduate advising: Supervised eighteen honors thesis projects, one Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) project and one Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) project
- Graduate teaching: American Politics Field Seminar; Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Politics
- Graduate advising: Member of fourteen qualifying exam committees, six prospectus committees, and six dissertation committees; Faculty mentor for Competitive Edge Summer Research Program; Faculty adviser for four first year students; Research project adviser for five students
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Workshop "The National Black Election/Politics Studies: Use & Analysis"
- 2011-2012 Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Program on Intergroup Relations. Two semester course sequence of Training and Practicum in

“Processes of Intergroup Dialogues Facilitation.” (Diversity and social justice course cross-listed in Psychology, Sociology, and American Culture)

2011-2012 Instructor, University of Michigan
“Black Americans and the Political System”

2006-2007 Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
“Introduction to American Government”

Academic and Professional Service

2019-21 Member, School of Social Sciences Executive Committee, UC Irvine

2019-20 Co-Chair, NCOBPS Section on Public Opinion & Political Participation.
National Conference of Black Political Scientists

2019-21 Member, APSA Race and Ethnicity Politics Executive Council

2019-21 Member, Committee on Faculty Diversity, Inclusion and Development.
School of Social Science, UCI

2019-21 Member, WPSA Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession

2018-20 Member, APSA Committee on the Status of First Generation Scholars in the
Profession

2019 Faculty Representative, UCI Cross Cultural Center Director Search
Committee

2015-19 Faculty Co-Director, First Generation First Quarter Challenge, UCI School of
Social Sciences

2015-19 Faculty Co-Advisor, Black Internationalists Student Organization

2015-19 Reviewer: National Science Foundation; *Political Psychology*; *National
Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Political
Research Quarterly*; *DuBois Review*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Journal of
Communication*; Oxford University Press.

2016 Conference Organizer, 12th Annual Jack W. Peltason Center for the Study of
Democracy Graduate Student Conference. UC Irvine.

2015-16 Faculty Advisor, Associated Students of UCI First Generation Student
Committee

2009-2010 Co-Chair
Graduate Association of Political Scientists (GAPS)

Department of Political Science, University of Michigan

2008-2009 President
Students of Color of Rackham (SCOR)
University of Michigan

Media Correspondence

2016-20 Print Interviews: *New York Times*, *Our Weekly*; *The Daily Beast*; *OC Register*

2015-20120 Radio, Podcast and Livestream Appearances, *Ask a Leader*, KUCI Orange County Public Radio, 88.9 FM; *Take Two*, KPCC Southern California Public Radio, 89.3 FM; *Majority Report with Sam Seder*; *Left, Right and Center*, KCRW; *Ask a Political Scientist with Andrea Jones-Rooy*

Professional Affiliations

- National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- UCI Center for the Study of Democracy
- Pi Gamma Mu
- Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society