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## EDUCATION

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**Brown University**, Providence, RI  
PhD in Political Science 2025 (*expected*)  
Subfields: American Politics, Political Theory

**Howard University**, Washington, DC  
MA in Political Science 2018  
Subfields: Black Politics, American Politics

**University of South Carolina**, Columbia, SC  
BA in Political Science and English, *Magna Cum Laude* 2016  
Academic Awards: Leadership Distinction in Professional & Civic Engagement, President's List, Dean's List

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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McCray, Karra W. 2022. Review of *The Congressional Black Caucus: Fifty Years of Fighting for Equality*. *National Review of Black Politics*, 3-3.4.

## PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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McCray, Karra W. 2022. [Black Representation Among Commissioned Officers in the Biden White House](#). Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

McCray, Karra W. 2021. [Report Card on Black Chiefs of Staff to Cabinet Secretaries in the Biden Administration](#). Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

McCray, Karra W., Donald Bell, and Spencer Overton 2018. [Racial Diversity Among Top Staff of the \(Virginia; Tennessee; Pennsylvania; Mississippi; Maryland; Delaware\) Congressional Delegation](#). Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

Scott, Elsie. L., Karra W. McCray, Donald Bell, and Spencer Overton. 2018. [Diversity Among Top U.S. House Staff](#). Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2022

National Conference of Black Political Scientists 2016, 2017\*, 2022

University of South Carolina Advising Conference 2018

\*Paper accepted for presentation but could not be presented due to death in family.

## **PUBLIC TALKS**

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“2021 and Beyond: Building Equitable Futures” - Brown University Graduate Panel	2021
“The Importance of Voting” - Why Not Young Lives Matter Nonprofit Organization	2020
“Let’s Talk about Colorism” - Xi Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	2018

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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APSA Public Scholarship Fellow	2022-23
2022 APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant for the ”The Persuasive Power of Black Women” with Paul Testa, Kylee Britzman, and Tarah Williams	2022
New Perspectives in American Governance Grant, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies with Katherine Tate	2022
Dr. Bernard Edwin Bruce Endowed Fellowship, Brown University Graduate School	2021

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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Continuity of Government Paper Graduate Student Award hosted by the Democracy Fund, NCOBPS and the Ronald Walters Center for Leadership and Public Policy	2022
P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Teaching Excellence, Brown University	2021
Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention	2022, 2021
Outstanding Advocate for First-Year Students Award, UofSC	2020
Outstanding Service to Students - Division of Academic Affairs & Student Support, UofSC	2020
Nominated for M. Stuart Hunter Award for Outstanding Teaching in University 101, UofSC	2020
Nominated for Outstanding New Staff Member and the Excellence in Collaboration Award, UofSC	2019
Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, UofSC	2016
Greek Woman of the Year by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, UofSC	2015
Dr. Kendra Ogletree-Cusaac Spirit Award, Ronald E. McNair Achievement Program, UofSC	2015
Opportunity Scholars Program Tutor of the Year, UofSC	2015

## **TEACHING**

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### **Instructor**

University 101 —University of South Carolina	Fall 2018
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### **Teaching Assistant**

Campaign & Elections — Brown University	Fall 2022
African American Politics — Brown University	Spring 2022
U.S. Congress— Brown University	Fall 2021
Introduction to the American Political Process —Brown University	Summer 2021
State and Local Government — Howard University	Fall 2017

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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President, Nabrit Black Graduate Student Association, Brown University	2022-2023
Advocacy Chair, Nabrit Black Graduate Student Association, Brown University	2021-2022
Graduate Student Representative, Political Science Dept., Brown University	2021-2022

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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Professor Katherine Tate, Brown University	2022
Assistant Professor Paul Testa, Brown University	2022
Professor Wendy Schiller, Brown University	2021
Ronald E. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center, Howard University	2018

## TRAINING

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Teaching Seminar, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University	2021
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, UofSC	2015-2016

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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Assistant Faculty Principal - International House at Maxcy College <i>University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC</i>	2018-2020
Legislative Aide <i>SC House of Representatives, Columbia, SC</i>	2012-2016
Political Operant <i>Jack Scoville Attorney-at-Law, Georgetown, SC</i>	2013

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
National Conference of Black Political Scientists  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

## SKILLS

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**Programming Languages:** R (Tidyverse, ggplot)  
**Software:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office Suite