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**EDUCATION**

**PhD in Political Science** | Brown University | Expected 2026

Concentration: Political Theory, American Politics

Dissertation Title: *Race Beyond Rawls*

*Committee Chair:* Melvin Rogers, Edna and Richard Salomon Distinguished Professor of Political Science

Bonnie Honig, Nancy Duke Lewis Professor of Modern Culture and Media, Modern Culture and Media, Political Science

Juliet Hooker, Royce Family Professor of Teaching Excellence in Political Science

**M.A. in Political Science** | Brown University | 2020

Concentration: Political Theory, American Politics

**M.A. in Gender and Race Studies** | The University of Alabama | 2018

Concentration: Political Theory, Gender and Race Studies

**B.A. in Political Science** | The University of Alabama | 2014

Chair: Utz McKnight, Political Science

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Primary Instructor** | Byrant University | 2025 – 2026

**Primary Instructor** | Brown University | 2023 – 2025

**Teaching Assistant** | Brown University | 2022 – 2025

**Primary Instructor** | University of Alabama | 2019 – 2023

**Aid/Instructor** | Crossing Points Program, University of Alabama | 2015 – 2016

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## PUBLICATIONS

*“Shelby’s Racial Liberalism and It’s Critics: Debating the Boundaries of Justice and Political Belonging”* (APSA Sept 2025)

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## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Toni Morrison MFA Writing Award, University of Alabama (2017-2018)

Pembroke Fellowship, Brown University (2023-2024)

University Graduate School Fellowship, Brown University (2022-2023)

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Rawls and Shelby: Racial Justice” Brown Political Theory Workshop at Brown University  
May 2022-Providence, RI

*“Morrison’s Critique of Race and Democratic Belonging”: Reimagining Political Foundations in Times of Crisis*, Graduate Conference in Political Theory at University of Chicago (April 2025) Chicago, IL

*“Lived Experience and Democratic Renewal: Race, Gender, and Narrative”* at the American Political Science Association (APSA Sept 2025) Montréal, CA

*“A Morrisonian Lens on Justice: Rethinking Liberalism with Tommie Shelby and Black Political Thought”* Harvard Political Theory Graduate Student Conference Harvard University (October 2025) Boston, MA

*“Toni Morrison’s Political Vision: Schmitt, Mouffe, and the Labor of Political Survival”*, at the Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA November 2025) Philadelphia, PA

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### As Primary Instructor

**Course:** Introduction to U.S. Politics (POLS 256), Bryant University, Fall 2024

**Course:** Principles of Sociology (SOC 251), Bryant University, Fall 2025

**Course:** Race, Justice, and American Democracy (CEPS 0987 S01), Brown University, Summer 2025

**Course:** Race, Justice, and American Democracy (CEPS 0987 S01), Brown University, Summer 2024

**Course:** Intro to Women's Studies (CEPS 0999 01), Brown University, Summer 2024

**Course:** Race, Justice, and American Democracy (CEPS 0987 S01), Brown University, Summer 2023

**Course:** Intro to Women's Studies (CEPS 0999 01), Brown University, Summer 2023

**Course:** Race, Justice, and American Democracy (CEPS 0987 S01), Brown University, Summer 2022

**Course:** Intro to Women's Studies (CEPS 0999 S01), Brown University, Summer 2022

**Course:** The Economics of Racial (In)Justice (CEPS 0987 01), Brown University, Summer 2021

**Course:** Introduction to Women's Studies (WS 200-985/986), University of Alabama, Fall 2023

**Course:** Introduction to Women's Studies (202310-SS-WS-200-976/986, 202310-WS-200-986), University of Alabama, Spring 2023

**Course:** Introduction to Women's Studies (WS 200-956), University of Alabama, Fall 2022

**Course:** Introduction to Women's Studies (202240-SS.WS-200-956/957), University of Alabama, Fall 2022

**Course:** Introduction to Women's Studies (WS 200-924), University of Alabama, Spring 2022

**Course:** Introduction to Women's Studies (WS 200-954), University of Alabama, Fall 2021

**Course:** Introduction to Women's Studies (WS 200-918/938), University of Alabama, Fall 2021

**Course:** Introduction to Women's Studies (WS 200-912), University of Alabama, Spring 2021

**Course:** Introduction to African American Studies (AAST 201-901/921), University of Alabama, Spring 2020

**Course:** Introduction to African American Studies (AAST 201-907), University of Alabama, Spring 2020

**Course:** Introduction to African American Studies (AAST 201-903), University of Alabama (Online), Fall 2019

### **As Teaching Assistant**

**Course:** U.S. Gender Politics (POLS 1360 S01), Brown University, Fall 2019

**Course:** U.S. Congress (POLS 1100 S02), Brown University, Spring 2020

**Course:** Topics in American Constitutional Law (POLS 1010) Fall 2020

**Course:** Introduction to Political Thought (POLS 0110), Brown University, Spring 2021

**Course:** Crime, Punishment, and Politics (POLS 1455 S01), Brown University, Fall 2021

**Course:** Introduction to Political Thought (POLS 0110), Brown University Spring 2022

**Course:** Nuclear Weapons (POLS 1225), Brown University, Spring 2024

**Course:** Campaigns and Elections (POLS 1120 S01), Brown University, Fall 2024

**Course:** U.S Congress (POLS 1100), Brown University, Spring 2025

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## PUBLIC WRITING AND PRESENTATIONS

Future Public Service Leaders Academy | University of Alabama at Birmingham | PSC 104: Intro to Political Theory and Dept of African American Studies Lecture Series | Oct 6, 2025

"Individual successes, even in Vestavia, belie the systemic racism present in today's society," *Birmingham News*, July 11, 2015.

National Public Radio Justice Forum | "Contemporary Social Movements" | Baltimore, MD/Washington, D.C. | May 5, 2015

Alabama Democratic Conference | "Voter Outreach" | Birmingham, AL | October 17, 2014

Alabama Education Association Conference | Montgomery, AL | January 23, 2014

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