

MAYA JENKINS

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EDUCATION

PH.D. Political Science, **Brown University**
Subfield: American Politics
Mae Williamson Simmons Fellow

Providence, RI
Entry Year: 2025

B.A. Political Science, **University of Mary Washington**
Summa Cum Laude
Honors in Political Science
Honors in Women, Gender, and Sexualities Studies, minor in Social Justice
Activities: UMW Honors Program, Pi Sigma Alpha President, NAACP President, UMW Black Alumni Association Student Representative

Fredericksburg, VA
May 2023

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Communication; Racial Politics; Informal Politics; Social Media; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; Political Sociology

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
SNF Agora Institute Predoctoral Fellow

Baltimore, MD
2023-2025

Research Assistant Work:

Hahrie Han's P3 Lab: Collected and analyzed California organizers' time data to examine the degree to which organizers' goals and approach align with their daily time use

Meredith Greif: Helped develop a research design and grant proposal to study the causes of shelter avoidance in Baltimore, Maryland

Andrew Perrin: Co-authoring a paper using qualitative and computational methods to measure the presence of political commentary on sports and lifestyle podcasts

Conducted an independent research project: "Everyday Postin': Gossip and Black Political Discourse on TikTok"

Advisor: Lester Spence

Completed graduate level coursework: "Writing for Research" and "Frontiers of Empirical Political Science"

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL
Housing Stability and Research Intern

Richmond, VA
2020-2023

Surveyed, conducted interviews, and analyzed data regarding the success rate of Richmond's Eviction Diversion program

Researched the relationship between housing displacement and gentrification in three neighborhoods in the City of Richmond

THE CITY OF RICHMOND

Richmond, VA

Mayoral Summer Fellow

Summer 2022

Assisted the Department of Budget and Strategic Planning in researching houselessness and heat islands in the City of Richmond.

Summarized and edited the 2023 Annual Fiscal Plan

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY PRE-COLLEGE

Guest Lecturer

Summer 2025

Course: Social Media- Behavior, Ethics, and Civic Engagement

AWARDS AND HONORS

Mae Williamson Simmons Diversity Fellowship Recipient, Brown University Graduate School, 2025-2031.

International Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Diversity Scholarship Recipient, University of Michigan, 2024.

Ann Elizabeth Fitschen Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior in Political Science, University of Mary Washington, 2023.

First Place Award for Senior Honors Thesis Presentation at the Women and Gender Studies Undergraduate Research Forum, University of Mary Washington, 2023.

Grace Mann Launch Award for Graduating Seniors Promoting Racial Justice, University of Mary Washington, 2023.

UMW Political Science Alumni Award for Outstanding Political Science Major, University of Mary Washington, 2022.

Prince Woodard Emerging Leader Award, University of Mary Washington, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

Jenkins, Maya, "The Creation of Political Survival Strategies by Black Collegiate Women on Virginia's Predominantly White Campuses" (2023). *Student Research Submissions*. 512.
https://scholar.umw.edu/student_research/512.

PRESENTATIONS

"Secondary Political Messaging: Sociopolitical Cues in Nonpolitical Media," with Andrew Perrin
American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. 2025..

"Everyday Postin': Gossip and Black Political Discourse on TikTok"

Updated August 2025

National Conference of Black Political Scientists. New Orleans, LA. 2025.
“Everyday Postin’: Gossip and Black Political Discourse on TikTok”
Eldersveld Emerging Scholars Conference. University of Michigan. 2024.
“Abolition, Survival, and Black Female College Students”
Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Conference. Washington, DC. 2023.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

International Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, 2024.
Women of Color Feminist Theory Summer School, University Center for Human Values at
Princeton University, 2024.
Race and Capitalism in the Twenty-First Century: An Interdisciplinary and Community-Engaged
Workshop, Department of African American Studies at Princeton University and Princeton
Politics, 2024.
USC POIR 2023 Predoctoral Summer Program, Department of Political Science and International
Relations at the University of Southern California, 2024.