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EDUCATION **University of Rochester**, Rochester, NY
Ph.D. in Political Science, August 2008.

◇ **Morehouse College**, Atlanta, GA
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◇ **Awards**

- Sammy Younge Best Student Paper, annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (March 2007)
- APSA Minority Fellow (2003)

DISSERTATION *The Normalization of Black Politics:
Essays on the Evolution of Black Agenda Setting in Post-War America*

The dissertation analyzes how the content of – and strategies for – black agenda setting have changed in response to black political advances in the post-war era.

- ◇ “Innovation, Inevitability, and Credibility: Tracking the Origins of Black Civil Rights Issues”
- ◇ “Recognizing Difference and Paying Attention to Progress: Exploring Changes in Congressional Prioritizing of Black Issues”
Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
Paper presented at the 2008 National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

- ◇ “Marching Backwards Toward Freedom: Black Strategies to Expand the Scope of Conflict”
Paper presented at the 2007 National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- ◇ “Surprisingly Normal: Recognition of Black Issues by Non-Black Members of Congress”

OTHER
RESEARCH

- ◇ “Participation for What? A Policy-Motivated Approach to Political Activism”
2008. *Political Behavior* 30: 391-413.
- ◇ “Preaching in the Wilderness: Exploring the Macro Dynamics of Political Participation” written with Fredrick C. Harris
Paper presented at the 2006 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- ◇ “Measuring Activism and Agenda Setting by the Supreme Court: A Research Note” written with Arthur Spirling
Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- ◇ “Opportunities for Inequality: Context and Disparities in Political Participation”
Paper presented at the Frederick Douglass Works in Progress Seminar Series, October 2006.
- ◇ “Legislative Problem-Solving: Exploring Bill Sponsorship in Post-War America”
Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- ◇ “Notes on Black Representation and Bill Sponsorship”
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