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Education

University of North Texas	Aug. 2018 – Present
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science	Denton, TX
Degree Expected May 2023	
Prairie View A&M University	Aug. 2014 – Dec.2017
Bachelor of Science in Political Science	Prairie View, TX

Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant	Aug. 2018 – Present
University of North Texas, Department of Political Science	Denton, TX
Teaching Fellow	Jul.2021 – Present
University of North Texas, Department of Political Science	Denton, TX

Research Interests

American Politics, Black Politics, Race and Ethnic Politics, Social Movements, Policing, Race Sports and Athlete Activism, Public Opinion

Dissertation

Dissertation Title: Protesting the “Right” Way: Exploring Respectability Politics and Support for Black Lives Matter

Dissertation Description: This work aims to assess what role notions of respectability politics play in Black American support of Black Lives Matter. Respectability politics is consistently weaponized against members of oppressed groups including racial minorities, women, the LGBTQ community, and their related social movements. I hypothesize unwillingness to support Black Lives Matter will be dependent on respectability politics as it relates to the perceived comportment and behavior police violence victims. This work includes experimental analysis of the perceived respectability of a police brutality victim and BLM protestors, with “respectable” behavior being varied in the experimental treatment. I found support for my primary hypotheses that adherence to respectability politics correlated with diminished support for Black Lives Matter.

Committee Members: Dr. Tony Carey Jr. (Co-Chair), Dr. Valerie Martinez-Ebers (Co-Chair), Dr. John Ishiyama, Dr. Diego Esparza, Dr. Melanye Price (Prairie View A&M University)

Accepted Book Chapters

- Carey, Tony and **Goodwin, Alexander**. 2023. "Examining the Prosperity Gospel and Social Justice amongst Black Americans." In *Divided in Faith: Race, Evangelicalism, and the Politics of Social Justice in America*, by Valerie Martinez-Ebers, Brian Calfano, Tony Carey Jr., and Paul Djupe. Columbia University Press.
- Goodwin, Ronald and **Goodwin, Alexander**. 2023. "American Presidencies Compared: The First Hundred Days of the Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden Administrations"." In *Politics Between Nations Volume 2* Edited by Adebowale Akande. Springer International Press.
- Goodwin, Ronald and **Goodwin, Alexander**. 2023. "Truth and Democracy: An Uncomfortable Truth in Contemporary American Democracy"." In *Handbook of Racial Inequality, Xenophobia, and Populism- All Forms of Racism in the United States and around the Globe*, Edited by Adebowale Akande. Springer International Press.
- Goodwin, Alexander**, Goodwin, Ronald and Nojeim, Michael. 2023. "The Political Science Posse: Voting Rights and Student Activism at Prairie View A&M University." In *The Hill WE Climbed: A History of Prairie View A&M University*, Edited by William T. Hoston. Texas Tech University Press.

Manuscripts in Progress

- Goodwin, Alexander** and Walsh, Justin. "Is Policing Bad For Democracy?: Examining the impact of Stop and Frisk and OverPolicing on Voting Behavior"
- Goodwin, Alexander** and Nafa, A. Jordan. "Inequality, Residential Segregation and the Occurrence of Fatal Police Shootings"
- Morton, Tabitha and **Goodwin, Alexander**. "Who, What, Why, and When: The Relationship between Perceptions of Law Enforcement, Trust in Government, and Political Participation in Latin America"
- Goodwin, Alexander** and Carey Jr, Tony. "Exploring Political Consequences of Respectability Politics"

Awards & Research Grants

- 2021-Dissertation Research Grant- Department of Political Science- University of North Texas \$1,000
- 2020- Travel Grant- Department of Political Science- University of North Texas-\$600
- 2016-1st Place Winner iRise Research Symposium- "What Are the Best Prisons in the United States"
- 2016-1st Place Winner Undergraduate Juvenile Justice and Psychology Symposium- "What Are the Best Prisons in the United States"
- 2016-National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates- Civil Conflict and Peace Science

Courses Taught

- American Government 2306- Summer 2021
- American Government 2305- Spring 2022

Conference Presentations

- “Protesting the Right Way: Examining Respectability Politics and Support for Black Lives Matter”
Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference- April 2022- Chicago, Illinois
- “Protesting the Right Way: Examining Respectability Politics and Support for Black Lives Matter”
Paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference- January 2022- San Antonio, Texas
- “Who, What, Why, and When: The Relationship between Perceptions of Law Enforcement, Trust in Government, and Political Participation in Latin America” Paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference- January 2022- San Antonio, Texas
- “Inequality, Residential Segregation and the Occurrence of Fatal Police Shootings” Paper presented at Politics, Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Conference- October 2021- Denton, Texas
- “Inequality, Residential Segregation and the Occurrence of Fatal Police Shootings” Paper presented at National Conference of Black Political Scientists- March 2021
- “Breaking the Blue Wall: Examining Bureaucratic Theories and Police Reform in the United States”
Paper presented at National Conference of Black Political Scientists- March 2020- Atlanta, Georgia
- “Victim Discounting: A study of Police Shootings and Racial Resentment”. Poster presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference-April 2018- Chicago, Illinois
- “Victim Discounting: A Study of Police Shootings and Racial Resentment” Paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference- January 2018- New Orleans, Louisiana
- “The Legacy of Segregation on Institutional Trust” Undergraduate Poster presented at Midwest Political Science Association Conference- April 2017- Chicago, Illinois
- “The Legacy Effects of Segregation on Institutional Trust” Paper presented at the National Association of African American Studies Conference- February 2017- Dallas, Texas
- “What Are the Best Prisons in the United States” Poster presented at Prairie View A&M University Undergraduate Juvenile Justice and Psychology Symposium- April 2016- Prairie View, Texas

Service

Vice President of Socialization Political Science Graduate Student Association	Aug. 2020– Jul. 2021
President Political Science Graduate Student Association	Jul. 2021– Jul. 2022
Graduate Studies Committee-Graduate Student Representative Department of Political Science, University of North Texas	Oct.2021-Present
Vice President of Departmental Relations Political Science Graduate Student Association	Jul.2022-present

Professional Affiliations

National Association of African American Studies
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
National Association of Black Political Scientists
Phi Alpha Theta- National History Honors Society
Pi Sigma Alpha – National Political Science Honors Society

Technological Proficiencies

Proficient: Stata, SPSS

References

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