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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

*Cornell University*

Professor, Department of Government, 2026-

Professor, Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy, 2026-

Associate Professor, Department of Government, 2020-2025

Associate Professor, Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy, 2021-2025

Senior Associate Dean of Public Engagement, Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy, 2021-

Inaugural Director, Center for Racial Justice and Equitable Futures, 2024-

Co-director, Politics of Race, Immigration, Class, and Ethnicity (PRICE) initiative, 2020-

Co-director, Cornell Center for Health Equity, 2020-2024

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, 2013-2020

Graduate Field Member: Africana Studies, Public Affairs, Public and Planetary Health

*University of Michigan*

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research, 2011-2013

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

[Institute for Responsive Government](#), Fellow

[Institute for Research on Poverty](#), University of Wisconsin, Madison

[Health and Power Organizing Project](#) (HPOP), University of Wisconsin, Madison

[Collaborative on Media and Messaging for Health and Social Policy](#) (COMM HSP)

[Action Research Collaborative](#), Cornell University

[American Democracy Collaborative](#), Cornell University

[Cornell Health Policy Center](#) (CHPC), Core Faculty Fellow

## EDUCATION

*University of Chicago*

Ph.D., Political Science, 2011

*University of Chicago*

M.A., Political Science, 2006

*Princeton University*

A.B., Politics, 2003

*Certificates in African American Studies, American Studies, and Political Theory*

## BOOKS

**Michener, Jamila** and Mallory SoRelle. 2026. *Uncivil Democracy: How Access to Justice Shapes Political Power*. Princeton University Press.

Kousser, Thad, **Jamila Michener**, and Caroline Tolbert, editors. 2024. *Politics in the American States: A Comparative Analysis*. 12<sup>th</sup> Edition. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press (Sage).

**Michener, Jamila**. 2018. *Fragmented Democracy: Medicaid, Federalism, and Unequal Politics*. Cambridge University Press.

- 2019 Virginia Gray Best Book Award (American Political Science Association)
- 2019 PROSE Award Finalist for Excellence in Social Sciences (Association of American Publishers)
- Cited in the New York Times, the Atlantic, the Boston Review, the Guardian, Slate Magazine, FiveThirtyEight, Think Progress, Stamford Advocate
- Featured in the Washington Post, Jacobin Magazine, Pacific Standard Magazine, New Books Network, Vox, Talk Poverty, and NPR (Wisconsin, Buffalo, Syracuse).
- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Publius*

## ARTICLES

Murad, Yusra and **Jamila Michener**. “Tenant Organizing as a Pathway to Decoupling Wealth and Power.” Conditionally Accepted. *Housing Policy Debate*.

**Michener, Jamila**, Sarah Rozenblum, Natalia De Paula Moreira, Amaya Gaines. “Child Tax Credits and (In)Equitable State Policy Design.” Conditionally Accepted. *Policy Studies Journal*.

Caitlin McMurtry, Marjory Givens, Zinzi Bailey, Nick Graetz, Paul J. Fleming, Ryan Petteway, Julianna Pacheco, Sarah Gollust, Johnathan Heller, Hedwig Lee, Keisha Pollack Porter, Sheri Johnson, **Jamila Michener**, et al. 2025. “Why Building Power is Key to Protecting Academic Public Health and Advancing Health Equity.” *American Journal of Public Health* 115: 1783-1788.

Lewis, Jr., Neil, Norman Porticella, Jiawei Liu, Teairah Taylor, **Jamila Michener** et al. “Beyond Fear of Backlash: Effects of Messages about Structural Drivers of COVID-19 Disparities among Large Samples of Asian, Black, Hispanic, and White Americans.” 2025. *Social Science & Medicine*.

Benfer, Emily, Peter Hepburn, Valerie Nazarro, Leah Robinson, **Jamila Michener**, Danya E. Keene. 2025. “Disrupting the U.S. Eviction System: A Descriptive Analysis of Tenant Right to Counsel Law and Praxis 2017-2024.” *Housing Policy Debate* 35 (3): 470-495.

Jeff Niederdeppe, Norman A. Porticella, Jiawei Liu, **Jamila Michener**, Erika Franklin Fowler, Rebekah H. Nagler, Teairah Taylor, Colleen L. Barry, & Neil A. Lewis Jr. 2025. “Centering Historically Minoritized Populations to Design Effective Messages about Evidence-Based Policies to Advance Social Equity.” *PNAS Nexus* 4(1).

**Michener, Jamila**. 2024. “Building Power for Health: The Grassroots Politics of Sustaining and Strengthening Medicaid.” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 50 (2): 189-221.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2024. “Ethical and Transformative Scholarly Public Engagement: Pitfalls, Possibilities, and Promise.” *Healthcare Policy* 20 (Special Issue): 94-102.

Ojeda, Christopher, **Jamila Michener**, and Jake Haselswerdt. 2024. "The Politics of Personal Crisis: How Life Disruptions Shape Political Participation." *Political Behavior* 46 (4): 2611-2630.

**Michener, Jamila.** 2023. "Legal Aid and Social Policy: Managing a Political Economy of Scarcity." *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences* 706 (1): 137-158.

**Michener, Jamila.** 2023. "Racism, Power, and Health Equity: The Case of Tenant Organizing." *Health Affairs* 42 (10): 1318-1324.

Herd, Pamela, Hilary Hoynes, **Jamila Michener**, and Donald P. Moynihan. 2023. "Introduction: Administrative Burden as a Mechanism of Inequality in Policy Implementation." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 9(5): 1-30.

**Michener, Jamila** and Tiffany Ford. 2023. "Racism and Health: Three Core Principles." *The Milbank Quarterly* 101 (S1): 333-355.

**Michener, Jamila.** 2023. "Entrenching Inequity, Eroding Democracy: State Preemption of Local Housing Policies." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 48 (2): 157-185.

Barnes, Carolyn, **Jamila Michener**, and Emily Rains. 2023. "'It's Like Night and Day': How Bureaucratic Encounters Vary Across WIC, SNAP, and Medicaid." *Social Service Review* 97(1):1-40.

**Michener, Jamila.** 2022. "Health Justice through the Lens of Power." *Journal of Law, Medicine, & Ethics* 50 (4): 656-662.

Donohue, Julie M., Evan S. Cole, Cara V. James, Marian Jarlenski, **Jamila D. Michener**, and Eric T. Roberts. 2022. "The US Medicaid Program: Coverage, Financing, Reforms, and Implications for Health Equity." *JAMA* 328 (11): 1085-1099.

**Michener, Jamila.** 2022. "Civil Justice, Local Organizations, and Democracy." *Columbia Law Review* 122 (5): 1389-1422.

**Michener, Jamila.** 2022. "Race, Power, and Policy: Understanding State Anti-Eviction Policies During COVID-19." *Policy and Society* 41 (2): 231-246.

Gadarian, Shana Kushner, Sara Wallace Goodman, **Jamila Michener**, Brendan Nyhan, Thomas B. Pepinsky. 2022. "Information from Same-Race/Ethnicity Experts Online Does Not Increase Vaccine Interest or Intention to Vaccinate." *The Milbank Quarterly* 100 (2): 1-12.

Grumbach, Jacob M. and **Jamila Michener**. 2022. "American Federalism, Political Inequality, and Democratic Erosion." *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences* 699 (1): 143-155.

**Michener, Jamila** and Mallory SoRelle. 2022. "Politics, Power, and Precarity: How Tenant Organizations Transform Local Political Life." *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 11 (2): 209-236.

**Michener, Jamila**, Mallory SoRelle, and Chloe Thurston. 2022. "From the Margins to the Center: A Bottom-Up Approach to Welfare State Scholarship." *Perspectives on Politics* 20 (1): 154-169.

\*Winner of the Heinz I. Eulau Best Article Award\*

**Michener, Jamila** and Alana M.W. LeBrón. 2022. "Racism, Health, and Politics: Advancing Interdisciplinary Knowledge." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 47(2): 111-130.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2021. "Politics, Pandemic and Racial Justice through the Lens of Medicaid." *American Journal of Public Health* 111 (4): 643-648.

Pacheco, Julianna, Jake Haselswerdt and **Jamila Michener**. 2020. "The Affordable Care Act and Polarization in the United States." *RSF: The Russell Sage Journal of the Social Sciences* 6(2): 114-130.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2020. "Race, Politics, and the Affordable Care Act." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 45(4): 547-566.

**Michener, Jamila** and Margaret Brower. 2020. "What's Policy Got to Do with It? Race, Gender and Economic Inequality in the United States" *Daedalus* 149(1):100-118.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2020. "Power from the Margins: Grassroots Mobilization and Urban Expansions of Civil Legal Rights." *Urban Affairs Review* 56(5): 1390-1422.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2019. "Medicaid and the Policy Feedback Foundations for Universal Healthcare." *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 685(1): 116-134.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2019. "Policy Feedback in a Racialized Polity." *Policy Studies Journal* 47(2): 423—450.

Haselswerdt, Jake and **Michener, Jamila**. 2019. "Disenrolled: Retrenchment and Voting in Health Policy." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 44(3): 423-454.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2017. "Social Class as Racialized Political Experience." *The Forum* 15(1): 93–110.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2017. "People, Places, Power: Medicaid Policy Concentration and Local Political Participation." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 42(5): 865–900.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2016. "Race, Poverty and the Redistribution of Voting Rights." 2016. *Journal of Poverty and Public Policy* 8(2): 106–128.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2013. "Neighborhood Disorder and Local Participation: Examining the Political Relevance of 'Broken Windows.'" *Political Behavior* 35(4): 777–806.

## EDITED VOLUMES

Herd, Pamela, Hilary Hoynes, **Jamila Michener**, and Donald P. Moynihan (eds). 2023. "Administrative Burden as a Mechanism of Inequality in Policy Implementation." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 9(5).

**Michener, Jamila** and Alana M.W. LeBrón (eds). 2022. “Racism, Health and Politics.” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 47(2).

**Michener, Jamila** (ed). 2020. Virtual Special Issue on Racial Justice. *Policy Studies Journal*.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

**Michener, Jamila** and Justin Zimmerman. 2026. “Neighborhood Power and Politics from the Margins” in Rachel Meltzer and Vincent Reina (eds.) *A Research Agenda for Neighborhoods*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2025. “Beyond Access: Power, Organizing, and Civil Legal Inequality,” in David Engstrom and Nora Freeman Engstrom (eds.) *Rethinking Lawyer’s Monopoly: Access to Justice and the Future of Legal Services*. Cambridge University Press.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2024. “Power, Racism, and Health Equity” in James A. Morone and Daniel C. Ehike (eds) *Health Politics and Policy*. 6<sup>th</sup> edition. Cengage.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2024. “Racial, Economic, and Gender Inequity in the States,” in Thad Kousser, Jamila Michener, and Caroline Tolbert (eds.) *Politics in the American States: A Comparative Analysis*. 12<sup>th</sup> Edition. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press (Sage).

SoRelle, Mallory and **Jamila Michener**. 2022. “Methods for Applying Policy Feedback Theory,” in Christopher M. Weible and Samuel Workman (eds.) *Methods of the Policy Process*, pgs. 80-104. Routledge.

**Michener, Jamila** and Diane Wong. 2018. “Gentrification, Demobilization and Participatory Possibilities,” in R. Allen Hays (ed.) *Neighborhood Change and Neighborhood Action: The Struggle to Create Neighborhoods that Serve Human Needs*, pgs. 123-146. Lexington, MA: Lexington Books.

**Michener, Jamila Celestine**, Andrew Dilts and Cathy J. Cohen. 2012. “African American Women: Intersectionality in Politics,” in Henry L Gates Jr. et al. (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of African American Citizenship, 1865-Present*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Cohen, Cathy J. and **Jamila Celestine Michener**. 2010. “Minority Report: Kanye West, Barack Obama and Political Alienation” with Cathy J. Cohen in *Democracy Remixed: Black Youth and the Future of American Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Cohen Cathy J., **Jamila Celestine Michener**, Crystal Holmes, Julie Lee Merseth, Laurance Ralph. 2008. “The Attitudes and Behavior of Young Black Americans: A Research Summary,” with et al. in J. Q. Adams and Pearlie Strother-Adams (eds.) *Dealing with Diversity: The Anthology, Edition 2*. 2008. Dubuque, IA: Kendal-Hunt Publishing.

## ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP: POLICY BRIEFS, REPORTS, & TESTIMONY

**Michener, Jamila**. 2025. [Housing Insecurity and U.S. Economic Policies: Lessons from Tenant Organizing](#). Washington Center for Equitable Growth.

Flynn, Bailey, Jeff Niederdeppe, and **Michener, Jamila**. 2025. “Dominant Narratives in Health.” Collaborative on Media and Messaging for Health and Social Policy.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2025. “Constituent Voice: A Key Tool for More Effective Administration of Government Programs.” Institute for Responsive Government.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2023. “Causes and Effects of Poverty in New York’s Medium-and-Small-Sized Cities.” Senate Standing Committee on Cities 2. New York State Senate, written/oral testimony.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2023. “Policy Feedback in the Pandemic: Lessons from Three Key Policies.” Roosevelt Institute.

**Michener, Jamila** (ed). 2023. “Racial Capitalism, Tenant Power, and Social Housing.” *Poverty & Race* 32 (1). Poverty and Race Research Action Council (PRRAC).

**Michener, Jamila**. 2022. “Examining Pathways to Universal Health Coverage.” Oversight and Reform Committee Hearing. United States House of Representatives, written/oral testimony.

**Michener, Jamila** and Tiffany Younger. 2022. “Improving Healthcare and Reducing Maternal Mortality” in *An Economy for All: Building a “Black Women Best” Legislative Agenda*. A report by the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls.

**Michener, Jamila** and Taifa Smith Butler. 2022. “Fulfilling the Promise of Voting Rights and Full Citizenship” in *An Economy for All: Building a “Black Women Best” Legislative Agenda*. A report by the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2022. “A Racial Equity Framework for Assessing Health Policy.” Issue Brief. *The Commonwealth Fund*.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2021. “Ending Hunger in America: Family Budgets and Food Insecurity.” Rules Committee Roundtable. United States House of Representatives, written/oral testimony.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2020. “The Case for a Right to Counsel in Housing Court.” Data for Progress & The Justice Collaborative Institute.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2017. “The Politics of Disenfranchisement: Ideas and Action.” *Theory in Action* 10(4): 10-19.

**Michener, Jamila**. 2014. “How Medicaid Programs Run by the State Influence Citizen Participation.” Research Brief. Scholars Strategy Network.

## **PUBLIC WRITING: OP-EDS, BLOGS, ESSAYS**

The Future of Medicaid and the Imperative of Organized Power. *Health Affairs Forefront*. 2025.

Medicaid Cuts are Undemocratic and Not What the American People Want (with Sarah Gollust). *Milbank Quarterly* Opinion (2025).

State Child Tax Credits Are a Crucial Lever for Equity (with Sarah Rozenblum). *Milbank Quarterly Opinion* (2025).

Syracuse Tenants Need Good Cause Eviction Law (w/Gretchen Purser). *The Post-Standard* (2024).

Engaging Voice to Support Racially Equitable Policymaking (w/Tiffany N. Ford). *To the Point* (blog). Commonwealth Fund. (2022).

How the States Went Wrong. *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*. Summer, No. 65 (2022).

Medicaid Reimbursement Rates Are a Racial Justice Issue (w/Tiffany N. Ford). *To the Point* (blog). Commonwealth Fund. (2022).

Health Justice: Love, Freedom Dreaming, and Power Building. *Bill of Health* (blog), Petrie-Flom Center, Harvard Law School (2021).

Latina and Black Women Lost Jobs in Record Numbers. Policies Designed for all Women don't Necessarily Help. *Washington Post* (2021).

What we have to lose with Trump: Black lives and our health. *The Grio* (2020).

You Planted a Seed: Legal Problems as Power Building Possibilities. *Law and Political Economy Project* blog (2020).

George Floyd's Killing was Just the Spark. Here's what Really Made the Protests Explode. *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (2020).

How Responding to the Coronavirus is Making the Safety Net for Gig Workers Less Flimsy. *The Conversation* (2020).

The Politics of Medicaid Policy and Racial Justice. *Data for Progress Blog* (2019).

The 2019 Government Shutdown is Just the Latest Reason Why Poor People Can't Bank on the Safety Net. *The Conversation* (2019).

The Politics and Policy of Racism in American Healthcare. *Vox* (2018).

How Trump's Medicaid Restrictions Will Stop People from Voting. *Talk Poverty* (2018).

People who get Medicaid are made to feel powerless. *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (2017).

Why We Shouldn't Drug Test Poor People (w/Julilly Kohler-Hausmann). *New York Times* (2017).

Playing Offense on Voting Rights. *The American Prospect* (2017).

How Access to Public Assistance Impacts Political Participation. *TalkPoverty* (2016).

Perceptions of Risk and Social Disorder Can Have a huge Impact on Local Political Engagement. *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog* (2013).

## **AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS (EXTERNAL)**

Health Politics and Policy Public Engagement Award. APSA (2024).

Provost Distinguished Visiting Faculty Fellow. University of Pennsylvania (2024).

Heinz I. Eulau Best Article Award. American Political Science Association (2023).

Future Perfect 50 “scientists, thinkers, scholars...building a more perfect future.” *Vox* (2022).

David Kline Jones Distinguished Scholar Award. APSA Health Politics and Policy Section (2022).

Outstanding Leader Honoree. Queens Community House (2019).

Virginia Gray Best Book Award. APSA State Politics and Policy Section (2019).

PROSE Award for Excellence in Social Sciences (Finalist). Association of American Publishers (2019).

Outstanding Reviewer Award. *Political Research Quarterly* (2019).

Nancy Weiss Malkiel Scholar Award. Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (2018).

Early Career Award. Midwest Women’s Caucus for Political Science (2018).

Rodney G. Higgins Best Faculty Paper Award. National Conference of Black Political Scientists (2015).

Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholars Postdoctoral Fellowship (2011-2013).

Clarence N. Stone Scholar Award. APSA Urban Politics Section (2010).

Byran Jackson Dissertation Research Award. APSA Urban Politics Section (2010).

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (2010-2011).

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (2006-2009).

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention (2006).

## **AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS (INTERNAL)**

Community-Engaged Practice & Innovation Award. David M. Einhorn Center (2023).

President’s & Provost’s Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, Teaching, & Service (2021).

Junior Faculty Champion Award. Cornell Office of Inclusion & Student Engagement (2019).

Kendall S. Carpenter Memorial Advising Award. Cornell University (2018).

Institute for Social Sciences Faculty Fellowship. Cornell University (2018).

Engaged Faculty Fellows Award. Cornell University (2016).

Grodzins Prize Lectureship. University of Chicago (2011).

Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship. University of Chicago (2010).

## GRANTS (EXTERNAL)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Role: PI**. “Developing a Publicly Accessible, Searchable Database of Enacted State Medicaid Legislation to Improve State Decision-making.” Cornell Subaward: \$105,000 (2025-2027).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Role: PI** (with Co-PI Neil Lewis). “Bridging Power and Catalyzing Action to Address the Racialized Harms of Financialization in Healthcare.” Total Amount: \$900,000 (2025-2027).

New York State Office of Children and Family Services. **Role: Co-PI** (with Neil Lewis (PI), Tashara Leak, Marlen Gonzalez, and Laura Bellows). “Evaluating New York State Early Childhood Programs and Policies.” Total Amount: \$1,694,600 (2025-2026).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Role: Co-PI** (with Emily Benfer (PI), Peter Hepburn, Danya Keene, Nicole Summers). “Effect of Tenant Right to Counsel on Eviction Filings, Case Outcomes, and Settlements.” Cornell Subaward: \$65,550 (2025-2027).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Role: PI** (with Co-PI Neil Lewis). “Uniting Researchers, Communities, and Advocates to Co-develop Knowledge Informed by Communities Most Affected, to Forge Paths to a More Just World. Total Amount: \$499,999 (2025-2027).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Role: PI** (with Co-PI Neil Lewis). “Supporting Equity in State Health Policy.” Cornell Subaward: \$499,657 (2025-2027).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Role: Co-PI** (with Neil Lewis (PI), Erika Franklin Fowler, Sarah Gollust, Rebekah Nagler & Jeff Niederdeppe). “Studying How Communities Name themselves and Communicate within and about Various Social Groups to Inform Messaging on Health Equity and Social Policy.” Total Amount: \$153,113 (2024-2025).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Role: PI** (with Co-PI Jeff Niederdeppe). “Powering Health Justice.” Cornell Subaward: \$1,100,000 (2023-2026).

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) at the National Institutes for Health (NIH). **Role: PI** (with Will Schpero (Co-PI), Colleen Carey, Arnab Ghosh, and Martin Shapiro). “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Access to the Medicaid Transportation Benefit and Implications for Patient Outcomes.” R01- MD018178. Total Amount: \$ 2,288,678 (2023-2027).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Role: Co-PI** (with Emily Benfer (PI), Danya Keene, and Peter Hepburn). “Tenant Right to Counsel Descriptive Analysis & Research Framework.” Cornell Subaward: \$85,256 (2023-2025).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Role: Co-I** (with Jeff Niederdeppe (PI), Sarah Gollust (PI), Erika Franklin Fowler, Neil Lewis, Steven Moore, & Rebekah Nagler). “Developing Rapidly Responsive Community Engaged Research on Media Messaging and Narrative Change Strategies to Promote Health and Racial Equity.” Total Amount: \$4,975,000 (2022-2025).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders. Role: **Co-PI** (with PI Gretchen Purser). “Building Power for Community Health: A Study of Tenant Organizing in Syracuse, NY.” Total Amount: \$350,000 (2021-25).

Commonwealth Fund. **Role: PI**. “REAP: A Racial Equity and Policy Framework for Health.” Total Amount: \$146,020 (2021-23).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation **Role: PI** (with Carolyn Barnes, Co-PI). “Health Equity at the Nexus of Medicaid and WIC.” Total Amount: \$400,526 (2020-23).

Institute for Research on Poverty. **Role: PI**. Emerging Poverty Scholars Fellowship. Total Amount: \$20,000 (2018-19).

Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Authority Award. **Role: PI**. “Medicaid and the Political Marginalization of the Poor.” Total Amount: \$26,859 (2014-15).

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant. **Role: Graduate Student** (faculty PI: Cathy Cohen). “The Politics of Help Seeking in Marginalized Populations.” Total Amount: \$12,000 (2008-10).

## **GRANTS (INTERNAL)**

Engaged Opportunity Grant, Cornell University with Isabel Perera (2021).

Engaged Opportunity Grant, Cornell University with Lara Parrilla (2020).

Engaged Opportunity Grant, Cornell University with Shorna Allred (2019).

Engaged Curriculum Grant, Cornell University with Joe Margulies & Paula Ioanide (2019).

Engaged Opportunity Grant, Cornell University (2018).

Center for the Study of Inequality Faculty Research Grant, Cornell University (2017).

Institute for Social Sciences Small Grant, Cornell University (2017).

Engaged Curriculum Grant, Cornell University with Joe Margulies & Mary Katzenstein (2015).

Affinito-Stewart Research Grant, Cornell University (2015).

Institute for Social Sciences Small Grant, Cornell University (2014).

Center for Public Policy in Diverse Societies Research Grant, University of Michigan (2012).

Provost’s Summer Research Grant, University of Chicago (2007).

## **INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS, SEMINARS, PANELS & CONFERENCES**

### **2026**

Arizona State University, Future of Justice Work Workshop. January 2025 (scheduled).

Eastern Sociological Society, People-ing Politics Symposium. March 2026 (scheduled).

Yale University, American Political Economy Exchange. March 2026 (scheduled).

Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics. April 2026 (scheduled).

University of Chicago, Department of Political Science. April 2026 (scheduled).

University of Chicago, Crowne School of Social Work. April 2026 (scheduled).

University of South Carolina, Humanities Collaborative. April 2026 (scheduled).

Syracuse University, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, June 2026 (scheduled).

## 2025

Harvard Kennedy School, Stone Inequality and Social Policy Seminar. January 2025.  
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Panel. February 2025.  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, American Politics Speaker Series. February 2025.  
Pennsylvania State University, Department of Political Science. February 2025.  
University of Michigan, Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics, March 2025.  
The New School, Henry Cohen Lecture Series. April 2025.  
University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Policy, Wildavsky Lecture. April 2025.  
University of Chicago Law School, Roundtable on Federalism, April 2025.  
Yale University, American Political Economy Exchange (APEX), April 2025.  
Johns Hopkins, Racial Politics Summer School, June 2025.  
Syracuse University, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, June 2025.  
Drexel University, Ubuntu Center on Racism, Global Movements & Population Health Equity. August 2025.

## 2024

Queen Mary University of London, The American Politics Group. John D. Lees Lecture. January 2024.  
University of Colorado, Denver. Public Affairs PhD Student Association Scholar Series. January 2024.  
Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics. February 2024.  
Weill Cornell Medicine, David Rogers Health Policy Colloquium. March 2024.  
University of South Carolina, James E. Clyburn Health Equity Lecture. April 2024.  
Harvard University, Department of Government. Sidney Verba Lecture. April 2024.  
Rutgers University, Department of Sociology. April 2024.  
University of Pennsylvania, Provost Lecture on Diversity. April 2024.  
Russell Sage Foundation. Seminar Series. May 2024.  
Stanford University, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS). June 2024.  
SUNY Albany, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy. November 2024.  
Boston University School of Public Health, Public Health Conversations. December 2024.

## 2023

University of California, San Francisco. IHPS Health Policy Grand Rounds. February 2023.  
University of South Carolina, School of Law. March 2023.  
City University of New York, School of Law. April 2023.  
Niagara University. Care in Action Symposium. April 2023.  
Stanford University, School of Law. May 2023.  
University of California, Berkeley. Consortium on the American Political Economy (CAPE). June 2023.  
Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER), Symposium on Politics and Power. June 2023.  
City College of New York, Rethinking Generalization Workshop. October 2023.  
Brown University, Medicaid at 60 Conference. October 2023.  
Harvard University, Department of Government. REP Workshop. November 2023.

## 2022

Bucknell University, Griot Institute for the Study of Black Lives and Cultures. January 2022.  
University of California, Berkeley, Center for the Study of Law and Society. January 2022.  
Dartmouth College, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center, Aaron Lecture. January 2022.

Smith College, Kahn Liberal Arts Institute. February 2022.  
James Madison University, Symposium on Teaching & Learning the Politics of Racial Justice. Feb 2022.  
Northwestern University, Human Development and Social Policy Speaker Series. April 2022.  
University of California, Berkeley, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Travers Conference. April 2022.  
Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, May 2022.  
University of Denver, Korbel Research Seminar, Scrivner Institute of Public Policy. May 2022.  
Indiana University, O'Neil SPEA Health Policy Workshop. September 2022.  
McMaster University, Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis. September 2022.  
Columbia University, Columbia Population Research Center Seminar Series, October 2022.  
New York University, School of Global Public Health, Policy Science Training. October 2022.  
University of Minnesota, American Politics Colloquium, October 2022.  
University of Washington. Deans Forum on Race & Public Policy. November 2022.

## 2021

University of Georgia, Dept of Political Science. American Political History Conference. January 2021.  
University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science. February 2021.  
University of Chicago, Center for Health Administration Studies. Michael M Davis Lecture. Feb 2021.  
James Madison University. Symposium on Teaching & Learning the Politics of Racial Justice. Feb 2021.  
Miami University, School of Law. February 2021.  
Boston University, American Politics Workshop. March 2021.  
Queen Mary University of London, Conference on UK Constitutional Reform. March 2021.  
SUNY Upstate Medical University, Center for Bioethics and Humanities. April 2021.  
Harvard University, Inequality Seminar. April 2021.  
Columbia University, American Politics Seminar. April 2021.  
Allegheny College, Department of Political Science Law and Policy Program. April 2021.  
Michigan State University, Department of Political Science. April 2021.  
University of Pennsylvania, Conference on Federalism and Polarization. April 2021.  
University of Virginia. Democracy and Capitalism Seminar. May 2021.  
New York University. Wagner Seminar. October 2021.  
Fordham University. American Politics and Policy Seminar. November 2021.  
University of Wisconsin, Madison, La Follette School of Public Affairs. November 2021.  
Yale University, Institute for Social Policy Studies. December 2021.

## 2015-2020

Yale University, Political Science; Yale Law School; Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley;  
Northwestern University, Race, Ethnicity and Politics Workshop; Columbia University, American  
Politics Workshop; University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and  
Immigration; University of Michigan, Ford School of Public Policy; University of Michigan Center for  
Political Studies; University of California Berkeley, School of Law; Harvard University, Center for  
American Political Studies; Penn State University; Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship  
and Public Affairs (x2); American University, Metropolitan Policy Center; Penn State University,  
Political Science; Brown University Taubman Center (x2); University of Rochester, Health Services

Research Program; Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (x2); California State University at East Bay, Health Sciences Program; University of Minnesota, Department of Political Science; John Carroll College, Annual Woelfl Lecture in Public Policy; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Program; Indiana University, McKinney School of Law; Emory University, Department of Political Science; Johns Hopkins University, Workshop on Inequality and Social Policy; Johns Hopkins University, Department of Political Science; Texas A&M, Political Science; Boston University, School of Public Health; Webster University, Department of History, Politics & International Relations; Duke University, Sanford School of Public Policy, PhD Distinguished Lecture; Duke University, Department of Political Science; University of California, Berkeley, Center for Research on Social Change; University of Chicago, Department of Political Science; University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science; University of California, Riverside, Blum Initiative on Global and Regional Poverty; University of Washington, West Coast Poverty Center; Tufts University, APSA Institute for Civically Engaged Research; Colby College, Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs; Ithaca College, Department of Health Promotion and Physical Education; University of Wisconsin, Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty; University of Wisconsin, Madison, Political Science; University of California, Merced, Department of Political Science; Washington University in St. Louis; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Public Policy and Political Science; University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy; University of California, San Diego Race, Ethnicity and Politics (REP) workshop; University of California, Berkeley, American Politics Workshop; Boston University, School of Public Health.

#### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: INVITED PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, DISCUSSIONS (2020-present)**

Future Currents. “Escaping the Doom Loop for a Better Future.” Webinar. November 2025.

The Milbank Quarterly. “Understanding the Structural Determinants of Health.” Webinar. October 2025.

The Intersection & The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation “A Crucial Moment for Medicaid and How to Help.” Webinar. October 2025.

National Alliance on Ending Health Disparities. “Navigating the Weaknesses, Challenges, and Discovering Opportunities for Advancing Health Equity in a Complex Healthcare Landscape.” Webinar. September 2025.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law. “Medicaid at 60.” Webinar. June 2025.

Russell Sage Foundation Conference for Pipeline Grantees. Senior Scholar Panel: Career Development Advice. June 2025.

Washington Center for Equitable Growth. “Policies and Practices that Strengthen Democracy and the Economy.” May 2025.

Florida Voices for Health “Voice, Power & the Fight for Health in a Fragmented Democracy.” Annual Summit Keynote. May 2025.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. “Understanding Structural Racism: Systems, Processes, People.” Transforming Health and Healthcare Systems Summit. 2025.

Stanford Impact Lab. Fellow Traveler’s Series. January 2025.

National Association of Medicaid Directors. “Pathways to Improving Medicaid Transportation: Evidence, Equity, & Voice.” November 2024.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Financialization in Healthcare Research Committee. “Financialization and Structural Racism in Healthcare: Deepening the Analysis.” December 2024.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholars Fall Policy Panel. Advancing a Culture of Health During Election Season. November 2024.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Financialization in Healthcare Research Committee. “Financialization and Structural Racism in Healthcare: Connecting the Dots.” November 2024.

The Organizing Forum. “‘Where Liberation is Actually Going to Happen’: Civil Justice, Tenant Organizing, and Transformative Politics.” November 2024.

Michigan WIC Training & Educational Conference. “Civic Power: Why WIC Matters for Democracy.” May 2024.

New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Caucus. Annual Legislative Conference. “Ending Health Disparities.” February 2024.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. “Medicaid, Federalism, & the Human Experience.” February 2024.

Tompkins County Whole Health. “Structural Racism and Health Equity.” January 2024.

Medicaid Leadership Institute. “Medicaid, Racism, and Health Equity: Possibilities and Challenges.” December 2023.

White House’s Office of Science and Technology Policy, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, and Council of Economic Advisers. Roundtable on Advancing the Frontiers of Benefit-Cost Analysis: Federal Priorities and Directions for Future Research. December 2023.

New York State Senate Standing Committee on Cities 2. Hearing on the “Causes and Effects of Poverty in New York’s Medium-and-Small-Sized Cities.” December 2023.

Kentucky Voices for Health. “Learning from Kentuckians: New Research on the Impact of Medicaid During Crisis and Recovery.” December 2023.

Ithaca-Tompkins Continuum of Care (NY-510). “Poverty, Homelessness, and Social Determinants of Health.” November 2023.

New York Health Plan Association. “How Racism Affects Health.” November 2023.

Groundwork Collaborative. “Power, Policy & Tenant Organizing.” September 2023.

Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy. “Child Poverty & Health: Intersections & Priorities.” August 2023.

Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). “How Beneficiary Voice and Power can Improve Medicaid.” August 2023.

Association of Community Affiliated Plans. “Medicaid, Health Equity, and Democracy.” June 2023.

Brookings Institution. “Grounded Perspectives on Policy and Power.” June 2023.

National Health Outreach and Engagement Conference. “Voice, Power, and Health Equity.” May 2023.

New York State Public Health Corps. “Health Policy and Equity.” March 2023.

City & State New York/1199 SEIU. “Closing the Medicaid Coverage Gap.” February 2023.

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. [Evidence Forum](#). “Broadening the Tent for a more Inclusive Evidence Ecosystem.” February 2023.

FamiliesUSA. Health Action Conference. “Medicaid Beneficiaries’ Perspectives on the Public Health Emergency.” January 2023.

Kentucky Voices for Health. “Listening to Kentuckians: Lessons on Kentucky’s Social Safety Net.” December 2022.

Council of State Governments. “Voice and Inclusive Policymaking.” December 2022.

Cayuga Medical Center. “Research & Engagement to Advance Health Equity.” December 2022.

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Policy Lab. “Health Policy & Racial Justice: Forging Paths for Transformative Change.” December 2022.

Pisgah Legal Services. Justice Forum. “Democracy, Power, & Civil Legal Equality.” Oct 2022.

Washington Center for Equitable Growth. Brown Bag Series. “Policy Feedback: Building Power for Transformative Possibilities.” Oct 2022.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (Division Directors Meeting). “Voice & Equity.” Sept 2022.

Public Engagement in Health Policy Project (McMaster University). “Transformative Public Engagement: Pitfalls, Possibilities and Promise.” Sept 2022.

Community Catalyst. Advocate Convening. “Health Policy and Racial Justice.” Sept 2022.

Medicaid Insights Colloquium (MIC). “Policymaking by Other Means: Medicaid Administration and Health Equity.” August 2022.

Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls. Roundtable. Building a ‘Black Women Best’ Legislative Agenda. July 2022.

William T. Grant Foundation. Annual Retreat. Working at the Intersection of Policy and Research. July 2022.

National Institute on Aging, Health Disparities Research Section, Ruffin Seminar. “Disparities and Democracy: Advancing Health Equity through Public Policy.” June 2022.

Milbank Fellows Program. “REAP: The Racial Equity and Policy Framework.” June 2022.

New England Humanities Consortium. Faculty of Color Working Group. “Renewing Values and Purpose.” May 2022.

The Pew Charitable Trusts. “Racism and Policy Change: Process, Values, Power.” May 2022.

Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) at Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). “Medicaid and Health Equity.” April 2022.

APSA Health Politics and Policy Section. Health Politics and Policy Teaching Webinar. April 2022.

University of Southern California SOL Price School of Public Policy. “From Health to Healthcare: Unpacking Racial Disparities Amidst the Pandemic.” Students of Color and Allies Policy Forum. April 2022.

United States House of Representatives Oversight and Reform Committee. Testimony at full panel hearing on Pathways to Universal Healthcare. March 2022.

Community Health Care Association of New York State. “Health Equity & Data Collection.” March 2022.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Data for Health Equity Roundtable. March 2022.

The Hill. Food Security Summit. February 2022.

United States Senate Finance Committee (Staff Briefing). “REAP: The Racial Equity and Policy Framework.” February 2022.

American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Federal Government Affairs. “REAP: The Racial Equity and Policy Framework.” February 2022.

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. “Communicating Research Through Print and Broadcast Media.” January 2022.

Kentucky Voices for Health. “Building a Better Safety Net for All.” Annual Meeting Keynote. December 2021.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Impact 2021 Conference Opening Plenary Panel. “Applying The Black Women Best Framework.” December 2021.

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy & Center for American Progress. “Bill of Rights for Automated Society: The Health Care System.” November 2021.

National Association of Medicaid Directors. “Equity and Member Voice” (Keynote). November 2021.

United States House of Representatives Committee on Rules. Testimony at Roundtable on Family Budgets and Food Insecurity. October 2021.

Community Catalyst. “Power, Privilege, and Policies.” Restuccia Health Justice Fellowship Panel. October 2021.

Connecticut Bar Foundation. “The Power of a Right to Counsel.” Annual Meeting Keynote. October 2021.

Atlanta Medical Center. “Medicaid, Structural Racism, and Health Equity” (Grand Rounds). September 2021.

Petrie-Flom Center (Harvard Law School). Health Justice Symposium. September 2021.

Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality. Economic Security and Opportunity Initiative Summer Learning Series. August 2021.

Mathematica (Medicaid and CHIP Affinity Group). “Medicaid and Racial Equity: Building the Knowledge Base.” June 2021.

National WIC Association. “Advancing Health Equity through Empowerment.” June 2021.

National Association of Medicaid Directors. “Medicaid Advancing Racial Equity.” June 2021.

Center for Healthcare Strategies (Equity Speaker Series). “Medicaid Policy & Structural Racism.” May 2021.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center (CMMI). “Medicaid and Health Equity: A Grounded Perspective.” May 2021.

Commonwealth Fund. “The Cost of Racism and Policy Solutions.” May 2021.

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (Princeton). “Structural Racism & the Politics of Medicaid.” May 2021.

Ash Center for Democratic Governance (Harvard Kennedy School). “Assessing Biden’s First 100: Power Building through Policymaking?” May 2021.

Ultimate Reentry Opportunity (URO). “Roots, Experiences, and Healing.” April 2021.

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. “Medicaid and Racial Equity: Perspectives on Policy Design and Administration” March 2021.

Tompkins County Health Planning Council Advisory Board. “Structural Racism and Health Equity: Possibilities for Local Change.” March 2021.

William T. Grant Foundation. “Politics, Power, and the Use of Research Evidence.” March 2021.

Suffrage Forward. “Breaking the Cycle: A Conversation on Race, Justice, Equity, & Change.” Feb 2021.

American Political Science Association. “Reckoning with the Roots and Aftermath of Insurrection.” Feb 2021.

Ithaca City School District. “Structural Racism and Health Equity: Possibilities for Change.” Feb 2021

The American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC). “Medicaid, Structural Racism and Health Equity.” February 2021.

Student National Medical Association (SNMA). “The Future of U.S. Health Policy.” January 2021.

Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race (WISIR). “COVID-19 & Racial Inequalities.” January 2021.

Medicaid Leadership Institute (Center for Health Care Strategies). “Sustainably Engaging Medicaid Beneficiaries for Voice & Equity.” January 2021.

Utah Health Policy Project. “Racial Health Disparities, COVID-19, and how Medicaid Can Help” January 2021.

Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC). “Medicaid and Racial Health Disparities” December 2020.

Alliance for Health Policy. “The Racial Equity Implications of *California v. Texas*.” November 2020.

Center for Social Innovation (University of California, Riverside). “The Future of Progressive Federalism in a Polarized Era.” November 2020.

Zócalo Public Square. “Are American States Better at Protecting Human Rights than the U.S. Government?” October 2020.

Leonard Davis Institute (University of Pennsylvania). “Recognizing and Addressing the Effects of Structural Racism on Health.” October 2020.

American Cancer Society. “Medicaid & COVID-19 through the Health Equity Lens.” October 2020.

American University. “Health Justice: Critical Perspectives in Health Law and Policy.” October 2020.

William T. Grant Foundation. “Critical Race Perspectives on the Use of Research Evidence.” October 2020.

Center on American Politics (University of Denver). “2020 and the Summer of Activism: What Changed? And What Didn’t?” October 2020.

Tompkins County Office of Human Rights. “Intersecting Pandemics: COVID-19, Racism, Addiction & Poverty.” September 2020.

Center for Healthcare Strategies (Aligning Early Childhood and Medicaid Convening). “Racism, Equity and Change.” September 2020.

National Governors Association Center for Best Practices. “Medicaid and Health Equity.” August 2020.

Texas Organizing Project. “Take Racism Out of Healthcare.” July 2020.

Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research. “COVID-19 and Political Science Research Agendas.” July 2020.

Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum—German American Center. “Race, Rebellion and Pandemic in the United States.” June 2020.

Weill Cornell Medicine. “The Politics of COVID-19.” June 2020.

University of California, Irvine School of Social Sciences. “Racial Dynamics of COVID-19.” May 2020.

SNF Agora Institute (Johns Hopkins University). “COVID-19 and the Dynamics of Race and Othering.” April 2020.

National Conference of Black Political Scientists. “African-Americans and the Coronavirus: At the Intersections of Policy, Politics and Public Health.” April 2020.

Finger Lakes for NY Health. *Power to Heal* Documentary Discussion. January 2020.

Georgians for a Healthy Future. Health Care Legislative Breakfast (Keynote). January 2020.

GovLabPHL. “Evidence-Based Approaches to Poverty Alleviation.” January 2020.

## **MEDIA ENGAGEMENT: PODCASTS, TELEVISION, RADIO, VIDEO & PRINT (SELECTED)**

Radio/Podcast, [Sojourner Truth Radio](#). KPFK, 90.7 FM (2025).

Podcast, [Health scare: the row at the heart of the shutdown](#). *Checks and Balance*, The Economist (2025).

Podcast, [Power and Its Impact on Medicaid](#). *A Health Podyssy*, Health Affairs. (2025).

Documentary, [Raise the Roof](#). Syracuse Tenants Union (2024).

Podcast, [Tenant' Rights: A Matter of Health](#). *In Solidarity: Connecting Power, Place, and Health*, County Health Rankings (2024).

Print, “[Is This What Happens When You Build a Real Social Safety Net, Then Take It Away?](#)” New York Times (2024).

Television, [Exploring America's Social Safety Net and the Political Fights Around It](#). PBS News Hour. (2024).

Podcast, [How State Interference with Local Housing Policy Impacts Tenant Health and Racial Equity](#). *Poverty Research and Policy Podcast*, Institute for Research on Poverty (2023).

Podcast, [On the Power Imbalances Fueling Housing Inequities](#). *A Health Podyssey*, Health Affairs (2023).

Podcast, “[Living in a Fragmented Democracy](#).” *Democracy Works*, McCourtney Institute for Democracy (2023).

Radio/Podcast, “[Child Poverty Was Cut in Half--Why Stop Now?](#)” *The Takeaway*, NPR/WSKG (2023).

Video Narration (Animated Short), [How to Dismantle Racial Disparities in U.S. Healthcare](#). Commonwealth Fund (2023).

Radio, “[Supreme Court issues ruling on Medicaid case](#).” *Here and Now*, WBUR/NPR (2023).

Radio, “[Supreme Court hears case with big implications for Medicaid](#).” *Here and Now*, WBUR/NPR (2022).

Television, [Behind the Woman](#), Season 3, episode 7. WCNY/PBS (2022).

Radio, “[Expanding Medicaid is Popular. That's Why it's a Key Issue in Some Statewide Midterms](#).” *All Things Considered*. NPR (2022).

Radio, “[Poverty and Uninsured Rates Drop, Thanks to Pandemic-era Policies](#).” *All Things Considered*. NPR (2022).

Podcast, “[Race Matters: Arriving at More Equitable Health Policy](#).” *The Dose* (2022).

Documentary, “[The Divide: Confronting Racism in American Healthcare](#).” Commonwealth Fund (2022).

Radio/Podcast, “[Deep Dive: Health Insurance](#).” *The Takeaway*, NPR/WSKG (2022).

Radio/Podcast, Political Economy Contributor. *Our Body Politic*, KCRW, KPCC & KQED (2021-22).

Television, “[Why Are Retail Workers Quitting at Record Rates?](#)” *The Cross Connection*, MSNBC (2021).

Television, “[The Problem with the Economy](#).” *The Problem with Jon Stewart* (Season 1, Episode 3, 2021).

Television, Ivory Tower. Rotating Panelist. Seasons 15-18. WNYC/PBS (2018-2021).

Podcast, Employers are Begging for Workers. Maybe that's a Good Thing. *The Ezra Klein Show* (2021).

Radio, "Congress Could Lift Millions of Children Out of Poverty. Will Politics Get in the Way?" *On Point*, NPR/WBUR (2021).

Print, "There's No Natural Dignity in Work." *New York Times* (2021).

Print, "Power on the Margins." *Frank News Interviews* (2021).

Television, "Disproportionate Economic Impact of Pandemic on Women of Color Calls for New Solutions" *The Cross Connection*, MSNBC (2021).

Radio, Pandemic Sets Back Women's Progress in the Workplace. *All Things Considered*, NPR (2021).

Podcast, Health Insurance Fights: In the Middle of a Pandemic! *Flip the Script Podcast* (2020).

Radio, "Coping with COVID-19" *WBAA 99.5 FM*, New York City (2020 & 2021).

Podcast, "Will Americans Hold Government Accountable for Its Pandemic Response?" *Politics in Question* (2020).

Print, "Crowds Show That This Time Black Lives Matter in CNY's White Suburbs, Too." The Post-Standard. (2020).

Podcast, "All praise, no pay." *Today Explained by Vox* (2020).

Podcast, "The Connection Between Medicaid and Democracy." *Policy 360 Podcast* (2019).

Podcast, "How Medicaid and Obamacare Drive Voting." *Science of Politics Podcast* (2019).

Podcast, "Inequality, Public Policy and Democracy." *Doing Translational Research Podcast* (Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research), Episode 30 (2019).

Podcast, "Groundbreakers, part 1." *No Jargon Podcast*, Episode 175 (2019).

Podcast, "Fragmented Democracy." *The Michael Brooks Show* (2019).

Podcast, "Fragmented Democracy." *The Death Panel Podcast*, Episode 21 (2019).

Podcast, "The State of the Union." *To the Point*. KCRW/NPR (2019).

Podcast, "Fragmented Democracy." *The Majority Report* with Sam Seder (2019).

Podcast, "Fixing Medicaid in a Fragmented Democracy." *Trending Globally*. Brown University (2019).

Podcast, “The Politics of Medicaid.” *Off-Kilter Podcast* (2018).

Podcast, “Medicaid, Federalism, and Democracy.” *DIY Democracy*, episode 24 (2018).

Radio, “How Medicaid Impacts The Political Participation of Beneficiaries.” Wisconsin Public Radio *Central Time* (2018).

Podcast, “The Week in Medicaid.” *The Week in Health Law*, episode 134 (2018).

Radio, “The Future of SNAP Under the Trump Administration.” Wisconsin Public Radio *Central Time* (2018).

Print, The Medicaid Patchwork, *Jacobin Magazine* (2018).

Print, How Unstable Medicaid Programs Discourage Recipients from Engaging with Politics, *Pacific Standard Magazine* (2018).

Radio, “Jamila Michener on the Campbell Conversations.” WRVO/NPR (2018).

Podcast, “Fragmented Democracy: Medicaid, Federalism, and Unequal Politics.” *New Books in Political Science* (2018).

Audio, “Medicaid Explained: Why It’s Worse to Be Sick in Some States than Others.” *Vox* (2017).

Radio, “Wisconsin Seeking Mandatory Drug Testing for Medicaid Applicants.” Wisconsin Public Radio *Central Time* (2017).

Television, POTUS 2016 with Brian Lehrer. “Voting While Black.” *CUNY TV* (2016).

Podcast, “Expanding Voting Rights.” *CounterSpin Podcast* (2016).

Podcast, “The Overlooked Section.” *No Jargon Podcast*, Episode 35 (2016).

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2013-2024, 2010-2011, 2006, 2008

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting: 2017, 2024, 2025

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2018, 2016, 2013, 2012

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2020, 2013

Annual State Politics and Policy Conference: 2016, 2017, 2018

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: 2025

Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting: 2015

National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS): 2014

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS): 2025

## **UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP (CORNELL)**

Inaugural Director, Center for Racial Justice and Equitable Futures (2024-)  
Senior Associate Dean for Public Engagement, Brooks School of Public Policy (2021-)  
Co-Director, Politics of Race, Immigration, Class & Ethnicity (PRICE) Initiative (2020-)  
Co-Director, Cornell Center for Health Equity (2020-2024)  
Chair, Cornell Prison Education Program Advisory Board (2020-2024)

## **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE (EXTERNAL)**

### *Leadership*

Advisory Board Member, Consortium on the American Political Economy (2021-)  
Executive Board Member, Scholars Strategy Network (2019-2024)  
Co-Leader, Scholars Strategy Network Finger Lakes Chapter (2017-2020)

### *American Political Science Association (APSA) Leadership*

American Political Science Association 2026 Annual Meeting, Program Co-Chair (2025-2026)  
Health Politics and Policy Section, Executive Council (2012-2014 | 2018-2020)  
Public Policy Section, Executive Council (2018-2021)  
Urban and Local Politics Section, Executive Council (2018-2020)  
State Politics and Policy, Executive Council (2016-2018)  
Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, Executive Council (2021-2023)

### *Committee Chair*

Academy Health Research Meeting (ARM) theme co-leader (2023)  
APSA Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession (2021-2022)  
APSA Susan Clarke Young Scholar Award Committee (2022)  
APSA Race, Ethnicity and Politics (REP) Best Book Award Committee (2020)  
MPSA Women's Caucus Outstanding Professional Achievement Award (2018)  
APSA Public Policy Section Excellence in Mentoring Award (2019)

### *Committee Member*

APSA Sage/CQ Press Committee Award (2025/26)  
APSA American Political Economy Emerging Scholar Award Committee (2024)  
APSA Health Politics and Policy Emerging Scholar Award Committee (2024)  
American Bar Foundation/JPB Foundation Access to Justice Scholars Program Advisory Council (2023-)  
MPSA Lucius Barker Award Committee for best paper on Race, Ethnicity & Politics (2023)  
APSA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Nominating Committee (2022-23)  
APSA Class and Inequality Section Nominating Committee (2021-2023)  
APSA Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession (2019-2022)  
APSA Class and Inequality Section Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2019-2020)  
APSA State Politics and Policy Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2018-2021)  
APSA Public Policy Nominating Committee (2016)  
APSA Urban Politics Section Nominating Committee (2015)  
APSA Byran Jackson Dissertation in Ethnic and Racial Politics Award Committee (2011, 2014, 2019)  
MPSA Lucius Barker Award Committee for best paper on Race, Ethnicity & Politics (2012)  
APSA Best Paper on Public Policy Award Committee (2014)

APSA Aaron Wildavsky Enduring Contribution Award Committee (2015)

*Editorial Board Member*

Journal of Public Policy (2021-)

Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law (2018-)

American Political Science Review (2020-)

Political Research Quarterly (2018-)

Policy Studies Journal (2019-)

Politics & Gender (2019-)

State Politics and Policy Quarterly (2020-)

Milbank Quarterly (2020-)

The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science (2022-)

*Grant/Book Proposal Reviewer:* Cambridge University Press | National Science Foundation | Oxford University Press | Robert Wood Johnson Foundation | Russell Sage Foundation | Social Science

Research Council | Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council | Temple University

Press | University of North Carolina Press | William T. Grant Foundation.

*Manuscript Reviewer:* American Journal of Political Science | American Political Science Review | British Journal of Political Science | Dubois Review | Journal of Health Economics | Journal of Health, Politics, Policy and Law | Journal of Politics | Journal of Public Policy | Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics | Journal of Urban Affairs | Law and Social Inquiry | Milbank Quarterly | Political Behavior | Policy Studies Journal | Political Research Quarterly | Politics, Groups, and Identities | Social Science Quarterly | Urban Affairs Review | Women, Gender, & Families of Color | Punishment & Society

*Book Workshops and Author Meets Critics Panels:* APSA Author Meets Critics, Domingo Morel (2018) | Vanderbilt University book workshop, Allison Anoll (2019) | Syracuse University book workshop, Jenn Jackson (2021) | Georgetown University book workshop, Marcus Board (2021) | Harvard University Book workshop, Margaret Brower (2021) | APSA Author Meets Critics, Alan Colbern and Karthick Ramakrishnan (2021) | Wheaton College book workshop, Miranda Yaver (2022) | APSA Author Meets Critics, Jake Grumbach (2023) | University of Vermont book workshop, Alex Garlick (2023) | Yale University book workshop, Allison Harris (2024) | University of Washington book workshop, Rebecca Thorpe (2024) | University of Chicago Book Panel, Colleen Grogan (2024) | Yale University book workshop, Allison Harris (2024) | Nuffield College, Oxford book workshop, Margaret Weir (2024) | APSA Author Meets Critics, Domingo Morel (2024) | APSA Author Meets Critics, David Jones (2024) | University of Chicago book workshop, Patricia Posey (2024) | Harvard University book workshop, George Aumothe (2025)

*Guest speaker in courses:* Notre Dame (2019) | Johns Hopkins (2020) | Duke (2020, 2022, 2023, 2025) | McGill (2020) | Weil Cornell Medical (2021, 2022, 2023) | Yale Public Health/Law (2021) | Dartmouth (2021, 2022, 2023) | Soka University of America (2021) | Yale Political Science (2021, 2023, 2024) | Princeton (2021) | Harvard (2021) | Swarthmore (2021) | Bucknell (2022) | University of Alabama (2022) | New School (2023) | Cornell University School of Public Policy and Masters in Public Health (2024) | University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (2024)

*Conference/Panel Organizer:* “Community Organizing to Build Power to Advance Health Equity: Building Your Organizing Skills.” IAPHS pre-conference workshop coordinated via Health and Power

Organizing Project (HPOP).” | “Structural Racism, Disparities, and Health Equity” Academy Health Research Meeting (ARM) theme co-leader (2023) | “Immigration, Racial Justice, and Public Policy.” Virtual panel organized via PRICE Initiative (May 2021) | “Cancel Rent! Housing Justice in a Post-Covid United States.” Virtual panel organized via PRICE Initiative (April 2021) | “Women of Color and the Future of U.S. Democracy.” Virtual panel organized via PRICE Initiative (January 2021) | “Getting Free: Race and Abolition.” Virtual panel organized via PRICE Initiative (July 2020) | “Systemic Racism and Health Equity” virtual panel organized via Cornell Center for Health Equity (July 2020) | “Expanding the Margins of the Welfare State,” workshop at Northwestern University co-organized with Chloe Thurston and Mallory SoRelle (May 2019) | 52nd Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) co-organized with Sergio Garcia Rios (September 2018) | APSA panel “Navigating the Periphery: The Politics of Unequal Access in Marginal Communities” co-organized with Mallory SoRelle (August 2018)

*Conference Roundtable Participant* (Invited): “The Affordable Care Act and Medicaid: The Path to Universal Expansion” (APSA 2024) | “The Effect of Economic Change and Experience on Political Behavior” (2024) | “New Findings and Frontiers in American Political Economy (2023) | “The Politics of Evidence in Medicaid” (APSA 2020) | Cathy Cohen’s *Boundaries* at 20 years (APSA 2019) | “Health Policy and Democratic Discontent” (APSA 2018) | “Gender Inequality in the U.S.: Beyond Political Representation” (APSA 2016) | “Early Career at Research Institutions: Getting and Keeping a Research-intensive Faculty Position” (MPSA 2016)

*Mentoring:* Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholars Coaching Program | Robert Wood Johnson Policies for Action Program Mentor | Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grantee Mentor | Institute for Research on Poverty, National Poverty Fellows Mentor

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: BOARDS, TASK FORCES, COMMITTEES**

Community Change, Board of Directors (2022-)  
Center for Healthcare Strategies, Board of Trustees (2020-2026)  
Roundtable on Population Health Improvement, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, & Medicine  
Food Bank of the Southern Tier, Board of Directors (2022-2025)  
Poverty and Race Research Action Council (PRRAC), Social Science Advisory Board (2021-)  
Medicaid Insights Colloquium, Core Organizer (2022-2025)  
Use of Research Evidence Advisory Boards, Penn State & Rutgers University (2021-)  
Institute for Civically Engaged Research (ICER), Advisory Board (2021-)  
Commonwealth Fund, Bias in Health Care Advisory Panel (2022-2023)  
American Bar Foundation Task Force on Eviction, Housing Stability, and Equity (2021-2022)  
Policies for Action (Urban Institute/RWJF), National Advisory Committee (2020-2023)  
Community Solutions for Health Equity (RWJF), National Advisory Committee (2020-2023)  
Rural Health Equity Training Collaborative (Cayuga Medical Center), Community Advisory Board (2021)  
Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies Program (HRSA), Advisory Committee (2021)  
Tompkins County Health Planning Council, Advisory Board (2021-2023)  
Medicaid Advisory Group, Commonwealth Fund (2018)  
Ultimate Reentry Organization of Tompkins County, Data Development Committee (2015-2020)

Instructor, Five Points Correctional Facility (2016) | Cayuga Correctional Facility (2017)

## TEACHING

### Undergraduate

Politics of Public Policy | Health Equity, Politics, & Policy | Prisons, Politics, Policy | Politics of Poverty | Incarceration and Self- Reflection | Politics of the 'Inner City'

### Graduate

Race and Ethnicity in American Politics | Poverty and Social Policy