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### **Education**

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, New School for Social Research, 2008  
M.A., Department of Political Science, New School for Social Research, 1997  
B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, 1994

### **Academic Appointments**

Chair, Division of Ethnic Studies, University of Utah, 2018-present.  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science/Division of Ethnic Studies,  
University of Utah, 2015 to present.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science/Ethnic Studies Program, University  
of Utah, 2008-2015.  
Adjunct Instructor, Gallatin School for Individualized Study, New York University, 2005 to  
2008.  
Adjunct Instructor, Department of Political Science, Hunter College, New York City, 2002  
to 2003.

### **Research Interests**

My research interests occupy the nexus between critical race studies, American political thought & development, and contemporary political theory. I study the phenomena of race as an organizing element of politics with particular attention to how discourses of race have synergized American politics in both its institutional and cultural aspects.

### **Publications**

#### Single Authored Books

*American Exceptionalism and the Remains of Race: Multicultural Exorcisms* (New York: Routledge, 2014). Paperback edition 2016. *Choice* "Highly Recommended."  
<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9781138794009/>

#### Journal Articles

Reflections on Fred Lee's "Contours of Asian American Political Theory: Introductions and Polemics." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 6:3(August 2018): 520-522. Special

Issue on Asian Pacific American Politics– Celebrating the Scholarly Legacy of Don T. Nakanishi. Peer reviewed. DOI: 10.1080/21565503.2018.1491868.  
Beyond the Racial Exceptionalism of the Japanese Internment. *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 1(2): 239-244 (June 2013). Blind reviewed.  
Reconstructing the Problem of Race. *Political Research Quarterly* 61: 660-670 (December 2008). Special issue on the study of Race in American Political Development. Blind reviewed.

#### Book Chapters

Reflections on Fred Lee’s “Contours of Asian American Political Theory: Introductions and Polemics.” *Asian Pacific American Politics–Celebrating the Scholarly Legacy of Don T. Nakanishi*, Eds. Andrew Aoki and Pei-te Lien, (Routledge, Feb. 2020). Formerly published in *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 6:3(August 2018).  
Formative Mappings, Political Trappings: Histories of Race and Ethnicity in the United States. Coauthored with Victoria Hattam, 26pp., *Oxford Handbook of Racial and Ethnic Politics in the United States*, Eds. David Leal, Taeku Lee, and Mark Sawyer, (Oxford University Press), Online publication March 2015. Peer reviewed.

#### Review Essays

Review Essay. [*White Bound: Nationalists, Antiracists, and the Shared Meanings of Race* by Matthew W. Hughey, *Race Defaced: Paradigms of Pessimism, Politics of Possibility* by Christopher Kyriakides and Rodolfo D. Torres, *Racing for Innocence: Whiteness, Gender, and the Backlash against Affirmative Action* by Jennifer L. Pierce.] *Public Integrity* 15(3): 318-322 (Summer 2013).

#### Works in Progress

Race Against Time: The Temporal Structure of the White Yeomanry. Under Review, *Polity*.  
*Race Against Time: American Catachresis and Racial Synecdoche*. Book manuscript in development.  
Gothic Republicanism: Race and the Problem of American Political Time. In development.

#### **Awards, Grants, and External Funding**

Faculty of the Game Recognition, University of Utah vs. USC Homecoming Game, October 20, 2018.  
Nominated, Don Nakanishi Award for best paper, Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans, Western Political Science Association, 2017.  
Global Learning Across the Disciplines (GLAD) Grant: “Race and Ethnicity in Global Contexts: Transforming Ethnic Studies.” With Lourdes Alberto (PI) & Elizabeth Archuleta. Awarded, 2017. \$10,000.  
Nominated, CSBS Superior Teaching Award, 2017.  
Finalist, CSBS Junior Teaching Award, 2012.

The Hannah Arendt Award for Politics, New School for Social Research, 2009.  
New School Dissertation Fellowship, 1997 to 2000.  
Research Assistantship, 1995 to 1997.  
New School University Scholarship, 1994 to 1997.

### **Presentations & Invited Appearances**

- “Race and the Census,” Invited Panelist, Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah, February 26, 2020.
- “U Remembers: Anti-Semitism Today and the Dynamics of Othering,” Invited Panelist, University of Utah, February 5, 2020.
- “Race Against Time: Race and the American Political Imaginary,” MUSE Lecture, University of Utah, November 7, 2019.
- “Power to the People: U.S. Voting Rights,” Invited Panelist, Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah, October 30, 2019.
- “Campus-Community Dialogue: Protest,” Invited Panelist, Salt Lake Public Library, October 24, 2019.
- “The Racial Time of 20<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Immigration Policy: The Case of the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act,” accepted, 2019 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, April 19, 2019.
- “The Power of the Ballot,” Invited Panelist, MLK, Jr. Week Hinckley Pizza & Politics Forum, University of Utah, January 24, 2019.
- “Civility in Politics,” Invited Panelist, Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah, April 9, 2018.
- “The Technos of White Herrenvolk Revival,” 2018 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco. March 31, 2018.
- Diversity Scholars Faculty Panel, Invited Panelist, University of Utah, February 27, 2018.
- “Diversity and Disparity: Race, Class, and Gender Inequities in the U.S.,” Invited Panelist, Understanding Our Differences, Shaping Our Future: A Campus-Community Dialogue Series, University of Utah, April 20, 2017.
- “Race Against Time: The Temporal Structure of the White Yeomanry,” 2017 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver. Nominated for Don Nakanishi Award, Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans, Western Political Science Association.
- “Race Against Time: The Temporal Structure of the White Yeomanry,” Invited Participant, Francis D. Wormuth Symposium “The Politics of Identity”, University of Utah, April 6, 2017.
- “When and Where I Enter: On Asian American Awareness in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Invited Participant, Asian American Student Association High School Conference, University of Utah, February 17, 2017.
- “2016 Election De-brief: Immigration Policy and the Policy Process,” Invited Participant, International Scholar and Student Services, Office of Global Engagement, University of Utah, November 21, 2016.

“Criminal Justice, Policing, and Police Practices,” Invited Participant, “Making Sense of the 2016 Elections,” University of Utah, October 17, 2016.

“Race and American Political Development,” Invited participant, 2016 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego.

“Roundtable: 2016 Presidential Primaries,” Invited participant, Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah, March 1, 2016.

“Post-colonial Analysis,” 2015 proceedings of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco.

“Author Meets Critics: *American Exceptionalism and the Remains of Race* by Edmund Fong,” 2015 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas.

“Gothic Republicanism: Race and the Machiavellian Moments of American Political Discourse,” 2015 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas.

“Modern American Race Relations and Institutional Violence,” Invited Speaker, Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah, November 20, 2014.

“A Belabored Republic? Rethinking Racial/Gender Intersections in American Political Development,” 2014 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle.

“Frederick Jackson Turner’s Frontier Thesis Revisited: The Strange Career of Race and American Democratization,” 2013 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles.

“Book Release: Ella Myer’s *Worldly Ethics*,” University of Utah, April 17, 2013.

“Lincoln, Django & 150 Years Later: A Critical Dialogue,” University of Utah, February 28, 2013.

“Asian Americans & the Bamboo Ceiling,” University of Utah, April 12, 2012.

“‘Interns’ of America: Disclosures of Race through the Japanese Internment,” conference on Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Law and American Political Development, University of Ohio, May 20-21, 2011.

“Exploring the Potential Social, Economic, and Legal Impacts of Utah’s Immigration Legislation,” moderator, Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah, April 5, 2011.

“Post-Colonial Analysis of Political Issues,” for the “Methods Café” 2011 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, San Antonio.

“The Tea Party Movement and American Democracy,” Hinckley Forums, University of Utah, October 2010.

“Post-Colonial Analyses,” for the “Methods Café,” 2010 proceedings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

“‘Interns of America’: Re-Imagining Race through the Japanese Internment,” presented at the 2010 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco.

“‘Interns’ of America’: Re-Imagining Race through the Japanese Internment,” presented at the *Political Inquiry Encounters*, University of Utah, April 2010.

“Asian American Identity & Awareness,” University of Utah, March 30, 2010.

- “The Moynihan Moment: Liberal Governmentality and the Epidemiology of Politics,” presented at the 2009 proceedings of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC.
- “Election 2008: Issues of Race and Gender,” invited participant, Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah, October 3, 2008.
- “Author Meets Readers: Mark Graber's *Dred Scott and the Problem of Constitutional Evil*,” presented at the 2007 proceedings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “Promising Resentments? Untimely Visions in Multicultural Debates,” presented at the 2007 proceedings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “Promising Resentments? Eschatological Visions in Multicultural Debates,” delivered for the April 2007 Conference on Resentment In/Of Women’s Studies, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY.
- “Beyond Ascriptivism? Cosmopolitanism’s Province in the American Imagination,” delivered for the May 2006 Conference on Race and U.S. Political Development, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.
- “Normative Culture within Multiculturalism; Race and the Reminders of Identity Politics,” delivered for the October 2003 Association of Political Theory Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.
- “On the Hermeneutic Horizons of Multiculturalism,” delivered at the April 2001 Political Identifications Conference, New School for Social Research, New York, NY.
- “Multiculturalisms of Consequence,” delivered at the 1999 proceedings of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Struggles for Expression in the Legal Use of the Cultural Defense,” delivered for the April 1997 proceedings of the Asian American Studies Conference, Seattle, WA.

### **Media Engagement**

- [“Power to the People: U.S. Voting Rights,” KCPW, October 30, 2019.](#)
- [“The Power of the Ballot,” KCPW, January 30, 2019](#)
- [“Civility in Politics,” KCPW, May 5, 2018.](#)
- [“Utahns respond to Charlottesville,” KCPW, August 17, 2017.](#)
- “Ethnic Studies Goes Global,” *@theU*, April 24, 2017.
- [“Race, Class, and Gender Inequities in the U.S.” KCPW, April 20, 2017.](#)
- “How Will Race Relations Impact the 2016 Election?” *Good4Utah*, ABC4, November 4, 2016.
- “Crime and Incarceration: Something to Consider in the Upcoming Election,” *The Daily Utah Chronicle*, October 26, 2016.
- “Election 2016: What Voters Should Know,” *The Daily Utah Chronicle*, October 18, 2016.
- [“Super Tuesday Panel,” Hinckley Institute Radio Hour, KCPW, March 2, 2016.](#)
- “Event Focuses on Struggles of Asian-Americans,” *The Daily Utah Chronicle*, March 31, 2010.

## **Courses Taught**

### University of Utah

Advanced Explorations in Ethnic Studies (Ethnc 5910)  
American Racism (Ethnc 3420)  
Asian American Contemporary Issues (Ethnc 3520)  
Asian American Politics (Pols 5430)  
Introduction to Ethnic Studies (General and Diversity Scholars) (Ethnc 2500)  
Introduction to U.S. National Government (Pols 1100)  
Literature & Politics (Pols 5810)  
Racial and Ethnic Politics (Pols 3190)  
Social Policy & Race (Pols 5810)  
The American Presidency (Pols 3150)  
The Asian Pacific American Experience (Ethnc 2580)  
The Study of Politics (Pols 6003)

### New York University

Literature and the Political Imagination  
The Postcolonial World and the Legacies of Empire  
The Condition of Postmodernism

### Hunter College

American Government: A Historical Introduction  
Introduction to American Government

## **Student Committees & Research Supervision**

### Doctoral Committee Chair

Lani Moon

### Doctoral Committee Member

Liliana Castrellon (Dissertation Defended, March 2019)  
Graham Slater (Dissertation Awarded, February 2018)  
    University of Nevada, Reno, tenure track, Sociology  
Greg Bourassa (Dissertation Awarded, June 2016)  
    University of Northern Iowa, tenure track, Educational Psychology & Foundations  
Engin Antasay (Dissertation Awarded, April 2014)  
    Bristol Community College, Fall River, Division of Humanities & Education  
Matthew Hayden (Proposal defended)  
Irene Ota (Proposal defended)  
Aaron Coombs (Doctoral Committee member)  
Jacob Crown

### Master's Committee

Jacob Crown (Masters awarded, 2014)

Jessica Piling

### Undergraduate

Emily Uchida, 2020 Honor's Thesis

Abigail Gates, 2020 Honor's Thesis

Pedro Padilla Martinez, 2020 UROP Advisor

Allyson Berri, 2018 Honor's Thesis Advisor

Savannah Williams, 2017 Honor's Thesis

Charles Joseph Koronkowski, 2016 Honor's Thesis (Undergraduate Research Award Nominee)

Esther Kim, McNair Scholars Program (2012 Monson Essay Prize Recipient)

### **Professional Service**

#### National

Western Political Science Association, 2016 Annual Meeting Section Coordinator, Interpretation and Methods.

Association for Asian America Studies, 2016 Annual Meeting Program Committee.

*American Political Science Review*, reviewer.

*American Quarterly*, reviewer.

*New Political Science*, reviewer.

*Political Research Quarterly*, reviewer.

*Political Theory*, reviewer.

*Politics, Groups and Identities*, reviewer.

*Polity*, reviewer.

*Public Administration Review*, reviewer.

*Routledge*, book manuscript reviewer.

*Urban Studies*, reviewer.

#### University

School for Cultural and Social Transformation, Associate Dean for Research Search Committee, 2019.

School for Cultural and Social Transformation, Assistant Dean Search Committee, 2019.

Vice President of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Search Committee, 2018-2019.

Diversity Leadership Team, Office for Equity and Diversity, 2018-2019.

MLK, Jr. Planning Committee, 2018-2019.

Transform Mentoring Workshops, 2018-2019.

School for Cultural and Social Transformation Council, 2018-2019.

School for Cultural and Social Transformation Executive Committee, 2018-present.

*Hinckley Journal of Politics*, Faculty Editor, 2016-2018.

Academic Senate, 2016-2017.

Division of Gender Studies Internal Review Team, 2016.  
College of Social and Behavioral Science Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, 2014-2016.  
University Teaching Committee, 2010-2013.  
Utah Opportunity Scholars Committee, 2011-2012.

#### Departmental

Ethnic Studies 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Committee, 2018-2019.  
Political Science Nominations & Awards Committee, 2018-present.  
Ethnic Studies Diversity Scholars Coordinator Search Committee, 2018.  
Ethnic Studies Curriculum Committee, 2017-2018.  
Ethnic Studies Central Committee, 2012-2015, 2016-2018.  
Undergraduate Studies Committee (Political Science), 2010-2013, 2015-2017, 2018.  
Political Science RPT Committee, 2016-2018.  
Pacific Island Studies Search Committee, 2016-2017  
RPT Guidelines Draft, Division of Ethnic Studies, 2016  
Ethnic Studies/Social Work Search Committee, 2014-2015.  
Political Research Colloquium Committee, 2014-2015.  
Asian Pacific American Studies Area Head, 2012-2015.  
American Politics Field Committee, 2008-current.  
Ethnic Studies Curriculum Committee, 2011-current.  
Political Inquiry Encounters Co-coordinator, 2010-2012.  
RPT Revisions Committee (Political Science), 2010-2011.  
Political Science Marketing Committee (Political Science), 2009-2010.  
Diversity Requirement designations: Ethnc 2500, Ethnc 3520, Pols 3190, Pols 5430.

#### **Affiliations**

American Political Science Association, member.  
Western Political Science Association, member.  
Association for Asian American Studies, member.  
Association for Political Theory, member.