

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

1996-2001 Doctoral Program in Political Science
2001 **Ph.D.** Department of Political Science
1998 **M.A.** Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Dissertation Title: *Black Feminist Consciousness: An Empirical Analysis of the Simultaneous Effects of Race and Gender on Political Behavior*
Defended: 8/01; Advisor: William R. Shaffer; Committee Members: Rosalee Clawson, S. Laurel Weldon, Michael Weinstein

1996 **B.A.** Xavier University of Louisiana
New Orleans, Louisiana
Major: Political Science, *Cum Laude Graduate*
Double Minor: Mass Communications (with a concentration in broadcasting),
and African American Studies

ACADEMIC RANK

2020- *Professor*
Department of Political Science
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269

2017-2020 *Professor*
Department of Political Science and Africana Studies
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269

2007-2017 *Associate Professor*
Department of Political Science and Africana Studies
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269

2001-2007 *Assistant Professor*
Department of Political Science and African American Studies
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269

SECONDARY LEADERSHIP ROLES

2020- *Director*
Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Master's Degree Program
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269

- 2020-** *Director*
Graduate Placement
Department of Political Science
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269
- 2017-2020** *Director*
Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Graduate Certificate Program
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269
- 2011** *Interim Director*
Humanities Institute
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269
- 2009-2012** *Associate Director*
Humanities Institute
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269

DATA

- 2004-2005** National Black Feminist Study (NBFS), Principal Investigator, Conducted by the Center for Survey Research & Analysis (CSRA), University of Connecticut, N= 500 African American adults.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Simien, Evelyn M. 2015. *Historic Firsts: How Symbolic Empowerment Changes U.S. Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Simien, Evelyn M., ed. 2011. *Gender and Lynching: The Politics of Memory*. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan.
3. Simien, Evelyn M. 2006. *Black Feminist Voices in Politics*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.

Journal Symposia

1. Simien, Evelyn M., ed. 2013. "The Obama Presidency: Public Opinion, Policy Outcomes, and Rhetorical Failure," *Polity*, January 45(1): 82-168.
2. **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Ange-Marie Hancock, eds. 2011. "Intersectionality Research," *Political Research Quarterly*, March 64(1): 185-243.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

1. **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Sara Cote Hampson. 2020. "Black Votes Count, But Do They Matter? Symbolic Empowerment and the Jackson-Obama Mobilizing Effect on Gender and Age Cohorts," *American Politics Research*, 48(6): 725-737.
2. **Simien, Evelyn M.**, Nneka Arinze, and Jennifer McGarry. 2019. "A Portrait of Marginality in Sport and Education: Toward a Theory of Intersectionality and Raced-Gendered Experiences for Black Female College Athletes," *Journal of Women, Politics, and Public Policy*, 40(3): 409-427.

3. Handau, Megan, and **Evelyn M. Simien**. 2019. "The Cult of First Ladyhood: Controlling Images of White Womanhood in the Role of the First Lady," *Politics & Gender*, 15(3): 484-513.
4. **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Sarah Cote Hampson. 2017. "Hillary Clinton and the Women Who Supported Her: Emotional Attachments and the 2008 Democratic Presidential Primary," *DuBois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 14(1): 93-116.
5. Simien, Evelyn M. 2016. "Contrasting Concepts within the U.S. and across the African Diaspora: Motherhood Status Reconsidered Comparatively," *Politics, Groups and Identities* 4(2): 325-330.
6. **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Danielle L. McGuire. 2014. "A Tribute to the Women: Rewriting History, Retelling Herstory in Civil Rights," *Politics & Gender* 10(3): 413-431.
7. Simien, Evelyn M. 2013. "African American Public Opinion: Past, Present, and Future Research," *Politics, Groups and Identities* 1(2): 263-274.
8. Simien, Evelyn M. 2009. "Clinton and Obama: The Impact of Race and Sex on the 2008 Democratic Presidential Primaries," In *Winning the Presidency 2008*, edited by William J. Crotty. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers.
9. Alexander-Floyd, Nikol G., and **Evelyn M. Simien**. 2009. "Revisiting 'What's in a Name?': Exploring the Contours of Africana Womanist Thought." In *Still Brave: The Evolution of Black Women's Studies*, edited by Stanlie M. James, Frances Smith-Foster, and Beverly Guy-Sheftall. New York: The Feminist Press.
10. Simien, Evelyn M. 2007. "Doing Intersectionality Research: From Conceptual Issues to Practical Examples." *Politics & Gender* 3(2): 36-43.
11. Simien, Evelyn M. 2007. "A Black Gender Gap? Continuity and Change in Black Feminist Attitudes," In *African American Perspectives on Political Science*, edited by Wilbur Rich. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.
12. Simien, Evelyn M. 2007. "Black Feminist Theory: Charting a Course for Black Women's Studies in Political Science." In *Speaking Our Minds: Black Women's Intellectual Traditions*, edited by Kristin Waters and Carol B. Conaway. Lebanon, New Hampshire: University of Vermont Press.
13. Alexander-Floyd, Nikol G., and **Evelyn M. Simien**. 2006. "Revisiting 'What's in a Name?': Exploring the Contours of Africana Womanist Thought." *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies* 27(1): 67-89.
14. Simien, Evelyn M. 2005. "Race, Gender, and Linked Fate." *Journal of Black Studies* 35(5): 529-550.
15. Simien, Evelyn M. 2004. "Black Feminist Theory: Charting a Course for Black Women's Studies in Political Science." *Women & Politics* 26(2): 81-93.
16. Simien, Evelyn M. 2004. "Gender Differences in Attitudes toward Black Feminism among African Americans." *Political Science Quarterly* 119(2): 315-338.
17. **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Rosalee A. Clawson. 2004. "The Intersection of Race and Gender: An Examination of Black Feminist Consciousness, Race Consciousness, and Policy Attitudes." *Social Science Quarterly* 85(3): 793-810.
18. Simien, Evelyn M. 2003. "Black Leadership and Civil Rights: Transforming the Curriculum, Inspiring Student Activism." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 36(4): 747-750.
19. Simien, Evelyn M. 2002. "On the Market: Strategies for the Successful Job Candidate." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 35(3): 581-583.

Other Publications

1. Simien, Evelyn M. 2020. "COVID-19, and the Strong Black Woman," *Gender Policy Report*, June 9.
2. Simien, Evelyn M. 2018. "Lynching Memorial Shows that Women Were Victims, too," *The Conversation*, April 23.
3. Simien, Evelyn M. 2017. "How Obama's Presidential Campaign Changed How Americans View Black Candidates," *The Conversation*, Feb 7.
4. Simien, Evelyn M. 2016. "African American Women Could Be Decisive on Super Tuesday," *The Conversation*, Feb 26.

Book Reviews

1. *Pursuing Intersectionality, Unsettling Dominant Imaginaries*, by Vivian M. May, in *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 42(Winter 2017): 569-572.
2. *Sisters in the Statehouse: Black Women and Legislative Decision Making*, by Nadia E. Brown, in *National Political Science Review*, (Winter 2015), 17(1): 126-128.
3. *The Changing Face of Representation: The Gender of U.S. Senators and Constituent Communications*, by Kim L. Fridkin and Patrick J. Kenney, in *Perspectives on Politics*, (September 2015), 13(3): 868-869.
4. *Concordance: Black Lawmaking in the U.S. Congress from Carter to Obama*, by Katherine Tate, in *Perspectives on Politics*, (December 2014), 12(4): 20-22.
5. *Barack Obama's America: How New Conceptions of Race, Family, and Religion Ended the Reagan Era*, by John Kenneth White, in *Political Science Quarterly*, (Summer 2010), 125 (2): 336-337.
6. *Affirmative Advocacy: Race, Class, and Gender in Interest Group Politics*, by Dara Z. Strolovitch, in *Perspectives on Politics*, (September 2009), 7(3): 633-634.
7. *Gender and the Civil Rights Movement*, edited by Peter Ling and Sharon Monteith, in *Politics and Gender*, (March 2005), 1(1): 192-196.
8. *The Political Consequences of Being a Woman: How Stereotypes Influence the Conduct and Consequences of Political Campaigns*, by Kim F. Kahn, in *Social Science Quarterly*, (September 1999), 80(3): 616-17.

AWARDS**Research**

2011	Best paper by Faculty Member, Northeastern Political Science Association
2001	Jewel Prestage Best Paper Award, Southwest Political Science Association
2001	Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award, American Political Science Association
1999	Joan Shorenstein Center Research Award, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Teaching

2007	Teaching Promise Award, American Association of University Professors, UConn-Chapter
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2006	Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Service	
2017	Faculty Member of the Year, NAACP, UConn-Undergraduate Chapter
2006	Women of Color Award, Women's Center, University of Connecticut
2000	Outstanding Leadership Award, Office of Minority Programs for the Graduate School, Purdue University
2000	H.H. Remmers Award, African American Studies and Research Center, Purdue University
1998	Howard G. McCall Award, Black Cultural Center, Purdue University
1997	H.H. Remmers Award, African American Studies and Research Center, Purdue University
1996	Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award, Xavier University of Louisiana
1996	Louis Israel Award, Xavier University of Louisiana
1994-1998	Ellen Knowles Harcourt Scholarship, Alfred Harcourt Foundation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses

Black Feminist Theory and Politics

Special Topics in American Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Africana Studies

Black Feminist Politics

African American Politics

Black Leadership and Civil Rights

Women and the Civil Rights Movement

Introduction to American Political Processes

American Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics

Historic Firsts in US Elections

Advising

Ph.D. Committee: Major Advisor

- In progress** Carolyn Conway
- 2017** Danielle Wong, Current Position: Senior Director, Revenue Analytics & Enablement at Data Robot

Ph.D. Committee: Member

- In progress** Brooks Kirchgassner
- In progress** Luis Beltran-Alvarez
- 2014** Sarah Cote Hampson, Current Position: Assistant Professor, University of Washington-Tacoma
- 2014** Jamie Huff, Current Position: Assistant Professor, Bridgewater State University

Ph.D. Committee: Member (outside political science)

- In progress** Ajhanai Newton, Educational Leadership
- In progress** Brittney Yancy, History
- 2009** Tom Volscho, Sociology, Current Position: Associate Professor, College of Staten Island- CUNY

MA Committee: Major Advisor

- In progress** Pheobe Ploof

MA Committee: Member

- 2018** Andrew Cain, Current Position: Administrative Assistant, Department of Political Science, George Washington University
- 2015** Tim Bussey, Current Position: Assistant Director, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Kenyon College

Honors Thesis Advisor

- 2019** Leann McLaren, Current position: Doctoral student in Political Science at Duke University, and one of only four UConn undergraduates to receive the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, and the only one in the social science category from UConn.
- 2018** Megan Handau, Current position: Legislative Assistant, Office of US House Representative, Jahana Hayes (D-CT)
- 2018** Sydney Carr, Current position: Doctoral Student in Political Science at the University of Michigan, and one of only six UConn undergraduates to receive the NSF Graduate Research

Fellowship, and the only one in the social science category from UConn.

2005 Ira Steinberg, Current position: Business and Commercial Litigator, and graduate of University of Los Angeles- School of Law

Independent Studies (Undergraduate)

2020 Aden Abbateamarco, Political Science

2020 Mason Holland, Political Science

2017 Kylisha Mora, Political Science

2016 Sydney Carr, Political Science

2009 Caresse Spencer, Journalism

Independent Studies (Graduate)

2020 Dae-Zhane Boland, Public Health

2020 Ajhanai Newton, Educational Leadership

2007 Maura Kelly, Sociology

2006 Felicia Griffin-Fennell, Psychology

2006 Brittney Yancy, History

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor

2010-2015 *Polity*

Editorial Boards

2021- *Journal of Politics*

2020- *Polity*

2019- *National Review of Black Politics*

2018- *Politics & Gender*

2008- *Ralph Bunch Journal of Public Affairs*

Ad Hoc Reviews

Grant and Fellowship Applications

2021 Ford Foundation Fellowship, Social Science Panel

- 2016** American Political Science Association small research grant program
- 2016** Time Sharing Experiments for Social Sciences
- 2014** Ford Foundation Fellowship, Social Science Panel

Tenure and Promotion Cases

University of Illinois; University of Maryland; Texas Southern University; University of Arkansas; University of Florida; Oxford College of Emory University; University of Tennessee

Book Manuscripts

Cambridge University Press; Routledge Press; CQ Press; New York University Press; Palgrave/Macmillan; Oxford University Press; University of Illinois Press; Springer; State University of New York Press

Refereed Journals

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Feminist Formations; American Political Science Review; Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change; Political Science Quarterly; Meridians: Feminism, Race, and Transnationalism; Public Opinion Quarterly; National Women's Studies Association Journal; Social Science Quarterly; Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy; Political Research Quarterly; American Journal of Political Science; Sociological Forum; Journal of African American Studies; Politics and Gender; DuBois Review: Social Science Research on Race; National Political Science Review; Gender, Work, and Organization; Gender & Society; The Sociological Quarterly; Comparative Political Studies; Race and Social Problems; Political Behavior; Gender & Society; Social Currents; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Politics, Groups and Identities; Journal of Feminist Scholarship; National Review of Black Politics

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

International Society of Political Psychology

- 2020** Section Chair, Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Religion

National Conference of Black Political Scientists

- 2015-2016** Chair, Rodney Higgins, Best Faculty Paper Award Committee

American Political Science Association

- 2020-** Member, Presidential Task Force on Systemic Inequality
- 2016-2018** Member, Executive Council for Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section
- 2013-2015** Member, Executive Council
- 2013-2015** Member, Administrative Committee
- 2012-2015** Member, Committee for Organized Sections
- 2008** Member, Best Book Award Committee for Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section
- 2007** Member, Best Dissertation Award Committee for Women and Politics Section

National Women's Studies Association

2009-2012 Member, Selection Committee, Women of Color Leadership Project

Southern Political Science Association

2010 Section Chair, Women and Politics

2008 President, Women's Caucus

2007 Vice President, Women's Caucus

2006 Secretary, Women's Caucus

2006 Member, Best Paper Award Committee for women and politics

2005 Member, Best Paper Award Committee for women and politics

Western Political Science Association

2008 Section Chair, Women and Politics

Southwest Political Science Association

2005 Section Chair, Gender and Politics

(Selected) University Service, University of Connecticut

2020- Ad Hoc Reviewer, Office of Vice Provost for Research, Research Excellence Program

2019- Faculty Advisor, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Undergraduate Chapter

2018- Member, Faculty Review Board for Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment (PTR), Office of the Provost

2017-2019 Member, Student Welfare Committee

2017-2018 Member, Research Advisory Council (RAC)

2016-2019 Member, University Senate, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2016-2017 Member, Negotiations Team, American Association of University Professors (AAUP), UConn Chapter

2015-2016 Speaker, Faculty Representatives Assembly, American Association of University Professors (AAUP), UConn Chapter

2015-2016 Faculty Representative, Department of Political Science, American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Representatives Assembly, UConn Chapter

2013-2015 Faculty Advisor, Sankofa, Africana Studies Club

2011-2012 Member, Executive Council, Institutes for Africana Studies, Asian American Studies, Puerto Rican/Latino Studies, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

2011-2013 Member, Provost's Commission on Institutional Diversity

2010-2013	Member, Committee on Committees, Dean's Advisory Board, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
2008-2009	Faculty Advisor, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
2007-2008	Member, Office of Undergraduate Research Advisory Board, Honors Program
2002-	Member, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Advisory Board
2002-2007	Member, Undergraduate Affairs Committee
2002-2003	Faculty Representative for Political Science, Courses and Curriculum Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
2001-2020	Member, Africana Studies Institute Advisory Board

(Selected) Departmental Service

2019-2020	Co-Chair, Promotion, Tenure, and Retention (PTR) Committee
2017-	Member, Promotion, Tenure, and Retention (PTR) Committee
2018	Chair, Merit Committee
2016-2017	Member, Department Head's Advisory Committee
2015-2016	Member, Graduate Admissions Committee
2013-2014	Member, Vision Committee
2012-2014	Subfield Chair, American politics
2012-2013	Chair, Mega Search Committee
2011-2012	Member, American Politics Search Committee
2010-2012	Member, Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics Committee
2009-2010	Member, Assessment Committee
2008	Member, Graduate Admissions Committee
2008	Member, Merit Working Group
2005	Member, Department Head's Advisory Committee
2005	Member, Latino Politics Search Committee
2004	Co-Chair, African American Politics Search Committee

(Selected) Invited Presentations and Lectures

2020	Invited Presenter Racial Justice Initiative Pitzer College <i>The Rainbow Wave and the 2020 Election</i>
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- 2020** Invited Presenter
Leadership Alliance Summer Research Program
Brown University
Career Development Workshop
- 2020** Invited Presenter
Global Center for Advanced Studies and GCAS College
Thénac, France
Revolt in America Series
- 2019** Invited Presenter
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Polarization Symposium, "Hate in Historical Perspective"
- 2019** Invited Presenter
University of Kentucky
Black Women in Politics Symposium
- 2017** Invited Keynote
Wheaton College
MLK Legacy Celebration
- 2017** Ida B. Wells Lecture Series
Africana Studies Program
Villanova University
Affect and Collective Action: Civil Rights and Lessons Learned
- 2017** Invited Presenter
African American Diaspora Studies Program
Vanderbilt University
Black Feminist Methods and Methodologies Symposium
- 2017** Invited Lecture
Political Science Department
Louisiana State University
Historic Firsts: How Symbolic Empowerment Changes US Politics
- 2016** Invited Lecture
African American Studies Program
University of Houston
Historic Firsts: How Symbolic Empowerment Changes US Politics
- 2016** Invited Lecture
Political Science Department
College of the Holy Cross
Race, Ethnic Identity, and Activism in Presidential Elections
- 2016** Invited Presenter
Gender and Sexuality Studies Department
University of California, Irvine
Scandal in Real Time: Black Women, Politics, and Oral History
- 2016** Invited Presenter
Africana Studies Center
John Hopkins University
The Black Studies Idea: Towards a Scholarship of Indictment

- 2016** Invited Lecture
Political Science Department, Women's Studies, and Black Studies Programs
Providence College
Historic Firsts: How Symbolic Empowerment Changes US Politics
- 2016** Invited Lecture
Political Science Department
Trinity College
Historic Firsts: How Symbolic Empowerment Changes US Politics
- 2016** Invited Lecture
Political Science, and Africana Studies Departments
Brown University
Historic Firsts: How Symbolic Empowerment Changes US Politics
- 2016** Invited Lecture
Political Science Department
Ohio State University
Historic Firsts: How Symbolic Empowerment Changes US Politics
- 2015** Invited Keynote
Speicher-Rubin Women's Center for Equity and Diversity
New Jersey City University
Women's Herstory Month
- 2015** Invited Lecture
Political Science, African American Studies, and Communications
Pennsylvania State University
Historic Firsts: How Symbolic Empowerment Changes US Politics
- 2011** Invited Lecture
African American Studies
Wesleyan University
Intersectionality and the 2008 Presidential Election
- 2011** Suzi Oppenheimer '56 Lecture
Government Department
Connecticut College
The Intersection of Race and Gender in American Elections
- 2010** Invited Presenter
Women's Studies Department
University of Maryland, College Park
Black Women's Studies at 25+ symposium
- 2009** Invited Presenter
Center for Race and Ethnicity, Institute for Research on Women,
and History Department
Rutgers University
Black Women in the Ivory Tower: Research and Praxis
- 2009** Invited Lecture
Women's and Gender Studies
University of Missouri
Black Women's Studies in Political Science

- 2009** Invited Lecture
McNair Scholars Program
Indiana State University
Career Development Workshop
- 2008** Carter G. Woodson Lecture Series
African American Studies Program
Central Connecticut State University
Clinton versus Obama: the 2008 Democratic Primaries
- 2007** Invited Presenter
Worcester State College
Black Women's Studies in Political Science
- 2007** Invited Lecture
Center for Student Leadership and Service
Xavier University of Louisiana
Black Leadership and Civil Rights
- 2007** Banners Lecture Series
McNeese State University
Black Feminist Voices in Politics
- 2004** Invited Lecture
Political Science Department
Texas A&M University
Black Feminist Voices in Politics
- 2003** Invited Lecture
Political Science Department
Louisiana State University
Black Feminist Voices in Politics
- 2002** Invited Lecture
Political Science Department
University of Mississippi
Black Feminist Voices in Politics

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (Lifetime)
National Conference of Black Political Scientists (Lifetime)