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Education

University of California at Irvine, Irvine, California
PhD in Political Science (June 2016)

University of California at Irvine, Irvine, California
Master of Arts in Political Science (December 2011)

University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, California
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Magna Cum Laude (May 2006)

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Politics Department and Comparative American Studies, Oberlin College
(Fall 2016-present)

Faculty Associate, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University (Fall 2015-
Spring 2016)

Faculty Associate, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University (Fall
2014-Spring 2015)

Research and Teaching Interests

American Politics, U.S. Congress, American Presidency, Race and Ethnic Politics, Political
Representation, American Political Parties

Publications

Jennifer R. Garcia and Christopher T. Stout. 2022. "The Empowering Effects of Racial
Messaging: The Link between Racial Outreach, Descriptive Representation and Black Political
Mobilization." *Political Communications* 39(5): 589-606.

Jennifer R. Garcia and Christopher T. Stout. 2020. "Responding to Racial Resentment How
Racial Resentment Influences Legislative Behavior." *Political Research Quarterly* 73(4): 805-
118.

*Winner of the 2017 Best Paper on Blacks and Politics from the Western Political Science Association

Matthew N. Beckmann, Neilan S. Chaturvedi and Jennifer R. Garcia. 2017. "Targeting the Treatment: The Logic Behind Lyndon Johnson's Lobbying." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 42, 2: 211-234.

Jennifer R. Garcia and Bernard Grofman. 2015. "Using Spanish Surname Ratios to Estimate Proportion Hispanic in California Cities." *Social Science Quarterly* 96, 5:1511-1527.

Christopher T. Stout and Jennifer R. Garcia. 2014. "The Big Tent Effect: Descriptive Candidates and Black and Latino Political Partisanship." *American Politics Research* 43, 2: 205-231.

Bernard Grofman and Jennifer R. Garcia. 2014. "Using Spanish Surname to Estimate Hispanic Voting Population in Voting Rights Litigation: A Model of Context Effects Using Bayes Theorem." *Election Law Journal* 13, 3: 375-393.

Jennifer R. Garcia and Katherine Tate. 2013. "Race, Ethnicity, and Politics: Controversies and New Directions." In Raymond La Raja, ed. *New Directions in American Politics*. New York: Routledge Press.

Christopher Stout, Kristine Coulter and Jennifer R. Garcia. 2013. "Underrepresented: Descriptive Representation and Political Interest of African Americans and Women in the 2008 Election." *Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs* 3, 1: Article 7.

Other Academic Publications

Garcia, Jennifer R. "Book Review of *No Longer Outsiders: Black and Latino Interest Group Advocacy on Capitol Hill* by Michael D. Minta." *Political Studies Quarterly* 137(4): 809-813.

Public Scholarship

Garcia, Jennifer R., Christopher T. Stout and Katherine Tate. "In a first, House Democrats elected a Black leader. Here's what that means." *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*. 30 November 2022.

Stout, Christopher T. and Jennifer R. Garcia. "Mia Love is Right. The loss of Black Republicans in Congress really could hurt the party with Black voters." *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*. 11 December 2018.

Works in Progress

Jennifer R. Garcia, Christopher T. Stout and Katherine Tate. *Black Voices in the Halls of Power: Race and Rhetorical Representation*. Book Manuscript Under Review: *Cambridge University Press*.

Jennifer R. Garcia. "Diversity and Deliberations: How the Growing Presence of Black Legislators Enhances Black Substantive Representation." Under Review: *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* (Revise and Resubmit).

Jennifer R. Garcia. “Strategic Legislative Advocacy: How Linked Fate Shapes Black Legislative Behavior in the U.S. Congress.” Under Review: *National Review of Black Politics* (Revise and Resubmit).

Jennifer R. Garcia, Karra McCray Gibson, Amber Mackey, Christopher T. Stout, and Katherine Tate. “Does Descriptive Representation Matter More Now Than in the Past? A Reexamination of *Black Faces in the Mirror* in a Most-Racial Era.” Invited for Special Issue *Flowers for the Founders: A Contemporary Revisiting of Canonical Black Scholarship in Politics, Groups and Identities* (Revise and Resubmit).

Maneesh Arora, Jennifer R. Garcia, Christopher T. Stout, and Katherine Tate. “Race, Age, and Support for the Congressional Black Caucus.” Under Review.

Jennifer R. Garcia, Danielle Casarez Lemi, and Christopher T. Stout. “Skin Tone, Descriptive Representation and Substantive Representation.”

Jennifer Garcia, David Forrest and Maneesh Arora. “The New Racial Campaign Attack: How Attacks Painting Candidates as Racially Conservative Decrease Electoral Support and What Candidates Can Do About It.”

LaGina Gause, Jennifer R. Garcia and Christopher T. Stout. “U.S. Legislators’ Public Responses to the 2017 Travel Ban.”

Fellowships and Awards

Russel Sage Foundation. Research Grant Recipient. With Co-PI Dr. LaGina Gause (UC San Diego). \$75,000

Internal Grant for Student Research Assistance. Oberlin College. Summer and Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall and Spring 2021.

Frederick R. Longman Fellowship. Oberlin College. Junior Faculty Research Leave Spring 2020 and Fall 2020.

Peltason Fellow. University of California, Irvine Center for the Study of Democracy. May 2015.

Congressional Research Grant. The Dirksen Congressional Center. April 2015. \$3300

Graduate Student Research Grant. University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science. Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Summer 2013.

James N. Danziger Award for Teaching Excellence. University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science. Spring 2013.

Summer Fellowship. University of California, Irvine Center for the Study of Democracy. Summer 2014, Summer 2013, Summer 2012, Summer 2011, Summer 2010, Summer 2009.

Fellowship. University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science. Spring 2013, Fall 2010, Fall 2008.

Summer Research Grant. University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science. Summer 2012.

Faculty-Graduate Student Matching Research Grant (with Katherine Tate). University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science. Summer 2012.

John A. Garcia Award. Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). Summer 2011.

David Easton Award (for the best graduate student Qualifying Paper in the University of California, Irvine Department of Political Science during the previous academic year). 2011.

Conference Presentations

“Out With the Old, In With the New? Age, Race and Support for the Congressional Black Caucus vs. Black Lives Matter.” To be presented at the 2024 WPSA Annual Conference. Vancouver, BC. March 2024. (with Christopher T. Stout and Maneesh Arora).

“The Highs and the Lows: How Descriptive Representatives Engage in Racial Rhetorical Representation Differently.” Virtually presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2023. (with Christopher T. Stout and Katherine Tate).

“Protest in Congress: A Strategy of Disadvantaged Legislators for When Institutional Tactics Fail.” Virtually presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2023. (with LaGina Gause and Alison Boehmer).

“U.S. Legislators’ Public Responses to the 2017 Travel Ban.” Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.” August 2019. (with LaGina Gause and Christopher T. Stout).

“Time to Speak: Descriptive Representation and the Issuing of Press Releases Around Racial and Non-Racial Events.” Presented at 2019 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. April 2019 (with Christopher Stout and Neil Chaturvedi).

“Substantive Empowerment: The Link between Descriptive Representation, Substantive Representation and Black Political Participation.” Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 2018 (with Christopher Stout).

“Responding to Racial Resentment: How Racial Resentment Shapes the Rhetoric of Members of Congress.” Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. April 2018 (with Christopher Stout).

“Racism and Policymaking: How Racial Resentment Shapes Legislative Behavior in the U.S. Congress.” Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. April 2017 (with Christopher Stout).

“Black Legislative Strategies: The Persistence of Floor Advocacy.” Presented at the Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity. University of Washington. March 2017.

“Black Legislative Strategies: The Persistence of Floor Advocacy.” Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association. September 2016.

“African American Voices in Congress: Floor Advocacy as a Legislative Strategy.” Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. April 2015.

“Do Elephant’s Have Coattails? Black Republican Candidates and Voting Behavior Down Ballot.” Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2013 (with Christopher Stout)

“Targeting the Treatment: The Logic Behind Lyndon Johnson’s Lobbying.” Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2013 (with Matthew N. Beckmann and Neilan S. Chaturvedi).

“Do Elephant’s Have Coattails? Black Republican Candidates and Voting Behavior Down Ballot.” Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. March 2013 (with Christopher Stout).

“Broken Social Contracts or Political Motivations? Uncovering the Discourse Behind Fifteen Years of (Ex)-Felon Voting Reform.” Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. March 2013 (with Sierra Powell and Bernard Grofman).

Teaching Experience

Oberlin College

American Democracy in Crisis? (Spring 2024)

Senior Seminar: Race in Congress (Fall 2023; Fall 2021; Spring 2021; Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017)

Studies in Electoral Politics (Spring 2024; Fall 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2017)

American Presidency and Power (Fall 2023; Spring 2023; Fall 2021; Summer 2021; Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2016)

U.S. Congressional Politics and Legislative Strategies (Fall 2023; Spring 2023; Summer 2021; Fall 2018, Fall 2017; Fall 2016)

Racial Politics in the Post-Obama Era (Fall 2017)

Arizona State University, Tempe

American Political Parties (Fall 2015)

Political Representation (Fall 2015)

Arizona State University, West

Voting and Elections (Spring 2015)

Current Issues in American Politics: Political Polarization in the U.S. Congress (Spring 2015)

Public Opinion (Fall 2014)

University of California, Irvine (Instructor)

U.S. Congress, Upper-Division Writing Course (Summer 2014; Summer 2013)

Research Training

Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Ann Arbor, MI. Summer 2011.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse, NY. Summer 2010.

Service

Oberlin College

Member. Institutional Review Board. Spring 2023- present.

Member. Committee on Environmental Sustainability. Fall 2021.

Member. Presidential Initiative on Racial Equity and Diversity. Fall 2020-Spring 2022.

Member. Fellowship Committee: Truman Scholar. Fall 2018-Spring 2019; Fall 2021; Fall 2023-Spring 2024.

Community

Presenter. *Race, Ethnicity and American Politics*. Three Lecture Series for “Life Long Learning at Kendal.” In Oberlin, OH. February 2024.

Professional

Associate Editor. *Political Research Quarterly*. Beginning July 2022.

Section Co-Chair. Legislative Studies Section for the 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Member. Political Research Quarterly Best Paper Award Committee in 2023.

Invited Panelist. “Reflections from Women in REP on their Paths in Legislative Studies.” 2nd Annual Women in Legislative Studies Conference. Brown University. October 26-27, 2023.

Newsletter Editor. Race and Ethnic Politics Section of American Political Science Association. 2022-2023.

Member. Leon Weaver Award Committee for the Best Paper in the Representation and Electoral System Section in 2019. APSA 2020.

Member. Jewell-Lowenberg Prize Committee for the Best Article Published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2018. APSA 2019.

Chair of Undergraduate Research Poster Session. Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. 2019.

Reviewer For: *American Political Science Review* (3) *American Journal of Political Science* (1),
Politics, Groups, and Identities (3), *American Politics Research* (1), *Political Research*
Quarterly (4), *Congress and the Presidency* (1)