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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Doctor of Philosophy., Political Science, 2020 (expected)

Dissertation: “Black Politics in Peru and Ecuador, 1980-2016”

Committee: Michael Dawson (chair), Michael Albertus and Tianna Paschel

Subfields: Comparative Politics, American Politics and Methodology

Master of Arts, Political Science, 2009 (Thesis: “Theorizing Afro-Latino Social Movements: The Peruvian Case”)

Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton, NJ

Master of Public Affairs, Development Studies (*Qualified with Distinction*), 2007

(Junior Summer Institute—Public Policy and International Affairs, 2003)

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Arts, (*summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*) International Studies & Spanish (minors in Economics and Political Science), 2004

Study abroad at:

Universidad de Sevilla, Sevilla, Spain (2002-2003)

Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Santiago, Dominican Republic
(Summer 2001)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

External

- National Conference of Black Political Scientists Student (NCOBPS) Founders Symposium (2013)
- TIAA-CREF Ruth Simms Hamilton Fellowship (2011-2012)
- US Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship (FLAS/Title VI) (2009-2010; Portuguese)
- US Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Fellowship (FLAS/Title VI) (2009; Portuguese)
- Ford Foundation National Academies Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention (2008, 2009)
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Minority Fellow (2007)
- Senator J. William Fulbright (IIE) U.S. Student Fellowship (2004-2005; Peru)
- Terrence L. Todman Foreign Service Book Award (2004)
- Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellowship (2003)

Internal

University of Chicago

- Social Science Division Research Grant (2015)
- Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Academic Support Grant (2008, 2014)
- Social Sciences Division Summer Research Grant (2013)
- Center for Latin American Studies Summer Research Grant (2009, 2010)
- Tinker Summer Research Grant (2008)
- Social Sciences Fellowship (2007-2012)

Princeton University

- Sir Arthur Lewis Summer Fellowship (2006)

Morehouse College

- Charles E. Merrill Study Abroad Scholar (2002-2003)
- Presidential Scholarship (2000-2004)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

Eshe Lewis and John Thomas III. 2019. “Me Gritaron Negra”: The emergence and development of the Afro-descendant women’s movement in Peru (1980-2015). *Journal of International Women's Studies*, 20(8), 18-39.

Conference Proceedings

John Thomas III. Forthcoming. “Interpretando el ser político afroperuano a través del Censo 2017.” In *Los Afrodescendientes en las Américas: 200 años de Vida Republicana, Ciudadanías Incompletas*. Lima: CEDET, Centro de Desarrollo Étnico.

John Thomas III. 2013. “Etnicidad y nacionalismo en estados multiétnicos desde la perspectiva negra en América Latina.” In *Presencia y persistencia: paradigmas culturales de los afrodescendiente*, Caja negra; eds. Lilia Mayorga Balcázar and Margarita Ramírez Mazzetti. Lima: Centro de Desarrollo Étnicos - CEDET.

John Thomas III. 2010. “El movimiento hacia los derechos civiles de la población afrodescendiente en los Estados Unidos.” In *La libertad inconclusa: entorno a la esclavitud, su abolición y los derechos civiles*, Serie Caja negra; ed. CEDET. Lima: CEDET, Centro de Desarrollo Étnico.

Non peer-reviewed

John Thomas III. 2020. “Reflexiones sobre el coronavirus y la diáspora africana: lo que sabemos y lo que podemos imaginar.” *D’Cimarron*, 5. Retrieved 28 April 2020, from <http://dcimarron.org/index.php/politica/29-seccion-politica-d-cimarron-5/151-reflexiones-sobre-el-coronavirus-y-la-diaspora-africana-lo-que-sabemos-y-lo-que-podemos-imaginar>.

John Thomas III 2011. *Diagnóstico del Contexto de las poblaciones afroperuanas*. Inter-American Development Bank: Washington, DC.

John Thomas III. 2010. "Forging Links: An Analysis of the Relationship Between Black and Latino/Hispanic Theology" in *AME Review*, Vol. CXXVI, No. 417, pp. 83-100

WORKING PAPERS:

John Thomas III "Public Policy and Black Politics in Peru and Ecuador, 1980-2016"

John Thomas III "The 2017 Census and the Afro-Peruvian Population: Points of Departure"

John Thomas III. "La evolución del Movimiento Negro Francisco Congo: una perspectiva teórica."

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

"Las elecciones 2016 y el pueblo afroestadounidense: algunas reflexiones". Presented at the Coloquio Universitario of the Universidad Técnica Luis Vargas Torres, Esmeraldas, Ecuador (November 2016).

"Theorizing Afro-Latino Social Movements: The Peruvian Case". Presented at the Chicago State University Social Science Colloquium, Chicago, Illinois (April 2009)

"Stony the Road We Trod: Reflections on African American History", Universidad de Lima Teachers Seminar, Lima, Peru (February 2007)

"Afro-Peruvian NGOs", US Embassy Briefing, Lima, Peru, (February 2007)

"Cousins: African descendants in Peru and the United States", Peruvian-American Institute of Cultural Affairs (Black History Month keynote address), Lima, Peru (February 2007)

"African-Americans and Afro-Latinos", The African Diaspora in Chile, Latina America and the Caribbean UNESCO Seminar, Arica, Chile (September 2004)

"Don't tire: The African-American Civil Rights Movement in the United States", First Seminar on Slavery in Latin America and the Caribbean, Lima, Peru (August 2004)

Conference Presentations

"Me Gritaron Negra: The emergence and development of the Afro-descendant women's movement in Peru." Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain (May 2017).

“Me Gritaron Negra: The emergence and development of the Afro-descendant women’s movement in Peru.” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico (May 2015).

“Evolution and Progress of the Afro-Peruvian Social Movement”. Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2015)

“Theorizing Afro-Latino Social Movements: The Peruvian Case”. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois (April 2010)

Panelist, “Afro-Peruvians and Human Rights”, CEDET Book Conference, Lima (August 2008)

Organizer, “First Afro-descendent Legislative Empowerment Workshop”, La Ceiba, Honduras (March 2007)

Attendee, First Afro-Peruvian Congress, Lima Peru (November 27-December 1, 2004)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago

Teaching Consultant

Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Engaged in classroom observation and assessment of student learning by conducting Individual Teaching Consultations and Mid-Course Reviews for other graduate student teachers.

Preceptor (Instructor)

BA Seminar in Public Policy

Fall 2014-Spring 2015

12 seniors in the Public Policy Program with various majors in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. Selected Responsibilities included:

- Teaching a semester-length course on research methods and thesis.
- Supervising the writing process from topic selection to final drafts.
- Helping to organize a one-day undergraduate research symposium where students from my section were grouped into panels and presented their work with students from sections in the Public Policy Program.

Teaching Assistant

Economics and Public Policy (Jim Leitzel)

Spring 2014

122 undergraduate students enrolled, ranging from freshman to juniors in the Public Policy Program with various majors in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences.

- Graded problem sets, short papers and exams.

Attentat! Modern Theories of Political Violence (Bernard Silberman)

Winter 2013

60 undergraduate students enrolled, ranging from sophomores to seniors with various majors in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences.

- Served as Lead Teaching Assistant to organize the division of labor of grading and compiling course grades for review from other Teaching Assistants.

Organizations, Ideology and Political Change (Bernard Silberman)

Autumn 2011

74 undergraduate students enrolled, ranging from sophomores to seniors with various majors in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences.

- Graded short papers and exams.

To Hell With The Enlightenment (Bernard Silberman)

Winter 2010

30 undergraduate students enrolled, ranging from sophomores to seniors with various majors in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences.

- Graded short papers and exams.

Introduction to International Relations (Charles Lipson)

Fall 2010, 2012 and 2013

50 undergraduate students per section ranging from freshman to juniors with various majors in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. In 2012, I was assigned two sections. Selected responsibilities included:

- Leading weekly sections reviewing material from the lectures and expanding on concepts introduced in the readings.
- Designing and grading the mid-term and final exams.
- Holding a review session at the end of the quarter to help students prepare for the final exam.

Chicago State University

Lecturer

Independent Study in Political Science

Spring 2009, Fall 2009, 2010 and 2012

5 students ranging from freshman to seniors with various majors in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. Selected responsibilities included:

- Designing and leading the entire course including a selection of weekly readings.
- Designing and grading various weekly assignments and the final course project.
- Accompanying students as Assistant Coach to represent the institution at academic competitions throughout the United States including the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge.

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

University of Chicago, Chicago Center for Teaching. Chicago, IL
College Teaching Certificate (Spring 2019)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Christian Recorder, Nashville, Tennessee

Editor

August 2016-present

- Authored periodic editorials on issues of concern to the constituency of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and its broader community
- Directed the content, layout and tone of the monthly publication in conjunction with AME Church Publishing House

The World Methodist Council, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

August 2011-August 2016

Coordinator of Youth and Young Adults

- Constructed global Youth and Young Adult Methodist network connecting national and regional youth and young adult organizations in 132 countries
- Implemented youth and young adult programs as planned by the Council's Youth and Young Adult Committee including: "Methodist Campaign against Human Trafficking" and the "International Methodist Young Leaders Seminar"
- Administered WMC website and implemented social media communication strategy

The Inter-American Development Bank, Lima, Peru

September 2010-March 2011

Short-term consultant contracted to conduct a survey of Afro-Peruvian Communities and Organizations

- Conducted research, interviews, and spent one month in Lima to meet with Afro-Peruvian community leaders, development professionals, and governmental officials
- Drafted a comprehensive report in Spanish and English for agency-wide and academic use

The Millennium Challenge Corporation, Princeton, NJ and Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Fall 2006

Member of eight-person workshop examining the administrative capacity of recipient government Project Implementation Units (PIU) and agencies during the implementation of their compacts in Honduras, Cape Verde, Georgia and Armenia

Implementation Units (PIU) and agencies during the implementation of their compacts in Honduras, Cape Verde, Georgia and Armenia

- Conducted research, interviews, and spent one week in Tegucigalpa, Honduras to meet with senior MCC-Honduras staff, government officials in the Ministry of Finance, USAID and Inter-American Bank of Development officials, and non-governmental leaders.
- Recommended guidelines for the improvement of administrative capacity for existing MCC PIUs as well as metrics for evaluating administrative capacity for prospective MCC compact countries

The World Bank, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Short-Term No Fee Consultant

Summer 2006

- Designed the Terms of Reference for the Mid-Term Evaluation of the \$62 million World Bank-financed Early Childhood Development (ECD) Project in the Dominican Republic to be jointly conducted with the World Bank and the Dominican government in Spring 2007
- Interviewed senior National Police Officials and conducted statistical data compilation and analysis for the Dominican Republic section of the World Bank's Caribbean Youth and Violence Study

Centro de Desarrollo Étnico, Lima, Peru

Grassroots organization for Afro-Peruvian advocacy and engagement in the Peruvian political system

Intern

2004-2005

- Researched prospective donors and translated project proposals from Spanish to English, creating to the creation of a databank used by members of the Afro-Peruvian forum
- Conducted a series of seminars for Makungu youth group addressing African history and cultural identity in the African Diaspora

African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Washington, DC

Missionary (Dominican Republic)

Summer 2002

Consultant to Bishop of the 16th Episcopal District (Dominican Republic)

2004-2009

- Performed bilateral translation of pertinent church documents in Spanish and English providing increased information interchange and assisting in the creation of the first AME Pastor's guide in Spanish (150 pages)
- Set up a Committee to Translate the 2008 *Book of Discipline of the AME Church* with a completion date of December 2009
- Assisted in planning an instructional visit by the Bishop of the 16th District through coordinating hotel and lodging logistics between in-country Church personnel as well as translating an instructional agenda for 3000 members distributed in 6 teaching sites across the country

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Web Manager, Section on Race, Ethnicity and Politics of the American Political Science Society (APSA) (2012-2018)
- Panelist, Graduate Student Orientation, University of Chicago Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (2009)
- Assistant Coach, Chicago State University Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Academic Team (2009-10; 2012)
- General Co-Chair, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School Action Committee (WWAC) (2006-2007)
- Co-Chair, Evaluations Committee, Student/Alumni of Color Symposium, Woodrow Wilson School (2005)
- Assistant Editor, *Journal of Public and International Affairs* (JPIA) (2005-2006)

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish. Advanced Portuguese proficiency.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association (Comparative Politics and Race, Ethnicity and Politics Sections)
- Latin American Studies Association (Ethnicity, Race and Indigenous Peoples Section and Peru Sections)
- National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- Associated Church Press (Board Member, 2019-present)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- Peru (1 year, 8 months)
- Ecuador (6 months)
- Chile (3 weeks)

REFERENCES

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