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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of Mississippi, 2014
Subfields: American Politics and International Relations
- M.A. Political Science, University of Mississippi, 2013
Subfields: American Politics and International Relations
- M.A. Political Science, Jackson State University, 2010
Subfields: African American Politics and Political Theory
- B.A. Political Science, Mississippi Valley State University, 2008
Magna Cum Laude
- B.A. English Literature, Mississippi Valley State University, 2008
Magna Cum Laude

ADMINISTRATIVE / ELECTED APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 - PRESENT Director of African and African American Studies
Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, TN
- 2020 – 2023 Director of Africana Studies
DePauw University, Greencastle, IN
- 2023 - PRESENT 42ND President, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- 2022 - 2023 President-Elect, National Conference of Black Political Scientists

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

SEWANEE, THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE, TN
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- 2023 - PRESENT Associate Professor of Politics and African and African American Studies
Joint Appointment, Department of Politics
African and African American Studies Program

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IN
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2021- 2023 Associate Professor of Political Science and Africana Studies (Tenured)
Joint Appointment, Department of Political Science and Africana Studies
Larz A. Whitcomb Endowed Faculty Fellow (2022-2025)

2016 – 2021 Assistant Professor, Africana Studies
Affiliated Faculty, Political Science and Peace & Conflict Studies

2015 – 2016 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CLARKSDALE, MS

2010 – 2015 Instructor, Department of Political Science

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY, ITTA BENA, MS

2015 - 2019 Adjunct Professor of Political Science
Department of Social Sciences

2008 – 2019 Summer Developmental Studies Instructor

Leflore County School District, Greenwood, MS

2012 - 2012 Director of Public Relations
(January.-June)

2008 - 2010 English Teacher

PUBLICATIONS

Research Articles

Riley, Emmitt, and Peterson, Clarissa. 2020. Black Lives Matter: Assessing the Role of Racial Resentment in Feelings towards Black Lives Matter. *National Review of Black Politics* 1(4): 496-515. <https://doi.org/10.1525/nrbp.2020.1.4.496>.

Riley, Emmitt and Peterson, Clarissa. 2019. Economic Anxiety or Racial Predispositions? Explaining White Support for Donald Trump. *Journal of Race & Policy* 14: (1) 5-24. https://scholarship.depauw.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1000&context=politicalscience_facpubs.

Riley, Emmitt, and Peterson, Clarissa. 2019. Explaining the Impact of Black Political Representation on Racial Resentment in Majority Black Congressional Districts. *Journal of Black Studies* 50: (7) 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0021934719871179>.

Under Review

Benegal, Salil, and Riley, Emmitt. Understanding vaccine hesitancy across racialized demographics in the United States.

Riley, Emmitt, and Peterson, Clarissa. How Hot is the FIRE: How do Racial Attitudes and Hostile Sexism Affect Evaluations of Vice President Kamala Harris among Whites?'

Books

Peterson, Clarissa, and Riley, Emmitt. (2022). *Racial Attitudes in America Today: One Nation, Still Divided*. Routledge.

The Politics of Anti-Blackness in a Multiracial Democracy. (Manuscript in Progress).

Mississippi Goddamn: The Constraints of Black Political Representation in the Mississippi Delta. (Manuscript in Progress).

Book Chapters

Riley, Emmitt. Examining the Impact of *Shelby County v. Holder* on Voting Rights in Mississippi. (In Progress).

Riley, Emmitt, Morrison, K.C. Jones, Yolanda. 2023. African American Female Mayors in the Mississippi Delta in *Black Girl Political Magic: Elections and Governance*. Edited by Sharon W. Austin. Forthcoming

Riley, Emmitt. 2020. For the Culture: Explaining the Electoral Success of African American Incumbents in *From Slavery to Liberation: The African American Experience*. Edited by Joshua D. Farrington, Gwendolyn Graham, and Normal Powel.

Peterson, Clarissa, and Riley, Emmitt. 2017. The Great Divider: President Obama's Influence on Trust in Government and Racial Attitudes in *How the Obama Presidency Changed the Political Landscape*. Edited by Larry J. Walker, F. Erik Brooks, and Ramon Goings.

Book Review(s)

A Review of Christopher D. Desante and Candis Watts Smith. (2020). *Racial Stasis: The Millennial Generation and the Stagnation of Racial Attitudes in American Politics*. University of Chicago Press. Chicago. IL. *National Review of Black Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1525/nrbp.2021.2.3-4.227>

Encyclopedia Entries

Riley, Emmitt. The Southern Strategy. *African Americans in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of African Americans as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*. ABC-CLIO Greenwood-Forthcoming.

Riley, Emmitt. Cynthia McKinney. *African Americans in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of African Americans as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*. ABC-CLIO Greenwood- Forthcoming.

Working Papers

Riley, Emmitt. “Racial Attitudes and Police Reform: When Black Lives Don’t Matter.”

Riley, Emmitt, and Peterson, Clarissa. “Minority Legislators, Majority Views: Race, Partisanship, and Congressional Job Approval.”

Riley, Emmitt. “The Making of a Millennial Mayor: Heather McTeer and Political Incorporation in Greenville, Mississippi.”

Reports

Riley, Emmitt. The Black Battle Ground Report. *Community Change*. (2021)

Opinion Pieces

Serve the Warrant: Mississippi Leaders Must Demand Justice for Emmett Till. *Mississippi Free Press*. July 11, 2022.

The Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 on Black Mississippians. *Mississippi Free Press*. April 22, 2020

Trump Presidency Shows 'Whiteness' Protects 'Whiteness' at All Costs. *Jackson Free Press*. February 24, 2020.

Trump’s White House is a step backward in racial progress. *The Hill*. December 2, 2016.

Editor’s Column on MVSU Flawed. *Greenwood Commonwealth*. September 8, 2013.

Greenwood's Mayor's Race: The Politics of Difference. *Greenwood Commonwealth*. June 12, 2009.

COURSES TAUGHT

- AFST 183 Race in Post-Apartheid South Africa
- AFST 197 Black Lives Matter: Race Resistance and Political Protest
- AFST 100 Introduction to Africana Studies
- AFST 290 Identity Politics
- POLS 110 American National Government

- POLS 315 Legislative Process
- POSL 323 Politics of Race and Ethnicity in American Politics
- POLS 234 Black Politics
- UNLV Henrietta Lacks Ethical Implications of Race and Law in the U.S.

Conference Presentations

- 2022 “How Hot is the FIRE: How do Racial Attitudes and Hostile Sexism Affect Evaluations of Vice President Kamala Harris among Whites?” Prepared for Presentation at the 2022 American Political Science Association Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 14-18.
- 2022 “How Race and Gender Shapes Evaluations of Kamala Harris” Atlanta Network for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics.” Emory and Clark Atlanta Universities. Atlanta, Georgia. June 7-9.
- 2022 “Racial Attitudes Among Hispanics and Asians: A Clash of American and Racial Identity.” Presented at the 2022 National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting. Virtual. March 11-15.
- 2020 “Minority Legislators, Majority Views: Race, Partisanship, and Congressional Job Approval.” Presented at the 2020 National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. March 11-15.
- 2019 “Black and Blue: How Racial Attitudes and Ideology Impact Feelings Towards Black Lives Matters.” Presented at the 2019 National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. March 13-27.
- 2017 “Economic Anxiety or Racial Predispositions? Explaining White Support for Donald Trump.” Presented at the Association for the Study of Worldwide African Diaspora Bi-Annual Meeting. Seville, Spain. November 7-11.
- 2017 "Economic Anxiety or Racial Predispositions? White Support for Donald Trump and the Remaking of White Nationalisms in the Era of Obama." National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting. San Diego, California. March 15-18. (Preliminary 2016 ANES Data)
- 2016 “The Last Imagery of Dixie: Explaining Support for the Confederate Flag in the Age of Obama.” Proposal National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting. Jackson, Mississippi. March 16-20. Brittany L. Gray.

- 2016 “The Great Divider: President Obama's Influence on Racial Attitudes” Southern Association of Political Science. San Juan, Puerto Rico. January 7-10.
- 2015 “Revisiting the Informational Theory: Black Representation and White Racial Resentment.” National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. March 15-17.
- 2014 “Race, Gender, and Legislative Politics in the Mississippi State Legislature: Examining the 2010 Legislative Behavior of Minority Legislators.” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Wilmington, Delaware. March 25-27.
- 2013 “The Ambiguous Promise of a Post Racial Society: Racial Resentment, Partisanship, and the 2008 Presidential Election.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois. April 15-18.
- 2013 “Symbolic Racism and White Voters: The Case of Obama.” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, Illinois. March 12-15.
- 2012 “Southern Politics in State and Nation: The Hunt for Racial Threat in the Age of Obama.” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Las Vegas, Nevada. March 22-26.
- 2010 “Racial Threat or Simply Racial Polarization: An Analysis of the 2008 Democratic Presidential Primary.” Presented at the 2010 G.E. Hendricks Symposium on Racial Inequality at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska. February 19-22.
- 2008 “Protecting Affirmative Action in Higher Education Admission Policy: A Need for Federal Legislation.” Presented at the 2008 Mississippi Political Science Association, Jackson, Mississippi. January 9-10.

ROUNDTABLES/ PANELS/ SECTIONS

- 2023 American Political Science Association Plenary: Professional Development. Presented at the 2023 National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting. Virtual. March 8-11.
- 2023 “Vice President’s Roundtable: Navigating the Academy: Lessons from Publishing, Tenure, and Promotion.” Presented at the 2023 National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting. Virtual. March 8-11.
- 2022 Chair. Vice President's Plenary: The Role and Responsibilities of the Black College to the Black Community. Presented at the 2022 National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting. Virtual. March 11-15.

- 2021 Chair/Discussant: Race and Democracy in a Post-Trump America. National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 11-15
- 2021 Chair/Discussant: Black Women Lead: Congressional Representation, Advocacy, and Platforms. National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 11-15
- 2021 Author Meets Critics: *Re-Imagining Black Women: A Critique of Post Feminists and Post Racial Melodrama in Culture and Politics* by Nikol Alexander-Floyd. National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference. March 11-16.
- 2021 Roundtable—Black Female Mayors and COVID-19 Responses. Chair: Valerie Johnson, DePaul University. Panelists: Shiela Harmon-Martin, University of the District of Columbia, Emmitt Y. Riley, DePauw University, James L. Taylor, and Linda M. Trautman National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference. March 11-16.
- 2020 Chair Roundtable: Teaching the Politics of Race at Predominantly White Institutions: Challenges and Best Practices. Panelists: Clarissa Peterson, Valerie C. Johnson, and Nyron Crawford. National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, Georgia. March 11-15.
- 2019 Chair Roundtable: Analyzing the 2018 Midterm Elections, Gender, Black Politics, and Progressive Politics. Panelists: Bown-Dean, Khalilah; Williams, Stephanie; Riley Emmitt; Burge Camille; Price, Melanye; Whitt, Christopher M. 2019 National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. March 13-17.
- 2019 Co-Chair. Undergraduate Research for the 2019 National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Meeting, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. March 13-17.
- 2018 Roundtable: The Politics of Faculty Diversity and Tenure. Panelists: Randolph Burnside, Evelyn Siemen, Clarissa Peterson, and Sharron W. Austin. Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Chicago, Illinois. March 14-18.
- 2017 Co-Chair. “Black Politics in State and Local Political Institutions.” Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. San Diego, California, March 15-18.
- 2017 Discussant. “Race and Politics.” Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. San Diego, California, March 15-18.
- 2016 Chair and Discussant. "Social Movements, Disaster Policy, and Violence." Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Jackson, Mississippi, March 17-21.

- 2015 Participant, "Student of Color Leadership Conference." Great Lakes Colleges Association. Hope College, Holland, Michigan, November 13-14.
- 2015 Discussant, "Dynamic Representation," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 16-19.
- 2015 Discussant, "Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Poster." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 16-19.
- 2015 Discussant, "Civic Organizing and Political Activism." Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Southern Region Convention, Orlando, Florida, March 19-22.

TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2022 GLCA BIPOC Leadership Conference. June 27-29. Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2022 Division Chairs. Council of Independent Colleges. June 5-7. Phoenix, AZ.
- 2019 Speech Workshop Certification
- 2018 Writing Workshop Certification
- 2018 Quantitative Reasoning Certification
- 2018 48th Annual Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Meeting. Washington D.C. September 12-16
- 2016 First-Year Seminar Writing Workshop
- 2016 Power, Privilege, and Diversity
- 2016 "Reacting to the Past Faculty Institute" 16th Annual Institute. Columbia University – Barnard College, New York, New York. June 9-12,
- 2015 "Race in the 21st Century." Midwest Faculty Seminar. The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, November 5-7.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2023 Freedom of Expression. Faculty Development. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. February 23.

- 2022 How the Pandemic has Magnified Disparities in Healthcare. Alumni College. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. February 25.
- 2021 Moderator. Cultural Legacies of the Great Migration: A Symposium. English Department. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. February 25.
- 2021 “Breaking down Bias and Building Community.” Panelist with Dr. Lori S. White. Day of Dialogue DePauw University, Greencastle, IN. February 24.
- 2019 “Code-Switching.” Panel. Posse Program. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. October 7.
- 2019 “Analyzing Black Klansman.” Panel. Prindle Institute. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. February 20.
- 2018 “Re-Conceptualizing White Nationalism in the Era of Donald Trump.” Faculty Development Artistic Forum. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. February 7.
- 2017 “The History of the Confederate Flag.” Putnam County Public Library. Panelist with Robert Dewey, John Dittmer, and Sarah Rowley. October 10.
- 2016 "2016 Election Night Analysis." DePauw T.V. DePauw University, November 8, 2016.
- 2016 “Implicit Bias and Race” Delta Upsilon Fraternity. DePauw University. Greencastle, Indiana, November 18.
- 2016 “Unpacking School Daze.” Pi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. DePauw University. Greencastle, Indiana. November 20.
- 2016 “Black Lives Matter, Technology, and the 2016 Presidential Election.” STAL Speaker Series. DePauw University. Greencastle, Indiana. November 15.
- 2016 “Lock Her Up: Gender, Race, Class and the 2016 Presidential Election." WGSS, Africana Studies, Latin American/ Caribbean Studies, and the Women's Center. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. October 4.
- 2016 “The Ethical Implications of the Water Crisis in Flint Michigan.” Prindle Institute for Ethics. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. March 9.
- 2015 “The State of the 2016 Election: Candidates, Race, and Rhetoric.” Prindle Institute for Ethics. DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. November 17.

OFF-CAMPUS TALKS

- 2023 Race, Place, & Political Economy: Healthcare in the MS Delta. Emory University.
- 2022 Black History Convocation Speaker. Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama. Feb. 24.
- 2021 Black Lives Matter and American Politics. Department of International Relations Tsinghua University, Beijing, China. July 13.
- 2021 “Striving for Black Excellence: Black Faculty and Staff 50th Anniversary.” Panelist. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL. Feb. 4.
- 2021 “Global Connections: Understanding the Link between Oppression in South Africa and Racial Oppression in the United States.” Global Lecture Series. Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi. Feb. 11.
- 2020 “The 2020 Presidential Election: Black Politics, Democracy, and the Quest for Black Liberation.” The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Chattanooga, Tennessee. November 19.
- 2019 “Analyzing Annie’s Ghost and the Politics of Mental Health” Colleges of Graduate Studies. Mississippi Valley State University. Itta Bena, Mississippi. October 15.
- 2017 “Voter Suppression in Black in White.” Social Science Department. Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi. March 23.
- 2015 “Henrietta Lacks...The Unsung Heroine of Medicine: Bioethics, Informed Consent, and the Exploitation of Hela Cells.” Bioinformatics Department. Mississippi Valley State University. Itta Bena, Mississippi. March 18.
- 2014 “Dream, Believe, and Achieve.” MVSU Upward Bound Program. Mississippi Valley State University. Itta Bena, Mississippi. June 18.
- 2014 “Charter Schools: The Politics of Education in the Mississippi Delta.” MVSU Department of Rural Public Policy and Planning. Mississippi Valley State University. Itta Bena, Mississippi. February 12.
- 2013 “Effective Leadership: The Art of Delegation.” Talented Tenth Leadership Institute. Mississippi Valley State University. Itta Bena, Mississippi. August 13.
- 2013 “Welcome to the Academy.” University College. Summer Developmental Studies Orientation. Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi. June 1.
- 2013 "The Road to Academic Success." Summer Developmental Studies Conference: Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning. Jackson State University. Jackson, Mississippi. February 24,

2013. “African-American Male Empowerment through Higher Education.” Talented Tenth Institute. Mississippi Valley State University. Itta Bena, Mississippi. January 20.
- 2013 “Clarksdale, Mississippi: Civil Rights through Local Eyes.” Moderator Coahoma Community College Black History Committee. Clarksdale, Mississippi. February 21, 2013.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 - 2025 Larz A. Whitcomb Faculty Fellowship
- 2021 Faculty Member of the Year, DePauw University
- 2021 G. Bromley Oxnam Award for Service, DePauw University
- 2020 Top 40 Under 40, Mississippi Valley State University
- 2020 Fannie Lou Hamer Outstanding Community Service Award (NCOBPS)
- 2018 Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year Award (NCOBPS)
- 2015 Top 30 Under 40, Greenwood Commonwealth.

GRANTS

- 2023 The Impact of Predatory Lending Policies on Black Communities in the Mississippi Delta. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. \$361,000. Funded
- 2019 Asher Fund Undergraduate Research Grant \$10,000
- 2018 Asher Fund Undergraduate Research Grant \$6,000.
- 2017 GLCA- Global Connections Grant, \$26,000. **Research in Australia*

CONSULTATIONS

- 2021-2022 CROWD Redistricting Mentor, Southern Coalition for Social Justice 2021 Redistricting Cycle, Cartography. Assigned to Louisiana.
- 2021 Curriculum Design Consultant, Advanced Placement College Board, African American Studies Curriculum

2021

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Curriculum Reviewer, Edmentum, Inc.
American Government and U.S. History

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Africana Studies Program

Program Director, 2020-2023

Africana Studies Steering Committee (2016-2023)

Student Theses Committees

Kayla Thompson, Chair

Sarah Fears (Africana Studies)

Ashley Curpil (Africana Studies)

K. Anderson (Africana Studies)

DiJon Thomas (Africana Studies)

Mary Reising (Sociology)

Black History Program Committee and Program Organizer

Political Science Department

Departmental Personnel Committee

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Capacity Building Group, 2023

GLCA BIPOC Leadership Council, 2021-2023

Leadership Minor Development, 2022

Summer Working Group, Three School Model, 2021

University Leadership Team, 2021- 2023

Personnel, Policy, and Review Committee, 2021- 2023

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Search Committee, 2021

Chief Diversity Officer Search Committee, 2019

Community Standards Council, 2017

Resource Allocations Committee, 2017- 2019

DePauw 2.0. Day of Dialogue Committee, 2015

Advisor, Association of African American Students, 2016-2021

Association of African American Students House Task Force, 2017

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Advisory Board, Mississippi Free Press, 2020-Present

Chairman of Public Policy & Political Action Committee, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, 2009 – 2015

Housing Authority Commissioner, Itta Bena, Mississippi, 2013-2015

Member, National Commission on Racial Justice, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, 2013 – 2014

Debate Moderator “2011 Political Debate” Greenwood Community League, Greenwood, Mississippi.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

National Conference of Black Political Scientists

- President, 2022-Present
- Vice President, 2021-2023
- Secretary, 2016 – 2021

Awards Committee Chair (2021-2023)

- Best Faculty Paper
- Book Award
- Best Student Paper
- Best Student LGBTQ Paper
- Best Political Theory Paper
- Teacher of the Year
- Service Award
- Student Leadership Award
- HBCU/No Student Left Behind Initiative

2020-Present, Black Politics Speaker Series

2021, Curriculum Reviewer, Inc., (*U.S. History and American Government*)

2020, Reviewer, *Oxford University Press*.

2016 Reviewer, *Journal of Political Science*

2018 Reviewer, *National Political Science Review*

2011, College Board. Advanced Placement Reader, (*U.S. Politics and Government*)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association, 2008- Present

Midwest Political Science Association, 2008-Present

National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2010- Present

Southern Political Science Association, 2015-Present

Association for the Study of Worldwide African Diaspora, 2017- Present

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., 2006-Present

Mississippi Association of Developmental Education, 2012- 2015

REFERENCES

Clarissa Peterson, Ph.D.
Professor of Political Science, DePauw University
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Michelle D. Deardorff, PhD.
Professor and Department Head, Political Science, Public Administration, and Non-Profit
Management. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
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Depaul University
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