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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2023-2025  
*Postdoctoral Fellow*  
Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity

## EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2023  
*Ph.D. in Government*  
Dissertation: "The Punishing State: Punishment, Social Control, and Social Services in North Carolina."  
Robert Noxon Toppan prize for the best dissertation upon a subject of political science, Harvard University Department of Government.  
Honorable Mention, APSA Race and Ethnic Politics Section.

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL 2022  
*Master of Legal Studies*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2016  
*B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy*

Durham Technical Community College, Durham, NC 2014  
*Credit towards the A.A.*

Borough of Manhattan Community College, NY 2013  
*Credit towards the A.A.*

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Books**

*Deadly Justice: A Statistical Portrait of the Death Penalty*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018. (Frank R. Baumgartner, Marty Davidson, Kaneesha R. Johnson, Arvind Krishnamurthy, and Colin P. Wilson).

### **Published Articles**

Racism and Policing. (Spencer Piston, Aryssa Harris, Selma Hedlund, Kaneesha R. Johnson, Erin Tatz, and Chas Walker). Forthcoming at *Annual Review of Political Science*.

Disproportionate Criminal justice Contact: A System Working as Designed? *The Journal of the Center for Policy Analysis and Research*. 3 (2024). (Marty A. Davidson II, Kaneesha R. Johnson, Frank R. Baumgartner).

Two Regimes of Prison Data Collection. *Harvard Data Science Review*. 3.3 (2021). (Kaneesha R. Johnson).

Road safety for whom? South Carolina's proposed left lane traffic enforcement bill could perpetuate existing racial/ethnic public health disparities. *Journal of Transport & Health*. 20 (2021). (Jamaji C Nwanaji-Enwerem, Onyemaechi Nwanaji-Enwerem, & Kaneesha R. Johnson).

Mass Incarceration and U.S. Politics. *Oxford University Press: Oxford Bibliographies*. (2017). (Kaneesha R. Johnson and Ariel White).

The Geographic Distribution of US Executions. *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy* 11, 1&2 (2016): 1-33. (Frank R. Baumgartner, Woody Gram, Kaneesha R. Johnson, Arvind Krishnamurthy, and Colin P. Wilson).

### **Book Chapters**

The Intellectual Benefits of Diversity: How Political Science Suffers from Its Lack of Diversity, and How It Can Do Better. *Oxford Handbook of Engaged Methodological Pluralism in Political Science*. 1 (2024). (Christopher J. Clark, Ray Block Jr, Kaneesha R. Johnson, Michael Minta, Frank R. Baumgartner).

### **Reports**

#AssaultAtSpringValley: The Legacy of Lynching in School Policing. *Report Released with Advancement Project and Alliance for Educational Justice*. (Tyler Whittenberg and Kaneesha R. Johnson). Forthcoming.

### **Popular Writing**

America's Failed Efforts to Reform the Death Penalty. *SSN Key Findings*. February 2018. (Frank R. Baumgartner, Marty A. Davidson, Kaneesha R. Johnson, Arvind Krishnamurthy, and Colin Wilson).

Frank Baumgartner and Kaneesha Johnson. "Arkansas Plans to Execute 7 Men in 11 Days. They're Likely to Botch one". *The Washington Post, Monkey Cage*. (2017).

Frank Baumgartner, Kaneesha Johnson, and Emily Williams. "Americans are Turning Against the Death Penalty. Are Politicians Far Behind?". *The Washington Post, Monkey Cage*. (2015).

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Working as Intended: Race, Class, Gender and the Law*. Under advanced contract with The University of Chicago Press; target for submission: Winter 2024. (Frank R. Baumgartner, Marty A. Davidson II, and Kaneesha R. Johnson).

(Re)Counting Violence in Southern Schools. (Kaneesha R. Johnson and Tyler Whittenberg).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Social Identity, Law Enforcement Capacity, and Criminal Justice Contact. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, Aug 31-Sept 3, 2023. (Marty A. Davidson II, Kaneesha R. Johnson, and Frank R. Baumgartner).

The Making of a Punitive State: Punishment in North Carolina's Public Services. Paper presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> conference on the future of adversarial and inquisitorial systems. University of Bologna, Italy, May 17, 2023.

Discriminatory Intent in the Creation of the North Carolina Traffic Code. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, Chicago IL, Apr 13-16, 2023. (Kaneesha R. Johnson, Frank R. Baumgartner, and Marty A. Davidson II).

Public Safety and Police Traffic Stops. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, Montreal Canada, Sept 15-18, 2022. (Derek A. Epp, Frank R. Baumgartner, Marty A. Davidson, II, Michael Fliss, Kaneesha R. Johnson, and Kelsey Shoub).

Finding Legislative Intent when Criminal Justice Outcome Show Racially Disparate Impact. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings. Chicago, IL, Apr 7-10, 2022. (Kaneesha R. Johnson, Frank R. Baumgartner, and Marty A. Davidson II).

Social Identity and Criminal Justice Contact. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings. Chicago, IL, Apr 7-10, 2022. (Marty A. Davidson II, Frank R. Baumgartner, and Kaneesha R. Johnson).

*Advancing Racial Justice in Political Science*. Panelist at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle WA, Sept 30-Oct 3, 2021.

Cumulative Punishment: The Carceral State Expanded. Paper presentation of dissertation at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle WA, Sept 30-Oct 3, 2021.

Locked up But Not Locked Out: Activism in United States Prisons. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Sept 11, 2020.

Carceral Connections: The Rise and Fall of the Prison Press. Paper presented at the annual SIGCIS meeting, Milan Italy, Oct 27, 2019.

Fight the Power: Contact with the Carceral State and Subsequent Voting in Bull City. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., Aug 29-Sept 1, 2019.

Author meets critics panel on Deadly Justice: A Statistical Portrait of the Death Penalty. Panelist at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Nov 15-18 2017.

Geographic Disparities in US Capital Punishment. Paper presented at the *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy* Spring 2016 Symposium: Death Penalty in America Post-Glossip, Durham, NC, Feb 19, 2016. (Frank R. Baumgartner, Woody Gram, Kaneesha R. Johnson, Arvind Krishnamurthy, and Colin Wilson).

Contextual Punishment: Explaining Prison Entry Rates in North Carolina Counties. Presented at the annual American Political Science Association, San Francisco, Sept 3-6, 2017, and at the Emerging Scholars Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Nov 13, 2015.

## **INVITED TALKS**

The Making of a Punishing State. *Research Café*. UNC Post Doctoral Association. March 2024.

Disproportionate Criminal Justice Contact: A System Working as Designed? Paper presented at the JCPAR virtual release event. Feb 27, 2024. (Kaneesha R. Johnson, Frank R. Baumgartner, and Marty Davidson).

(Un)limited Access: Representation and Resistance in the Face of Restriction. *MURAP Conference*. UNC-Chapel Hill. Keynote Speaker. July 2023.

*MURAP Conference*. UNC-Chapel Hill. Featured speaker. July 2022.

*Political Science 248: Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Social Justice*. UNC-Chapel Hill. Guest speaker. Oct 2021.

(Re)Imagining the Political Power of Incarcerated People. Presentation on a panel for *5 Big Ideas in Inequality: Harvard Kennedy School*. Oct 2020.

Surviving Society podcast. The USA Election Reflection with Kaneesha Johnson: Disenfranchisement, prison & voting. Oct 2020.

*A Discussion on Black Lives, Protest, and Democracy*. Panelist. Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center. June 2020. (Rhea Boyd, Kaneesha Johnson, Leah Wright Rigueur, Meghan Ming Francis).

*Emerson Prison Initiative Panel at the Teach-in on Race*. Panelist. Emerson College. Oct 2019. (Arthur Bembury, Michael Cox, Kaneesha Johnson, Mneesha Gellman).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Instructor. Dept. of Political Science. POLI 290: Special Topics in Political Science. Summer Session 1 2024.

### **Harvard University**

Instructor. Dept. of Government. GOV 97: Senior Thesis Advisor. Spring 2022.

Instructor. Dept. of Government. GOV 97: Senior Thesis Advisor. Fall 2021.

Instructor. Dept. of Government. GOV 99: Senior Thesis Writers' Seminar. Spring 2021-Fall 2021.

Teaching Fellow. Harvard Kennedy School. Justice in Real Time. Fall 2020.

Teaching Fellow. Dept. of Government. GOV 50: Data. Spring 2020.

Teaching Fellow. Harvard Kennedy School. Justice in Real Time. Fall 2019.

Teaching Fellow. Dept. of Government. Race, Film, and American Politics. Spring 2019.

Teaching Fellow. Harvard Graduate School of Education. EDU T416: Transformative Justice. Spring 2019.

### **Judge J. Connelly Youth Detention Center, Boston MA**

High School Tutor. Fall 2018–Spring 2020.

History and Social Studies Co-Teacher. Spring 2019-Spring 2020.

### **Freedom Summer Collegiate, Sunflower MS**

Summer Instructor. Winning the 2020 Election with Marc Aidinoff. Summer 2020.

Summer Instructor. Power, Politics, and Punishment with Steph Dick. Summer 2019.

Summer Instructor. The Politics of Mass Incarceration and the Death Penalty. Summer 2017.

### **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

Dissertation Honorable Mention. APSA section on Race and Ethnic Politics. 2024.

Robert Noxon Toppan prize, Harvard University Department of Government. Departmental prize for best dissertation. 2023.

On The Books Research Fellowship. University of North Carolina Libraries. Fall 2022-Dec 2023.

Dissertation Research Fellowship, Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Aug 2022-Dec 2022.

Graduate Student Association Peer Mentorship Award, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2021.

Graduate Seed Grant, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University. 2020.

Professional Development Award, Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. 2019.

Weiner Scholar in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School.

APSA Minority Fellow, American Political Science Association Ralph Bunche Fellow, Duke University.

Phi Beta Kappa, UNC-Chapel Hill.

### **CONSULTING & VISITING POSITIONS**

Visiting Scholar, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Aug 2022-June 2023.

Expert Consultant, Arnold and Porter. Dec 2019-June 2020.

Data Researcher, Citizens for Juvenile Justice. Sept 2019-Sept 2021.

Data Analyst for a project on prosecutorial behavior in Texas. Jan 2019-Jan 2020.

Data Researcher, The Justice Collaborative. Jan 2018-June 2018.

### **SERVICE ROLES**

Carolina Covenant Mentor. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Fall 2023- present.

Advisory Board Member. Freedom Summer Collegiate. Nov 2019-present.

Conference Organizer. The William Monroe Trotter Collaborative for Social Justice. Nov 2019.

Member of Department Committees. Harvard University, Department of Government. Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Student Coordinator. American Politics Research Workshop. Fall 2017-2018.

## **REFERENCES**

Professor Stephen Ansolabehere, sda@gov.harvard.edu

Professor Frank Baumgartner, fbaum@email.unc.edu

Professor Spencer Piston, spiston@bu.edu

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