

**VITA**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Political Science (December 1996) University of Florida

Associate Professor in Political Science (Fall 2005-). Northeastern Illinois University.  
Classes taught: American Government; Minority Politics in the U.S.; The Politics of Poverty; The Politics of Minority Economic Development; State Government and Politics; African American Politics and Social Change; Seminar in American Policy-Making Process; Foundations of Africans in the Diaspora.

Postdoctoral Fellow in Black Studies (2001-2003). University of Missouri. Conducting research on colonialism and on black business development. Teaching in Black Studies Program.

Assistant Professor in Political Science (Fall 1997-Spring 2005). Northeastern Illinois University. Classes taught: American Government; Urban Politics; Minority Politics in the U.S.; The Politics of Poverty; The Politics of Minority Economic Development; State Government and Politics; African American Politics and Social Change; and Poverty, Racism, and Sexism in Urban Politics.

Instructor for Minorities and Change (Spring 1997). University of Florida.

Instructor for Cultural Diversity in the U.S. (1996-1997). University of Florida.

Visiting Assistant Professor (1995-1996). East Carolina University. Duties: teaching State and Local Government, and, American National Government. Serving as General College Advisor.

## PUBLICATIONS

*Eternal Colonialism*. Russell Benjamin and Gregory O. Hall (eds). 2010. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America.

. In *Eternal Colonialism*, Russell Benjamin and Gregory O. Hall (eds). Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America.

Col . In *Eternal Colonialism*, Russell Benjamin and Gregory O. Hall (eds). Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America.

With Gregory O. Hall. 2010. In *Eternal Colonialism*, Russell Benjamin and Gregory O. Hall (eds). Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America.

- With Paul Easterling. 2010. Entry in *The Frederick Douglass Encyclopedia* (Greenwood Press). Julius E. Thompson, James L. Conyers, and Nancy J. Dawson, editors.

Fifteenth Amendment. 2010. Entry in *The Frederick Douglass Encyclopedia* (Greenwood Press). Julius E. Thompson, James L. Conyers, and Nancy J. Dawson, editors.

"Aging and Politics: The Case of Indian River County, Florida." 1995. *The Political Chronicle* 7: 8-16.

### **FORTHCOMING**

*African Americans and Recent U.S. Policies Toward the Caribbean: Haiti, Cuba, and Puerto Rico*. Forthcoming with Caribbean Studies Press.

2014. Entry in *African American National Biography Online*. (Oxford University Press.) Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, editors-in-chief.

Sprague, Jeb. 2012. *Paramilitarism and the Assault on Democracy in Haiti*. (Monthly Review Press). Forthcoming book review in *New Political Science*.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*The Politics of Black Commerce: Jacksonville and Daytona Beach, Florida*. Book manuscript.

preparation for submission to a refereed academic journal.

submission to a refereed academic journal.

### **BOOKS REVIEWED**

Conrad, Cecilia A., John Whitehead, Patrick Mason, and James Stewart (eds). 2005. *African Americans in the U.S. Economy* (Rowman & Littlefield). Reviewed in *The Journal of Race and Policy* 2 (2006): 91-94.

Watson, Alan D. 2005. *African Americans in Early North Carolina: A Documentary History* (N.C. Office of Archives and History). Reviewed in *The Journal of the North Carolina Association of Historians* 14 (2006): 118-121.



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Paper presented at the 2010 Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, St. Peter, Barbados, May 24-28.

Paper presented at the 2009 Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Kingston, Jamaica, June 1-5.

Paper presented at the 2008 Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, San Andres Island, Colombia, May 26-30.

the 2004 Annual Fellows Meeting of the Florida Education Fund, Tampa, Florida, November 5-7.

-Cuban American Conflict in Miniature: The Elian Gonzalez Paper presented at the 2004 Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Frigate Bay, St. Kitts, May 31-June 5.

Black Business Politics Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, Illinois March 24-28, 2004.

Annual Fellows Meeting of Florida Education Fund, Tampa, Florida, October 10-12.

presented at the 2003 Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Belize City, Belize, May 25-31.

at the 2003 meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Oakland, California, March 12-15.

resented at the 2002 Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Nassau, Bahamas, May 27-June 1.

presented at the 2002 meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, Georgia, March 6-9.

meeting of the Annual African American and Latino/a American Adult Education Research Symposium, Chicago, Illinois, April 21.

2000 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Galveston, Texas, March 15-18.

Workshop on Issues for Migrant Labor Justice in 2000 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Galveston, Texas, March 15-18.

presented (with Dr. Gregory Hall) at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Washington, D.C., March 8-11, 2000.



## **ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE WORK**

Chair and Organizer of panel at the 2014 Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Merida, Mexico, May 26-03.

Acting Chair of panel at the 2014 Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Merida, Mexico, May 26-30.

at the 2014 Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Merida, Mexico, May 26-30.

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Chair and discussant for panel at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 14-17.

Discussant for Panel on Humanities. 2007 McKnight Doctoral Mid-Year Research and Writing Meeting, Tampa, Florida, February 23-24.

Discussant for Panel on Political Science, Public Policy, and Philosophy. 2006 McKnight Doctoral Mid-Year Research and Writing Conference, Tampa, Florida, March 10-11.

Section Chair for International Relations. Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, Illinois, March 24-28, 2004.

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Section Chair for International Relations. Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Oakland, California, March 12-



"Generations and Political Orientations." Discussant for Panel at the 1996 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Nominee, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship for Minorities (1993).  
Outstanding Achievement at the University of Florida Black Graduate Student Research Forum (1993).  
Outstanding Achievement at the University of Florida Black Graduate Student Research Forum (1991).  
McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, awarded to students in fields with an underrepresentation of minorities (1990-1995).  
1989 Outstanding Young Men of America.  
University of South Carolina Southern Studies Scholarship (1985).

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Chair, Faculty Senate, Northeastern Illinois University (2013-).  
Chair, Faculty Assembly, Northeastern Illinois University (2013-).  
Roundtable Discussion Facilitator,

Member, University of Florida Minority Mentor Program (1993-1995).  
Treasurer, University of Florida Black Graduate Student Organization (1993-1994).  
Member, University of Florida Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee (1989-1991).  
Member, University of Florida Quality of Life Task Force (1989-1991).  
President, University of Florida Black Graduate Student Organization (1989-1991).  
Member, University of Florida Students in Gerontology Association

## **NATIONAL SERVICE**

Chair, Sammy Younge Best Student Paper Award Committee, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (2013-2014).

Vice Chair, McKnight Alumni Association (2011-2013).

Member, Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession, American Political Science Association (2010- 2013).

Division Head, Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year Award Committee, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (2008-2009).

Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion, University of Missouri-St. Louis (2008).

Parliamentarian, McKnight Alumni Association (2005-2007).

Secretary, Organized Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, American Political Science Association (2005-2007).

## **REFERENCES**

Sharon Wright Austin, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Director of African