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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race, Ethnicity and Politics; African American Politics; Urban Politics; Women and Gender Politics; Black Political Behavior; Qualitative & Mixed-Methods Design

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor** (August 2024 - Present)  
The University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Department of African American Studies  
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Political Science

**Research Associate** (August 2023 – Present)  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy

**Anna Julia Cooper Fellow** (August 2023 –August 2024)  
The University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Department of African American Studies  
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Political Science

**Presidential Post-doctoral Fellow** (September 2022)  
Pennsylvania State University  
Department of Political Science  
Affiliate, African American Studies

### EDUCATION

#### Northwestern University

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science (2022)  
Committee: Alvin B. Tillery (Chair), Jennifer C. Nash, Reuel R. Rogers, Tabitha Bonilla  
Fields: American Politics, Research Methods

#### Northwestern University

Master of Arts, Political Science (2019)

**John Jay College of Criminal Justice**, City University of New York  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and African American Studies

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Wright, Andrene (2023). Telling the Tale: Black Women Politicians and their Use of Experiential Rhetoric. *Politics & Gender*, 1-28. doi:10.1017/S1743923X23000077

## BOOK CHAPTERS

**Wright-Johnson, Andrene** and Block Jr. Ray (Forthcoming) “Back to Our Roots: The Need for More Descriptive Research in Black Politics at the Local Level”. *New Directions in Black Political Psychology*. Camille Burge, Christine Slaughter and Jas Sullivan (editors)

**Wright, Andrene** and McNeely, Natasha. (2023) “I’m a Mother First: How Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms’ Intersecting Identities Inform her Criminal Justice Reform Policies” in *Distinct Identities: Minority Women in U.S Politics, Vol.2*. Nadia E. Brown and Sarah Allen Gershon (editors) New York, NY. Routledge

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Bueno-Vasquez, Michelle and **Wright-Johnson, Andrene** (Forthcoming) “The Face of a Movement: Colorism and Racism in the Evaluation of Black Women Leaders” *Center for American Women and Politics*

Wright-Johnson, Andrene (2024) in “Black Women’s Politics Research Spotlight” *Center for American Women and Politics*

Wright, Andrene Z. May 7, 2022. “Black Motherhood Shapes Leadership in Unique Ways” *The Washington Post*

Block Jr. Ray, **Wright, Andrene** and Angelica Powell, Mia. March 6, 2023. “Americans Remain Hopeful about Democracy Despite Fears of its Demise—and are acting on that hope” *The Conversation*

## NON PEER-REVIEWED WRITING

**Wright, Andrene**, Crawford, Claire and Lenear, India. (2023). “The Legacy of Dr. Mae C. King: NCOBPS Founders Symposium, 2023”. A Tributary piece in the *National Review of Black Politics. 1-2*

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

**Wright-Johnson, Andrene** and Block Jr. Ray “Behind and Beside the White Coat: An Analysis of Racially Concordant concern with Discrimination in Health Care” (Under review)

Bueno, Michelle and **Wright, Andrene** “The Face of a Movement: Colorism and Racism in the Evaluations of Black Women Leaders” (In preparation for submission)

**Wright, Andrene** “Saying, Seeing and Believing: A Framing Experiment on Black Voters Support for Black Women Candidates”

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### External

Mae C. King Distinguished Paper Award, Association for the Study of Black Women and Politics (2023)  
Center for American Women and Politics Research Grant (\$10,000), (2021)

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES**

### **American Political Science Association**

Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Early Career Fellowship, (2022)  
Lee Ann Fujii Diversity Fellowship Program Travel Grant (2022)  
Urban and Local Politics Byran Jackson Dissertation Award, (2022)  
American Political Science Association Travel Grant (\$200)  
Minority Fellowship (\$2000), (2018-2019)  
Prestage-Fenno Fund (\$1575) (2018)

### **University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Honored Instructor Award (2024)  
Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education Grant (\$50,000)

### **Northwestern University**

Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy Research Grant (\$2,500) (2020)  
Department of Political Science Conference Grant (\$500) (2019)  
The Graduate School Conference Travel Grant (\$800) (2019)  
Minar Memorial Research Grant (\$600) (2019)  
Minar Bridge Research Grant (\$250) (Spring 2019)  
Research Grant (\$500), The Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy, (2019)  
Minar Memorial Research Grant (\$1000), (2018)  
Northwestern University Graduate Fellowship, (2017-2018)

### **“When They Enter: A Framing Experiment on Black Voters Support for Black Women Candidates”**

Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior (EPOVB) Section of the American Political Science Association (Virtual), September 2023  
Pennsylvania State University, Center for American Political Responsiveness (CAPR), March 2023

### **National Conference of Black Political Scientists Founders Symposium, A Tribute to Mae C. King. Atlanta, March 2023**

### **“When They Enter: Black Women’s Politics in U.S Urban Centers”**

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science, November 2022  
University of Florida, Department of Political Science, November 2022  
University of Indiana-Bloomington, Department of Political Science, December 2022  
University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Department of Political Science, December 2022

### **“Black Women’s Political Behavior”**

Washington University in St. Louis, Department of African & African American Studies, April 2021

### **“Organizing for Gender Justice: Perspectives from Chicago & Jakarta”**

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

The Anti-Violence Against Women Movement Scholars Network, Jakarta Indonesia (Virtual), September 2020

“The Importance of Voice, Values, and Commitment in Graduate School”  
Abbey Stein Memorial Lecture Series, CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice, February 2019

“Townhall: Black Girls, Sexual Violence, and the #MuteRKelly Campaign”  
Victory Gardens Theatre, Chicago, May 2019

Andrene Wright, 2023, “Saying, Seeing and Believing: A Framing Experiment on Black Voters Support for Black Women Candidates”. Presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA. August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 3, 2023

Michelle Bueno Vasquez and Andrene Wright, 2022, “The Face of a Movement: Colorism and Racism in the Evaluation of Black Women Leaders,” will be presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (In-person) Montreal, Quebec, CA, September 12-18, 2022

Michelle Bueno Vasquez and Andrene Wright, 2022 “The Face of a Movement: Colorism and Racism in the Evaluation of Black Women Leaders,” presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Hybrid), Portland, OR, March 10-12, 2022

Andrene Wright, 2021 “Telling the Tale: Black Women’s Use of Experiential Rhetoric,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Virtual), Seattle, WA, September 30- October 2021

Andrene Wright, 2020, “I Haven’t Seen a Politician Yet...”: Exploring Black Women’s Trust in Chicago’s One-Party Democratic Machine and Its Influence on Evaluating Black Women Candidates,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 9-12, 2020

Andrene Wright, 2018, “Race, Power and Policy: The Making of the Mulford Act,” (with Dara Gaines and Justin Zimmerman) presented to the Annual National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL, March 14-17, 2019

Andrene Wright, 2017, “Decoding the Clubhouse: An Intersectional Analysis on Efforts to Engage Girls in STEM” presented to the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9, 2018

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Professor, “Black Political Behavior” (undergraduate) Department of African American Studies (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

Professor, “Black Women’s Political Behavior (undergraduate/graduate) Department of African American Studies (Fall 2024, Spring, 2025)

## **Northwestern University**

Teaching Assistant, “Law in the Political Arena” (undergraduate). Traci Burch, Department of Political Science, April 2020-June 2020

Teaching Assistant, “Designing for Social Change (undergraduate). Danny M. Cohen, School of Education and Social Policy, January 2020-March 2020

Teaching Assistant, “Urban Politics” (undergraduate). Reuel Rogers, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, September 2019-December 2019

Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to American Government (undergraduate). Alvin Tillery, Department of Political Science, March 2019-June 2019

Teaching Assistant, “African American Politics” (undergraduate). Reuel Rogers, Department of Political Science, January 2019-March 2019

Teaching Assistant, “Constitutional Law” (undergraduate). Galya Ben-Arieh, Department of Political Science, September 2018-December 2018

Teaching Assistant, “The Holocaust and Education” (undergraduate). Danny M. Cohen, School of Education and Social Policy, September 2018-December 2018

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Assistant for the Buffet Institute at Northwestern University, Gender Justice and Digital Life Working Group, August 2020-May 2021

Graduate Researcher for Traci R. Burch, Police Threat Assessment, May 2020-September 2020

Graduate Researcher for Traci R. Burch, Legal Debt Survey, September 2019-January 2020

Graduate Researcher for Alvin B. Tillery, Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy, January 2019-March 2019

Research Assistant for Mary C. McGrath, Political Ideology Experiment, January 2018-March 2018

Research Assistant for Alvin B. Tillery, Summer Research Opportunity Program at Northwestern University, June 2016-August 2016

Research Assistant for Alexandra Moffett-Bateau, Department of Political Science, CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice, January 2016-April 2016

Research Assistant for the Vera Institute of Justice, Center on Youth Justice, August 2015-January 2016

<b>ADDITIONAL EDUCATION</b>	<p>Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, June 25 - July 20, 2018.</p>
	<p>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University (Virtual), June 14 – June 25, 2021</p>
<b>SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE</b>	<p>Journal Reviewer, <i>Journal of Women, Politics and Policy</i>    Journal Reviewer, <i>National Review of Black Politics</i>    Journal Reviewer, <i>Politics Groups and Identities</i></p>
<b>SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY</b>	<p><b>University of Wisconsin-Madison</b>    Tom Schick Award Committee (Present)    Teaching and Curriculum Committee (Present)    55<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Symposium Committee (Present)</p>
	<p><b>Northwestern University</b></p>
	<p>Women's Residential College Assistant Chair, Residential Academic Initiatives (September 2020-2022)    ODI Fellow, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, (February 2020-September 2021)    The Graduate School Peer Mentor, Office of Diversity and Inclusion (2018-2019)</p>
<b>AFFILIATIONS &amp; MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<p>American Political Science Association    Southern Political Science Association    National Conference of Black Political Scientists    UnSilence, National Educational Nonprofit 501©(3)</p>
<b>SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY</b>	<p>R Studio, LaTeX, Zotero, Python, NVivo 12, Qualtrics</p>
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	<p>Reuel R. Rogers, Associate Professor    Department of Political Science, Northwestern University    Scott Hall, 601 University Place, Evanston IL, 60208  <a href="mailto:r-rogers@northwestern.edu">r-rogers@northwestern.edu</a></p>
	<p>Jennifer C. Nash, Associate Professor    Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies    112 East Duke Building, Durham NC, 27708  <a href="mailto:jennifer.nash@duke.edu">jennifer.nash@duke.edu</a></p>

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