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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**New York University** New York, NY  
Wagner Graduate School of Public Service  
Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Service, 2023-Present

**Rutgers University – Newark** Newark, NJ  
Department of Political Science  
Associate Professor, 2021-2023  
Assistant Professor, 2016-2021

**Brown University** Providence, RI  
Annenberg Institute for School Reform  
Visiting Scholar, 2018-2020

**Wellesley College** Wellesley, MA  
Department of Political Science  
Visiting Lecturer, 2015-2016

**University of Massachusetts Boston** Boston, MA  
McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, 2014 – 2015

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Political Science, Brown University, 2014 Providence, RI  
M.A. Political Science, Brown University, 2011 Providence, RI  
M.A. Counseling and Educational Psychology, Rhode Island College, 2001 Providence, RI  
B.S. Human Development and Family Studies, University of Rhode Island, 1998 Kingston, RI

**AWARDS & HONORS**

2021. Fulcrum Award. Rutgers University.  
2021. Dominican Studies Institute Research Fellowship. City University of New York.  
2019. Mellon Leadership Fellowship. Rutgers University – Newark.  
2017. Clarence N. Stone Scholar Award. American Political Science Association, Urban Politics Section.

**FIELDS OF INTEREST**

American Politics  
Race and Ethnicity  
Urban Politics  
Education Politics  
Public Policy

## RESEARCH

### **Books**

2023. *Developing Scholars: Race, Politics, and the Pursuit of Higher Education*. Oxford University Press.

2018. *Takeover: Race, Education, and American Democracy*. Oxford University Press.

- Winner of the 2019 W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book of the Year Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- Honorable Mention, Dennis Judd Best Book Award, American Political Science Association, Urban and Local Politics Section
- Reviewed in *American Journal of Education*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *National Review of Black Politics*, and *Perspectives on Politics*.
- Featured in an “Author Meets Critics” panel at 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2018. *Latino Mayors: Power and Political Change in the Postindustrial City*, co-editor with Marion Orr. Temple University Press.

- Reviewed in *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*
- Featured in an “Author Meets Critics” panel at 2019 Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting

### **Articles**

Morel, Domingo, Akira Drake Rodriguez, Mara Sidney, Nakeefa Garay and Adam Straub. 2021. “Measuring and Explaining Stalled Gentrification in Newark, New Jersey: The Role of Racial Politics,” *Urban Affairs Review*.

Matos, Yalidy and Domingo Morel. 2021. “Dominican Political Incorporation in the United States,” *Latino Studies*.

Morel, Domingo. 2021. “How Community Engagement Helped Transform the Union City Public Schools” *Peabody Journal of Education*.

Morel, Domingo and Sally Nuamah. 2020. “Who Governs?: How Shifts in Political Power Shape Perceptions of Local Government Services,” *Urban Affairs Review*, 56(5):1503-1528.

Morel, Domingo. 2016. “The Effects of Centralized Government Authority on Black and Latino Political Empowerment.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 69(2): 347–360.

Morel, Domingo. 2016. “Race and State in the Urban Regime,” *Urban Affairs Review*, 54(3): 490-523.

### **Book Chapters**

2018. “Latino Mayors and the Evolution of Urban Politics,” with Marion Orr. In *Latino Mayors: Power and Political Change in the Postindustrial City*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

2018. “Managing Fiscal Stress in Providence: The Election and Governance of Mayor Angel Taveras,” with Marion Orr and Emily Farris. In *Latino Mayors: Power and Political Change in the Postindustrial City*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

2018. “Latino Mayors and the Politics of the Postindustrial City,” with Marion Orr. In *Latino Mayors: Power and Political Change in the Postindustrial City*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

2016. “Latino Public School Engagement and Political Socialization,” with Marion Orr, Kenneth Wong, and Emily Farris. In *Urban Citizenship and American Democracy: The Historical and Institutional Roots of Local Politics and Policy*, eds Amy Bridges and Michael Javen Fortner. New York: SUNY Press.

2014. “Black and Brown Coalition Formation in New England: Latino Perceptions of Cross-Racial Commonality,” with Marion Orr and Katrina Gamble. In *Latino Politics en Ciencia Política: The Scientific Analysis of*

*Latino Politics in the United States*, eds. Anthony Affigne, Evelyn Hu-DeHart, and Marion Orr. New York: New York University Press.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

2021. Book Review of *Stagnant Dreamers: How the Inner City Shapes the Integration of Second-Generation Latinos*. By María G. Rendón. *Political Science Quarterly*.

2019. Book Review of *Outside Money in School Board Elections: The Nationalization of Education Politics*. By Jeffrey R. Henig, Rebecca Jacobsen, and Sarah Reckhow. *Perspectives on Politics*.

2018. “Latina/o Mayors” in Jessica Lavariega Monforti (ed.), *Latinos in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of Latinos as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*, ABC-CLIO.

2018. “Adriano Espaillat” in Jessica Lavariega Monforti (ed.), *Latinos in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of Latinos as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*, ABC-CLIO.

2018. “Angel Taveras” in Jessica Lavariega Monforti (ed.), *Latinos in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of Latinos as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*, ABC-CLIO.

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

“Public Perceptions of Public Sector Pension Reform,” with Marion Orr and Jonathan Collins. Invited to revise and resubmit.

“Political Science and Education Policy Research: An Overdue Reckoning with Race.” Invited to submit for publication in the *Handbook of Education Policy Research* by the American Educational Research Association.

“Dominican American Politics in the US,” with Yalidy Matos and Michelle Bueno Vasquez.

“Politics of Return to Local Control of Schools in Newark, NJ,” with Lauren Wells.

## **INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

2022. Brown University; Princeton University

2021. University of Chicago; Oregon State University

2020. University of Connecticut; The College of New Jersey; Georgetown University; University of Vermont

2019. Baruch College - The City University of New York; College of William and Mary; Emory University; Harvard University; Michigan State University; New York University; University of Houston; Yale University

2018. Brown University; Princeton University; University of California, Berkeley

2018. Albert Shanker Institute. *The 2018 Elections: What Do They Mean for American Education?*

2017. Rutgers University Law School. “Examining the Systems that Drive Inequity in Public Education and What We Can Do About It.”

2016. Wellesley College. “Minority Voters and the 2016 Presidential Election.”

2016. Boston University. “Anti-Blackness in the Latinx Community.”

2016. Brown University. “Latinas/os and the 2016 Presidential Election.”

2015. Boston University. “The Democratic Party and Black Lives Matter.”

2014. Providence College. "Making the Invisible Visible: Helping Boys of Color Succeed."

2011. University of Rhode Island. "Access to Higher Education: The Talent Development Program."

2009. Brown University. "Responding to "Encountering American Faultlines: Race, Class and the Dominican Experience in Providence."

2008. Rhode Island Foundation. "Rhode Island Latinos, Debunking Myths and Uncovering Truths: Evidence from the New England Latino Survey."

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Dominican Political Elites and the Understudied Aspects of Black and Latino Politics in the U.S." Presented at 2022 Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Online Conference.

"Dominican Political Incorporation in the United States." Presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta GA.

"A Pension is a Promise." Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

"Who Governs?: How Shifts in Political Power Shape Perceptions of Local Government Services." Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Toronto, CA.

"A Pension is a Promise." Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, CA.

Author Meets Critics: Latino Mayors: Power and Political Change in the Postindustrial City. 2019 Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, CA.

"A Pension is a Promise." Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Baton Rouge, LA.

Author Meets Critics: Takeover: Race, Education, and American Democracy. 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

"Power, Public Schools and Political Attitudes in Post-Katrina New Orleans." Education Reform, Communities, and Social Justice: Exploring the Intersections 2018 Research Conference, Rutgers University.

"Power, Public Schools and Political Attitudes in Post-Katrina New Orleans." Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Toronto, Canada.

"Power, Public Schools and Political Attitudes in Post-Katrina New Orleans." Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL.

"Conflict, Conciliation, and Cities' Search for Legitimacy." 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

"Race, Power, and the Intergovernmental Regime." Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, San Diego, CA.

“The Effects of Centralized Government Authority on Black and Latino Political Empowerment.” Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Centralized Authority and Descriptive Representation: Effects of State Takeovers of Local School Districts on Black and Latino Representation.” Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Bringing the State In, or Not: State Intervention and Black and Latino Local Political Empowerment.” Presented at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association San Francisco, CA.

“Do Weak Local Institutions Invite Federal Attention?: Prospects for Education Reform” (with Jennifer Cassidy). Presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.

“Do Weak Local Institutions Invite Federal Attention? Prospects for Education Reform” (with Jennifer Cassidy). Presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Latino Public School Engagement and Political Socialization” (with Emily Farris, Marion Orr and Ken Wong). Presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Latino Political Engagement and Public School Quality” (with Emily Farris, Marion Orr and Ken Wong). Presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.

## **OPINION AND OTHER PUBLIC WRITINGS**

“How public colleges have already backed away from affirmative action,” *Washington Post* (October 2022)

“Afro-Latino politicians could bridge the African American-Latino divide,” with Michelle Bueno Vasquez and Yalidy Matos. *Washington Post* (October 2022)

“As Georgia’s new law shows, when Black people gain local power, states strip that power away,” *Washington Post* (April 2021).

“Education and Democracy in Covid-19 America,” *Social Science Research Council* (June 2020)

“The Made-Up Crisis Behind the State Takeover of Houston’s Public Schools,” *The Conversation* (January 2020)

“Community a Key Component to Fixing Providence Schools,” *Providence Journal* (July 2019)

“State Takeovers of Schools Are About Political Power, Not School Improvement,” *The Conversation* (July 2018).

“Return to local control in Newark schools is good step, but still not enough,” *The Star-Ledger* (September 2017)

“What the Newark Riots Can Teach Us About Education,” *Fortune* (July 2017).

“Race and State in the Urban Regime,” *Urban Affairs Forum* (February 2017).

“Government takeovers of local authorities can mean that some communities are better represented at the expense of others,” *London School of Economics US Centre’s Blog on American Politics and Policy* (April 2016).

“Latinos Transform Latino Politics,” *Providence Journal* (April 2014).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Associate Professor**

New York University – Wagner Graduate School of Public Service  
*Policy Formation and Policy Analysis*

New York, NY

**Associate Professor**

Rutgers University – Newark  
*American National Government*  
*Urban Politics*  
*Policymaking in the American Political System*  
*The Politics of Poverty*

Newark, NJ

**Visiting Lecturer**

Wellesley College  
*The Politics of Inequality in America*  
*American Politics*  
*Urban Politics*

Wellesley, MA

**Visiting Assistant Professor**

University of Massachusetts Boston  
*The New England Political Environment*  
*Political Institutions*

Boston, MA

**Instructor**

Brown University  
*Rhode Island Government and Politics*

Providence, RI

**Teaching Assistant**

Brown University, Political Science Department  
*City Politics*, Professor James Morone (Spring 2014)  
*Education, Inequality, and American Democracy*, Professor Susan Moffitt (Fall 2013)  
*The American Presidency*, Professor Wendy Schiller (Spring 2012)  
*Politics of the Illicit Global Economy*, Professor Peter Andreas (Fall 2011)  
*Introduction to the American Political Process*, Professor Wendy Schiller (Spring 2011)  
*Introduction to Public Policy*, Professor Robin Phinney (Fall 2010)

Providence, RI

**Advising**

Brown University, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor (2013 and 2014)

**MEDIA COMMENTARY**

Associated Press, Basic Black, Bloomberg News, Boston Public Radio (WBGH and WBUR), Chalkbeat, Courier Journal, Detroit Free Press, Houston Chronicle, Latino Public Radio, New York City Public Radio (WNYC), New York Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, Politico, ProPublica, Providence en Español, Providence Journal, Providence Phoenix, Rhode Island Monthly, RI Public Radio, The Atlantic, Washington Post.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
National Conference of Black Political Scientists  
Urban Affairs Association

**POLITICAL / PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**Vice President, Newark Public Library Board of Trustees**

**2019-Present**

**Rhode Island Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University**

**2006-2016**

Co-founder and Co-Chair of Board of Directors of institute committed to generating and communicating non-partisan data of Latinos in Rhode Island

**Rhode Island Latino Civic Fund** 2001-2012  
Past President and Board member of organization created to promote the civic education, registration and political participation of Latinos in the state of Rhode Island

**Rhode Island Latino Political Action Committee** 2001-2012  
Past President and Board member of nonpartisan organization formed to influence the political process in the state of Rhode Island

**Univocal Legislative Minority Advisory Coalition** 2006-2010  
Co-founder of coalition created to introduce and support legislation that addresses the needs of communities of color in Rhode Island

**Latino Dollars for Scholars of R.I** 2000 – 2016  
Past President and current Advisory Board member of non-profit organization which awards scholarships to Latino students from Rhode Island pursuing a higher education

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**University of Rhode Island** Kingston, RI

**Academic Advisor, Talent Development Program** 2002 – 2009  
Recruited and provided academic advisement to students in the Talent Development Program (TD), a program for students of color and students of disadvantaged backgrounds.

**Presidential Search Committee Member** 2008- 2009  
Appointed by the Rhode Island Board of Governors and the Commissioner of Higher Education to serve as the staff representative on the Presidential Search Committee

**Equity Council** 2008- 2009  
Member of President's Equity Council

**Commission on the Status of Students, Staff and Faculty of Color** 2005 –2009  
Commission created in 2005 to examine the current status of people of color at the University and to develop recommendations designed to promote the development of an environment conducive to the full inclusion and development of students, staff and faculty of color.

**Joint Strategic Planning Committee** 2007- 2009  
Member of President's strategic planning team and Chair of Access to Excellence subcommittee

**Rhode Island College** Providence, RI  
**Admissions Officer** 1998 - 2002  
Coordinated recruitment activities for a special admission program (Preparatory Enrollment Program).