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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
Affiliated Associate Professor, Department of Politics, 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

2023. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Research Award. New York University – Wagner.
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

Forthcoming. *Politics in Our Veins: The Rise of Dominican American Political Power in the United States* (with Yalidy Matos and Michelle Bueno Vásquez) New York University Press.

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

- Honorable Mention, Dennis Judd Best Book Award, American Political Science Association, Urban and Local Politics Section
- Featured in “Critical Dialogue” Series, *Perspectives on Politics*
- Featured in an “Author Meets Critics” panel at 2024 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

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

Wells, Lauren and Domingo Morel. 2025. “Community Cultural Wealth in Stakeholder Perceptions of the Return to Local Control of Schools,” *Urban Education*.

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

2024. “Education and Urban Politics.” In *Handbook of Urban Politics and Policy*, ed. Ronald K. Vogel, pp 465-479. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

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

2024. Book Review of *The Crucible of Desegregation: The Uncertain Search for Educational Equality*. By R. Shep Melnick. *Perspectives on Politics*.

2024. Foreword for “My Heart Is Here”: A Community-Centered System Analysis of the Central Falls School District.”

2024. Foreword for “The Camden 2025 Project: An Anthology Exploring the Municipal, Law Enforcement and Public School Takeovers of Camden, NJ.”

2023. Book Review of *The Politics of Trash: How Governments Used Corruption to Clean Cities, 1890-1929*. By Patricia Strach and Kathleen S. Sullivan. *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

2023. Duckworth, E.; Ladson-Billings, G.; Meier, D.; Morel, D.; Ravitch, D.; & Krishnamurthy, G. “Protecting the promise of public education: A panel discussion” [Web conference transcript]. *Professing Education*, Winter-Spring 2023, Vol. 21-1, 22-46. <https://societyofprofessorsofeducation.files.wordpress.com/2023/05/professing-education-vol-21-1-winter-spring-2023-final-2.pdf>

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.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2024. NAACP – Legal Defense Fund. 2024 Annual Civil Rights Training Institute. Herndon, Virginia.

2023. Boston College Law School; Harvard University – Kennedy School of Government; Northwestern University; Rhode Island College; University of Rhode Island.

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

“Republicans are exploiting the diploma divide they helped to create” *The Hill* (January 2025)

“The Troubling Consequence of State Takeovers of Local Government,” *Time Magazine* (October 2024)

“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
Introduction to Public Policy

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)

Providence, RI

Introduction to the American Political Process, Professor Wendy Schiller (Spring 2011)
Introduction to Public Policy, Professor Robin Phinney (Fall 2010)

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, CNN; Courier Journal, Detroit Free Press, Houston Chronicle, Houston Public Radio; 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

Board Member, Newark Public Library Board of Trustees 2019-2025

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).