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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Fall 2020- Present	Associate Professor, with Tenure, Howard University
Fall 2014- Spring 2020	Assistant Professor, Tenure Track, Howard University
Fall 2012- Spring 2013	Ronald E. McNair Research Fellow, Office of the Provost, Syracuse University
Spring 2010- Summer 2012	Instructor, University College, Syracuse University
Fall 2006- Spring 2008	Visiting Assistant Professor, Public Administration, Florida A&M University

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013-2014	Special Assistant to Commissioner Dave Kladney, The United States Commission on Civil Rights.
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EDUCATION

2014	Ph.D.	The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University <i>Fields: American Government, Public Administration & Public Policy</i>
2009	M.A.	The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Political Science
2006	M.A.	Florida A&M University, Public Administration
2005	B.S.	Florida A&M University, Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

Grant, Keneshia N. (2020) *The Great Migration and the Democratic Party: Black Voters and the Realignment of American Politics in the 20th Century*. Philadelphia, PA. Temple University Press.

Award: 2021 W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Book Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists

Reviewed in: Perspectives on Politics
National Review of Black Politics
Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics
Journal of Urban Affairs

Grant, Keneshia N. (2019). "Great Migration Politics: The Impact of The Great Migration on Democratic Presidential Election campaigns from 1948-1960," *The Du Bois Review*. Volume 16 (Issue 1)

Grant, Keneshia N. (2019) "Restoration of Voting Rights: Returning Citizens & The Florida Electorate" in Middlemass, K. M. & Smiley, C. J. *Prisoner Reentry in the 21st Century: Critical Perspectives of Returning Home*. New York: Routledge.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Black Politics & Return Migration, book proposal

Displacement Politics: Political Life and Citizenship After Gentrification, book proposal

“Creating Black Democrats: Rethinking Political Immunization for Black Voters before 1965,” article manuscript

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC WRITING

Grant, Keneshia. (2021). A Discussion of Ismail K. White and Chryl N. Laird’s *Steadfast Democrats: How Social Forces Shape Black Political Behavior*. *Perspectives on Politics*, 19(1), 219-220. doi:10.1017/S1537592720004491

Grant, Keneshia N. (2021). Review of the book *The South and the Transformation of U.S. Politics*, by Charles S. Bullock III et al. *Journal of Southern History* 87(1), 154-155. doi:10.1353/soh.2021.0034.

Grant, Keneshia. August 5, 2020. “The real reason people object to Biden’s veep choices: Racism,” *The Washington Post*.

Grant, Keneshia (2020) Review of the book *Black Politics in Transition: Immigration, Suburbanization, and Gentrification*, by C. Watts Smith, C. M. Greer. *American Politics Review*, Volume 37 (Issue 1) pp 167-169.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 The Great Migration, Northern cities & Democratic Party realignment, 1915-1965. Author Meets Critics for *The Great Migration and the Democratic Party: Black Voters and the Realignment of American Politics in the 20th Century*. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- 2020 New Insights on Black Politics: A Conversation with Book Authors on the “Back Bone” of the Democratic Party. Roundtable Sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- 2020 Hine/Horne Roundtable Discussion of The Great Migration and the Democratic Party. Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Annual Conference.
- 2018 “Political Externalities: Black Migration’s Impact on American Politics,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.
- 2016 “Political Impacts of the Great Migration, 1915-1965: Migrants as Officeholders,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 “The Impact of the Great Migration on Chicago Politics: Examining Mayoral Candidates’ Interaction with the Black Electorate from 1915-1971,” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Jackson, MS.

INVITED RESEARCH TALKS AND COLLOQUIUM

- 2020 (October 14) Presenter, “2020 US Election: Race and Inequality,” Chatham House Webinar

with Professor Kimberley Johnson and Dr. Leah Wright-Rigueur.

- 2019 (April 10). Presenter, “The Great Migration: Searching for Freedom, Finding Injustice,” The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law.
- 2019 (March 29). Presenter, Black History Month Celebration, United States District Court of the Southern District of Florida. Miami, Florida.
- 2019 (February 13). Presenter, “Our Helping Response to African and African American Migration,” Norfolk State University Black History Month Signature Event.
- 2018 (October 10). Panelist, “Sisters in the Struggle: Black Women and the 2018 Election” Panel Discussion with Nia-Malika Henderson (Senior Political Reporter, CNN).
- 2017 (February 22). Panelist, “Black Politics in Trump’s America,” The New America Foundation. Moderated by Ted Johnson.

INVITED BOOK TALKS

- 2020 (October 2) “The Great Migration and the Democratic Party.” American Politics Speakers Series. Department of Politics. University of Virginia.
- 2020 (October 6) “The Politics of Black Migration: Questions about the Past, Present, and Future.” Contested Political Futures Speakers Series. Muhlenberg College
- 2020 (January 31). “The Great Migration and the Democratic Party.” Politics, Sandwiches, and Comments, Department of Government, Cornell University.
- 2019 (March 22). “Relocation & Realignment: How the Great Migration Changed the Face of the Democratic Party,” Political Science Research Workshop, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University.
- 2019 (March 1). “The Missing Migration: Centering the Great Migration in our Understanding of US Party Development,” American Government Seminar, Georgetown University.

TEACHING

GRADUATE SEMINARS (HOWARD UNIVERSITY)

Select Topics in American Gov't:
Realignment
State & Local Gov & Politics

Intergovernmental Relations in the U.S.
Urban Government & Politics

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES (HOWARD UNIVERSITY)

National Government of the U.S.
State & Local Government
Introduction to Political Science

Internship Seminar
Urban Government
American Political Parties

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES (SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY)

American National Government
American State & Local Government

The Legislative Process & U.S. Congress

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES (FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY)

American State & Local Government
American National Government
Seminar in Political Science
Public Affairs Internship

Budgetary and Fiscal management
Introduction to Public Administration
Public Personnel Administration

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2020. HU Teach Grant

Howard University's competitive distance education grant to support distance learning certification.

2018-2020. The Cora Mae Brown Lecture Series in State & Local Government

Lectures highlighted the political careers and accomplishments Black Americans who have served in elected and appointed positions in US state and local governments. Senator Cora Mae Brown was the first African American women elected to a state senate seat.

2015. Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning & Assessment (CETLA)

BlackBoard Certification, used to teach a hybrid or flipped class

2015. Participant, Summer Writing Academy, University of New Hampshire

2010-2011. Teaching Associate, Future Professoriate Program, Syracuse University

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY & PROFESSION

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2014-Present. Member, Dissertation Committee

Ashley Daniels, Unlocking the Power of the Sister Vote: Exploring the Motivations of Black Women Supporting Black Women Candidates.

Harold Watkins, Assessing the legislative agenda and legislative behavior of the Congressional Black Caucus from 1992-2012, the 102nd through the 112th Congresses

Rachel Pope, An Exploratory Examination of Pre-military JROTC Training on African American Candidates' Standardized Test Scores in Two High Schools in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Country.

Sommer Wyn, Defining Quality: African American Mothers' Perspective.

2014-Present. Member, Public Policy & American Doctoral Examination Committee

2014-Present. Academic Advisor to Political Science Majors and Minors

2014-2015. Internship Placement Coordinator

People for the American Way Foundation, Inc.
U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS, 2nd District)
U.S. Representative G. K. Butterfield (D-NC, 1st District)
Congressional Black Caucus Fellowship
Congressional Black Caucus Leadership Institute

2014-2016. Presenter, Graduate Student Political Science Association Seminar Series
“Welcome to Your Life in Graduate School”
“How to Read an Academic Book”
“How to Write an Abstract”
“How to Write a Literature Review”
“How to Write Comprehensive Exam Answers”

2015-Present. Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

2015-Present. Graduate Student Grievance Committee

2015-Present. Advisor to Undergraduate Honors Students

COLLEGE SERVICE

2019-2020. Member, Academic Standards Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, Howard University

2019. Member, Dean Search Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, Howard University

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2017-Present. Founding Director, Pre-PhD Summer Enrichment Program, Howard University

2016-2018. Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Howard University

2016-2017. Chair, Committed to Breathing, Howard University Homecoming Event

2016-2017. Advisor, Student Association Policy Board, Howard University.

2015 & 2017. Member, Freshman Seminar Advising Team, Howard University

2004-2005. Student Body Vice President and Faculty Senate Representative, Student Government Association, Florida A&M University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External Reviewer

National Review of Black Politics

American Review of Politics

Routledge

Chair

2018 Bayard Rustin Best Student LGBTQ Paper Committee, National Conference of Black Political Scientists

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2018-Present. Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Sister Scholars Advisory Council

2015-Present Speaker, Internship Class at School Without Walls. Spoke to internship class each semester (40 students) at the DC Public Schools Without Walls.

2019 (September 12). Moderator, An Evening with Stacey Abrams. The Family Room DC, Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D.C.

2017 (January 18). Panelist, Pre-Inauguration Service of Commitment, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

2016 (October 29). Panelist, "Ready, Set, Vote!" Community Forum, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.

2016 (October 4). Panelist, "Birth of a Nation," The Boyd Britton Group & Bank of America-Merrill Lynch.

2016 (March 13). Moderator, "The Black Agenda in the Presidential Election," with Former Mayors Vincent Gray and Marc Morial.

2016 (February 20). Panelist, "Mixed Up, Messed Up, and Moving On," 14th Annual Alfred Street Baptist Church College Festival

2015 (October 24). Facilitator, "College Survival 101," Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Urban League.

2015 (February 20). Speaker, "It's Not Just Politics As Usual: A Presentation on the History of the Democratic and Republican Parties in America," American Methodist Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, VA.

2014 (December 14). Facilitator, "Black Lives Matter: Getting Back to the Dream," Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.

COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2019 Outstanding Assistant Professor, Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts & Sciences, Howard University.

2019 Historically Black College/University Female Professor of the Year. HBCU Digest.

2018 Summer Fellowship for Pre-Tenure Junior Faculty, Howard University (\$15,000). Competitive university fellowship awarded by the Office of the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Studies to Assistant Professors in the year before their tenure.

- 2016 Summer Fellowship for Junior Faculty, Howard University (\$10,000). Competitive university fellowship awarded annually by the Office of the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Studies to launch programs or finish a project involving their research.
- 2012-13 Ronald E. McNair Graduate Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Syracuse University
- 2012 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Graduate School, Syracuse University
- 2012 Research Assistantship (Professor Thomas Keck), Syracuse University.
- 2011 Meiklejohn Award & Fellowship (academic ward for one graduate student who personifies Professor Meiklejohn's wide-ranging intellect and commitment to an open and just public life).
- 2011 Moody Research Grant, Lyndon B. Johnson Library Foundation (\$2,350)
- 2011 Research Travel Grant, John F. Kennedy Library Foundation (\$1,250)
- 2010-2011 Research Assistantship, Syracuse University
- 2010 & 2011 Roscoe Martin Dissertation Fund Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2008 Minority Fellow. American Political Science Association (\$4,000)
- 2008 McKnight Doctoral Fellowship. Florida Education Fund (\$85,000, declined)

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES- FULL LISTING AVAILABLE AT KENESHIAGRANT.COM/MEDIA

PRINT (QUOTES IN NATIONAL NEWS OUTLETS)

- August 11, 2020 Here's Why That Letter From Women Leaders To The News Media Is Such A Big Deal (Cami Anderson) *Forbes*.
- August 10, 2020 Ambition has Always Been 'Ladylike' (Jessica Bennett) *The New York Times*.
- July 22, 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests Spawn Push for Athletes to Attend Historically Black Colleges (Annika Hammerschlag) *The New York Times*.
- June 18, 2020 Police take a knee. Mayor paints a mural. But activists still see 'waffling' (Elliot Wailoo, Chris Megerian). *The Los Angeles Times*.
- May 31, 2020 'Perfect storm' of civil unres following George Floyd's death unique, effective, experts say. (Rick Jervis) *USA Today*.
- March 21, 2020 Is it tokenism or representation? How to think about Joe Biden's promises to nominate women. (Eugene Scott) *The Washington Post*.
- January 14, 2020 'It's a sad day': As Booker exits Democratic primary, a once-historic field gets less diverse. (Rebecca Morin and Deboarh Barfield Barry). *USA Today*.

May 28, 2019 The Policies & Candidates on Black Women’s Minds for 2020. (Jessica Floyd) *EBONY Magazine*.

May 20, 2019 Broken promises of the past weigh on black voters as they consider the 2020 presidential campaign (Cleve R. Wootson, Jr.) *The Washington Post*.

May 06, 2019 Joe Biden Has to Do More Than Name-Drop Obama to Win Black Voters. (Scott Bixby) *The Daily Beast*.

May 03, 2019 2020 candidates fighting for support of black lawmakers and their powerful voting bloc. (Deborah Barfield Berry and Eliza Collins) *USA Today*.

April 24, 2019 Kamala Harris needs to unlock the power of African American women voters (Li Zhou) *Vox*.

April 19, 2019 Students say dog walkers on Howard campus are desecrating hallowed ground (Tara Bahrapour) *The Washington Post*.

February 5, 2019 For Democrats, Stacey Abrams sends key message on gender and race in SOTU response (Cheyenne Haslett) ABC News.

November 5, 2018 The Candidates Embracing Their Black-College Roots (Adam Harris) *The Atlantic*.

April 26, 2018 Howard University Stares Down Challenges, and Hard Questions on Black Colleges (Noah Weiland) *The New York Times*.

TELEVISION

January 20, 2020 President Biden: The Inauguration. Inauguration Day Coverage. ITV News.

November 3, 2020 Trump, Biden: The Results. Election Night Coverage. ITV News.

October 8, 2020 The October Surprise! The Alex Salmond Show. RT News.

July 26, 2020 100 Days Until the 2020 Election. Panel with Tom Steyer. MSNBC with Alex Witt.

March 10, 2020 Panel: Expectations for the Democratic Primary in Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri and Idaho. MSNBC with Steph Ruhle.

March 1, 2020 Panel: What follows from Biden's win in SC? MSNBC with Alex Witt.

February 24, 2020 Political Science Professor Keneshia Grant on Nevada caucuses. China Global Television Network.

February 15, 2020 Panel: Black Voters and Michael Bloomberg. MSNBC with Alex Witt.

June 14, 2019 Panel: *Kellyanne Conway's exit, election interference going into 2020*. Rising. The Hill TV.

April 26, 2019 *VP Biden Announces Presidential Campaign*. The Canadian Broadcast Corporation.

October 14, 2018 *Kavanaugh Supreme Court Confirmation*. WBAL-NBC. Baltimore.

November 24, 2016 *Reactions to the 2016 Presidential Election*, Television Interview, The Rock Newman Show. WHUT-TV

July 15, 2016 *Black America's Reaction to US Shootings*, Television Interview, Al Jazeera Arabic.

RADIO AND PODCASTS

August 13, 2020 Panel: Senator Kamala Harris’ Path to the Vice Presidential Nomination. *The IA*. National Public Radio.

August 12, 2020 The Roots of the Parties’ Racial Switch. Interview with Matt Grossman. The Niskanen Center.

July 1, 2020 How Did the Great Migration Help Shape Today’s Politics? Politics in Question. Interview with Julia Azari and Lee Drutman.

January 15, 2020 The Democratic Party and The Republican Party. Civics 101: A Podcast.

- July 8, 2019 *Black Voters Will Be Pivotal In Picking Democratic Nominee.* Charlotte Talks with Mike Collins. WFAE, NPR Affiliate.
- April 25, 2019 *Reaction to the Biden Presidential Campaign Announcement.* Television Interview. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.
- February 27, 2019 *What to Expect from the Michael Cohen Testimony.* Radio Interview. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.
- January 19, 2018 *Donald Trump Year In Review,* Radio Interview, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.
- December 7, 2017 *Sexual Harassment and the Franken Resignation,* Radio Interview, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.
- December 4, 2017 *Michael Flynn Fallout,* Radio Interview, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.
- May 18, 2017 *Reaction to Special Prosecutor,* Radio Interview, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
- March 7, 2017 *Reaction to the Revised Traven Ban,* Radio Interview, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
- March 1, 2017 *Analysis of the Joint Address to Congress,* Radio Interview, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
- February 28, 2017 *Does the Federal Hiring Freeze Put the Black Middle Class at Risk?* Radio Interview, WAMU-Washington, D.C., NPR Affiliate

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
 Sections: Race, Ethnicity & Politics
 Migration & Citizenship
 Politics & History
 Urban and Local Politics

National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)