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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

North Central College, Naperville, Illinois

- July 2016-present* Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
First Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences following restructuring of the Academic Affairs Division
Responsible for providing leadership for 110 full-time and 13 half-time faculty across 17 academic departments and seven interdisciplinary programs.
\$790,000 operating budget for FY25
- Sept. 2005-present* Professor of Political Science
Promoted to Professor September 2010
- June 2011-June 2016* Chair, Human Thought and Behavior Division
Responsible for leadership, management and evaluation of more than 50 faculty members in the departments of Education, Health and Physical Education (Athletic Training, Exercise Science, Sport Management, and Teaching Physical Education), History, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology.

Avila University, Kansas City, Missouri

- Fall 2001-Summer 2005* Associate Professor of Political Science
Promoted to Associate Professor August 2003

University of Missouri—St. Louis

- Fall 1998-Summer 2001* Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

EDUCATION

- May 1998* Ph.D., Political Science, Purdue University
Fields: American Politics, Political Behavior, Quantitative Research Methods, Curriculum Theory (School of Education)
- May 1995* M.A., Political Science, Purdue University
- May 1993* B.A., *magna cum laude*, English and Political Science, Clarion University of Pennsylvania (now Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion)

SELECTED AWARDS and RECOGNITION

- 2013-2018 Ruge Distinguished Teaching Fellow, North Central College
Faculty members are selected by a committee of distinguished teaching faculty (one of whom is external to the College) to serve a five-year fellowship that includes a stipend and a professional development fund. I relinquished this fellowship in July 2016 when I assumed duties as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- 2012 American Political Science Association Ralph Bunche Award, *Race Appeal*
(with Charlton D. McIlwain)
Awarded annually to “the best scholarly work in political science that explores the phenomenon of ethnic and cultural pluralism.” More information is available at http://www.apsanet.org/content_4136.cfm
- 2012 Association of American University Presses, *Race Appeal* (with Charlton D. McIlwain) named one of 18 “Best of the Best” for 2012.
One of 18 books published by university presses. More information is available at <http://www.aaupnet.org/librarybooks/>
- 2011 Dissinger Prize for Faculty Scholarship, North Central College
One faculty member is recognized per year
- 2010 Emerging Voice Award, Purdue University College of Liberal Arts Alumni Association
Three alumni under the age of 40 are honored each year. More information is available at <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/alumni/awards/emergingvoice/>
- 2010 G. T. Reilley Outstanding Coach Award, Loras College National Invitational College Mock Trial Tournament (Gold Division)
Selected by students, faculty and attorney coaches for service and teaching intercollegiate mock trial
- 2009 Student Governing Association Distinguished Service Award, North Central College
Students select one faculty or staff member from the College annually
- 2007 Clarence F. Dissinger Award for Distinguished Teaching and Leadership by a Senior Faculty Member, North Central College
Students and faculty nominate and an administrative committee selects one senior faculty member from the College annually
- 2002 [Missouri] Governor’s Award for Teaching Excellence
One faculty member per institution is honored each year
- 2002 Professor of the Year, Avila College (now Avila University)
Students nominate and vote for one faculty member from the College annually

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Ongoing* Series co-editor (with Charlton D. McIlwain), *Race, Ethnicity, and Political Communication*. Berlin, Germany: De Gruyter Brill.

- forthcoming* Caliendo, Stephen M. *Inequality in America: Race, Poverty, and Fulfilling Democracy's Promise*. (4th ed.). New York: Routledge.
- forthcoming* Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Conducting Research on Race, Ethnicity, and Political Communication: Theory and Methods*. Berlin, Germany: De Gruyter Brill.
- forthcoming* Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Race, Ethnicity, and Political Communication in the 2024 US Elections*. Berlin, Germany: De Gruyter Brill.
- 2022 Caliendo, Stephen M. *Inequality in America: Race, Poverty, and Fulfilling Democracy's Promise*. (3rd ed.). New York: Routledge.
- 2020 Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity* (2nd ed.). Routledge.
- 2017 Caliendo, Stephen M. *Inequality in America: Race, Poverty, and Fulfilling Democracy's Promise*. (2nd ed.). Boulder, CO: Westview. (Dilemmas in American Politics series)
- 2015 Chod, Suzanne M., William J. Muck and Stephen M. Caliendo, eds. *Technology and Civic Engagement in the College Classroom: Engaging the Unengaged*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
Includes one co-authored chapter (listed below).
- 2014 Caliendo, Stephen M. *Inequality in America: Race, Poverty, and Fulfilling Democracy's Promise*. Boulder, CO: Westview. (Dilemmas in American Politics series)
Starred review, *Publisher's Weekly* (<http://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-8133-4498-0>)
- 2011 McIlwain, Charlton D. and Stephen M. Caliendo. *Race Appeal: How Candidates Invoke Race in U.S. Political Campaigns*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
Winner, American Political Science Association's Ralph Bunche Award
(http://www.apsanet.org/content_4136.cfm)
- 2010 Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*. London: Routledge.
Includes one authored chapter and two co-authored chapters, as well as a co-authored short essay (all listed below).
- 2000 Caliendo, Stephen M. *Teachers Matter: The Trouble with Leaving Political Education to the Coaches*. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Peer-reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- forthcoming* Walton, F. Carl and Stephen M. Caliendo. "Origins of the Concept of Race." In Nasar Meer and John Solomos, eds., *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*. London: Routledge. (This essay also appears in *The Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*, 2nd Ed.)

- 2020 Walton, F. Carl and Stephen M. Caliendo. "Origins of the Concept of Race." In Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity* (2nd Ed.). London: Routledge. (This essay also appears in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*.)
- 2020 McIlwain, Charlton D. and Stephen M. Caliendo. "Race, Politics and Public Policy." In Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity* (2nd Ed.). London: Routledge.
- 2020 Caliendo, Stephen M. "Race, Media and Popular Culture." In Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity* (2nd Ed.). London: Routledge.
- 2018 Caliendo, Stephen M. "Grabbing the Reins: Media and the Politics of Groups and Identity." *Politics, Groups and Identities* 6(4): 852-866.
- 2016 Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain. "Moment-to-Moment Responses to Race-Based Messages in Political Campaign Advertisements." In Dan Schill, Rita Kirk and Amy E. Jasperson, eds., *Political Communication in Real Time*. London: Routledge. (Routledge Studies in Global Information, Politics and Society series), 106-127.
- 2016 Caliendo, Stephen M. Suzanne M. Chod, and William J. Muck. "Using Twitter to Increase Political Interest in Undergraduate Students." *Journal of Political Science Education* 12(3): 282-301.
- 2015 Caliendo, Stephen M., Suzanne M. Chod, William J. Muck and Deron Schreck. "Social Networking as a Pedagogical Tool: Effect of Twitter Use on Interest and Efficacy in Introductory-Level American Government Courses." In Suzanne M. Chod, William J. Muck and Stephen M. Caliendo, eds., *Technology and Civic Engagement in the College Classroom: Engaging the Unengaged*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 123-146.
- 2014 McIlwain, Charlton D. and Stephen M. Caliendo. "Black, White, and Latino: Message Strategies for a Divided Electorate." In Dianne Bystrom, Mary Banwart, Mitchell McKinney and John Tedesco, eds., *alieNATION: The Divide and Conquer Election of 2012*. New York: Peter Lang, 242-259.
- 2014 McIlwain, Charlton D. and Stephen M. Caliendo. "Mitt Romney's Racist Appeals: How Race Was Played in the 2012 Presidential Election." *American Behavioral Scientist* 58(9): 1157-1168 (published November 4, 2013 online first)
- 2010 Walton, F. Carl and Stephen M. Caliendo. "Origins of the Concept of Race." In Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*. London: Routledge, 3-11.
- 2010 McIlwain, Charlton D. and Stephen M. Caliendo. "Race, Politics and Public Policy." In Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*. London: Routledge, 38-46.

- 2010 Caliendo, Stephen M. "Race, Media and Popular Culture." In Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*. London: Routledge, 73-81.
- 2009 McIlwain, Charlton D. and Stephen M. Caliendo. "Black Messages, White Messages: The Differential Use of Racial Appeals by Black and White Candidates" *Journal of Black Studies* 39: 732-743.
- 2006 Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain. "Minority Candidates, Media Framing, and Racial Cues in the 2004 Elections." *The Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics* 11(4): 1-25.
- 1999 Caliendo, Stephen M., Mark P. Gibney and Angela Payne. "'All the News That's Fit to Print?' *New York Times* Coverage of Human Rights Violations." *The Harvard International Journal of Press/ Politics* 4(4): 48-69.

Invited Reviews and Scholarly Encyclopedia Entries

- 2017 Caliendo, Stephen M. "Book Review: *Unspoken Politics: Implicit Attitudes and Political Thinking* by Efrén O. Pérez (Cambridge University Press, 2016)." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 2(2): 358-361.
- 2014 Caliendo, Stephen M. "Poverty Campaigns." In Alexandra Kindell and Elizabeth Demers, eds., *Encyclopedia of Populism*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 449-554.
- 2012 Caliendo, Stephen M. "Book Review: *What's Going On? Political Incorporation and the Transformation of Black Public Opinion* by Katherine Tate (Georgetown University Press, 2010)." *Perspectives on Politics* 10(3): 830-831.
- 2010 Caliendo, Jillian M. and Stephen M. Caliendo. "Institutional Racism." In Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain, eds. *Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*. London: Routledge, 160-162.
- 2009 Caliendo, Stephen M. "Media." In David P. Forsythe, ed., *Encyclopedia of Human Rights*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2007 Caliendo, Stephen M. "Supreme Court and the Media." In Lynda Lee Kaid and Christina Holz-Bacha, eds., *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- 2007 McIlwain, Charlton D. and Stephen M. Caliendo. "Minorities' Involvement in Politics." In Lynda Lee Kaid and Christina Holtz-Bacha, eds., *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- 2005 Caliendo, Stephen M. "Socialization." In Samuel Best and Benjamin Radcliff, eds., *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. Westport, CT: Greenwood.
- 2005 Caliendo, Stephen M. and Charlton D. McIlwain. "Racial Appeals in

Political Campaigns.” In Samuel Best and Benjamin Radcliff, eds., *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. Westport, CT: Greenwood.

- 2004 McIlwain, Charlton and Stephen M. Caliendo. “Black Politics.” In Molefi Kete Asante and Ama Mazama, eds., *Encyclopedia of Black Studies*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 139-141.
- 1997 Kyle, William C., Jr. and Stephen M. Caliendo. “Valuing Scholarship’s Essential Paradigmatic Differences and Inherent Contradictions: A Rejoinder to Wallace and Louden.” *Journal of Research in Science Teaching* 34: 323-325.
- 1996 Caliendo, Stephen M. and William C. Kyle, Jr. “Establishing the Theoretical Frame.” *Journal of Research in Science Teaching* 33: 225-227 (editorial)

Non-peer-reviewed Publications

- 2015 Caliendo, Stephen M. “Beyond Consciousness, King’s Dream Remains Elusive” (op-ed). *Chicago DailyHerald*, January 19 (print) and January 16 (online). <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20150116/news/150119018/>
- 2012 McIlwain, Charlton D. and Stephen M. Caliendo. “Is a Pro-Romney Ad Racist? Five Questions to Ask Yourself.” *The Christian Science Monitor*, July 23. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/2012/0723/Is-a-Pro-Romney-ad-racist-Five-questions-to-ask-yourself/Does-the-ad-reference-racial-stereotypes>
- 2009 McIlwain, Charlton D. and Stephen M. Caliendo. “Permissible Discrimination: The View from Congress.” In Tamara L. Roleff, ed., *Issues that Concern You: English Language Learners*. Chesterfield, MI: Greenhaven Press.

GRANTS

External

- Submitted* “AI Summer Institute on Communities: Delivering Medication to High-Need Communities in Tulsa, Oklahoma” (working title), National Science Foundation [Translation to Practice \(TTP\)](#) initiative
Subcontractor (NYU will host PI), in partnership with [Valqari](#) drone systems
Total four-year budget, \$2,000,000; NCC portion, \$468,414.
- October 2024-
September 2025* “[AI Summer Institute on Communities \(AISIC\)](#),” National Science Foundation [Responsible Design, Development, and Deployment of Technologies \(ReDDDoT\)](#)
Phase 1 (planning grant): \$106,874
Principal Investigator
- January 2010* The Effects of Racial and Racist Appeals on White Voters (with Charlton D. McIlwain, New York University)
Approximately \$21,000 from Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), PID 787, funded by National Science Foundation (NSF) Grants 0819271 and 0818839, Jeremy Freese and Penny Visser, principal investigators.

- May 2008* The Effects of Racial and Racist Appeals on African American Voters (with Charlton D. McIlwain, New York University)
Approximately \$21,000 from Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), PID 660, funded by National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant 0094964, Diana C. Mutz and Arthur Lupia, principal investigators
- Institutional
- Summer 2026* Summer Undergraduate Scholarship Program
\$6,000 for undergraduate student stipends to serve as a research assistant for the fourth edition of *Inequality in America* (Routledge)
- Summer 2024* Summer Undergraduate Scholarship Program
\$3,000 for undergraduate student stipends to serve as a research assistant for the fourth edition of *Inequality in America* (Routledge)
- Summer 2022* Summer Undergraduate Scholarship Program
\$4,500 for undergraduate student stipends to serve as a research assistant on Human Rights and the US Media, 2015 (with William Muck)
- Summer 2015* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$4,500 for study titled “Measuring Attention to Race-based Campaign Communication Using Eye-Tracking Technology”
- Winter 2014* Faculty Professional Development Professional Term Grant, North Central College
\$480 for participant remuneration for portion of book-length project titled *N-Word 2.0: The Turbulent Transformation of a Troublesome Word* (with Charlton D. McIlwain)
- Summer 2014* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$4,341 for study titled “Capturing Emotional Responses to Race-Based Campaign Messages”
- Summer 2013* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$3,303 for study titled *N-Word 2.0: The Turbulent Transformation of a Troublesome Word* (advancement of book manuscript with Charlton D. McIlwain)
- Summer 2011* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$5,688 for completion of *Inequality in America* manuscript (funds include stipends for three research assistants)
- Summer 2011* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$750 for re-development of IDS 125: Communication and the American Presidency” (with Amy Buxbaum, North Central College)
- Fall 2010* Faculty Professional Development Professional Term Grant, North Central College
\$500 for supplies and materials related to completion of *Inequality in America* manuscript
- Summer 2010* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$6,250 for study titled “Biographical and Electoral Data for U.S. Senate Candidates: A User-Friendly Database” (funds include stipends for two research assistants)
- Summer 2009* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$6,292 for study titled “Minority Candidates for Congress: A Database” (funds include stipends for two research assistants)

- Summer 2008* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$3,200 for study titled “*Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*” (work toward completion of edited book with Charlton D. McIlwain)
- Summer 2007* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$2,000 for study titled “Apolitical Communication: Language, Legitimacy and the U.S. Supreme Court” (work toward completion of book manuscript)
- Summer 2007* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$500 for development of IDS 125: Communication and the American Presidency (with Amy Grim, North Central College)
- Summer 2006* Faculty Professional Development Summer Grant, North Central College
\$3,500 for study titled “Effect of Racial Messages in Campaign Advertising”
- Spring 2005* Faculty Grant, Avila University
\$1,000 for presentation of original research at the Midwest Political Science Association National Conference
- Fall 2003* Faculty Grant, Avila University
Course release for fall 2004 to work on elements of The Project on Race in Political Advertising
- Fall 2003* Faculty Small Grant, Avila University
\$500 for participation at the American Political Science Association National Conference
- Spring 2003* Faculty Large Grant, Avila University
\$900 for presentation of original research at the Midwest Political Science Association National Conference
- Fall 2002* Faculty Small Grant, Avila University
\$300 for attendance, chair and panel discussant roles at the American Political Science Association National Conference (and pre-conference workshop on Elections and Voting)
- Spring 2002* Faculty Small Grant, Avila University
\$300 for presentation of original research at the Midwest Political Science Association National Conference

CONSULTING

- 2022-2025* [Faculty Research Network](#)
Provided guidance to the FRN leadership at New York University about future endeavors and planning, particularly with respect to the involvement of small, private institutions. (A video podcast with summaries of the Fall 2023 work can be found in this episode of [Diverse Issues in Higher Ed](#) (also available [on YouTube here](#)); my segment begins at [1:07:53](#))
- Fall 2018-
Spring 2019* Transforming the Local Media News Landscape
As a consulting partner with the data science organization 99 Antennas, Charlton D. McIlwain and I are constructing the methodological approach and will assist with data analysis for local media coverage of candidates during the 2018 elections. The project is in response to a Request for Proposals by Color of Change, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to racial justice.
- 2000-2018* Faculty Member, Junior State of America

Junior State of America (JSA) is a non-partisan organization run by high school students and backed 2012- by a not-for-profit foundation that seeks to promote participatory democracy (www.jsa.org).

- 2005-2010; 2012-2018 *Instructor, JSA Preparation Program*
Provide preparatory instruction for one week to students who were selected to attend JSA Summer Schools at Georgetown, Northwestern, Princeton, Stanford or Yale. In summers of 2010, 2012, 2013-2018, I worked with the students on site at Princeton for a week prior to the start of summer school. In prior years, the course was offered on island in Palau (2005; 2007-2009) and Guam (2006). This work was funded by the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.
- 2012-2013 *Recruiter, JSA Summer Schools, U.S. Island Territories and Palau*
I visited the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) for one week each March to communicate with prospective students, parents, teachers and counselors, as well as local media, about summer school opportunities (including funding) through JSA. This work was funded by the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.
- 2000-2010 *Instructor, JSA Summer School, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ*
Taught the American Presidency (2000), American Government (2001 and 2002), Political Communication (2003, 2005-2007, 2009-10), and Campaigns and Elections (2004, 2008) to advanced high school students for one month. Evaluated students' performances in "congressional workshops" (2000-2009) and delivered commencement addresses (2000, 2002, 2004).
- 2004; 2008; 2012 *Instructor, JSA National Symposium at the National Party Conventions*
Provided academic instruction and helped to coordinate student activities at the Democratic National Conventions (2004, 2008 and 2012) and the Republican National Convention (2012). In 2008, coordinated and directed the Junior Correspondents Program at the DNC. In 2012, co-coordinated (with Charlton D. McIlwain) the Junior Correspondents Program at the RNC and DNC.
- 2011-2014 *The Slants (U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Appeal)*
With Charlton D. McIlwain (New York University), provided *pro bono* consultation, created survey, and analyzed survey responses for formal report in support of Asian-American rock band's appeal of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's refusal to extend trademark protection for the band's name because of ethnic/racial insensitivity.
- 1997-2000; 2004-2005 *Faculty Consultant (Reader), Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey*
Graded Advanced Placement essay exams during a one-week session each June.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- November 2025 "Strategies to Support International Faculty Moving through the Immigration Process" (with Shaheen Moosa and Sohinee Roy). Session presented at the annual meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, St. Louis, Missouri.
- April 2025 "How Do Race-Based Appeals to Anger Affect Candidate Evaluation? A Psychophysiological Approach" (with Monique Mitchell Turner, Hee Jung Cho, MoonSun Jeon, and Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- March 2025 "'Look Here!' Examining Attention During Viewing of Race-Based Appeals to Anger" (with Monique Mitchell Turner, Hee Jung Cho, MoonSun Jeon, and Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, New Orleans, Louisiana.

- January 2025* “Effects of Anger Activation in Race-Based Campaign Communication” (with Monique Mitchell Turner, Hee Jung Cho, MoonSun Jeon, and Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- November 2024* “Fostering a Culture of Grants at a Teaching-Focused Institution” (with Shaheen Moosa and Michelle Galasso). Session presented at the annual meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Austin, Texas.
- March 2023* “Anger, Race and Resignation: Are Anger Appeals an Effective Political Strategy for Black Audiences?” (with Monique Mitchell Turner, Ruth Heo, Ami Brooks, and Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, Georgia.
- September 2022* “Documenting Terror: Human Rights Coverage by US Media, 2015” (with Mark P. Gibney and William Muck). Paper presented at the 118th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montréal, Québec, Canada.
- March 2019* “Big Data and Political Communication: A Partnership to Study Racialized Media” Coverage in the 2018 Midterm Elections (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the 50th annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- June 2017* “Addressing Student Concerns in the Aftermath of the Election” (with Kimberly Sluis, Dorothy Pleas, and Dushaun Branch). Presentation offered at the New American Colleges & Universities annual summer institute, Valparaiso, Indiana.
- April 2017* “Exploring Differences in Methodological Approaches to Analyzing Moment-to-Moment Data (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- March 2017* “Moment-to-Moment Tracking of Participant Responses to Race-Based Campaign Messages” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, San Diego, California.
- September 2016* “Racial Cues in Political Ads: Comparing Affective vs. Visual Attention” (with Charlton D. McIlwain, Emily Balcetis and Yael Granot). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
- April 2016* “Implicit Associations and In-group vs. Out-group Attention: Tracking Eye Movements During a Race-based Political Campaign Advertisement” (with Charlton D. McIlwain, Emily Balcetis and Yael Granot). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- March 2016* “Effects of Intergroup Language on Eye-tracking and Moment-to-Moment Responses in Race-Based Political Messages (with Yael Granot, Charlton D. McIlwain and Emily Balcetis). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Jackson, Mississippi.
- April 2015* “Sharpening Our Focus: Measuring the Potential Effects of Race-Based Messages in

Political Campaign Advertisements with Moment-to-Moment Technology” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

- March 2015 “Effects of Levels of Implicit Association, Symbolic Racism, and Explicit Racial Resentment on Evaluation of White and Black Candidates” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, Georgia.
- March 2014* “Dialing in and Drilling Down: Preliminary Findings of an Experimental Design Using Moment-to-Moment Technology to Capture Responses to Race-Based Campaign Communication” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Wilmington, Delaware.
- August 2013* “If We Can’t Reach ‘Em, Maybe Mayor @CoryBooker Can: Using Twitter to Increase Political Interest Among Introduction to American Government Students” (with Suzanne Chod and William Muck). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2013* “Building a Learning Community Beyond the Classroom: Using Twitter to Engage Students in Political Science” (with Suzanne Chod and William Muck). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2012* “Ten Years Toward a Culture of Assessment” (with Peter S. Barger, Fran Navakas and Caroline St. Clair). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Higher Learning Commission, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2011* “Psychophysiological Approaches to Studying the Effects of Race-based Messages in Political Campaigns” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2010* “Tracking Trends in Minority Representation: Early Findings from the Congressional Candidate Dataset Project” (with Sidra Hamidi and Charlton D. McIlwain). Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2010* “(Far) Beyond the Classroom: A Pedagogy for Race and Communication.” Presented at a spotlight session of the annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Cincinnati, Ohio. (invited)
- March 2010* “New Media: Unexpected Pathways to Empowerment” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Presented at the Transforming Race conference sponsored by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity (The Ohio State University), Columbus, Ohio.
- September 2009* “Racial Discourse in Political Advertisements: An Historical View.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

- April 2009* “Effects of Racial and Racist Appeals on Black Voters” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- May 2008* “Racial Priming and Campaign Ads: The Effect of Context” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2008* “Racial Frames and Potential Effects on Minority Candidates in the 2008 Presidential Election” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2008* “Winners & Losers: Factors Contributing to Minority Candidates’ Successes and Failures in American Elections, 1990-2006” (with Charlton D. McIlwain and Elizabeth Konrad). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- September 2007* “Black to Reality: Entertainment Television as a Priming Agent for Race-Based Evaluations of Candidates” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2007* “Racialized Media Framing in Elections, 1990-2006” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- November 2006* Participated in roundtable discussion titled “Creating Sites for Women’s Studies Connection and Action: Bonnie J. Dow’s Influence on Feminist and Women’s Studies Scholars and Scholarship” at the National Communication Association annual convention, San Antonio, Texas.
- September 2006* “American Print Media Coverage of Human Rights Violations” (with Mark P. Gibney). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- April 2006* “The Effects of Racial Messages in Televised Campaign Advertising: A Multi-Contextual Experimental Study” (with Charlton D. McIlwain and Jillian Maynard Caliendo). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- November 2005* “Power Politics on Reality TV: Popular Culture as a Pedagogical Catalyst.” Paper presented at the Illinois Political Science Association conference, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois.
- September 2005* “Shades of Brown and Black: Minority Congressional Candidates and Their Opponents in Multiple Contexts” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- April 2005* “Who’s Really Black: A Theory of African American Authentic Appeals”

(with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

- April 2004* “Frames of Authenticity: News Coverage of Black Candidates and Their Campaigns” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2003* “Reading Race: The Effect of Racial Tone in Political Advertising on Perception of Candidates” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2003* “Popular Culture Meets the U.S. Supreme Court: the Effects of CBS’s *First Monday* on Viewers’ Attitudes about the Court” (with Thomas R. Marshall). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2002* “How Do I Look?: An Analysis of Television Advertisements for Black Candidates and Their Opponents, 1952-2000 (pilot study, 1992-2000)” (with Charlton D. McIlwain). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 2001* “The Great Legitimacy Gamble: Media Coverage and Potential Effects of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Involvement in the 2000 Presidential Election.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. (The originally proposed paper was titled: “The Rhetoric of Confirmations: How Senators and Interest Group Representatives Frame Supreme Court Nominations.”)
- November 2000* “For Public Consumption: Elite Rhetorical Framing of Salient Supreme Court Decisions.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- April 2000* “Excuse Me Mr. President. . .’: Media Coverage of Presidential Rhetoric During U.S. Supreme Court Nominations.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- September 1999* “The Politics of Supreme Court Nominations: An Analysis of Presidential Rhetoric from Truman to Clinton” (with Stephen K. Medvic). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- April 1999* “Seeing is Believing: Broadcast Media Coverage of Human Rights Abuses (with Mark P. Gibney and Angela Payne). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- May 1998* “Teaching Our Children Well? The Effect of Political Education on Support for the United States Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, St. Louis, Missouri.
- November 1997* “Perpetuating Legitimacy: Formal Political Education and the U.S. Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Norfolk, Virginia.

- August 1997* “‘All the News that’s Fit to Print?’ *New York Times* Coverage of Human Rights Violations” (with Mark P. Gibney). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
- April 1997* “American Schools and the U.S. Supreme Court: The Role of Government Textbooks.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- April 1996* “Tracking Public Opinion toward the United States Supreme Court: A Longitudinal Model.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- September 2026* Will serve as discussant for panel titled, “Latino Attitudes and Voting Behavior” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts
- September 2026* Will serve as panel chairperson and discussant for panel titled, “The Political Psychology of Place” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts
- September 2026* Will serve as presenter on an “Author Meets Critics” panel on *From Higher Learning to Charlottesville* (eds. Tyson D. King-Meadows and Shahara’Tova Dente) at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts
- May 2026* Participated in public forum titled “[Freedom and Resistance: Fighting and Healing on the Front Lines of Ukraine](#),” North Central College, Naperville, Illinois
- April 2026* Served as host for [Illinois YMCA Youth & Government](#) fundraiser, Woodridge, Illinois
- April 2026* Served as discussant for panel titled, “Racial and Gendered Barriers to Electability” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- April 2026* Participated in half-day pre-conference workshop titled “Text Analysis in the Age of Generative AI: Recent Insights and Innovations” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- April 2026* Co-panelist (with Delmarie Cobb) at event titled “Analyzing and Discussing the March 17 Illinois Primary Elections” at the April Power Breakfast, Coalition of African American Leaders, Chicago, Illinois
- March 2026* Participated in daylong workshop titled “AI STEM Education Jam | Enabling Educators to Shape the Future: AI Accelerating Scientific Discovery and Innovation” at Argonne National Laboratory, Darien, Illinois
- February 2026* Moderated town hall meeting on [Artificial Intelligence, Education, and the Workforce](#) in coordination with U.S. Representative Bill Foster (IL-11), North Central College, Naperville, Illinois

- January 2026* Participated in four-day “AI + Democracy Weekend,” College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia (including leading discussion of Margaret Hu’s chapter, “Algorithmic Discrimination and Disparate Impact” from her Aspen Press book, *AI Law and Policy* with Charlton D. McIlwain)
- January 2026* Participated in three-day workshop titled “Advanced Development for Deans and Academic Leaders,” Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), Palm Springs, California
- 2025-2026* Part of three-person team from North Central College participating in the yearlong [Volaré Institute](#) (Cohorte Horizonte community of practice) to increase capacity-building for research grants at primarily undergraduate institutions, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
- 2025-2026* Serving as chairperson, Deans of Arts and Sciences Learning Community, New American Colleges and Universities
- September 2025-
September 2026* Serving as member of [Carey McWilliams Award](#) Committee, American Political Science Association.
- November 2025* Attended preconference workshop titled “Unlocking the Power of Philanthropy: A Strategic Guide for Academic Deans” at the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences annual meeting, St. Louis, Missouri
- February 2025* Presented “The Relevance and Evolving Nature of Research on Race and Political Communication” as a keynote address at the annual Pi Sigma Alpha National Research Conference, Washington, DC
- January 2025* Served as discussant on a panel titled “Generational Political Issues in the U.S.” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- October 2024* Discussed “Politics and Sports” at “Critical Conversations,” part of the North Central College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programming, Naperville, Illinois
- October 2024* Presented “Racialized Communication in the 2024 Election” at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois
- September 2024* Presented “‘I Can’t Believe It!’ Applying Behavioral Science Research on Racialized Communication to the 2024 Election Season” at Lewis University, Dr. Leonard Weisenthal Colloquium Series, Romeoville, Illinois
- May 2024* Offered keynote address titled, “Race and Political Media: Preparing to Engage with the 2024 Elections” at the Civics Education Conference, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts
- April 2024* Offered a plenary presentation titled, “Challenges with Researching Race: Focus on the 2024 US Elections” at the annual Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area Student Research Symposium, Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois

- February 2024* Served as moderator for fireside chat with Dr. Herman B. White, American Association of Blacks in Energy, Oak Brook, Illinois
- February 2024* Served as a participant on a panel titled “Political Intelligence: A Look at the 2024 Election” at the Barrington (IL) Town-Warming
- November 2023* Served as moderator for President’s Roundtable on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging as part of the [inauguration](#) of North Central College’s 11th president, Dr. Anita Thomas
- October 2023* Served as moderator on panel titled “[Immersive DEI Experience: The Rest of the Story](#)” for the Naperville (IL) Area Chamber of Commerce, Naperville, Illinois
- June 2023* Presented “Perspectives of a Political Analyst” at *Salon '23: Data Science for Social Thinkers*, Parkinson School of Health Science and Public Health, Chicago, Illinois ([highlights](#))
- April 2023* Served as a participant on a roundtable titled “Career: Being Faculty at a Regional University” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- April 2023* Served as a participant on a roundtable titled “Public Engagement: Working with the Media” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- March 2023* Invited guest on [Academic Dean](#) podcast (direct episode link is [here](#))
- March 2023* Served as discussant on a panel titled “Political Learning and Political Knowledge” at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, Georgia
- January 2023* Presented “Civic Engagement at a Crucial Time: Political Behavior at the Local Level” to the Rotary Club of Naperville (Illinois)
- April 2022* Served as a participant on a roundtable titled “Communication: Working with the Media” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- April 2022* Served as a chairperson on a roundtable titled “Communication: Working with the Broadcast Media” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- March 2022* Served as chairperson on a panel titled “Voting Behavior and Candidate Supply and Demand” at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (held virtually)
- December 2021* Presented “[Staring at the Sea: What to Do About Inequality](#)” as an invited lecture from the Foley Institute, Washington State University (delivered virtually)

- April 2021* Served as chairperson and discussant on a panel titled “COVID19: Response, Policy, and Participation” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (virtual)
- October 2020* Served as panelist and moderator on a panel titled “*Good Trouble: A Documentary Screening and Film Discussion*” as part of the Chicago Bar Foundation’s Pro Bono Week (virtual)
- January 2020* Participated on a panel titled “State of the Field: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- April 2019* Served as a participant on a roundtable titled “Public Engagement: Working with the Media” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- April 2019* Served as a participant on a roundtable titled “Careers: What to Expect as a Faculty at a Regional University” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- April 2019* Presented “Enjoying Success on the Faculty at a Teaching-Focused Institution” at the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois
- August 2018* Served as chair on a panel titled “Emotions and Identity Politics” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts
- May 2018* Served as panelist on National Public Radio Illinois town-hall meeting, Naperville, Illinois
- March 2018* Served as chair and discussant on a panel titled “How to Win an Election” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- March 2018* Served as chair for a panel titled “Political Efficacy” at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, California
- March 2018* Served as discussant on a panel titled “The Dominance of Social Media in the Age of Trump” at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, California
- March 2018* Participated on a roundtable panel for the [Third Rail with Ozy](#) podcast in conjunction with the National Conference of Black Political Scientists annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois
- September 2017* Served as chair and participant on a panel titled “Debate, Discourse, and Inclusion in the Political Science Classroom” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California
- April 2017* Served as discussant on a panel titled “Race and Polarization” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois

- March 2017* Presented “Trump Didn’t Start the Fire: The Story of Racialized Campaigning in U.S. Politics” at Purdue University
- September 2016* Presented “Trump Didn’t Start the Fire: The Story of Racialized Campaigning in U.S. Politics” (with Charlton McIlwain) at Penn State University—Berks
- April 2016* Presented “Inequality in America: Race, Poverty, and Fulfilling Democracy’s Promise” and “Can We Tweet Our Way to Engagement? Civic Education in a Digital Age” at College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita, California
- April 2016* Served as discussant on a panel titled “All Politics is Local: The Intersection of Race, Place, and Local Contexts” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- April 2016* Served as discussant on a panel titled “Junior Scholar Symposium: Partisanship, Information, and Elections” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- February 2016* Presented “Inside Inequality: Race, Poverty, and Fulfilling Democracy’s Promise” at Clarion University of Pennsylvania (Mary L. Seifert Cultural Series)
- April 2015* Served as discussant on panel titled “Junior Scholar Symposium: JSS on the Psychology of Racial Politics” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- February 2015* Participated in a roundtable discussion titled “Beyond Ferguson: Race, Class and the Journey to Justice” at North Central College (part of Martin Luther King, Jr. Week)
- September 2014* Presented “It’s Complicated: Americans’ Relationship with Violence from the NFL to Ferguson, Missouri” as part of the Topics in Politics (TIP) Talks series, Department of Political Science, North Central College
- June 2014* Presented “From Jim Crow to Jim Queer: Civil Rights in the Modern Era” as part of the Topics in Politics (TIP) Talks series, Department of Political Science, North Central College
- April 2014* Served as discussant on a panel titled “Race and Media Effects” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- February 2014* Presented “The Role of the Political Analyst in 21st Century Media” as part of the Topics in Politics (TIP) Talks series, Department of Political Science, North Central College
- January 2014* Served as moderator and presenter on a panel titled “Music as a Means of Social Change” as part of Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, North Central College
- October 2013* Presented “Trayvon Martin and the Politics of ‘Post-Racial’ America” as part of the Topics in Politics (TIP) Talks series, Department of Political Science, North Central College

- December 2012* Participated in roundtable discussion titled “An Exploration of Whiteness and Health” at the City Colleges of New York Graduate Center
- November 2012* Presented “The Power of Stereotypes: Race-based Communication in the 2012 Presidential Campaign (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at Drew University (Madison, NJ)
- November 2012* Participated in a panel discussion titled “Transforming the Racial Paradigm: Discussions and Actions to Inspire Change across the US and Brazil” as part of the MOSTRA III film series, DePaul University
- October 2012* Moderated roundtable titled “2013 Regional Economic Forecast” for the Naperville (IL) Area Chamber of Commerce
- October 2012* Presented “Civil Discourse and Racial Politics: Beyond Cable News and Facebook Snark” at Dominican University (River Forest, IL)
- October 2012* Presented “The Power of Stereotypes: Race-based Communication in the 2012 Presidential Campaign” (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at Penn State University—Berks
- April 2012* Chaired panel titled “Contact Theory and the Consequences of Political Contexts” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- March 2012* Participated in plenary session panel titled “The Racialization-Deracialization Concept in Political Science: Concepts, Controversies, and Critiques” at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Las Vegas, Nevada
- March 2012* Presented address titled “Leadership in ‘Post-Racial’ America” at the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Student-Athlete Workshop, Lisle, Illinois
- January 2012* Presented keynote address titled “Leadership in ‘Post-Racial’ America” at the Blue Key Honor Society National Conference, North Central College
- October 12, 2011* Presented “Beyond Border Crossings: Racializing Latino/a Candidates in U.S. Elections” (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at Vanderbilt University
- March 24, 2011* Delivered keynote address at Black Hills State University (SD) Research Symposium
- February 9, 2011* Presented findings from The Project on Race in Political Communication (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at Hofstra University
- February 3, 2011* Delivered keynote address at the annual Rethinking Race conference at the University of Akron
- November 2010* Debated “Who Can Use the N-word” and discuss findings from The Project on Race in Political Communication at Penn State University—Berks
- November 2010* Debated “Who Can Use the N-word” and discuss findings from The Project on Race in Political Communication at Rice University

- April 2010* Served as discussant for panel titled “Race and the 2008 Election” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- November 2009* Presented “Talking about Race in the Obama Era” at Nassau Community College, New York, New York (with Charlton D. McIlwain)
- November 2009* Served as discussant for panel titled “Gender, Sexuality and Diversity: From Politics to Bureaucracy” at the annual meeting of the Illinois Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- October 2009* Presented “Peeking Over Your Shoulder: The Importance of Psychology to The Project on Race in Political Communication” at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Psychology’s Clinical/Community Psychology brownbag series
- July 2009* Presented “Racial and Racist Communication in the 2008 Presidential Election (and Since),” Junior State of America summer school, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
- November 2008* Chaired panel titled “Voting and Elections in American Politics: Participation, Processes and Issues” at the annual meeting of the Illinois Political Science Association, Charleston, Illinois
- November 2008* Delivered keynote address, National Honor Society induction ceremony. Naperville North High School, Naperville, Illinois
- October 2008* Presented “Fairytale, Radicals and Crooks: The Role of Race in the 2008 Presidential Election” at Penn State University-Berks, Reading, Pennsylvania
- October 2008* Presented “Fairytale, Radicals and Crooks: The Role of Race in the 2008 Presidential Election” at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, Pennsylvania
- August 2008* Presented “Race in the 2008 Presidential Election” (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at the Junior State of America Democratic National Convention Symposium, Denver, Colorado
- April 2008* Debated “Who Can Use the N-Word” with Charlton D. McIlwain at Penn State University-Berks, Reading, Pennsylvania
- November 2007* Debated “Who Can Use the N-Word” with Charlton D. McIlwain at the Adler School of Professional Psychology
- October 2007* Debated “Who Can Use the N-Word” with Charlton D. McIlwain at North Central College
- April 2007* Discussed papers on panel titled “Opinion Leadership” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- November 2006* Presented “Race in the 2006 Elections” (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at Penn State University-Berks, Reading, Pennsylvania

- October 2006* Presented “Race in the 2006 Elections” (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at North Central College
- September 2006* Chaired panel titled “(Re)Considering the Effects of Media Cues and Media Priming” for the Political Communication organized section at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- April 2006* Chaired panel titled “Racialized Media” for the Political Communication organized section at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- December 2005* Served as an external reviewer for a faculty member’s tenure file, Barton College (Wilson, NC)
- April 2005* Chaired panel titled “Successful Campaigning: The Practice of Campaign Politics” for the Practice of Politics organized section at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- November 2004* Presented findings from The Project on Race in Political Communication (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, Pennsylvania
- October 2004* Presented findings from The Project on Race in Political Communication (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- October 2004* Presented findings from The Project on Race in Political Communication (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at Penn State University-Berks, Reading, Pennsylvania
- August 2004* Chaired a panel titled “Political Ads and Campaign Strategies” for the Political Communication and Elections and Voting Behavior organized sections at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- April 2004* Accepted to discuss papers on a panel titled “Analyzing Media Effects: Priming and Framing” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois (unable to fulfill role due to a program scheduling conflict)
- November 2003* Presented findings from The Project on Race in Political Advertising (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at a town hall meeting featuring City Councilman Alvin Brooks (Kansas City, Missouri) and Missouri State Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks, Avila University, Kansas City, Missouri
- October 2003* Presented findings from The Project on Race in Political Advertising (with Charlton D. McIlwain) at the University of Texas (School of Journalism), Austin, Texas
- August 2003* Chaired a panel titled “Polling as News” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- August 2003* Chaired a panel titled “Information Flows and Learning in Elections” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- March 2003* Served as a panel discussant at the Midwest Political Science Student Convention, Park University, Parkville, Missouri
- February 2003* Served on a panel of educators to advise The Nation Classroom, a program designed to bring political information into high school and college classrooms using *The Nation* weekly magazine
- September 2002* Chaired and discussed papers on a panel titled “The Color of a Thousand Words: Racializing News, Entertainment and Politics” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts
- April 2002* Chaired a panel titled “Priming, Framing, and Information Processing” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- April 2001* Chaired and discussed papers on a panel titled “Media Bias” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- September 2000* Discussed papers on a panel titled “Framing the Election” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
- April 2000* Chaired a panel titled “Public Opinion about the Military and Foreign Affairs” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- September 1999* Discussed papers on a panel titled “Studies of Political Attitudes” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia
- October 1998* Discussed papers on a panel titled “Attitudes, Issues and Strategy in Supreme Court Decision-Making” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia
- April 1998* Chaired and discussed papers on a panel titled “Public Opinion and Views about Government” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois
- April 1997* Chaired a panel titled “Foreign Policy and Public Opinion” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois

Blind Manuscript Reviews

- American Journal of Political Science* (January 2015; March 2010; July 2005; August 2004; April 2002; December 1996; August 1996)
- Atlantic Journal of Communication* (October 2009)
- American Politics Quarterly* (August 1999)
- American Politics Research* (July 2007)
- American Political Science Review* (February 2016)
- Behavioral Sciences* (September 2024; July 2024)
- Genealogy* (October 2024)
- The Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics* (December 1997)
- International Journal of Communication* (June 2015; July 2013)
- Journal of Political Science Education* (May 2019)

Journal of Politics (September 2004; February 2003)
Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics (November 2022; June 2021; May 2019; March 2018)
Journalism and Media (May 2024)
 Longman Publishers (Summer 2003)
 NorthWest Publishers (Fall 2003)
 Palgrave Press (December 2011)
PS: Political Science and Politics (April 2022; August 2018; May 2016; February 2013)
Perspectives on Politics (September 2008)
Political Behavior (September 2025; October 2017; April 2015)
Political Communication (May 2016)
Political Psychology (May 2017; July 2016)
Political Research Quarterly (April 2023; January 2018; March 2013; January 1997)
Politics and Gender (May 2022)
Politics, Groups and Identities (April 2024; December 2020; October 2018; August 2018; July 2018; March 2018 [2]; October 2017; December 2015; November 2015; March 2014; November 2012)
 Routledge Press (December 2018; August 2018; October 2017; July 2017; June 2017; May 2011)
SAGE Open (November 2012)
Social Science Research (February 2019)
Western Journal of Black Studies (July 2009)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Colleges and Universities (institutional membership)
 American Association of University Professors
 American Conference of Academic Deans
 American Political Science Association
 Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences (institutional membership)
 Midwest Political Science Association
 National Conference of Black Political Scientists
 New American Colleges and Universities (institutional membership)
 Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (member, Academic Partnership Council)
 Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area (institutional membership)

HONORARY SOCIETIES

Alpha Alpha Alpha (first-generation college students), faculty inductee
 Phi Alpha Delta (pre-law), faculty inductee
 Pi Sigma Alpha (political science), faculty inductee
 Upsilon Pi Epsilon (computer science), administrator inductee

SELECTED SERVICE TO CAMPUS, COMMUNITY AND PROFESSION

2025-present [Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences](#)
 Member, National and International Partnerships working group, 2025-present
 Candidate for Board, Fall 2025 (not elected)
 Annual Meeting Committee, 2018

2017-present [Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area](#)
 Treasurer, 2020-present

Trustee, 2017-2020

- 2025-2027 [New American Colleges & Universities](#)
Chairperson, Deans of Arts and Sciences Learning Community
- September 2025-
September 2026 American Political Science Association
Serving as member of [Carey McWilliams Award](#) Committee
- 2007-present Political analyst for CBS2, Fox32, ABC7, NBC5, and WGN TV, Chicago, Illinois
Many appearances can be viewed online at [YouTube.com/SMCaliendo](https://www.youtube.com/SMCaliendo)
- 2005-present North Central College Committees
- Institutional Identity Task Force (chair, 2025-present)
 - President's Leadership Council (formerly President's Council) (2016-2024; 2025-present)
 - Provost's Council (formerly Council of Deans) (2016-present)
 - Academic Advisory Council (2011-present)
 - Budget Committee (2011-present)
 - College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Council (chair, 2016-present)
 - College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Council (chair, 2023-present)
 - Corporate Partnerships Working Group (2025)
 - Faculty Welfare Committee (Provost's designee, 2024-2025)
 - Provost's Leadership Team (2021-2024)
 - Operational Review Project, Steering Committee (summer 2024-fall 2024)
 - Covid-19 Institutional Response Team (2000-2022)
 - Strategic Planning Committee (fall 2016-spring 2017 [co-chair, Faculty and Curriculum Working Group])
 - Dean's Council (2011-2016), Leadership Programs Council (2013-2015)
 - Academic Programs Assessment Committee (member, spring 2006-spring 2013; chair, spring 2009-spring 2013); fall 2011-spring 2012; fall 2006-spring 2007)
 - Presidential Inauguration Committee (March – May 2013)
 - Phi Alpha Delta, co-advisor (spring 2006-spring 2008)
 - Presidential Transition Team (January-June 2013)
 - Rall Symposium for Undergraduate Student Research, co-coordinator (fall 2006-spring 2009)
- 2006-2013;
2014-2016;
2019-2026 Educator Coach, North Central College Mock Trial Team
- 2024-2025 Co-Chair, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Search Committee, North Central College
- 2018-2024 Evaluator, Student Leadership Exchange, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy
Annual event to review and score student projects and provide feedback for improvement
- 2017-2024 Title IX Deputy Coordinator, North Central College
- 2019-2023 Co-chair, President's Task Force for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, North Central College
- 2021-2023 Paper Place Loftominiums, Board of Directors
Elected to two-year term of condominium association board
Secretary, 2021-2023
- 2017-2022 Member, editorial board, *Politics, Groups and Identities*
- 2006-2017 Political Analyst, WDCB 90.9FM, public radio, Glen Ellyn, Illinois

- April 2021* Panelist, [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Webinar](#), Naperville (IL) Area Chamber of Commerce
- November 2019* Participated on panel titled “A Conversation that Matters on Gun Violence” at Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton, Illinois.
- August 2019* Participated on a panel titled [“The Value of a Liberal Arts Degree in Today’s World”](#) hosted by the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce, Naperville, Illinois
- April 2019* Served as a panelist at U.S. Congressman Bill Foster’s event, “Future of Work and Education,” North Central College, Naperville, Illinois
- August 2017* Participated on a panel titled “Effective Blogging and Social Media Ambassadors,” hosted by the Publicity Club of Chicago and held on the campus of North Central College, Naperville, Illinois
- Fall 2016-
Winter 2017* Member, American Political Science Association’s Teaching and Learning Review Committee (invited)
- January 2016* Served as moderator for Q&A following keynote address by Patrisse Cullors, co-founder of #BlackLivesMatter, North Central College (part of Martin Luther King, Jr. Week)
- 2014* Chair, Dean of Faculty/Vice President of Academic Affairs Search Committee, North Central College
- April 2013* Served as moderator for District 200 School Board Candidate Forum, Wheaton, Illinois
- December 2012* Delivered keynote address at Young Ambassadors Leadership Conference, Naperville Park District, Naperville, Illinois
- March 2011* Served as moderator for District 200 School Board Candidate Forum, Wheaton, Illinois
- Winter 2010* Acting Chair, Department of Political Science, Sociology & Anthropology, North Central College
- Fall 2009* Chair of search committee for the hiring of two faculty members (open rank) in political science, North Central College
- December 2009;
December 2008* Presented “Sharing and Enhancing Scholarship Online,” Technology Day, North Central College
- September 2009* Presented “Be Thoughtful: Contemplating the Language of Diversity” as part of First-Year Student Orientation, North Central College
- Spring 2009* Chair of search committee for the hiring of a one-year, non-tenure-track faculty member in political science, North Central College

- April 2009* Served as panel moderator at “Freedom Forum,” Andersons Book Shop, Naperville, Illinois
- April 2009* Delivered keynote address at the annual “Multicultural Show,” Naperville North High School, Naperville, Illinois
- April 2009* Presented “Shades of Grey: Using Precise Language” as part of the Frankly Speaking diversity program at North Central College
- February 2009* Delivered keynote address at Young Ambassadors Leadership Conference, Naperville Park District, Naperville, Illinois
- February 2009; February 2008* Presented “Lawyer as Advocate: Government and Legislation” as part of the Academy of Bar Leaders series, DuPage County (IL) Bar Association
- January 2009* Presented “Hegemony and Power: Racism, Sexism and Heterosexism” to Catalyst Program, Plainfield South High School, Joliet, Illinois
- January 2009* Participated in a panel (with *Chicago Tribune* columnist Dawn Turner Trice) titled “Race and Politics in the Blogosphere,” North Central College
- October 2008* Participated on a panel titled “Race and Politics,” Elgin Community College, Elgin, Illinois
- October 2008* Discussed the 2008 presidential elections, combined 3rd grade program, St. Mary’s Cathedral School, Lafayette, Indiana
- September 2008* Discussed *Amistad* on panel titled “Law, Faith & Film,” North Central College, Naperville, Illinois
- February 2008* Presented “I Didn’t Mean It Like That . . .”: Bias and Ignorance in Language,” North Central College
- August 2007* Led diversity workshop for residence life staff, North Central College
- Fall 2007* Chair of search committee for the hiring of two faculty members (open rank) in political science, North Central College
- Fall 2006* Member of search committee for the hiring of a faculty member (open rank) in political science, North Central College
- 2001-2005* Educator Coach, Avila University Mock Trial Team
- 2002-2005* Avila University Committees: Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, Curriculum Committee, Women’s Studies Steering Committee, Women’s Studies Advisory Council, Instructional Technology Advisory Committee (chair), Task Force for New Graduate Programs, Sexual Orientation Diversity Alliance
- Spring 2005* Search committee for the hiring of a Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, School of Social Sciences and Social Work, Avila University.

- Spring 2003* Search committee for the hiring of a Division chair/ full-time Social Work faculty member, Social Sciences Division, Avila University
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- 1999-2001* Educator Coach, University of Missouri - St. Louis Mock Trial Team
- 1998- 2001* Provided occasional political analysis for a number of television and radio stations and services in St. Louis, Missouri. Topics ranged from election analysis to discussion of the Clinton scandal and impeachment.
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Spring 1998* Assistant Coach, Purdue University Mock Trial
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