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ACADEMIC RECORD

Ph.D., Political Science, Texas A&M University, May 2011
Fields: Public Policy/Public Administration, Education Policy & Management, Race & Ethnicity
Committee: Kenneth J. Meier (chair), Sylvia Manzano, Erik K. Godwin, Terah Venzant Chambers
Dissertation: “Not a One-Way Street: Exploring the Role of Intersectional Representation on African American Male Students”

B.A., Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2007

EMPLOYMENT

Post-Doctoral Fellow & Professorial Lecturer
Department of Public Administration and Policy, School of Public Affairs
American University, Washington D.C. Fall 2011-Spring 2012
Responsibilities include: developing a new course and syllabus for the department entitled “Race, Public Policy and Administration,” teaching, undergraduate, Masters and Ph.D. students, managing a graduate student assistant, speaking engagements on current research to department, conducting education policy research for publication, providing guidance to students on dissertation proposals and data collection, attending policy conferences to disseminate and critique research.

Research Associate, Project for Equity, Representation & Governance
College Station, TX Summer 2005-Summer 2011
Responsibilities include: survey administration and construction, data collection and management, communicating with local and state media, writing press releases, managing large datasets, leading student recruitment, working with the Texas, Educational Excellence Project as the media consultant for the analysis on Best School Districts for African American Students, and various other administrative tasks.

Management Positions in the Project for Equity, Representation & Governance:
Coordinator for the 2011 Principal’s Management Survey
Responsibilities include: management of research team, survey construction and administration for a survey to over 5,600 principals, data collection and management, and other administrative tasks.

Co-Coordinator for data collection of the 3rd National Superintendent of Schools Survey

Responsibilities include: managing and training a team of 4 research assistants, survey administration, data collection and management of survey to over 1,800 school superintendents, and coordinating targets/goals and deadlines.

Co-Coordinator and Reviewer for the Project for Equity, Representation & Governance's "Best Undergraduate Paper African American Politics" Texas A&M University, Fall 2008, Fall 2009

Responsibilities include: coordinating distribution/marketing of contest and assessment of research papers.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Walker, Meredith B.L. and Bettie R. Butler (2011). "A Closer Look at Media Influences, Identity Formation, and Educational Policy: Implications for African American Male Students." In L. Howell, C. W. Lewis & N. P. Carter (Eds.), *Yes We Can: Improving Urban Schools Through Innovative Educational Reform*.

Melton, Erin K., Meredith B.L. Walker and Sadé A. Walker. 2010. "Management Strategies and Performance: An Examination of Minority Managers in Public Organizations." *Economics, Management, and Financial Markets* 5(3).

Walker, Meredith B.L. and Ling Zhu. "Too Much, Too Young: Race, Politics, and Public Intervention in Preventing Teen Pregnancy." Revise and Resubmit at *The Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

Walker, Meredith, B.L. "Intersectional Representation & African American Male Student Achievement." *Under review*

Walker, Meredith, B.L. "Race to the Track: An Examination of Tracking, Support, and Minority Achievement."

Walker, Meredith, B.L., Erin Melton, and Sadé Walker. "Race in the Middle: Exploring the Determinants of Managerial Differences of School Principals."

Walker, Meredith, B.L. "The Best School Districts for African American and Latino Males in Texas." Texas Educational Excellence Policy Report.

RESEARCH METHODS TRAINING

Advanced Quantitative Research Methods

Advanced Skills in STATA statistical software

Certified Researcher, Institutional Review Board Certification

Participant, Quantitative Policy Analysis Special Seminar, Texas A&M University, Fall 2010.

Participant, Intersectionality Research and Practice, UCLA Critical Race Studies Program, School of Law, Spring 2010.

Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, Summer 2009.
University of Texas Summer Statistics Institute, Summer 2009.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Walker, Meredith, B.L. "Race to the Track: An Examination of Tracking, Support, and Minority Achievement." Will be presented at the 2012 Diversity in Research and Practice Conference, Teachers College, Columbia University.
- Walker, Meredith, B.L., Erin Melton, and Sadé Walker. "Race in the Middle: Exploring the Determinants of Managerial Differences of School Principals." Will be presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Walker, Meredith B.L. "Not a One-Way Street Exploring Intersectionality in a Political Context" Presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Walker, Meredith B.L. "Examining the Intersection of Race and Gender in Representative Bureaucracy." Presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Walker, Meredith B.L. and Ling Zhu. "Too Much, Too Young: Race, Politics, and Public Intervention in Preventing Teen Pregnancy." Presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Meier, Kenneth J., Meredith B.L. Walker and Sadé A. Walker. "African American Educational Equity: The Role of Politics." Paper presented at the 2009 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Johansen, Morgen and Meredith B.L. Walker. "Representative Bureaucracy at Many Levels." Poster presented at the 2009 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Walker, Meredith B.L. "Left Behind in the Loopholes: An Examination of Bureaucratic Goal Displacement." Paper presented at the 2009 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Walker, Meredith B.L. "Examining the Intersectionality of Race and Gender in Representative Bureaucracy: An Examination of African American Males in Education." Poster presented at the 2009 Conference on Underrepresented Groups in Sub-national Politics, Rice University, Houston, TX.
- Walker, Meredith B.L. "The Calm Before the Storm: An Analysis of the Determinants of Collaboration During Hurricane Katrina." Paper presented at the 2008 Empirical Models of Public Management Conference, College Station, TX.

Meier, Kenneth J., Meredith B.L. Walker and Sadé A. Walker. "Structure, Party, Representation, and Race: The Puzzles of Black Education Policy." Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

SERVICE AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Discussant, Public Administration Panel, Midwest Political Science Conference, Scheduled for Spring 2012

Member, American University Resource Group (Student outreach projects), Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Invited Panelist, "Representing Race: Black Women in Popular Culture," Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholars Panel, Spring 2012

Invited Speaker, "Education Policy and African American Male Students" Department of Public Policy, University of Connecticut, Scheduled for Spring 2012.

Member, Texas A&M Department of Political Science Diversity Committee, Fall 2010.

Recruitment Session Panelist, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Duke University Department of Political Science. Coordinated by Dr. Paula McClain, Summer 2010.

Invited Panelist, "Graduate Opportunities in Political Science" Texas A&M University, Fall 2009, Spring 2010.

Discussant, Undergraduate Poster Session. *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Spring 2010.

Invited Panelist, "Opportunities to Gain Advanced Degrees," Texas Southern University Barbara Jordan Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs. Spring 2009, 2010.

Invited lecturer, "Strategies for Administrative Reform" Introduction to Public Administration, Texas A&M University, Spring 2010.

Invited lecturer, "Performance Management and Innovation in Government" Introduction to Public Administration, Texas A&M University, Spring 2010.

Invited lecturer, "Public Policy and Representation." Latino Politics, Texas A&M University Fall, 2010.

Invited lecturer, "Racial and Ethnic Diversity." Latino Politics, Texas A&M University Fall, 2010.

Invited Panelist, *Texas A&M Women's Leadership Conference*, Fall 2008.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Carlos Cantu Research Fellowship, Texas A&M University, Fall 2010-Summer 2011.

National Science Foundation--Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences EDGE Fellowship, Fall 2007.

Graduate Diversity Fellowship, Texas A&M University, Fall 2007-Summer 2010.

Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Fellow, Duke University, Summer 2006.

MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Midwest Political Science Association
Project Pipeline