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EDUCATION

INSTITUTION	DEGREE	DATE
Yale University	Ph. D	1995
Yale University	M.A.	1991
Brown University	B.A.	1985

TITLE OF DOCTORAL THESIS: “Responding with Good Sense:” The Politics of Race and Censuses in Contemporary Brazil

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Fellow, Radcliffe Institute For Advanced Study, Harvard University	2003-2004
American Political Science Association, Ralph Bunche Book Award, Honorable Mention	2001
National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2000 Outstanding Book Award	2001
Fellow, Institute on Race and Social Division, Boston University,	2000-2001
Wade Fund Research Grant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology,	1999
Cecil and Ida Green Career Development Professor, MIT	1997-2000
New England Council of Latin American Studies Best Dissertation Prize,	1995
John F. Enders Prize Fellowship for Dissertation Research, Yale University	1992

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2010 -	Arthur and Ruth Sloan Professor of Political Science, M.I.T.
2002 - 2010	Associate Professor (w/ tenure) of Political Science, M.I.T.
1999 – 2002	Associate Professor (w/o tenure) of Political Science, M.I.T.
1995 – 1999	Assistant Professor of Political Science, M.I.T.
1994 – 1995	Instructor in Political Science, M.I.T.

SEMINARS, COLLOQUIA, ETC

- April 2010 “Transitional Justice in the American South: Preliminary Observations,” Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia
- March 2010 “Historical Reconciliation in Comparative Perspective.” Paper delivered at “Searching for a New East Asian Order: Historical Reflections and Current Issues,” Asiatic Research Institute, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea
- April 2009 “The Weight of History and the Value of Apologies.” Talk delivered at lecture series, Program in Law and Public Affairs and African-American Studies, Princeton University
- March 2009 “Apologies and Reparations in the Age of Obama,” Paper presented at “Still Two Nations?” Conference in Honor of John Hope Franklin, Duke University
- September 2008 “More than Numbers: The Political and Social Stakes of Ethnic and Racial Categorization in Censuses.” Paper presented at How Public Institutions Assess Identity Claims Conference, Ethnicity and Democratic Governance Workshop, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario
- March 2008 “The Politics of Official Apologies.” Lecture presented at the Project on Democracy and Development, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University
- September 2007 “A Membership Theory of Apologies.” Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- April 2006 “Apologies and the Meanings of Reconciliation.” Paper presented at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- September 2005 Official Apologies in Domestic Politics: Do They Matter?.” Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
- March 2005 “Apologies and the Meanings of Reconciliation.” lecture presented at Historical Injustices: Restitution and Reconciliation in International Perspective conference, Brown University

- August 2003 “Official Apologies and their Effects on Political Membership in Democracies.” Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA
- August 2003 “Assessing the Effects of International Human Rights on the Emergence of Domestic Official Apologies.” Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA
- October 2002 “The Case for Reparations,” Public lecture presented at “Debating Reparations for Slavery” (with Prof. Glenn Loury), Ford Hall Forum, Old South Meeting House, Boston, MA
- August 2001 “The End of Race? Science, Politics, and the Census,” paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association, Chicago, IL.
- May 2001 “When States Apologize: The Politics of Official Apologies,” Talk delivered to MacArthur Transnational Security Seminar, MIT
- October 2000 “Looking Forward from Census 2000: Rethinking Race and Civil Rights Advocacy,” talk delivered to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Annual Training Institute, VA
- September 2000 “Race and the Census in Modern Politics,” The Jerome Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York
- June 2000 “Conceptual Difficulties in Measuring Race and Poverty in Latin America,” talk delivered at World Bank, Washington, D.C.
- September 1999 “Racial Categorization in Censuses in the U.S. and Brazil,” Bi-annual meeting of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Cairo, Egypt
- April 1998 “Racial Politics in the United States and Brazil,” Public Lecture Series delivered in Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, and São Paulo, Brazil. Sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency of the U.S. Consulate
- April 1997 “Whither the Myth of Brazilian Racial Democracy? Prospects for Legal Remedies of Past and Present Discrimination,” talk delivered at Graduate Seminar Lecture Series, Harvard Law School

November 1996 Convener and Organizer of two-day Academic Workshop, “The Politics of Counting: Race, Ethnicity, and Censuses in Modern Politics,” supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and MIT Center for International Studies, MIT

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE

American Political Science Association (APSA), 1993 – Present

- APSA Ralph Bunche Book Award Selection Committee, 2002-03

Midwest Political Science Association, “Ethnicity and Nationalism” Section Organizer, 2009 Meeting

National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOPS), 1999 - Present

- Comparative Politics Section Organizer, 2002 Annual Meeting
- Meeting Co-Organizer, 2003 Annual Meeting
- President, 2005 – 2007

Faculty Collaborator, Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, Northeastern University School of Law, 2007 - Present

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), 1995 – 2000

New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS), 1995 –1999

Elected Member of NECLAS Executive Committee (Two-Year Term): 1997-1999

Steering Committee Member, Inter-University Committee on International Migration, 1994 – 2004

Editorial Board: *Perspectives on Politics*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Polity*

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Polity Journal*, *Journal of Politics*, *Racial and Ethnic Studies*, *Ethnicities Journal*, *DuBois Review*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Science Magazine*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Pennsylvania State University Press*, *Stanford University Press*, *University of California Press*, *University of Michigan Press*, *National Science Foundation*.

M.I.T. ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

Departmental and School Activities and Committees

2010 – 2011	Chair, Undergraduate Program Committee
2009 – 2010	Burchard Faculty Fellow
2009 – 2010	Departmental Concentration Advisor
2006 – 2007	Member, Search Committee in International Relations
2005 – 2006	Chair, Search Committee in Comparative Politics
2005 – 2006	Chair, Undergraduate Program Committee
2004 – 2005	Chair, Search Committee in Comparative Politics
2005 – 2007	Member, HASS EEOC
1999 – 2000	Departmental Concentration Advisor

Educational Commons

2009 – 2010	Member, Committee on Nominations
2007 – 2009	Associate Chair, MIT Faculty
2007 – 2009	Member, Committee on the Undergraduate Program (CUP)
2007 – 2009	Member, Committee on Graduate Programs (CGP)
2007 – 2009	Member, Faculty Policy Committee (CUP)
2006 – 2007	Chair, Committee on Graduate Programs (CGP)
2002 – 2005	Member, Nominations Committee
2004 – 2006	Co-Chair, Campus Committee on Race Relations (CCRR)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2008	<u>The Politics of Official Apologies</u> . New York: Cambridge University Press, 200 pages.
2000	<u>Shades of Citizenship: Race and the Census in Modern Politics</u> , Stanford: Stanford University Press, 248 pages.

Articles

2010	“The Prosecution of Human Rights Violations,” <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> , 2010, 13:165-82.
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Chapters in Books

<i>In press</i>	“Democratic dilemmas of census categorization in the post-civil rights era,” in <i>How Public Institutions Assess Identity Claims</i> , Avigail Eisenberg and Will Kymlicka (eds.), University of British Columbia Press.
2004	“Racial/colour categorization in US and Brazilian censuses,” in <i>Categories and Contexts: Anthropological and historical studies in critical demography</i> , ed. Simon Szreter and Hania Sholkamy. New York: Oxford University Press, pages 107 –125.
2002	“Lessons from Brazil: The Ideational and Political Dimensions of Multiraciality,” in <i>The New Race Question: How the Census Counts Multiracial Individuals</i> , ed. Joel Perlmann and Mary Waters. New York: Russell Sage Foundation Press.
2001	“Racial categorization and censuses,” in <i>Census and Identity: The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Language in National Censuses</i> ,

ed. David I. Kertzer and Dominique Arel Cambridge, U.K.:
Cambridge University Press, pages 43 – 70.

Other Publications

- 2007 “Reparations Claims: Politics by Another Name,” *Political Power and Social Theory* 18: 253-258.
- 2005 “The Myth of Latin American Multiracialism,” *Daedalus*: 82-87.
- 2004 “The Other Side of American Exceptionalism: The Comparative Study of Racial Politics,” *APSA – CP Newsletter*, 15 (1): 13-15.
- 2001 “Issues in Census 2000: Racial Categorization,” in *Beyond the Color Line? Race, Representation, and Community in the New Century*, ed. Alex Willingham, New York: NYU Brennan Law Center, 2 – 10.
- 2000 “History Counts: A Comparative Analysis of Racial/Color Categorization in US and Brazilian Censuses,” *American Journal of Public Health*, 90 (11): 1738-1745.

Review Essays

- 2010 “’Here a Ghetto, There a Ghetto:’ The Value and Peril of Comparative Study,” Symposium on *Urban Outcasts: A Comparative Study of Advanced Marginality* by Loic Wacquant (Polity Press, 2008). *Urban Geography*, 31 (2):158-161.
- 2005 Review of *Race in Another America: The Significance of Skin Color in Brazil* by Edward Telles (Princeton University Press, 2004). *American Journal of Sociology* 110 (6):1805-1807.
- 2001 Review of *Truth v. Justice: The Morality of Truth Commissions* by Robert I. Rotberg and Dennis Thompson, eds., (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000). *American Political Science Review*, 95 (2) :468-469.

UNPUBLISHED MATERIALS

Works-in-Progress

“Prospects for Racial Reconciliation in the American South,” Book manuscript

“Historical Reconciliation and Inherited Responsibility in East Asia,” co-edited book manuscript, with Jun-Hyeok Kwak, Korea University.