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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**The University of Chicago**  
Postdoctoral Scholar (July 2020-Present)  
Department of Political Science and GenForward

### EDUCATION

**Northwestern University**  
Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science (2020)  
Dissertation: Educating for Empowerment: Race, Socialization, and Reimagining Civic Education  
Committee: James N. Druckman (chair), Traci R. Burch, Cathy J. Cohen, Reuel R. Rogers

Fields: American Politics, Research Methods  
Emphases: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Political Behavior; Socialization; Urban Politics

**Northwestern University**  
M.A. in Political Science (2018)  
Thesis: Teaching Citizenship: Race and the Behavioral Effects of Civic Education  
Committee: James N. Druckman and Reuel R. Rogers

**The University of Chicago**  
M.A. in Social Sciences (2015)  
Thesis: Democracy's Children: Education's Solution to the Civic Empowerment Gap  
Advisor: Cathy J. Cohen

**St. Olaf College**  
B.A. in Political Science and Asian Studies (2012)  
Minor: Latin American Studies

### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Nelsen, Matthew D. 2019. "Cultivating Youth Engagement: Race and the Behavioral Effects of Critical Pedagogy." *Political Behavior*

Nelsen, Matthew D. 2019. "Teaching Citizenship: Race and the Behavioral Effects of American Citizenship Education." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*

Nelsen, Matthew D. 2019. "Education, Unequal Policy, and Visions for Equity" in *Race & Place: Young Adults and the Future of Chicago* (GenForward at the University of Chicago): 24-35

Nelsen, Matthew D. 2019. "Places of Freedom, Safety, and Joy" in *Race & Place: Young Adults and the Future of Chicago* (GenForward at the University of Chicago): 116-126

### UNDER REVIEW

Nelsen, Matthew D. and Christopher Petsko. 2020, "Race and White Rural Consciousness." *American Political Science Review*

### DATA SET CONTRIBUTIONS

Ogorzalek, Thomas K., Kumar Ramanathan, Matthew D. Nelsen, Traci R. Burch, Reuel Rogers. *Chicago Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Study, 2018-19*. July 2020.

Burch, Traci. *A Portrait of National Protest Activity*. September 2019.

### PUBLIC WRITING

Nelsen, Matthew D. June 22, 2020. "America's classrooms shut down this spring. Civics lessons shifted to the streets." *The Washington Post*.

**SELECTED  
CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

Matthew Nelsen and Chris Petsko, 2020, "Race and White Rural Consciousness," Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19 (Cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic)

Matthew Nelsen, 2020, "Experts at What They Know: How Teachers' Attitudes Shape Their Pedagogy," Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19 (Cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic)

Matthew Nelsen, 2019, "Cultivating Youth Engagement: Race and the Behavioral Effects of Critical Pedagogy," Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., August 29-September 1

Matthew Nelsen, 2019, "Cultivating Youth Engagement: Race and the Behavioral Effects of Critical Pedagogy," Poster presented at the Chicago Area Behavior Workshop, Evanston, IL, May 3

Matthew Nelsen, 2019, "Cultivating Youth Engagement: Race and the Behavioral Effects of Critical Pedagogy," Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7

Matthew Nelsen, 2018, "Teaching Citizenship: Race and the Behavioral Effects of American Citizenship Education," Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2

Matthew Nelsen, 2018, "Teaching Citizenship: Race and the Behavioral Effects of American Citizenship Education," Poster presented at the Chicago Area Behavior Workshop, Evanston, IL, May 4

Matthew Nelsen, 2016, "Education's Solution to the Civic Empowerment Gap," Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10

**ONGOING  
RESEARCH**

There Goes the Gayborhood! Social Dominance and the Limits of Self-Affirmation

Assessing Fake News: Civic Education in the New Media Age

The Political Preferences of White Gentrifiers in Chicago—with Thomas Ogorzalek and Kumar Ramanathan

Pre-Citizenship: Noncitizen Voting Rights and Immigrant Political Participation in Chicago—with Kumar Ramanathan

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

**Northwestern University**

Adjunct Instructor, "Social Studies Content for Teachers" (undergraduate/graduate). School of Education and Social Policy (April 2020-June 2020)

Teaching Assistant, "Parties and Elections" (undergraduate). Tabitha Bonilla, Department of Political Science (April 2019-June 2019)

Teaching Assistant, "U.S. Environmental Politics" (undergraduate). Kim Suseeya, Department of Political Science (January 2019-March 2019)

Teaching Assistant, "American Government and Politics" (undergraduate). Thomas Ogorzalek, Department of Political Science (September 2018-December 2018)

Teaching Assistant, "Studying Public Opinion" (undergraduate). James N. Druckman, Department of Political Science (March 2018-June 2018)

Teaching Assistant, "Honors Thesis Seminar" (undergraduate). Andrew Roberts, Department of Political Science (September 2017-March 2018)

**Nurturing Wisdom Tutoring**

High School Entrance Exam, ACT, AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government Tutor (September 2014-Present)

**The Israel Program for Excellence in English**

Fifth Grade Teacher (June 2014-August 2014)

**San Antonio Independent School District**

Fifth Grade Teacher (August 2012-June 2014)

**RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE**

**iCivics**

Research Consultant (November 2019-June 2020)

**Chicago Democracy Project**

Graduate Researcher for Tom Ogorzalek (June 2017-June 2020)

**The American Bar Foundation**

Graduate Researcher for Traci Burch (June 2012-September 2019)

**The Obama Foundation**

Civic Learning Consultant (July 2018-April 2019)

**GenForward Survey**

Graduate Researcher for Cathy J. Cohen (June 2017-February 2019)

**Northwestern University**

Experimental Research Pool Coordinator, Political Science Research Laboratory, Department of Political Science (September 2017-June 2018)

Research Assistant for James N. Druckman (September 2017-June 2018)

Research Assistant for Reuel R. Rogers (January 2017-April 2017)

**NPV Advisors, Inc.**

Research Associate (August 2015-August 2016)

**The University of Chicago**

Research Assistant for Micere Keels, Department of Comparative Human Development (March 2015-June 2015)

Research Assistant for Betty Farrell, The Cultural Policy Center-The Harris School of Public Policy (September 2014-June 2015)

**AWARDS AND  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Northwestern University**

Research Grant, The Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy, Summer 2019 (\$1,000)

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Searle Center for Advancing Teaching and Learning, Spring 2019 (\$3,000)

Minar Research Grant, Spring 2019 (\$1,000)

Summer Research Grant, Spring 2019 (\$600)

Minar Prize for Best Second Year Paper, 2017-2018 (\$1,000)

Graduate Research Grant from The Graduate School, Spring 2018 (\$3,000)

Minar Research Grant, Spring 2018 (\$500)

Summer Research Grant, Spring 2018 (\$1,075)

Minar Research Grant, Spring 2017 (\$1,000)

Summer Research Grant, Spring 2017 (\$500)

Northwestern University Fellowship (2016-2017)

	San Antonio Independent School District Rising Star Teacher of the Year Award (2012-2013)
	St. Olaf College Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors Society (2011-2012) Carrow Memorial Scholarship, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (2011-2012) St. Olaf Scholarship for Academics (2009-2012) Winston Cassler Scholarship for Music (2008-2012)
<b>SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY</b>	R, NVivo, ArcGIS, LaTeX, SPSS, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office Suite
<b>ADDITIONAL TRAINING</b>	<b>Teach For America</b> Elementary Education (2012-2014)  <b>Texas Teacher Orientation and Preparation Program</b> Elementary Education (2012-2013)
<b>JOURNAL REVIEWER</b>	<i>Journal of Politics</i> <i>Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics</i> <i>Political Behavior</i> <i>Political Communication</i>
<b>PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS</b>	American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association
<b>DEPARTMENT SERVICE</b>	<b>Northwestern University</b> Chair, Graduate Teaching Committee, Department of Political Science (2019-2020) Co-Chair, Graduate Student Union, Department of Political Science (2018-2019) Secretary, Graduate Student Union, Department of Political Science (2017-2018)
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	English: Speaking, reading, and writing Spanish: Speaking, reading, and writing Japanese: Speaking, reading, and writing
<b>ACADEMIC REFERENCES</b>	James N. Druckman, Professor Department of Political Science, Northwestern University Scott Hall, 601 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208 (847) 491-7450 <a href="mailto:druckman@northwestern.edu">druckman@northwestern.edu</a>  Cathy J. Cohen, Professor Department of Political Science, The University of Chicago Pick Hall, 5828 S. University Ave. Chicago, IL 60637 (773) 702-8051 <a href="mailto:cjcohen@uchicago.edu">cjcohen@uchicago.edu</a>  Traci R. Burch, Associate Professor Department of Political Science, Northwestern University Scott Hall, 601 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208 (847) 491-4848 <a href="mailto:t-burch@northwestern.edu">t-burch@northwestern.edu</a>  Reuel R. Rogers, Associate Professor Department of Political Science, Northwestern University Scott Hall, 601 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208 (847) 491-2644 <a href="mailto:r-rogers@northwestern.edu">r-rogers@northwestern.edu</a>

