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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Lecturer (September 2020-Present)
Department of Political Science

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

PEER-REVIEWED 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*

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

Nelsen, Matthew D. and Christopher Petsko. 2020. "Race and White Rural Consciousness." *Perspectives on Politics*

PUBLIC WRITING

Nelsen, Matthew D. January 28, 2021. "Serious historians are criticizing Trump's 1776 report. It's how most U.S. history is already taught." *The Washington Post*.

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

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

**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.

**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**

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Lecturer, "American Politics and Government" (undergraduate). Department of Political Science (September 2020-December 2020)

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)

	<p>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 (\$1000) Summer Research Grant, Spring 2017 (\$500) Northwestern University Fellowship (2016-2017)</p> <p>San Antonio Independent School District Rising Star Teacher of the Year Award (2012-2013)</p> <p>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)</p>
SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY	R, NVivo, ArcGIS, LaTeX, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office Suite
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	<p>Teach For America Elementary Education (2012-2014)</p> <p>Texas Teacher Orientation and Preparation Program Elementary Education (2012-2013)</p>
JOURNAL REVIEWER	<p><i>Journal of Politics</i> <i>Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics</i> (2) <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> <i>Political Behavior</i> <i>Political Communication</i></p>
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	<p>American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association</p>
DEPARTMENT SERVICE	<p>Northwestern University 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)</p>
LANGUAGES	<p>English: Speaking, reading, and writing (Fluent) Spanish: Speaking, reading, and writing (Conversational) Japanese: Speaking, reading, and writing (Limited working proficiency)</p>
ACADEMIC REFERENCES	<p>James N. Druckman, Professor Department of Political Science, Northwestern University Scott Hall, 601 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208 (847) 491-7450 druckman@northwestern.edu</p> <p>Cathy J. Cohen, Professor Department of Political Science, The University of Chicago Pick Hall, 5828 S. University Ave. Chicago, IL 60637 (773) 702-8051 cjcohen@uchicago.edu</p> <p>Traci R. Burch, Associate Professor Department of Political Science, Northwestern University</p>

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