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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

- 2020-present, Full Professor, Department of Political Science
- 2017-2020, Full Professor, Department of Political Science and Africana Studies
- 2007-2017, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Africana Studies
- 2001-2007, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Africana Studies

### **LEADERSHIP ROLES**

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

- 2023-2024, Interim Director, Africana Studies Institute
- 2022-2023, Faculty Fellow, Office of Diversity, and Inclusion
- 2020-2023, Director, Intersectional Indigeneity Race, Ethnicity, and Politics M.A.
- Fall 2020, Director, Graduate placement in political science
- 2017-2020, Director, Intersectional Indigeneity Race, Ethnicity, and Politics certificate
- Fall 2011, Interim Director, Humanities Institute
- 2009-2012, Associate Director, Humanities Institute

### **EDUCATION**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

- 2001, Ph.D. Political Science
- 1998, M.A. Political Science

Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA

- 1996, B.A. Political Science, *Cum Laude*

### **DATA**

- 2004-2005, National Black Feminist Study (NBFS), Principal Investigator, Conducted by the Center for Survey Research & Analysis (CSRA), University of Connecticut, N= 500 African American adults.

### **BOOKS**

- Simien, Evelyn M., ed. 2022. *Historic Firsts in U.S. Elections: Trailblazing Candidates in Gubernatorial, Congressional, and Mayoral Campaigns*. New York: Routledge.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2016. *Historic Firsts: How Symbolic Empowerment Changes U.S. Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Simien, Evelyn M., ed. 2011. *Gender and Lynching: The Politics of Memory*. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2006. *Black Feminist Voices in Politics*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.

**EDITED JOURNAL SYMPOSIA**

- Simien, Evelyn M., ed. 2013. “The Obama Presidency: Public Opinion, Policy Outcomes, and Rhetorical Failure.” *Polity*, January 45(1): 82-168.
- **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Ange-Marie Hancock, eds. 2011. “Intersectionality Research,” *Political Research Quarterly*. March 64(1): 185-243.

**BOOK CHAPTERS AND ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS**

- Simien, Evelyn M. Forthcoming. “On Becoming a Black Woman Political Scientist: Rising to the Rank of Full Professor at a Major R1 Institution.” in *Disrupting Political Science: Black Women Reimagining the Field*, edited by Angela K. Lewis. Albany NY: State University of New York (SUNY) Press.
- **Simien, Evelyn M.**, Thomas J. Hayes, and Carolyn Conway. 2024. “The Democratic Majority and the 2016 American Presidential Election: Feminist Political Behavior Across Multiple Axes of Identity.” *Political Research Quarterly* 77(10): 371-385.
- **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Sophia Jordán Wallace. 2023. “The Impacts of Exclusion and Disproportionate Service on Women Academics and Faculty of Color in Political Science.” *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 56(2): 291-294.
- **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Sophia Jordán Wallace. 2022. “Disproportionate Service: Considering the Impacts of George Floyd’s Death and the Coronavirus Pandemic for Women Academics and Faculty of Color.” *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 55(4): 799-803.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2022. “The 2018 Congressional Midterms, Symbolic Empowerment, and Ayanna Pressley’s Mobilizing Effect: A Case Study for Future Analysis of Historic Firsts.” *Journal of Women, Politics, and Public Policy* 43(3): 279-296.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2022. “Historic Firsts in U.S. Elections: An Introduction.” In *Historic Firsts in U.S. Elections*, ed. Evelyn M. Simien. New York: Routledge.
- Jones, Lauren E., and **Evelyn M. Simien**. 2022. “Ayanna Pressley: Change Can’t Wait.” In *Historic Firsts in U.S. Elections*, ed. Evelyn M. Simien. New York: Routledge.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2022. “Historic Firsts in U.S. Elections: A Conclusion.” In *Historic Firsts in U.S. Elections*, ed. Evelyn M. Simien. New York: Routledge.
- **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Sara Cote Hampson. 2020. “Black Votes Count, But Do They Matter? Symbolic Empowerment and the Jackson-Obama Mobilizing Effect on Gender and Age Cohorts.” *American Politics Research*, 48(6): 725-737.

- **Simien, Evelyn M.**, Nneka Arinze, and Jennifer McGarry. 2019. "A Portrait of Marginality in Sport and Education: Toward a Theory of Intersectionality and Raced-Gendered Experiences for Black Female College Athletes." *Journal of Women, Politics, and Public Policy*, 40(3): 409-427.
- Handau, Megan, and **Evelyn M. Simien**. 2019. "The Cult of First Ladyhood: Controlling Images of White Womanhood in the Role of the First Lady." *Politics & Gender*, 15(3): 484-513.
- **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Sarah Cote Hampson. 2017. "Hillary Clinton and the Women Who Supported Her: Emotional Attachments and the 2008 Democratic Presidential Primary." *DuBois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 14(1): 93-116.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2016. "Contrasting Concepts within the U.S. and across the African Diaspora: Motherhood Status Reconsidered Comparatively." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 4(2): 325-330.
- **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Danielle L. McGuire. 2014. "A Tribute to the Women: Rewriting History, Retelling Herstory in Civil Rights." *Politics & Gender* 10(3): 413-431.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2013. "African American Public Opinion: Past, Present, and Future Research." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 1(2): 263-274.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2011. "Introduction." In *Gender and Lynching: The Politics of Memory*, ed. Evelyn M. Simien. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2009. "Clinton and Obama: The Impact of Race and Sex on the 2008 Democratic Presidential Primaries." In *Winning the Presidency 2008*, ed. William J. Crotty. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers.
- Alexander-Floyd, Nikol G., and **Evelyn M. Simien**. 2009. "Revisiting 'What's in a Name?': Exploring the Contours of Africana Womanist Thought." In *Still Brave: The Evolution of Black Women's Studies*, eds. Stanlie M. James, Frances Smith-Foster, and Beverly Guy-Sheftall. New York: The Feminist Press.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2007. "Doing Intersectionality Research: From Conceptual Issues to Practical Examples." *Politics & Gender* 3(2): 36-43.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2007. "A Black Gender Gap? Continuity and Change in Black Feminist Attitudes." In *African American Perspectives on Political Science*, ed. Wilbur Rich. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2007. "Black Feminist Theory: Charting a Course for Black Women's Studies in Political Science." In *Speaking Our Minds: Black Women's Intellectual Traditions*, eds. Kristin Waters and Carol B. Conaway. Lebanon, New Hampshire: University of Vermont Press.

- Alexander-Floyd, Nikol G., and **Evelyn M. Simien**. 2006. "Revisiting 'What's in a Name?': Exploring the Contours of Africana Womanist Thought." *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies* 27(1): 67-89.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2005. "Race, Gender, and Linked Fate." *Journal of Black Studies* 35(5): 529-550.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2004. "Black Feminist Theory: Charting a Course for Black Women's Studies in Political Science." *Women & Politics* 26(2): 81-93.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2004. "Gender Differences in Attitudes toward Black Feminism among African Americans." *Political Science Quarterly* 119(2): 315-338.
- **Simien, Evelyn M.**, and Rosalee A. Clawson. 2004. "The Intersection of Race and Gender: An Examination of Black Feminist Consciousness, Race Consciousness, and Policy Attitudes." *Social Science Quarterly* 85(3): 793-810.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2003. "Black Leadership and Civil Rights: Transforming the Curriculum, Inspiring Student Activism." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 36(4): 747-750.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2002. "On the Market: Strategies for the Successful Job Candidate." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 35(3): 581-583.

#### **PUBLIC FACING SCHOLARSHIP**

- Simien, Evelyn M. 2020. "COVID-19, and the Strong Black Woman," *Gender Policy Report*, June 9.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2018. "Lynching Memorial Shows that Women Were Victims, too," *The Conversation*, April 23.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2017. "How Obama's Presidential Campaign Changed How Americans View Black Candidates," *The Conversation*, Feb 7.
- Simien, Evelyn M. 2016. "African American Women Could Be Decisive on Super Tuesday," *The Conversation*, Feb 26.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

- *Race, Gender, and Political Representation*, by Beth Reingold, Kerry L. Haynie, and Kirsten Widner, in *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 7(July 2022): 350-352.
- *Pursuing Intersectionality, Unsettling Dominant Imaginaries*, by Vivian M. May, in *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 42(Winter 2017): 569-572.

- *Sisters in the Statehouse: Black Women and Legislative Decision Making*, by Nadia E. Brown, in *National Political Science Review*, (Winter 2015), 17(1): 126-128.
- *The Changing Face of Representation: The Gender of U.S. Senators and Constituent Communications*, by Kim L. Fridkin and Patrick J. Kenney, in *Perspectives on Politics*, (September 2015), 13(3): 868-869.
- *Concordance: Black Lawmaking in the U.S. Congress from Carter to Obama*, by Katherine Tate, in *Perspectives on Politics*, (December 2014), 12(4): 20-22.
- *Barack Obama's America: How New Conceptions of Race, Family, and Religion Ended the Reagan Era*, by John Kenneth White, in *Political Science Quarterly*, (Summer 2010), 125 (2): 336-337.
- *Affirmative Advocacy: Race, Class, and Gender in Interest Group Politics*, by Dara Z. Strolovitch, in *Perspectives on Politics*, (September 2009), 7(3): 633-634.
- *Gender and the Civil Rights Movement*, edited by Peter Ling and Sharon Monteith, in *Politics and Gender*, (March 2005), 1(1): 192-196.
- *The Political Consequences of Being a Woman: How Stereotypes Influence the Conduct and Consequences of Political Campaigns*, by Kim F. Kahn, in *Social Science Quarterly*, (September 1999), 80(3): 616-17.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024** Distinguished Purdue Alumni Scholar  
**2017** Faculty Member of the Year, NAACP, UConn-Undergraduate Chapter  
**2015** 40 Under 40 Alumni Award, Xavier University of Louisiana  
**2011** Best paper by Faculty Member, Northeastern Political Science Association  
**2009** 100 Women of Color Gala and Awards Ceremony Honoree, Greater Hartford  
**2007** Teaching Promise Award, American Association of University Professors, UConn  
**2006** Anna Julia Cooper Teacher of the Year, National Conference of Black Political Scientists  
**2006** Women of Color Award, Women's Center, University of Connecticut  
**2001** Jewel Prestage Best Paper Award, Southwest Political Science Association  
**2001** Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award, American Political Science Association

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Graduate Courses

Black Feminist Theory and Politics  
 Special Topics in American Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics

### Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Africana Studies  
 Black Feminist Politics  
 African American Politics  
 Black Leadership and Civil Rights  
 Women and the Civil Rights Movement  
 Introduction to American Political Processes  
 American Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics  
 Historic Firsts in U.S. Elections

### Advising

#### Ph.D. Committee: Major Advisor

2018-2022 Carolyn Conway, political science

2017 Danielle Wong, political science

#### Ph.D. Committee: Member

In progress Brooks Kirchgassner, political science

2014 Sarah Cote Hampson, political science

2014 Jamie Huff, political science

2022 Brittney Yancy, History

2021 Ajhanai Newton, Educational Leadership

2009 Tom Volscho, Sociology

#### MA Committee: Major Advisor

2023 Aden Abbatemarco, IIREP

2023 Bryanna Moore, IIREP

2020 Pheobe Ploof, political science

#### MA Committee: Member

2018 Andrew Cain, political science

2015 Tim Bussey, political science

## Honors Thesis Advisor

2019	Leann McLaren, Current position: ABD in Political Science at Duke University.
2018	Megan Handau, Current position: Yale Law School, 2L.
2018	Sydney Carr, Current position: Assistant Professor at College of the Holy Cross, University of Michigan Ph.D. in Political Science.
2005	Ira Steinberg, Current position: Business and Commercial Litigator, and graduate of University of Los Angeles- School of Law.

## Undergraduate Research Assistants

2023	Breanna Bonner, Human Rights
2023	Edgar Jarvis, Political Science
2023	Danah Urban, Political Science
2020	Aden Abbatemarco, Political Science
2020	Mason Holland, Political Science
2018	Aaron Hooker, Political Science
2017	Kylisha Mora, Political Science
2016	Sydney Carr, Political Science
2009	Caresse Spencer, Journalism

## Independent Studies (Graduate)

2020	Dae-Zhane Boland, Public Health
2020	Ajhanai Newton, Educational Leadership
2007	Maura Kelly, Sociology
2006	Felicia Griffin-Fennell, Psychology

2006 Brittney Yancy, History

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **Associate Editor**

2010-2015 *Polity*

#### **Editorial Boards**

2021-present *Journal of Politics*

2020-present *Polity*

2018-2021 *Politics & Gender*

2008-present *Ralph Bunch Journal of Public Affairs*

#### **AD HOC REVIEWER**

#### **Grant and Fellowship Applications**

2021-present, Ford Foundation Fellowship, Social Science Panel

2016, American Political Science Association small research grant program

2016, Time Sharing Experiments for Social Sciences

2014, Ford Foundation Fellowship, Social Science Panel

#### **Book Manuscripts**

Cambridge University Press; Routledge Press; CQ Press; New York University Press; Palgrave/Macmillan; Oxford University Press; University of Illinois Press; Springer; State University of New York Press; Columbia University Press

#### **Refereed Journals**

*Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal; Congress & the Presidency; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Feminist Formations; American Political Science Review; Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change; Political Science Quarterly; Meridians: Feminism, Race, and Transnationalism; Public Opinion Quarterly; National Women's Studies Association Journal; Social Science Quarterly; Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy; Political Research Quarterly; American Journal of Political Science; Sociological Forum; Journal of African American Studies; Politics and Gender; DuBois Review: Social Science Research on Race; National Political Science Review; Gender, Work, and Organization; Gender & Society;*



*The Sociological Quarterly; Comparative Political Studies; Race and Social Problems; Political Behavior; Gender & Society; Social Currents; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Politics, Groups and Identities; Journal of Feminist Scholarship; National Review of Black Politics*

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **International Society of Political Psychology**

2020, Section Chair, Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Religion

### **National Conference of Black Political Scientists**

2015-2016, Chair, Rodney Higgins, Best Faculty Paper Award Committee

### **American Political Science Association**

2022, Member, Best Dissertation Award Committee for Women, Gender, and Politics Section

2020-2021, Member, Presidential Task Force on Systemic Inequality

2016-2018, Member, Executive Council for Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section

2013-2015, Member, Executive Council

2013-2015, Member, Administrative Committee

2012-2015, Member, Committee for Organized Sections

2008, Member, Best Book Award Committee for Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section

2007, Member, Best Dissertation Award Committee for Women, Gender, and Politics Section

### **National Women's Studies Association**

2009-2012, Member, Selection Committee, Women of Color Leadership Project

### **Southern Political Science Association**

2010, Section Chair, Women and Politics

2008, President, Women's Caucus

2007, Vice President, Women's Caucus

2006, Secretary, Women's Caucus

2006, Member, Best Paper Award Committee for women and politics

2005, Member, Best Paper Award Committee for women and politics

**Western Political Science Association**

2008, Section Chair, Women and Politics

**Southwest Political Science Association**

2005, Section Chair, Gender, and Politics

**Selected University Service, University of Connecticut**

2020, Ad Hoc Reviewer, Office of Vice Provost for Research, Research Excellence Program

2019-2020, Advisor, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Undergraduate Chapter

2018-2021, Member, Faculty Review Board for PTR, Office of the Provost

2017-2019, Member, Student Welfare Committee

2017-2018, Member, Research Advisory Council

2016-2019, Member, University Senate, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2016-2017, Member, Negotiations Team, AAUP, UConn Chapter

2015-2016, Speaker, Faculty Representatives Assembly, AAUP, UConn Chapter

2015-2016, Faculty Representative, Department of Political Science, American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Representatives Assembly, UConn Chapter

2013-2015, Advisor, Sankofa, Africana Studies Club

2011-2012, Member, Executive Council, Institutes for Africana Studies, Asian American Studies, Puerto Rican/Latino Studies, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

2011-2013, Member, Provost's Commission on Institutional Diversity

2010-2013, Member, Committee on Committees, Dean's Advisory Board, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2008-2009, Advisor, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

2007-2008, Member, Office of Undergraduate Research Advisory Board, Honors Program

2002-present, Member, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Advisory Board

2002-2007, Member, Undergraduate Affairs Committee

2002-2003, Faculty Representative for Political Science, Courses and Curriculum Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

2001-2020, Member, Africana Studies Institute Advisory Board

### **Selected Departmental Service**

2023-present, Member, Graduate Affairs Committee

2019-2020, Co-Chair, Promotion, Tenure, and Retention (PTR) Committee

2017-2020, Member, Promotion, Tenure, and Retention (PTR) Committee

2018, Chair, Merit Committee

2016-2017, Member, Department Head's Advisory Committee

2015-2016, Member, Graduate Admissions Committee

2013-2014, Member, Vision Committee

2012-2014, Subfield Chair, American politics

2012-2013, Chair, Mega Search Committee in political science

2011-2012, Member, American Politics Search Committee

2010-2012, Member, Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics Committee

2009-2010, Member, Assessment Committee

2008, Member, Graduate Admissions Committee

2008, Member, Merit Working Group

2005, Member, Department Head's Advisory Committee

2005, Member, Latino Politics Search Committee

2004, Co-Chair, African American Politics Search Committee

**Selected Invited Presentations and Lectures**

2022, Invited Presenter, Department of Political Science, Trinity College  
2021, Invited Presenter, Africana Studies Program, Smith College  
2021, Invited Presenter, Black Studies Colloquium, Baruch College  
2021, Invited Presenter, Africana Studies Program, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
2021, Invited Presenter, Department of Political Science, Purdue University  
2020, Invited Presenter, Racial Justice Initiative, Pitzer College  
2020, Invited Presenter, Leadership Alliance Summer Research Program, Brown University  
2020, Invited Presenter, Global Center for Advanced Studies and GCAS College, Thénac, France  
2019, Invited Presenter, Polarization Symposium, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
2019, Invited Presenter, African American and Africana Studies, University of Kentucky  
2017, Invited Keynote, MLK Legacy Celebration, Wheaton College  
2017, Invited Keynote, Africana Studies Program, Villanova University  
2017, Invited Presenter, African American Diaspora Studies Program, Vanderbilt University  
2017, Invited Lecture, Political Science Department, Louisiana State University  
2016, Invited Lecture, African American Studies Program, University of Houston  
2016, Invited Lecture, Political Science Department, College of the Holy Cross  
2016, Invited Presenter, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department, University of California, CA  
2016, Invited Presenter, Africana Studies Center, John Hopkins University  
2016, Invited Lecture, Political Science Department, Providence College  
2016, Invited Lecture, Political Science Department, Trinity College  
2016, Invited Lecture, Political Science Department, Brown University  
2016, Invited Lecture, Political Science Department, Ohio State University  
2015, Invited Keynote, Speicher-Rubin Women's Center, New Jersey City University  
2015, Invited Lecture, Political Science Department, Pennsylvania State University  
2011, Invited Lecture, African American Studies Program, Wesleyan University  
2011, Invited Lecture, Government Department, Connecticut College  
2010, Invited Presenter, Women's Studies Department, University of Maryland, College Park  
2009, Invited Presenter, Center for Race and Ethnicity, Rutgers University  
2009, Invited Lecture, Women's and Gender Studies Department, University of Missouri  
2009, Invited Lecture, McNair Scholars Program, Indiana State University  
2008, Invited Keynote, African American Studies Program, Central Connecticut State University  
2007, Invited Presenter, Worcester State College  
2007, Invited Lecture, Center for Student Leadership, Xavier University of Louisiana  
2007, Invited Lecture, Banners Lecture Series, McNeese State University  
2004, Invited Lecture, Political Science Department, Texas A&M University  
2003, Invited Lecture, Political Science Department, Louisiana State University  
2002, Invited Lecture, Political Science Department, University of Mississippi

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association (Lifetime)

National Conference of Black Political Scientists (Lifetime)