

# Christian Hosam

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## Academic Appointments

**Wellesley College** Wellesley, MA  
Assistant Professor of Political Science July 2025-Present

**Wellesley College** Wellesley, MA  
Fellow in Political Science July 2024-June 2025

## Research interests

American Politics, Race, Congress, Black Politics, Representation, Public Health, Political Economy, Law and Society

## Education

**University of California, Berkeley** Berkeley, CA  
PhD in Political Science August 2018 – May 2024

**University of California, Berkeley** Berkeley, CA  
MA in Political Science August 2018 – December 2020

**Wesleyan University** Middletown, CT  
BA in Government and African American Studies August 2011 – May 2015

## Honors and Fellowships

Wellesley College Albright Institute Faculty Affiliate 2025  
UC Berkeley Institute for Governmental Studies Mike Synar Fellowship 2023  
UC Berkeley Institute for Governmental Studies David M. Howard Prize 2022  
UC Berkeley Political Science Graduate Mentorship Award 2022  
Social Science Research Council Anxieties of Democracy Grant 2021  
UC Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies (BELS) Fellowship 2021  
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (Honorable Mention) 2021, 2020, 2019  
APSA Diversity Fellowship Program Fall 2017

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

### **Black Congressional Politics: anxieties of incorporation**

Christian Hosam  
*Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 2025.

### **Revisiting Racial Triangulation: A 20th Anniversary Symposium**

eds. Sonya Chen, **Christian Hosam**, and Claire Jean Kim  
*Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 2022.

### **Latino Politics, 3rd Edition**

Lisa Garcia Bedolla, **Christian Hosam**.  
*Polity Press*, 2021.

**Fake News is Real: The Significance and Sources of Disbelief in Mainstream Media in Trump's America**

Taeku Lee, **Christian Hosam**.

*Sociological Forum*, 2020.

Editor-Reviewed  
Publications

**McDonald's in the Post-Civil Rights Era  
with Marcia Chatelain**

February 2020

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*Dissent Magazine*

**From Police Violence to the City Budget**

August 2019

Christian Hosam

*Dissent Magazine*

**The Supreme Court's long war against voting rights**

June 2018

Christian Hosam

*The Washington Post*

Research experience

**Research Assistant**

Supervisor(s): Jamila Michener

July 2023 – October 2023

Conducted data entry and analysis on project on state level legislation related to Medicaid

**Graduate Student Researcher - Possibility Lab**

Supervisor(s): Amy Lerman

August 2022 – Present

Working on various projects related to outcome-based public policy projects with one in particular focused on registering currently incarcerated people to vote.

**Sojourn Strategies Research Consultant**

Supervisor(s): Katrina Gamble

July 2020 – August 2022

Created and analyzed survey instrument for a survey featuring approx. 1000 Black respondents around views of social movements, emotions towards American politics, and policy preferences. Worked on second project around political home and belonging with different community organizations.

**Irvine Project Research Assistant**

Mentor(s): Lisa Garcia Bedolla and Marisa Abrajano    September 2019 – May 2021

Worked with community organizations across the state of California to understand the unique costs and benefits of relational organizing for communities of color.

**Center for Democracy and Organizing Research Assistant**

Mentor(s): Lisa Garcia Bedolla, Hahrie Han, and Taeku Lee      October 2018 – Present  
Worked to help match scholars and practitioners to identify best practices for academic/research/activist working partnerships.

Teaching experience

**Wellesley College, Department of Political Science**

POL1 200: Introduction to American Politics

POL 397: A Seat at the Table? Race and Representation in American Institutional Life

**Instructor of Record, Department of Political Science**

POLSCI106A: A Seat at the Table?

Summer 2023

Race and Representation in American Institutional Life

**Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Political Science**

POLSCI 123: Congress

Spring 2021

*Average student rating: 6.54/7*

POLSCI 167AC: Race and the American Dilemma

Fall 2020

*Average student rating: 6.71/7*

POLSCI 116: African American Political Thought

Spring 2020

*Average student rating: 6.72/7*

Industry experience

**New America**, Political Reform

Washington, D.C.

Millennial Public Policy Fellow

August 2017-August 2018

Research Fellow working on issues related to youth politics, electoral reform, and voting rights.

**University of Maryland, College Park**,

College Park, MD

Center for American Politics and Citizenship

August 2015-July 2017

Coordinator

Coordinated Maryland Public Policy Internship Program, supported grant-writing on behalf of the Center, and planned yearly events.

Talks and  
Presentations

**“Triaging Representation:**

September 2023

**The Congressional Black Caucus and Anti-Black Governance”**

2023 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting

**“Race and Representation in the American Congress”**

September 2023

2023 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting

**Consortium on the American Political Economy**

June 2022

**Summer Academy**

*Participant*

## UC Berkeley Political Economy Summer Institute

June 2022

*Participant and Presenter*

### **“Kill the Mother, Spare the Child”**

February 2021

Gender and Political Participation Graduate Student Workshop, Cornell University

### **“Race and Political Economy Panel”, *Moderator***

October 2020

Berkeley Network for a New Political Economy

### **Author Meets Critics Panel, *Presenter***

September 2020

*The Anger Gap* by Davin Phoenix

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

### **APSA Class and Inequality Mini-Conference**

September 2020

#### **Graduate Student Panel, *Presenter***

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

### ***Black in Place: The Spatial Aesthetics of Race in a Post-Chocolate City*, by Brandi Summers**

April 2020

*Graduate Student Discussant*

UC Berkeley Global Metropolitan Studies

### **“The Politics that Women Built”, *Presenter***

November 2019

American Studies Association Annual Meeting

## Skills

### **Programming**

Proficient in: R, Python, SQL, GitHub, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, STATA, Microsoft Office

## Service to

## Department

### **REP Search Committee Member**

September 2021 - November 2021

Read all semifinalist files, met with all finalists one-on-one, coordinated graduate student feedback.

### **Admissions Committee Member**

December 2020 – April 2021

Served as student representative on the Admissions Committee, reading files, coordinating Graduate Student Life Panel, and recruiting admitted students.

### **Co-Chair, Black Bears, Brown Bears (BX4)**

June 2019 - August 2020

Helped plan student of color admitted student day events. Coordinated social events for graduate students of color in Political Science.

### **Diversity Recruitment Lead**

October 2018 – August 2019

Found potential applicants for UC Berkeley Political Science Department. Served as UC Berkeley representative at APSA Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI).

Service to  
University

**Graduate Assembly**

May 2021 – Present

**Campus Affairs Vice President**

Oversaw all appointments to graduate student academic committees, in charge of student-led graduate student emergency funding, and chaired the Faculty Mentor Awards Committee.

**Firebaugh Scholars Program, Tutor**

June 2019 – January 2020

Co-taught summer and Fall class on research ethics and methods to undocumented and formerly justice involved undergraduate students who designated themselves as potential pre-doctoral students.

Service to  
the Profession

**APSA Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section Executive Council**

*Graduate Student Representative* (2021-Present)

**Reviewer, *Political Research Quarterly*** (2023)

**Reviewer, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*** (2021)

Affiliations

**American Political Science Association**