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Academic Posts

University of Washington

Professor, Department of Political Science
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2010-2016
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2006-2010

University of Sydney, United States Studies Centre

Senior Visiting Scholar, 2014-

University of California

Scholar in Health Policy, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2005-2007

University of California, Santa Barbara

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2001-2006

Grinnell College

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, 2000-2001

Education

University of Chicago

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, 2001
Dissertation: "War, What is it Good For: Race, Military Service, and Social Change, 1945-1995."

University of California, Los Angeles

B.A., Department of Political Science, *cum laude*, 1993

Books

Christopher S. Parker and Matt A. Barreto. *Change They Can't Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in Contemporary America* (Princeton University Press, 2013.)

Winner, 2014, Best Book on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, *American Political Science Association*.

Christopher S. Parker. *Fighting for Democracy: Black Veterans and the Struggle Against White Supremacy in the Postwar South* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014.)

Press, 2009).

Winner, 2010, Ralph J. Bunche Award, *American Political Science Association*.

Christopher Sebastian Parker. *The Paradox of American Patriotism: The Use (and Abuse) of a Foundational Concept*. (In progress.)

Christopher Sebastian Parker. *We've Seen This [Stuff] Before: Pseudo-conservatives and the Origins of Contemporary Racial Politics*. (In progress.)

Refereed Articles

Christopher S. Parker. "Race and Politics in the Age of Obama." *Annual Review of Sociology* Vol. 42. (forthcoming, 2016.)

Christopher S. Parker. "Racial Attitudes and Race of Interviewer Item Non-Response." *Survey Practice* 8(3). (with Matt A. Barreto, Loren Collingwood, and Francisco Pedraza.)

Christopher S. Parker. "The Tea Party in the Age of Obama: Mainstream Conservatism or Out-Group Anxiety?" *Political Power and Social Theory* 22 (2011): 105-137. (Matt Barreto, Betsy L. Cooper, Benjamin Gonzalez, and Christopher Towler.)

Christopher S. Parker. "Symbolic versus Blind Patriotism: Distinction without Difference?" *Political Research Quarterly* 63 (March 2010): 97-114.

Christopher S. Parker, Mark Q. Sawyer, and Christopher Towler. "A Black Man in the White House? The Role of Racism and Patriotism in the 2008 Presidential Election." *Du Bois Review* 6 (Spring 2009): 193-217.

Christopher S. Parker. "When Politics Becomes Protest: Black Veterans and Political Activism in the Postwar South." *Journal of Politics* 71 (Winter 2009): 113-131.

Christopher S. Parker. "New Weapons for Old Problems: Conventional Proliferation and Military Effectiveness in Developing States." *International Security* 23 (Spring 1999): 119-147.

Book Chapters

Christopher S. Parker. "American Reactionaries: The Tea Party Movement in Historical Context." In Jens Rydgren, ed., *Oxford Handbook on the Radical Right* (forthcoming, Oxford University Press, 2017).

Christopher S. Parker (with Matt Barreto). "Reviewing the Reactionary Right: From the Klan to the Tea Party." In Adam Berinsky, Ed., *New Directions in Public Opinion*. (Routledge Press, 2016).

Christopher S. Parker. "War and African American Citizenship, 1865-1965: The Role of Military Service." In Henry Louis Gates, jr., Claude Steele, Lawrence D. Bobo, Michael C. Dawson, Gerald Jaynes, Lisa Crooms-Robinson, and Linda Darling, eds., *The Handbook of African American Citizenship 1865-Present* (Oxford University Press, 2012).

Christopher S. Parker. "Toward a Theory of Racial Republicanism." In Taeku Lee, Mark Sawyer, and David Leal, eds., *A Handbook on Race and Politics*. (In progress, Oxford University Press.)

Christopher S. Parker. "A Subjective Assessment of Veterans Health Care: From the Veteran's Point of View." In Stephen Ortiz, ed., *The Politics of Veterans' Policy: Federal Policy in the Modern United States* (University of Florida Press, 2012).

Christopher S. Parker. "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)." In David A. Snow, Donatella Della Porta, Bert Klandermans, and Doug McAdam, eds., *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements* (Blackwell Press, 2012).

Christopher S. Parker. "Race, War, and Social Change: A Narrative Approach." In Camille Zubrinski Charles and Rogers M. Smith, eds., *Race, Ethnicity, National Minorities, and Citizenship*. (Forthcoming, University of Pennsylvania Press.)

Selected Policy-Related Publications

Christopher S. Parker. "Is there such a thing as 'Conservative' foreign policy in 2014?" Issues in Governance Series, *The Brookings Institution*, October, 2014. (With Rachel Blum.)

Christopher S. Parker. "The (Real) Reason Why the House Won't Pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform." Making Government Work, *The Brookings Institution*, August 4, 2014.

Christopher S. Parker. "Wither the Tea Party? The Future of a Political Movement." Issues in Governance Series, *The Brookings Institution*, June, 2014.

Book Reviews

Christopher S. Parker. "The Civil Rights Movement and the Logic of Social Change." *Perspectives on Politics* 8(4): 1196-1198.

Christopher S. Parker. "Filling the Ranks: Transforming the U.S. Military Personnel System." *Journal of Politics* 67(3): 944-946.

Christopher S. Parker. "Torchbearers of Democracy: African American Soldiers in the World War I Era." *Journal of American History* 98(2): 561.

Christopher S. Parker. "War! What Is It Good For? Black Freedom Struggles and the U.S. Military from World War II to Iraq." *Journal of American History* 99(4): 1308-1309.

Under Review

Christopher Sebastian Parker. "On the Meaning and Measurement Reactionary Conservatism." (With Carl Berning and David Smith.)

Christopher Sebastian Parker. “When (Intra) Party Politics Doesn’t Stop at Water’s Edge: The Tea Party, the Republican Party, and Foreign Affairs.” (With Rachel Blum.)

Christopher Sebastian Parker. “Is the Tea Party Splitting [the] Right Down the Middle?” (With Christopher Towler, Kassra Oskoi, and Sergio Garcia-Rios.)

Christopher Sebastian Parker. “Does Southern Conservatism Really = Racism?” (With Christopher Loren Collingwood.)

Working Papers

Christopher S. Parker, James Adams, and Scott Blinder “Reactionary Conservatism in Europe?” (In progress.)

Christopher S. Parker and Christopher C. Towler. “Estimating Support for Reactionary Conservatism: An Interactive Model.”

Christopher S. Parker and Garrett Glasgow. “Race, Patriotism, and Presidential Support.”

Christopher S. Parker. “Military Service and Insurgency During the Urban Crisis.”

Invited Presentations

2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism: Implications for Europe.” *University of Oslo*, Norway, May.

2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism: Implications for Europe.” *University of Bergen*, Norway, May.

2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism: Implications for Europe.” *University of Cologne*, Germany, May.

2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism: Implications for Europe.” *University of Mainz*, Germany, May.

2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism: Implications for Europe.” *Eotvos Lorand University*, Hungary, May.

2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism: Implications for Europe.” *Central European University*, Hungary, May.

2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism: Implications for Europe.” *University of Heidelberg*, Germany, May.

2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism: Implications for Europe.” *VU University*, Amsterdam, April.

2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism: Implications for Europe.” *Hertie School of Government*, Berlin, Germany, March.

- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism: Implications for Europe.” *University of Mannheim*, Germany, March.
- 2015 “Were All Southern Conservatives Created Equal?” *Harvard University*, February.
- 2014 “Were All Southern Conservatives Created Equal?” *UC Irvine*, December.
- 2014 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *New York University*, October.
- 2014 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *City University of New York*, May.
- 2014 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *University of Michigan*, February.
- 2014 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *UC San Diego*, January.
- 2013 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *Cornell University*, September.
- 2013 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *Georgetown University*, January.
- 2012 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *UC Berkeley*, November.
- 2012 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *Brown University*, September.
- 2012 “What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something Else?” *University of Minnesota*, May.
- 2011 “What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something Else?” *Australian National University*, May.
- 2011 “What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something Else?” *University of Sydney*, May.
- 2011 “What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something Else?” *University of Southern California*, April.
- 2011 “What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something Else?” *University of Michigan*, April.
- 2011 “Race, War, and Social Change: A Narrative Approach.” *University of Pennsylvania*, March.
- 2011 “What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something Else?”

- Stanford University*, February.
- 2011 “What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something Else?”
Emory University, February.
- 2011 “Conservatives or Cuckoos?: Is the Tea Party a Pseudo-Conservative
Movement?” *University of Oregon*, January.
- 2010 “Exploring the Causes and Consequences of Tea Party Support.”
Fractures, Alliances and Mobilizations in the Age of Obama: Emerging
Analyses of the “Tea Party Movement,” October 22, 2010, University of
California, Berkeley.
- 2010 “The Paradox of Tea Party ‘Americanism.’” *UCSB*, May 6, 2010.
- 2010 “Fighting for Equality: Black Veterans and the Two Reconstructions.”
Foreign Policy Research Institute. April 11, 2010.
- 2009 “Toward a Theory of Black Republicanism.” *UCLA*, May 28, 2009.
- 2009 “Envisioning a New Black Political Ideology?” *Columbia University*, April
22, 2009.
- 2008 “B(l)ack to the Future?: The Social and Political Implications of Obama’s
Run for the White House.” *University of Utah*, October 1.
- 2008 “Evaluating the Urban Crisis Anew: The Role of Military Service.”
UC Berkeley, May 2008.
- 2004 “Service to the State and Insurgency.” UC Irvine.
- 2003 “Race, Military Service, and War: A study in the Activation of Du Boisian
Double-Consciousness,” presented at Diversity, Democracy, Du Bois, a
symposium on W.E.B. Du Bois. *Grinnell College*, October 8-11 2003.
- 2003 “Race and the Socio-political Effects of Military Service in the Civil Rights
South.” *UCLA*, February 13, 2003.
- 2001 “Conventional Proliferation: A Coherent Approach to Net Assessment In
Developing States.” Conventional Arms Rivalry in the Asia-Pacific,
October 23-25, Honolulu HI.
- 2000 “The Social Context of Military Service,” Bose Lecture Series,
University of Iowa, November 8, 2000.

Selected Media

- 2014 “The Tea Party and its Core Beliefs.” *ABC Classic FM*, Australia. May.
- 2014 “Race and the Legacy of Martin Luther King.” *KPFK*, Los Angeles. January.

- 2013 “Will the Tea Party Outlast Obama?” **MSNBC**, *Disrupt*. December.
- 2013 “The African Americans.” *Public Broadcasting System*, November.
- 2013 “Change They Can’t Believe In.” **CSPAN** book discussion, *Colby College*, November.
- 2013 “Will the Tea Party Outlast Obama?” *Democracy Journal*, op-ed. October.
- 2013 “The Tea Party is Better Understood as a Reactionary Conservative Force.” ***Washington Post***, op-ed (Monkey Cage). October.
- 2013 “The Tea Party will Disappear if Obama Cedes.” *Dipresse.com*, Germany. October.
- 2013 “The shutdown is a Republican Civil War.” Research featured in the ***Washington Post*** by Ezra Klein in the *Wonkblog*. October.
- 2013 “People Don’t Fully Appreciate How Committed the Tea Party is to not Compromising.” Interviewed by Ezra Klein, ***Washington Post***, for the *Wonkblog*. October.
- 2013 “How did Conservatives Get This Radical?” Research featured in an interview by Thomas Edsall for the ***New York Times***. September.
- 2013 “Change They Can’t Believe In,” excerpt. ***The National Memo***. September.
- 2013 “Change They Can’t Believe In.” ***The Michael Medved Show***, KVI-AM.
- 2013 “The Tea Party’s Rise will be Short.” ***CNN.com***, op-ed. May.
- 2013 “The Origins of the Tea Party.” **MSNBC**, *Hardball*. March.

Academic Honors and Grants

- 2014 Fellow, United States Studies Centre, *University of Sydney*.
- 2005-07 Scholars in Health Policy Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, *University of California, Berkeley/UC San Francisco*
- 2004 Winner, Best paper award, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics section, APSA
- 2004 Seed grant, Institute for New Racial Studies (with Howard Winant), *Ford Foundation* (\$110, 000)
- 2002 Research grant, Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research (ISBER), *UCSB*
- 2002 Junior faculty development award, Academic Senate, *UCSB*

- 2002 Research grant, “California Patriotism Pilot Study,” Principal Investigator, UCSB Academic Senate and ISBER (\$20, 000)
- 2001 Faculty development award (with Lester Spence and Robert Brown), *Washington University—St. Louis* (\$30, 000)
- 2000-01 CSMP Fellow, *Grinnell College*
- 1997 Dissertation Fellowship, *Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)*
- 1997 Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, Travel and Research Grant, *University of Chicago*
- 1996 First Year Dissertation Fellowship, *Mellon Foundation*
- 1995-97 Graduate Fellowship, *Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)*
- 1993-95 Trustee Fellowship, *University of Chicago*

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association: 1996, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2010

Midwest Political Science Association: 1996, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009

Western Political Science Association: 2006, 2008, 2010

Social Science History: 2010

Student Supervision

Kassra Oskoi, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair: Matt A. Barreto.

Sergio Garica-Rios, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair: Matt A. Barreto.

Christopher Towler, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair: Christopher S. Parker.

Francisco Pedraza, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair: Matt A. Barreto.

Daniel Byrd, Department of Psychology, University of Washington, Chair: Yuichi Choda

Penny Sheets, Department of Communications, University of Washington, Chair: David Domke.

Loren Collingwood, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair:
Matt A. Barreto.

Damon Di Cicco, Department of Communication, University of Washington, Chair: David
Domke.

Teaching

Political Science 500: *Political Research Design & Analysis*

Political Science 553: *Graduate Seminar on Public Opinion*

Political Science 405: *Seminar on Right-Wing Movements*

Political Science 405: *Seminar on Patriotism*

Political Science 316: *African American Social and Political Thought*

Political Science 246: *Black Politics in America*

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, American Association of Public Opinion Research

Professional Service

Article Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, The Du Bois Review, Journal of American History, Journal of Politics, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, National Science Foundation, Social Science History*

Manuscript Reviewer: *Princeton University Press*

Executive Council (2010-2012): Politics and History Section, *American Political Science Association*

Section Coordinator, Race, Class, Ethnicity, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, 2009

Section Coordinator, Race and Ethnicity, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, 2010

University and Departmental Service

University: *Academic Senate*

Departmental: *Search committee* x 3; *Director graduate admissions* (2013), *committee member* x 2; *Executive committee* (current); *Graduate program committee* (current);

Other Professional Experience

- 1993-99 Deputy Probation Officer, *Los Angeles County Probation Department*
- 1991-93 Group Supervisor, *Los Angeles County Probation Department*
- 1987-93 Operations Specialist, First Class, United States Naval Reserve, *USS Sides* and *USS Mahlon S. Tisdale*
- 1982-1987 Operations Specialist Second Class, United States Navy, *USS Tripoli*