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Bio

BIO

I am an assistant professor of political science at Stanford University where I am also a faculty affiliate with the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity and the Stanford Center for American Democracy. I received my PhD in political science from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and African American Studies from the University of South Carolina.

My research focuses primarily on the role identity plays in structuring political attitudes and behaviors in the U.S. I am especially interested in understanding how stigma shapes the politics of Black Americans, particularly as it relates to group members' support for racialized punitive social policies. In other research projects, I examine the psychological and social roots of the racial divide in Americans' reactions to officer-involved shootings and work to evaluate the meaningfulness of key political concepts, like ideological identification, among Black Americans.

My dissertation, "Policing Norms: Punishment and the Politics of Respectability Among Black Americans," was a co-winner of the 2020 Best Dissertation Award from the Political Psychology Section of the American Political Science Association.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Political Science

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE)
- Public Policy

LINKS

- My Personal Site: https://www.hakeemjefferson.com/

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Identity: CSRE 225, POLISCI 224 (Aut)
- Identity Politics: POLISCI 426, SOC 326 (Aut)
- The Science of Politics: Foundational Concepts for Political Science Graduate Students: POLISCI 480 (Aut)

2025-26

- American Politics and Policy: In Defense of Democracy: AMSTUD 123X, POLISCI 102, PUBLPOL 101, PUBLPOL 201 (Spr, Sum)
- Identity: CSRE 225, POLISCI 224 (Win)
- Workshop in American Politics: POLISCI 422 (Win, Spr)

2024-25

- American Politics and Policy: In Defense of Democracy: AMSTUD 123X, POLISCI 102, PUBLPOL 101, PUBLPOL 201 (Spr)
- Identity: POLISCI 224 (Win)
- Identity Politics: POLISCI 426 (Win)

2023-24

- Identity: POLISCI 224 (Win)
- Introduction to American Politics and Policy: In Defense of Democracy: AMSTUD 123X, POLISCI 102, PUBLPOL 101, PUBLPOL 201 (Win)
- Topics in American Political Behavior: POLISCI 420B (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Chris Flores, Paige Hill, Tyrik LaCruise, Miryea Sturdivant

Doctoral (Program)

Emerald Fikejs, Miryea Sturdivant, Brian Wu

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **The Curious Case of Black "Conservatives": Assessing the Validity of the Liberal-Conservative Scale among Black Americans** *PUBLIC OPINION QUARTERLY*
  Jefferson, H.
  2024
- **The Politics of Respectability and Black Americans' Punitive Attitudes** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
  Jefferson, H.
  2023
- **Beyond the Ballot Box: A Conversation About Democracy and Policing in the United States** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
  Jefferson, H., Gandara, J., Cohen, C. J., Gonzalez, Y. M., Thorpe, R. U., Weaver, V. M.
  2023; 26: 1-32
- **Seeing Blue in Black and White: Race and Perceptions of Officer-Involved Shootings** *PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS*
  Jefferson, H., Neuner, F. G., Pasek, J.
  2021; 19 (4): 1165-1183
- **All-mail voting in Colorado increases turnout and reduces turnout inequality** *ELECTORAL STUDIES*
  Bonica, A., Grumbach, J. M., Hill, C., Jefferson, H.
  2021; 72
- **All-mail voting in Colorado increases turnout and reduces turnout inequality.** *Electoral studies*
  Bonica, A., Grumbach, J. M., Hill, C., Jefferson, H.
  2021; 72: 102363