

# OMAR WASOW

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## EDUCATION

9/05-6/13 *Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.*  
PhD African and African American Studies, completed 2013.  
AM Statistics, completed 2011.  
AM Government, completed 2008.

9/88-6/92 *Stanford University, Stanford, CA.*  
AB Individually Designed Major, Race and Ethnic Relations.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

9/13-Present *Assistant Professor, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.*

9/12-8/13 *Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.*

7/96-9/12 *Technology Analyst, CNN, MSNBC, NBC, NPR, Oprah, PRI, New York, NY.*

3/99-8/05 *Executive Director, BlackPlanet.com, Community Connect Inc., New York, NY.*

## AWARDS

2015-16 *Bobst Faculty Research Grant, Bobst Center, Princeton University.*

2011-12 *Dissertation Fellowship, Project on Justice, Welfare and Economics.*

2010-11 *Sheila Biddle Ford Foundation Fellowship, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute.*

2008-10 *Henry Crown Fellowship, Aspen Institute.*

2007-10 *Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation.*

1997-99 *Next Generation Leadership Fellowship, Rockefeller Foundation.*

## PAPERS

*"Race as a Bundle of Sticks: Designs that Estimate Effects of Seemingly Immutable Characteristics"* (with Maya Sen). Forthcoming in *Annual Review of Political Science*, Vol. 19.

## UNDER REVIEW

*"Do Protest Tactics Matter? Evidence from the 1960s Black Insurgency"*

## WORKING PAPERS

*"The Expanding and Contracting Circle: How Violent Protests Influence Dominant Group Identity and Attitudes"*

*"The Protester's Dilemma"*

*"What Effect Did Police Response Have on the Severity of Black-led Violent Protests in the 1960s?"*

*"Why Red-light Districts? Police Capacity and Municipal State Formation, 1822-1874"*

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 9/18/15 *The Expanding and Contracting Circle: How Violent Protests Influence Dominant Group Identity and Attitudes*, Conference on American Politics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.
- 9/5/15 *Panel on Diversity, Threats, and Exclusion*, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 4/17/15 *Panel on Ferguson as a Window into Racial Politics in the United States*, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 4/9/15 *The Paradox of Protest*, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- 3/20/15 *Nonviolence, Violence and Voting*, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.
- 3/17/15 *Roundtable on Legal Origins & Cross Country Incarceration Rates*, Political Theory Project, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- 1/13/15 *Nonviolence, Violence and Voting*, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA.
- 9/26/14 *Invited speaker on #PublicScholars: Social Media & Knowledge*, Ford Foundation Fellowship Annual Conference, Irvine, CA.
- 8/31/14 *How Do Media Representations of Subordinate Group Protest Affect Dominant Group Identity?* American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2014. Washington, DC.
- 4/10/14 *Race as a 'Bundle of Sticks'*, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton, NJ.
- 1/20/14 *Civil Rights and the Dual State*, Princeton University Martin Luther King Day Commemoration Keynote. Princeton, NJ.
- 8/31/13 *Activating Whiteness: Do Violent Protests by a Subordinate Group Affect Dominant Group Identity and Attitudes?* American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2013. Chicago, IL.
- 4/18/12 *Violence and Voting: Did the 1960s Urban Riots Reshape American Politics?* Applied Statistics Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 3/12/12 *Panelist on Racial Punishment, Engendering Justice* Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2012. Chicago, IL.
- 4/23/11 *Did Urban Riots Win Nixon the Presidency?* Conference on Political Violence, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 4/2/11 *Reconciling Race and Causation*, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 4/11/10 *Can Tweets Kill a Movie? Testing the 'Bruno Effect' on Twitter* The ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems 2010 Microblogging Workshop, Atlanta, GA.
- 7/30/08 *Three Paradoxes of Drug Prohibition*, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- 4/19/08 *How Does Police Response Affect Urban Uprising Severity?* Conference on Order, Conflict and Violence, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 10/24/03 *Keynote: How Multicultural Youth Are Reshaping America*, Tri-Caucus Retreat, Asian-American, Black and Hispanic Congressional Caucuses' Annual Gathering, San Juan, PR.

## SELECTED TEACHING

- 1/15-6/15 POL346: Applied Quantitative Analysis, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- 9/14-6/15 American Politics Research Seminar, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- 9/14-1/15 POL547: Identity Politics, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- 1/14-6/14 POL346: Applied Quantitative Analysis, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

9/13-1/14 POLJW4: Identity and Politics in the U.S., Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.  
9/08-1/09 *Head Teaching Fellow*, American Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Received Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1/13/10 “Was Harry Reid Right?” WashingtonPost.com and TheRoot.com.  
11/5/08 “First Internet President: How Obama tapped netizens to transform American politics.” TheRoot.com.  
3/11/08 “From Jack Johnson to Eliot Spitzer: The troubling history of the White-Slave Traffic Act.” TheRoot.com.

#### SELECTED MEDIA

5/11/15 “Have black protests helped or hurt the Democratic Party?” WashingtonPost.com, John Sides.  
3/16/15 “A way to research race that reflects how complicated it is,” Vox.com, Jenée Desmond-Harris.  
12/15/10 “World War 3.0?” Discussion of cyberwar on The Colbert Report.  
3/10/10 “Tech Guru With a Social Vision,” *The Wall Street Journal*, Joe Walker.  
11/20/09 “Q&A with Omar Wasow,” C-SPAN, host Brian Lamb.  
11/27/02 “Entrepreneur Takes Black-Oriented Site Out of Red,” *The New York Times*, Linda Richardson.  
5/13/01 “Silicon Alley’s Philosopher-Prince,” *The New York Times*, Lynnley Browning.

#### AFFILIATIONS

6/00-Present Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School, Co-founder and Board Member.  
6/09-Present Citizen Schools, Board Member.