

# OMAR WASOW

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## EDUCATION

9/05-6/13 *Harvard University*, Cambridge, MA.  
PhD African and African American Studies, completed 2013.  
AMs Government, completed 2008. Statistics, completed 2011.  
9/88-6/92 *Stanford University*, Stanford, CA.  
AB Individually Designed Major, Race and Ethnic Relations.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

7/22- *Assistant Professor*, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.  
7/21-6/22 *Assistant Professor*, Pomona College, Claremont, CA.  
9/12-6/21 *Assistant Professor*, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.  
3/99-8/05 *Executive Director*, BlackPlanet.com, Community Connect Inc., New York, NY.

## AWARDS

2021 *Finalist: Frank Research Prize*, Center for Public Communications, University of Florida.  
2019 *Stanley Kelley, Jr. Teaching Award*, Department of Politics, Princeton University.  
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.  
2009 *Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*, Harvard University.  
2008-10 *Henry Crown Fellowship*, Aspen Institute.  
2007-10 *Graduate Research Fellowship*, National Science Foundation.

## PAPERS

“Agenda seeding: How 1960s Black Protests Moved Elites, Public Opinion and Voting.” *American Political Science Review*. 114(3), August 2020. 638–659. Google Scholar estimates 300+ citations (including prior drafts). Altmetric Attention Score in top 0.01% of 22M research documents tracked.

“Race as a ‘Bundle of Sticks’: Designs that Estimate Effects of Seemingly Immutable Characteristics,” (with Maya Sen). *Annual Review of Political Science*, Vol. 19. (2016), pp. 499–522. Google Scholar estimates 250+ citations (including prior drafts).

## BOOK PROJECT

*The Protester’s Dilemma: How 1960s Black Protests Swayed Elites, Moved Public Opinion and Changed Elections*. Submission for review planned for December 2022.

## FILM

*Unrest*, 2017. Executive Producer of Sundance award-winning and Oscar-shortlisted documentary directed by Jennifer Brea. Film certified for continuing medical education credits and used in both research and clinical settings.

## WORKING PAPERS

“The Long Fuse: How Early Investments in Black Education Helped Overthrow Jim Crow,” with Jacob Grumbach.

“The New Donorate: Affluent Politics and the Rise of President Trump,” with Tali Mendelberg, Eric Manning and Sean Kates.

“How Anti-Immigrant Policies and Rhetoric Angers and Mobilizes Latinos,” with Nicholas Valentino, Ali Valenzuela and Matt Barreto.

“The Boundaries of Black Voting,” with Brandon McGhee.

“Conditional ethnocentrism: Experimental evidence from protests in the United States.”

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 9/16/22 *The Long Fuse: How Early Investments in Black Education Helped Overthrow Jim Crow*, APSA 2022.
- 9/17/22 *Discussant, Author meets critics for The Advantage of Disadvantage, LaGina Gause*, APSA 2022.
- Agenda Seeding: How 1960s Black Protests Moved Elites, Public Opinion and Voting*
- 1/8/22 Winter Session, Georgetown, Washington, DC.
- 5/11/21 Political Economy Workshop, UCSD, San Diego, CA.
- 12/2/20 University College of London, Department of Political Science Research Seminar, London, UK.
- 10/22/20 Carnegie Mellon University, Social Innovation Program, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 10/17/20 Trust and Truth Online, Panel: Protests and Media Framing in 1960s and Today, Virtual conference.
- 10/7/20 Tough Talks, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.
- 10/7/20 Ethical Leadership Seminar, Georgetown, Washington, DC.
- 10/7/20 Policing, Protest, & American Politics in 2020, Princeton, Princeton, NJ.
- 9/24/20 Politics of Multiculturalism, UCSD, San Diego, CA.
- 9/18/20 Yale American & Comparative Political Behavior Workshop, Yale, New Haven, CT.
- 9/16/20 Political Science Guest Speaker Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.
- 8/28/20 Panel: The Modern Racial Justice Movement, Pardee RAND Graduate School, Santa Monica, CA.
- 10/22/21 *The Long Fuse: How Early Investments in Black Education Helped Overthrow Jim Crow*, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.
- 9/29/21 *APSA Roundtable: Can Democratic Innovations Deepen Democracy in Diverse Societies?*, American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.
- 8/5/21 *Social Justice and Legacies of Environmentalism*, Breakthrough Institute, Sausalito, CA.
- 4/8/21 *Democracy in an Age of Mistrust: A Conversation with Ethan Zuckerman and Omar Wasow*, Brennan Center for Justice, New York, NY.
- 12/18/21 *Mobilizing and Polarizing: The Conditional Power of Police and Protester Violence*, with Ali Valenzuela, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- 12/18/21 *Panel: A Fountain Worth Drinking From? On the Value of Social Science Research to Racial Justice*, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.
- 12/4/20 *Panel: Conceptualizing and Measuring Discrimination*, Committee on Quantitative Methods, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- 11/12/20 *Peace Science Society Panel: Race, Ethnicity, and Policing in the United States*, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.
- 9/10/20 *Race and Public Opinion: Today in Historical Context*, Citrin Center for Public Opinion, University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.
- 9/9/20 *The Protester's Dilemma: How 1960s Black Protests Moved Media, Public Opinion and Voting*, Fellows Colloquium Series, Hutchins Center, Harvard. Cambridge, MA.

- 7/14/20 *Race and Ethnicity Quantitative Methods Class*, ICPSR, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 6/22/20 *Panelist: Struggle for Black Liberation: Historic and Contemporary Movements Against State-Sanctioned Violence*, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA.
- 11/11/19 *Closing Keynote: Reimagining Black Youth-Led Technologies Conference*, The Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA.
- 8/30/19 *Waking a Sleeping Giant: How Anti-Immigrant Policies & Rhetoric Mobilize Latinos* (with Ali Valenzuela & Nicholas Valentino), APSA, Washington.
- 4/19/19 *Waking a Sleeping Giant: How Anti-Immigrant Policies & Rhetoric Mobilize Latinos* (with Ali Valenzuela & Nicholas Valentino), APSA, Washington.
- 11/29/17 *Leading from below: How subordinate groups overcome political asymmetries*, Race, Ethnicity and Identity Seminar, Bobst Center, Princeton, NJ.
- 11/11/16 *Do Protests Matter? Evidence from the 1960s Black Insurgency*, American Politics workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 9/2/16 *Panelist, Technology Innovation in Research and Teaching*, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 5/6/16 *The Expanding and Contracting Circle: Evidence from Recent U.S. Protests*, Ways to Justice Conference, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.
- 4/22/16 *Do Protests Matter? Evidence from the 1960s Black Insurgency*, Police Actions and Citizen Mobilization in Democratic Societies, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 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*, MPSA Annual Conference, 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.
- 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* MPSA Annual Conference, 2012. Chicago, IL.
- 4/2/11 *Reconciling Race and Causation*, MPSA 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

Fall 18-20 FRS165: Projecting Power, Seminar on ethnic politics using film, Princeton University. Rating 4.8 / 5.  
Spr 2014-15, 2017-21 POL346: Applied Quantitative Analysis, Princeton University. Rating 4.8 / 5.  
Fall 2014, 18, Spr 18, 19, 20 POL547: Identity Politics, Princeton University.  
2014-15, 2016-17 APRS: American Politics Research Seminar, Princeton University,  
Fall 2013, 16 POLJW: Identity and Politics in the U.S and Beyond.  
Fall 2017 POL421: Race and Ethnicity in Comparative Context, Princeton University.  
Fall 2008 GOV30: American Government, Teaching Fellow, Harvard University. Received Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.

#### SERVICE

1/29/2021 Panel: Tigers in the Trenches: A History of Student Protests at Princeton  
2021 Ad hoc committee on Diversity: Department of Politics  
2020 Faculty Recruitment Sub-Committee  
2020 Graduate Pipeline Recruitment and Training Sub-Committee  
10/5/20 AI Consequences: A Joint WHYI and Princeton Ideation Session  
2015-16 APSA Technology Taskforce. Lead author on report about how the American Political Science Association might use prizes to increase undersupplied academic public goods.  
2015-20 Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science. Co-run workshop and administer small grants to support experimental social science.  
2013-21 Reviewer. *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Conflict Research*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Du Bois Journal* .

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1/07/21 "Un-American? Actually, the Capitol riot was quintessentially American" *Washington Post*.  
6/11/20 "The protests started out looking like 1968. They turned into 1964" *Washington Post*.  
1/13/10 "Was Harry Reid Right?" [WashingtonPost.com](http://WashingtonPost.com) and [TheRoot.com](http://TheRoot.com).  
11/5/08 "First Internet President: How Obama tapped netizens to transform American politics." [TheRoot.com](http://TheRoot.com).  
3/11/08 "From Jack Johnson to Eliot Spitzer: The troubling history of the White-Slave Traffic Act." [TheRoot.com](http://TheRoot.com).

#### SELECTED MEDIA MENTIONS

7/11/22 "The Democrats Need to Start Playing Offense," Jay Caspian Kang, *New York Times*.  
7/3/22 "Racism is still a big problem in the US, but this trend offers some hope," John Blake, *CNN*.  
6/29/22 "The Vanishing Moderate Democrat," Jason Zengerle, *New York Times*.  
12/22/21 "Why the '70s are a blueprint – but not a destiny – for the 2020s," Peter Grier & Noah Robertson, *Christian Science Monitor*.  
11/16/21 "Liberals Envisioned a Multiracial Coalition. Voters of Color Had Other Ideas," Michael Powell, *New York Times*.  
11/12/21 "Menace Enters the Republican Mainstream," Lisa Lerer & Astead W. Herndon, *New York Times*.  
8/30/21 "When the Silent Majority Isn't White," Jay Caspian Kang, *New York Times*.

- 7/14/21 “Right To Vote: Civil Rights Activists Say We’ve Been Here Before,” Audie Cornish, NPR.
- 7/8/21 “The engineered conservative panic over critical race theory, explained,” Brandon Tensley, CNN.
- 7/7/21 “Trump’s Cult of Animosity Shows No Sign of Letting Up,” Thomas B. Edsall, *New York Times*.
- 6/30/21 “‘New York City Is a World unto Itself.’ But It May Tell Us Where Democrats Are Headed,” Thomas B. Edsall, *New York Times*.
- 11/16/20 “How to Stop a Power Grab,” Andrew Marantz, *New Yorker*.
- 9/23/20 “Racial Protest, Violence, and Backlash,” Matt Grossman *The Science of Politics Podcast*.
- 8/14/20 “How to Study Racial Disparities,” Bryan Schonfeld, Sam Winter-Levy, *Scientific American*.
- 7/5/20 “The politics of race are shifting, and politicians are struggling to keep pace,” Dan Balz, *Washington Post*.
- 6/18/20 “How Social Media Has Changed Civil Rights Protests,” Shira Ovide, *New York Times*.
- 6/5/20 “What the 1960s civil rights protests can teach us about fighting racism today,” Sujata Gupta *Science News*
- 6/3/20 “The George Floyd Election,” Thomas B Edsall, *New York Times*.
- 8/21/17 “Why Obama Should Lead the Opposition to Trump,” Adam Gopnik, *New Yorker*.
- 9/29/17 “Director Jennifer Brea exposes the personal pain of an immune disorder in the documentary ‘Unrest,’” Amy Kaufman, *Los Angeles Times*.
- 2/17/17 “Violence Will Only Hurt the Trump Resistance,” Erica Chenoweth, *New Republic*.
- 11/21/16 “People are in the streets protesting Donald Trump. But when does protest actually work?” Erica Chenoweth, *WashingtonPost.com*
- 8/29/16 “Learning from the Slaughter in Attica,” Adam Gopnik, *New Yorker*.
- 5/11/15 “Have black protests helped or hurt the Democratic Party?” John Sides, *WashingtonPost.com*.
- 3/16/15 “A way to research race that reflects how complicated it is,” Jenée Desmond-Harris, *Vox.com*.

#### INTERVIEWS

- 7/7/20 “The Protesting of a Protest Paper”, Tom Bartlett, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- 5/31/20 “What the 1960s can teach us about modern-day protests”, PBS NewsHour.
- 5/29/20 “How Violent Protests Change Politics”, Isaac Chotiner, *New Yorker*.
- 12/15/10 “World War 3.0?” Discussion of cyberwar with Steven Colbert, *The Colbert Report*.
- 3/10/10 “Tech Guru With a Social Vision,” Joe Walker, *The Wall Street Journal*.
- 11/20/09 “Q&A with Omar Wasow,” host Brian Lamb, C-SPAN.
- 11/27/02 “Entrepreneur Takes Black-Oriented Site Out of Red,” Linda Richardson, *New York Times*.
- 5/13/01 “Silicon Alley’s Philosopher-Prince,” Lynnley Browning, *New York Times*.