

# Advancing Research Grants: Meet the 2024 Early Career Scholars

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The APSA Diversity and Inclusion Advancing Research Grants provide support for research that examines political science phenomena affecting historically underserved communities and underrepresented groups and communities. In July 2024, APSA awarded 10 projects for the APSA Diversity and Inclusion Advancing Research Grant for Early Career Scholars for a combined total award amount of \$20,000. Read more about the funded projects here: <https://apsanet.org/diversity/apsa-diversity-advancing-research-grants/advancing-research-grants-early-career-scholars/2024-advancing-research-grants-for-early-career-scholars-recipient/>.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Hard Pill to Swallow: Gendered Public Perceptions of Supreme Court Oral Arguments and Womens' Reproductive Healthcare

## CHRISTINE BIRD

Christine Bird is currently an assistant professor at Oklahoma State University and formerly a visiting assistant professor at the University at Albany, SUNY. She earned her PhD from the department of government at the University of Texas at Austin and her Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University. Her work focuses on the intersection of elite advocacy, courts, and public policy.



**PROJECT TITLE:** Racialized and Gendered Relief: How Working Women Experienced Pandemic Policies

## MARGARET BROWER

Margaret Perez Brower is an assistant professor of political science and women, gender, and sexuality studies at the University of Washington. Her work focuses on how intersectionality is a critical framework for understanding US institutions, higher education, political behaviors, and social movements. Her first book is entitled *Intersectional Advocacy. Redrawing Policy Boundaries Around Gender, Race, and Class* (Cambridge University Press, 2024).



## RACHEL HOUSTON

Rachael Houston completed her PhD in political science from the University of Minnesota in 2021 and is now an assistant professor at Texas Christian University. Her work focuses on the intersection of media and courts.



## MARCY SHIEH

Marcy Shieh completed her PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2023 and is currently a post-doctoral researcher at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and works at the intersection of courts and political behavior.



**PROJECT TITLE:** Mental Health and Asian American Political Participation in the Era of Contemporary Negative Racialization

## NATHAN CHAN

Nathan Kar Ming Chan is an assistant professor of political science at Loyola Marymount University. His research interests include racial/ethnic politics; identity; and political behavior. He has published or has forthcoming articles in outlets such as *Perspectives on Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, and *Political Research Quarterly*—among others. This research grant will help fund data collection for a book manuscript that he is working on tentatively titled: *Revisiting Asian American Political Participation in an Era of Contemporary Racialization*. The project aims to put forward the most recent and comprehensive account of political participation among the fastest growing monoracial group in the United States—especially in response to accelerated contexts of hate since the start of the pandemic.



**PROJECT TITLE:** Hum So the Devil Doesn't Hear You: Rural Black Southern Political Existences as the Otherwise

**CLAIRE CRAWFORD**

Claire B. Crawford is an assistant professor of Africana political thought in the department of politics and international affairs and the program in African American studies at Wake Forest University. She received her PhD in political science and international relations from the University of Southern California. Her research focuses on Black liberation movements, political identity formation, and sonic politics. Her publications include an article in *Social Science Quarterly* (2021). Her current book project, *Hum So the Devil Doesn't Hear You: Southern Black Rural Political Existences in the Otherwise*, is an interdisciplinary study that attempts to deeply understand how we can consider otherwise possibilities of democratic engagement as practiced in the murmurs, breaks of speech, and hums of Black rural Southern life.



She is currently writing a book titled *Affective Political Community in Unlivable Times*, which considers how embodied, affective experiences of suffering, crisis, and lack shape political subjectivity, identity, and difference. Her research and teaching interests include: postcolonial and decolonial theory; critical higher education studies; intersectional feminist, queer, and disability theory; and critical approaches to the intersections of humanity, animality, and technology. She holds degrees from Duke University, Cornell University, and the University of California-Los Angeles.

**PROJECT TITLE:** The Double-Edged Sword of Policing: The Impact of Policing Consequences on Attitudes

**BRYANT MOY**

Bryant Moy is an assistant professor of politics at New York University. His current research explores substantive questions that animate urban life and policy making in small-scale multi-racial de-



mocracies: whether local governments can translate public opinion into public policy despite overlapping governing institutions, whether individuals can foster greater responsiveness and transparency among local elites, and why discriminatory institutions emerge and persist at the local level. Methodologically, he is interested in experiments and applying machine learning to descriptive and causal inference. His scholarly work has been published in the *Journal of Experimental Political Science* and *Political Behavior*. In 2022, he was honored with the Susan Clarke Young Scholars Award from the Urban and Local Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. Bryant has also received the Best Graduate Student Poster Award from the Society for Political Methodology in 2022 and the MENA and Asian PolMeth Poster Award in 2024. He earned his PhD from Washington University in St. Louis in 2022. Before his current position, he was a faculty fellow at the Center for Data Science at New York University.

**PROJECT TITLE:** To Be a Radical: How Intersectional Organizing Remade Social Movement

**JENN JACKSON**

Jenn M. Jackson (they/them) is a queer, androgynous Black woman, an abolitionist, a lover of all Black people, and an assistant professor at Syracuse University in the department of political science. Jackson's research is in Black politics with a focus on Black feminist movements, racial threat and trauma, gender and sexuality, policing, and political behavior. They are the author of *BLACK WOMEN TAUGHT US* (Penguin Random House, 2024) and *POLICING BLACKNESS* (University of Chicago Press, expected in 2025). Jackson has written peer-reviewed articles at *Public Culture*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*. Jackson received their doctoral degree from the department of political science at the University of Chicago in 2019 where they also received a graduate certificate in gender and sexuality studies. Jackson teaches courses on gender and politics, Black feminism, Black politics, and the politics of racial threat.



**PROJECT TITLE:** Resisting the Poli-Migra: Policing, Immigration Politics, and Latinx Activism in San Diego

**ERICA SALINAS THOMAS**

Erica Salinas Thomas is an assistant professor of political science at Rutgers University-Newark. She received her PhD in government from Cornell University and her BA in political science from the University of California, San Diego. Before working at RU-N, she was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Texas at Austin. Salinas Thomas'



**PROJECT TITLE:** Affective Political Community in Unlivable Times

**ALTHEA SIRCAR**

Althea Rani Sircar (she/her/hers) is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Redlands. Her scholarship examines ontological and epistemological dimensions of embodiment, identity, suffering, survival, and community.



scholarly work examines the intersections of race, criminal legal institutions, and political attitudes and behavior. Drawing on theoretical frameworks and methodologies from various disciplines, she examines how criminal legal contact shapes the perceptions of Latinx subgroups in the United States toward the law, government, and politics. Her research also explores how and when Latinx subgroups resist unfair police interactions and practices.

**PROJECT TITLE:** *Mexico's Mayan Train: The Coloniality of National Development Projects*

#### DEBBIE SAMANIEGO

Debbie Samaniego is an assistant professor of international relations in the department of political science at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Her research draws on a range of critical approaches, most prominently decolonial and settler colonial studies to examine migration politics within the modern international order. Broadly, she is working on three strands of research. First, she examines the coloniality of global migration governance, including the externalization and militarization of borders. Second, she analyzes the historical continuity of racialized migrant labor regimes in the US, UK, and EU. Third, she studies colonial/imperial projects in Latin America and their relationship to displacement and forced migration. She is currently working on a book manuscript titled *Rethinking Migration through the Colonial Question* which argues that the US is not experiencing a migration crisis, but rather a colonial crisis. She received an MA in international relations from Queen Mary University of London and a PhD in international relations from the University of Sussex. ■



**PROJECT TITLE:** *Same as it ever was: Can facts about the persistence of a racial wealth gap increase support for reparations?*

#### MARK WILLIAMSON

#### ANIL MENON

Anil Menon is an assistant professor of political science at the University of California, Merced. Previously, he was a Klarman postdoctoral fellow at Cornell University. He received his PhD in political science from the University of Michigan in 2022. His research interests include the legacies of political violence and political responses to conditions of vulnerability more broadly. His research on these topics is published in journals including the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and *The Economic Journal*. His public-facing work has been featured in outlets like *The Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, *The Conversation*, *Current History*, and the LSE USAPP blog.



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