

AMBER D. SPRY

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

July 2018 – present	Brandeis University, Assistant Professor
June 2015 – June 2016	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Predoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Ph.D. 2018; M.A. 2013

Dissertation Title: *Identity in American Politics: A Multidimensional Approach to Study and Measurement*
 Committee: Donald Green (chair), Robert Shapiro, Frederick Harris, Kimuli Kasara, Christina Greer
 Major: American Politics, Minor: Comparative Politics

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), B.A. with honors distinction
 Majors: Political Science, Media and Communications Studies.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

African American studies, American politics, identity, race and ethnic politics, political behavior, political psychology, inequality, social movements. Quantitative and qualitative research methods, including experimental methods, interview research, and survey design.

PUBLICATIONS

Broad, Marcus; **Amber D. Spry**, Shayla C. Nunnally, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. (2021). "Black Generational Politics and the Black Lives Matter Movement: How Political Opportunity Structures and Respectability Politics Affect Movement Support." *National Journal of Black Politics* 1(4): 452-473

Amber D. Spry. (2017). "Identity and Political Attitudes: What insights can an alternative measurement strategy provide?" in Golder, Matt and Sona Golder (eds). "Symposium: Race and Ethnicity in Comparative Perspective." *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 27(2): 96-100.

Green, Donald P., and **Amber D. Spry**. (2015). "Hate Crime Research: Design and Measurement Strategies for Improving Causal Inference." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 30(3): 228-246.

Under Peer Review

"Measuring Identity: Social Groups, Political Attitudes, and Design Strategy"

"A Modern American Dilemma: American Identity and Support for the Black Lives Matter Movement." (with Shayla Nunnally).

"The #RiceBreaker: Facilitating Intercultural Dialogues in the Classroom by Engaging Shared Experiences"

"Building a Model for Integrative Computational Social Science Research"

Edited Volumes

Spry, Amber D. (2021). "Identity Experiments: Design Challenges and Opportunities for Studying Race and Ethnic Politics" in *Advances in Experimental Political Science*. James Druckman and Donald Green (eds.), 431 – 46. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Spry, Amber D. "African American Political Participation" in *African Americans in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of African Americans as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*. King-Meadows et al. (eds.). Forthcoming, ABC-CLIO.

Spry, Amber D. "Linked Fate" in *African Americans in the American Political System: An Encyclopedia of African Americans as Voters, Candidates, and Office Holders*. King-Meadows et al. (eds.). Forthcoming, ABC-CLIO.

Invited Book Reviews

Deep Roots: How Slavery Still Shapes Southern Politics, by Avidit Acharya, Matthew Blackwell, and Maya Sen. (Princeton University Press, 2018). Invited book review for *Science*. October 2018.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Centering Identities: What Group Ties Can (and Can't) Tell Us About Politics. Book manuscript in progress.

"Parameters and Considerations for Conducting Identity-Based Quantitative Research" (in collaboration with Meta Social Impact Research)

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- Perlmutter Award for Teaching, Research, and Service, Brandeis University 2021
- Computational Social Sciences Presidential Grant, Russell Sage Foundation 2019-2021
- Theodore and Jane Norman Award for Faculty Research, Brandeis University 2019-2021
- Teaching Innovation Grant, Brandeis University 2019-2020
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology Predoctoral Fellowship 2015-2016
- Collaborative work funded by MIT Political Experiments Research Lab 2015
- Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University 2015
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2012-2015
- Teaching Fellow, Columbia University 2011-2012
- Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Strive For Excellence Award 2010
- Maryland Gubernatorial Citation for Outstanding Commitment to Public Service 2008

TEACHING

Brandeis University

- Identity Politics in the United States
- African American Political Thought
- Introduction to American Politics
- Polling the American Public: Creating and Conducting a National Opinion Poll

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2022

- Midwest Political Science Association Author Meets Critic “The Importance of Campaign Promises” by Tabitha Bonilla (by invitation)

2021

- University of Tennessee Knoxville Research Seminar (by invitation)
- Northwestern University “Leading Equity and Inclusion in Business” Guest Lecture (by invitation)
- Brandeis University Critical Conversation Series

2020

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (panelist)
- Dartmouth College Rockefeller Center 2020 Post-Election Analysis (panelist, by invitation)
- University of Pennsylvania American Politics Seminar (by invitation)
- Brown University Taubman Center American Political Behavior Workshop (by invitation)
- University of Chicago American Politics Workshop (* by invitation, postponed due to COVID-19)
- International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting (* talk cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Midwest Political Science Association (panelist, presenter * talk cancelled due to COVID-19)

2019

- National Conference of Black Political Scientists (presenter)
- Midwest Political Science Association (panelist, presenter)
- Boston University American Political Behavior Workshop (by invitation)

2017

- Identity Politics Research Group, New York University (presenter)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (presenter)
- National Conference of Black Political Scientists (presenter)

2016

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (presenter).
- University of Pennsylvania Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism (by invitation).
- Harvard Working Group on Political Psychology and Behavior (by invitation).

2015

- Political Experiments Research Lab Workshop, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (by invitation).
- International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting (presenter).
- Political Science Graduate Student Workshop (presenter), Columbia University.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND TO THE DISCIPLINE

Faculty Consultant

Spring 2020

- *Brandeis University Division of Social Sciences Undergraduate-Faculty Research Partnerships Website*

Reviewer

2017-present

- *Science, Journal of Race and Ethnic Politics, Research and Politics, American Journal of Political Science.*

Coordinator / American Politics Workshop

2017-2018

- Columbia University

Co-Founder and Coordinator / Columbia Inequality, Race, and Ethnicity Workshop (CIRE)

2014-2015

- Columbia University

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russell Sage Foundation 	
Hybrid Teaching Institute	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center for Teaching and Learning, Brandeis University 	
Policy Engagement Training	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholars Strategy Network 	
Innovative Teaching Summer Institute	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center for Teaching and Learning, Columbia University 	
Reflective Teaching Seminar	2016, 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center for Teaching and Learning, Columbia University 	
Conceptualizing and Carrying Out Ethnographic Interviewing (short course)	2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics, Columbia University 	

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Collaborator, Quantitative UX Research / Meta / Remote / 2022-present

- Advise central social impact research within Meta organization; share expertise from my field.
- Identify company-wide research topics and establish trajectory for equity social impact research.
- Work closely with product teams to integrate insights into research development process.
- Scope and conduct end-to-end research to establish quantitative measures for identity based research.

Independent Consultant / New York, NY / 2011-present

- Work autonomously as a subject expert and with teams to monitor and evaluate progress, assess strategy, and advance goals of client organizations and agencies. Conduct detail-driven analyses and evaluate benchmarks for organizational success.
- Have worked with organizations including: United States Department of Justice, American Civil Liberties Union, Austrian Cultural Forum, Neveva Productions, Elevate New York, Maryland Higher Education Commission, and Maryland State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services.

Graduate Mentor / Columbia University Summer Research Program / New York, NY / 2012, 2014

- Developed research programming to support two cohorts of 3 to 5 undergraduate students equipping them with experiences needed to competitively apply to social science graduate programs.
- Mentored students through all phases of their own research projects including conceptualization and design, analysis, writing, and presentation of their original work at a national research conference.
- Trained students on interviewing techniques, door-to-door survey sampling, and implementation of fieldwork in New York City. Resulted in contribution to a national public opinion dataset.

Research Assistant / The Urban Institute / Washington, D.C. / 2010-2011

- Assisted Vice President for Research in conceptualization and execution of MetroTrends project.
- Created datasets of social and economic indicators across U.S. metropolitan regions providing citizens and policymakers access to timely, reliable information about nationwide trends told through the stories of individual cities. Curated online research library for D.C. Crime Policy Institute.

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (research language proficiency certified through Columbia University).

Programs and Quantitative Applications: R, STATA, SPSS, LaTeX, Qualtrics, Amazon Mechanical Turk.