Beyond the Ballot: How Young Adults of Color are Transforming American Politics

Drawing on data from novel and longstanding surveys, administrative sources, and qualitative interviews, I examine the relationship between race and ethnicity and different forms of political engagement among young Black, Latinx, Asian American and white adults. In doing so, I challenge the popular notion that young adults, particularly those who identify as Black, Latinx, and Asian American, are politically apathetic and disinterested in issues of policy. While those who characterize young people as apathetic point to persistently low voter turnout rates as evidence of widespread disengagement among those between the ages of 18 and 30, I argue that narrowly operationalizing political participation to only encompass voting misses how many young adults, especially young adults of color, choose to engage with politics and how those decisions are rooted in the history of racial categorization in the United States.


**Other Publications**

Survey Reports (co-authors listed in alphabetical order)


**Public Writing (co-authors listed in alphabetical order)**


4. Fowler, Matthew, Vladimir E. Medenica, Cathy J. Cohen. October 1, 2018. “Here are the issues that will get millennials to the polls in November”. *The Monkey Cage*.


**Works In Progress**


Medenica, Vladimir E., and Matthew Fowler. “Underestimating Racial Attitudes: Young Adults and Support for Protesting Police Violence” *(Under Review)*

Medenica, Vladimir E. “Racial Advocacy: An Experiment on Support for Voter ID Laws” (Under Review)


Medenica, Vladimir E., Roberto Carlos, and Kassra Oskooii. “The Effect of Elite Rhetoric on Racial Resentment” (In Progress)

Kipp, Stephen, Vladimir E. Medenica, Kassra Oskooii, and Hannah Walker. “Polarizing Cues Revisited: The Significance of Partisan Benchmarking” (In Progress)


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**Teaching Experience**

**University of Delaware**

*Graduate*
- Qualitative Methods

*Undergraduate*
- Public Opinion
- Latinx Politics
- The Politics of Difference

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**Princeton University**

*Undergraduate*
- Introduction to American Politics (Assistant Instructor)
- The Craft of Research (Co-Instructor)
- Visualizing Data (Tutor)

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**Fellowships, & Awards**

- Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship 2014 - 2017
- Princeton University President's Fellowship 2012 - 2017
- Marion Levy Fellowship in Social Policy 2015 - 2016
- American Political Science (APSA) Minority Fellowship 2012 - 2014
- Leadership Alliance Mellon Fellowship at Columbia University 2011
- Ronald E. McNair Scholar 2010
- USC University Scholarship 2008 - 2012

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**Invited Talks, Lectures, & Events**


- 2020 -

“When Parents Think it is OK to Separate Other People from their Children." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA).


- 2019 -

“Millennial Mobilization and Race in the 2016 Election.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (WPSA).

- 2018 -

“Millennial Mobilization and Race in the 2016 Election.” Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (SPIRE) at the University of Pennsylvania.

“The Role of Resentment on Shaping the Political Attitudes of White Millennials.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) (with Matthew Fowler).


“Racial Attitudes and Millennial Opinions on NFL Anthem Protests.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) (with Matthew Fowler).

- 2017 -

Professional Service

Service to the Discipline

- **Manuscript Reviewer/Referee**
  Perspectives on Politics, Political Psychology, Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics, Politics, Groups, and Identities, Ethnic and Racial Studies
  2017 - Present

- **Conference Organizer**
  Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC)
  2020

- **Section Chair**
  Interpretation and Method
  Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Meeting
  Parties, Interest Groups, and Social Movements
  Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Meeting
  2020

- **Conference Discussant**
  Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
  (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
  Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
  2020

Service to the Institution

**University of Delaware**

- Antiracism Initiative Steering Committee (University)
  2020 - 2021

- Decolonizing and Indigenizing Course Syllabi Committee (University)
  2020 - 2021

- Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Department)
  2020 - 2021

- Graduate Placement Committee (Department)
  2020 - 2021

- Undergraduate Education Committee (Department)
  2019 - 2021

**Princeton University**

- Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  2015

- Diversity Fellow, The Graduate School
  2014 - 2015

- President, Latinx Graduate Student Association (LGSA)
  2014 - 2015

- Mentor, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience
  2014

- Resident Graduate Student, Freshman Scholars Institute
  2014

- Department Committee, Department of Politics
  2013 - 2014

- Webmaster, Latinx Graduate Student Association (LGSA)
  2013 - 2014

**Other Skills**

**Software:** R, Stata, \LaTeX

**Languages:** English (native), Spanish (native)