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EDUCATION

Rutgers University -New Brunswick, New Jersey
Ph.D. Candidate (2020-Present) Expected Conferral May 2026
Major Field: Women and Politics
Minor Fields: American Politics and Race and Ethnicity Politics
M.A., Political Science, 2023
Certificates in Africana Studies and Women and Gender Studies

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
Doctoral Student (2019-2020)

North Carolina Central University
Bachelor of Arts: Political Science, Magna Cum Laude (May 2018)

DISSERTATION

From Margin to Center: Investigating Black Women's Diverse Ideologies

Dissertation Committee: Kira Sanbonmatsu (Co-Chair), Nadia E. Brown (Co-Chair), Nikol Alexander-Floyd, Yalidy Matos, Jamil S. Scott

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Black Women's Politics, Black Politics, Women and Gender Politics, Race and Ethnic Politics, Public Opinion, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Communication, Political Institutions, Mixed Methods

SKILLS

Proficiency in Excel, Microsoft Suite, iOS applications, and Google Workplace | Statistical Packages: SPSS, R studio, NVivo, MaxQDA | Interpretivist Approaches to Focus Groups and Interviews | Ethnographic Approaches to Case Studies | Narrative Research | Grounded Theory | Content Analysis and Mixed Method Text Analysis |

ADDITIONAL METHODOLOGICAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

The Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Rutgers University (2021)
The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University (2025)

PUBLICATIONS

Lenear, India S., and Yalidy Matos. 2025. "In Solidarity: Predicting African American and Black Immigrant Women's Solidarity with Immigrants." *Politics & Gender*. 1–40. doi:[10.1017/S1743923X25000157](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X25000157).

Brown, Nadia E., and **India S. Lenear**. 2023. "Ties That Bind: Black Women Candidates and Familial Influence on Political Socialization in the US." In *Feminisms in Movement: Theories and Practices from the Americas*, Gender studies, eds. Lívia De Souza Lima, Edith Otero Quezada, and Julia Roth. Bielefeld: transcript, 161–72.

Wright, Andrene, Claire Crawford, and **India Lenear**. 2023. "The Legacy of Dr. Mae C. King: NCOBPS Founders' Symposium 2023." *National Review of Black Politics* 4(1–2): 28–34.
<https://doi.org/10.1525/nrbp.2023.4.1-2.28>

Lenear, India S. 2022. "The Future of Black Feminism and Black Women Political Elites: A Reflexive Interview with Duchess Harris." *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 43(3): 390–96.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1554477X.2022.2078609>

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Brown, Nadia E., Jasmine Jackson, Aayana Ingram, **India Lenear**, and Ariel D. Smith. 2021. "Black Lady Classroom." In *The Palgrave Handbook of Political Research Pedagogy*, Political Pedagogies, eds. Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, and Eric D. Loepp. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 239–48. doi:[10.1007/978-3-030-76955-0_20](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-76955-0_20).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Brown, N.E., Caballero, G., Hayes, S., Jackson, J.C., **Lenear, I.S.**, Strawbridge, M. "Messages that Matter: The Role of Race, Gender, and Partisanship in Black Congressional Candidates." (Revise & Resubmit at the National Review of Black Politics)
- Dickinson, Kesicia A., Jasmine C. Jackson & **India S. Lenear**. "History v. Herstory: Understanding the Media's Coverage of Historic Firsts." (Accepted Book Chapter Proposal in *Racism by Context Intersection of Oxford Intersections*)
- Jackson, Jasmine C., and **India S. Lenear**. "Our Bodies are the Blueprint: Contending with the Politicization of Black Women's Bodies." (Revise & Resubmit at *Politics, Groups and Identities*)
- Jackson, Jasmine C., **India S. Lenear**. "National Conference of Black Political Scientists." (Revise & Review at *Elgar Encyclopedia of Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science*)
- Jackson, Jasmine C., **India S. Lenear**. "Sacred Spaces: The Influence of the Black Public Sphere on the General Knowledge of African Americans." (Book Chapter at *New Directions in Black Political Psychology*; Manuscript Under External Review).
- Scott, J.S., Brown, N.E., Hayes, S.V., **Lenear, I.S.**, Ritacco, C. "Trust in Government and Its Implications for Black Women's Electoral Attitudes" (Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*)
- Willoughby-Herard, Tiffany, Nadia E. Brown, & **India S. Lenear** (Book Chapter Under Contract). "We Take Higher Education Into Our Own Hands and Build Something Else in our Own Image: Interview with Nadia Brown."

AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025-2026 American Dissertation Fellowship Recipient, American Association of University Women (AAUW) [*\$25,000*]
- 2025 Dr. Cheryl A. Wall Memorial Fellowship Recipient, Rutgers-New Brunswick, School of Arts and Sciences, [*\$2,500*]
- 2025 Ruth B. Mandel Dissertation Research Award Recipient, Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP); Eagleton Institute of Politics: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey [*\$2,000*]
- 2025 Lyon, William & Meredith Porte Peace Fund Recipient; Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, [*\$1,342*]
- 2025 The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), General Open Pool Fellowship Recipient
- 2025 Jo Ann Gibson Robinson Dissertation Writing Award Recipient, The Association for the Study of Black Women in Politics, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- 2024-2025 Excellence Fellowship Recipient, Rutgers University, Department of Political Science, [*\$25,000*]
- 2023 Graduate Assistantship Program Scholarship Recipient, National Conference of Black Political Scientists. [*\$250*]
- 2020-2022 Excellence Fellowship Recipient, Rutgers University, Department of Political Science, [*\$25,000*]
- 2020 Graduate Assistantship Program Scholarship Recipient, National Conference of Black Political Scientists. [*\$250*]
- 2019 PROMISE Grant Recipient, Purdue University, College of Liberal Arts [*\$1,000*]
- 2019 BRIDGE Fellowship Recipient, Purdue University Political Science Department [*\$4,750*]
- 2017-2018 RISE: Pathways Fellowship Recipient, US Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences [*\$5,000*]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, *Georgetown Race and Ethnicity Politics Lab*, Georgetown University, Fall 2021-Fall 2025

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Graduate Research Assistant, *Team Michelson*, Summer 2022- Fall 2023
Graduate Research Assistant, *Center for American Women and Politics*, Rutgers University, Fall 2021- Summer 2022
Research Assistant, *PSSistab-Scholar Community*, Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Social Media Editorial Assistant, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, Spring 2020-Fall 2021
Research Assistant, *WomenAlsoKnowStuff Organization*, Spring 2020-Spring 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, *Intro to American Politics*, Rutgers University, Summer 2025
Instructor, *Race, Gender, and American Politics*, Rutgers University, Fall 2024
Instructor, *Intro to American Politics*, Rutgers University, Summer 2024
Teaching Assistant, *Intro to Law and Politics*, Rutgers University, Fall 2022- Spring 2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Departmental Service

Organizer and Facilitator for the Politics and Gender Conference, Spring 2025
Discussant for Second-Year Conference, Spring 2024
Discussant for Second-Year Conference, Spring 2023

University Service

Action Project Advisor, *Susan N. Wilson, NEW Leadership New Jersey*, Center for American Women and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, 2023

Discipline Service

Committee Member, *American Political Science Association's Committee on the Status of Graduate Students*, 2024-2026
Doctoral Student Mentor, *Research Institute for Scholars of Equity*, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 2024
Discussant, *National Conference of Black Political Scientists*, Founders' Symposium, 2024
Reviewer, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 2024
Discussant, *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2024
Discussant, *National Conference of Black Political Scientists*, Founders' Symposium, 2023

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Complicating Ideological Cohesion
Presented at The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University
June 15-27, 2025, Syracuse, New York

Mosaic Politics: Understanding Black Women's Political Beliefs and Policy Preferences
Presented at the Politics & Gender Conference, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
May 27-29, 2025, New Brunswick, New Jersey

From Margin to Center: Investigating Black Women's Diverse Political Ideologies
Presented at the Black Politics in the United States APSA Dissertation Workshop
September 4th, 2024, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Flowers for the Founders Roundtable
Presented at the 55th annual conference of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists,
March 14-17, 2023, Los Angeles, California

In Solidarity: Black Women's Attitudes Towards Immigration
Presented at the 55th annual conference of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists,
March 14-17, 2023, Los Angeles, California

National Conference of Black Political Scientists Founders' Symposium
Presented at the 54th National Conference of Black Political Scientists
March 14-17, 2023, Los Angeles, California

National Conference of Black Political Scientists Founders' Symposium

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Presented at the 54th National Conference of Black Political Scientists
March 8-11, 2023, Atlanta, Georgia

Black Maternal Health Caucus

Presented at the 54th National Conference of Black Political Scientists
March 8-11, 2023, Atlanta, Georgia

Ideological Diversity of Black Women Elites

Presented at the 14th Annual Emerging Scholars Research Conference
May 3, 2022, New Brunswick, New Jersey

Did You Get My Message? Black Republican Women's Messaging

Presented at the annual conference of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists
March 9-12, 2022, (Virtual)

A Case Study Analysis of How North Carolina's Moral Mondays Movement Finds Strength in Diversity

Presented at the annual conference of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists
March 11-14, 2020, Atlanta, Georgia

Redistricting and Gerrymandering: On the Frontline in the Battle Against Voter Suppression

Presented at the annual conference of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists
March 14-17, 2018, Chicago, Illinois

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

National Conference of Black Political Scientists

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

WomenAlsoKnowStuff Organization

REFERENCES

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