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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Arizona State University, School of Politics and Global Studies, Assistant Professor, *August 2022 to Current*

Univ of Central Florida, School of Politics, Security, & International Affairs

Assistant Professor, *August 2018 to May 2022*

## EDUCATION

University of Houston, PhD, Political Science, May 2018

Dissertation: *The Ties That Do Not Bind: Social Capital, Minority Female Representation, and Social Inequality in the United States*

Dissertation Chair: Professor Ling Zhu

Texas A&M University, B.A., Political Science, May 2012

Additional training:

- ACUE Effective Teaching Practices Microcredential Course, Arizona State University, Spring 2023
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan
- *Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models*, University of Houston, Summer 2013 - Summer 2016

## PUBLICATIONS <sup>1</sup>

*Refereed Journal Articles*

1. Kenicia Wright. 2021. "Representative Bureaucracy, Intersectionality, and Female Health Outcomes in the US." *American Review of Public Administration*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/02750740211049343>
2. Kenicia Wright and Ling Zhu. 2020. "When Social Capital Becomes Political Capital: Understanding the Social Contexts of Minority Candidates' Electoral Success." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/rep.2020.12>
3. Kristen Carroll, Kenicia Wright, and Kenneth J. Meier. 2019. "Minority Public Administrators: Managing Organizational Demands While Acting as an Advocate." *American Review of Public Administration*. 49(7): 810-824.

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<sup>1</sup> Author with greatest contribution is listed first.

4. Ling Zhu and Kenicia Wright. 2016. "Why Do Americans Dislike Publicly Funded Health Care? Examining the Intersection of Race and Gender in the Ideological Context." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 4(4): 618-637.

#### Book Chapters

1. Ling Zhu and Kenicia Wright. 2020. "Public Administration and Racial Disparities in Health and Health Care: Toward a New Health Inequality Research." in *Race and Public Administration*, pp.68-97. Routledge.
2. Jason Casellas and Kenicia Wright. 2017. "Electoral Reform and Minority Representation." In *Changing How America Votes* edited by Todd Donovan. pp. 113-125. Lanham, Maryland. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.

#### Encyclopedia Entries

1. Jason Casellas and Kenicia Wright. 2018. "Political Representation, Coalitions, and Gender." *Oxford Bibliographies in Latino Studies*, New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Kenicia Wright. 2016. "Power and Minority Representation." In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance* edited by Ali Farazmand. Springer International Publishing.

## WORKING PAPERS

1. Kenicia Wright, Gunes Tezcur, Maren Mainx (PhD Student), & Jordin Tafoya (PhD Student). "The Government is Hiding the Truth and Plotting: Explaining Latino/a Belief in Conspiracy Theories." (Under review)
2. Austin McCrea, Kenicia Wright, & Xiaoyang Xu (PhD candidate). "Pathways for Social Equity: Bureaucratic Representation, Diversity Management, and Cultural Competency in Florida Nursing Homes." (Revise and Resubmit)
3. Kenicia Wright & Gunes Tezcur. "Diversity in Linked Fate: A Conjoint Analysis of Latino/a Evaluation of Candidates."
4. Kenicia Wright. "No Money, No Problem? Exploring District-Level Determinants of the Electoral Fates of Women in US Legislative Elections."
5. Kenicia Wright & Sanghee Park. "Applying the Theory of Representative Bureaucracy and Intersectionality to Health Outcomes and Disparities."
6. Kenicia Wright. "Assessing Voter Perceptions Based on Multiple Characteristics of Candidates."

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

#### External Awards, Grants and Grant Applications, and Scholarships

American Political Science Association, Grant for Early Career Scholars, August 2023, \$2,000.

National Science Foundation Build and Broaden 2.0 Grant. "[Diversity in Linked Fate: Political Behavior and Opinions of Latinx Americans](#)." PI: Kenicia Wright, co-PI: Gunes Tezcur, \$181,501.

New Perspectives and New Questions in Legislative Studies Conference, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University, Five Minute Fiesta (2nd), April 2021, \$400.

American Political Science Association, Best Paper on Race and Intersectionality Award, Women, Gender, and Politics section, Summer 2020, \$500.

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, January 2019, \$500.

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2018

#### *Internal Awards, Grants, and Scholarships*

Pegasus Chapter National Residence Hall Honorary "Of the month" (OTM) Awardee recognizing exceptional students, staff, faculty, programs, or initiatives (nomination required), November 2020.

School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs/COS Research Support Grant, "Saving Lives vs. Sacrificing Rights: How Multiple Values Influence Public Decision Making" (Co-PI), November 2020, \$4,000.

College of Science Research Dissemination and Travel Award, PI, March 2020, \$662.

Women's History Month Honoree, February 2020

School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs/COS Research Support Grant, "Focusing on the Intersection: Improving Understanding of the Minority Female Experience in the US" (PI), November 2019, \$4,000

Department of Political Science/COS Research Support Grant, "An Intersectional Approach to Improving Social Capital Measurement in Contemporary Latino Communities" (PI), November 2018, \$4,000

ORC Research Mentoring Opportunity (with Gunes Tezcur), University of Central Florida, 2018-2019

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Houston - College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, 2017-2018

Harrell Rodgers Graduate Student Travel Scholarship, Midwest Political Science Association, 2017

Cullen Graduate Fellowship Travel Grant, University of Houston, 2016

Research Assistantship, University of Houston, Summer 2017

Research / Teaching Assistantship, University of Houston, 2012-2017

Carlos Cantu Research Fellow, Texas A&M University, 2014-2015

Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Houston, Department of Political Science, 2014-2016

## TEACHING

### COURSES TAUGHT

*Arizona State University*

#### Graduate Courses

POS503 Empirical Political Inquiry (Fall 2023)

#### Undergraduate Courses

POS331 Public Opinion (Fall 2022), Minority Group Politics in America (Spring 2023)

*University of Central Florida*

#### Graduate Courses

POS6736 Conduct of Political Inquiry (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021), Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Class in the US (Spring 2022)

#### Undergraduate Courses

PUP3314 Minorities in American Politics (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Summer 2021, Fall 2021), POS3703 Scope and Methods (Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021 (Research Intensive Designation, with undergraduate HIP coaches)), PUP4323 Women and Public Policy (Spring 2019), POS3233 Public Opinion (Spring 2020, Spring 2022), POS3273 Voting and Elections (Spring 2021, Summer 2021)

*University of Michigan, ICPSR Summer Program*

Race, Ethnicity and Quantitative Methods II (co-instructor, Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2021; instructor, Summer 2022 - Summer 2023)

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

### *Undergraduate Students*

Chair, Nikhila Basana, ASU Honor's Thesis, Title TBD, Joined committee: Fall 2023

Chair, Enia Levis, Honor's Undergraduate Thesis, "An Intersectional Approach to exploring the Voting Behavior of Women Immigrants" (Successfully defended Spring 2022)

Chair, Karla Mendez, Honor's Undergraduate Thesis, "Assessing the Effects of Race/Ethnicity and Gender on Voter Turnout" (Successfully defended Spring 2022)

Committee member, Aicha M. Camara, Honor's Undergraduate Thesis, "Shift or Stagnation?: Changing Japanese Attitudes Toward Varies Minorities" (Successfully defended Spring 2022)

Committee member, Hannah Anton, Honor's Undergraduate Thesis, "A Woman of Power" (Successfully defended Fall 2021)

Chair, Kaitlyn Kelly, Honor's Undergraduate Thesis, "A Study Exploring Asian American Public Opinion, Fall 2020 (Incomplete)

Chair, Enya Brackins, Honor's Undergraduate Thesis, "A Study Exploring Public Opinion on Abortion through an Intersectional Lens" (Successfully defended Spring 2021)

Chair, Rebecca Jaffe, Honor's Undergraduate Thesis, "Systematic Racism and Voting Rights" (Successfully defended Spring 2021)

Chair, Calissa Jones, Honor's Undergraduate Thesis, "A Comparison of Abortion across Red and Blue States in the US" (Graduated, Incomplete)

Chair, Saphronia Carson, Honor's Undergraduate Thesis, "An Examination of Oppression Through Anti-Abortion Legislation" (Successfully defended Fall 2019)

### *Publications with Students*

Carson, Saphronia and Kenicia Wright. 2021. "An Examination of Oppression Through Anti-Abortion Legislation". *The Pegasus Review* University of Central Florida Undergraduate Research Journal.

### *MA Students*

Chair, Marin Deever, "Invisible Strings: The Impacts of Race on Attitudes Toward Abortion Among the Highly Religious.", Defended Summer 2022.

Committee member, Alexander Aders, "Immigration and the French far-right", Defended 2021.

Committee member, Tiffeni Russo, "The Winds of Change are Blowing: Assessing Opinions towards Transgender Individuals.", Defended Spring 2021

Committee member, Devyn Escalanti, "In Sickness of in Health?: The Impact of Disease Burdens on the Likelihood of Violent Conflict", Defended Summer 2020

Chair, Kenneth Green, Non-thesis MA Graduate Research Paper, "Creating Terrorism: How Racism in Democracies Motivates Terrorist Events", Defended Fall 2020

Chair, Molly Ambrose, Non-thesis MA Graduate Research Paper, "A Study on the Relationship between the Undocumented Immigrant Population and Crime Rates in the US", Graduated Summer 2019

Committee member, Caitlyn Czech, Non-thesis MA Graduate Research Paper, "Cyber Terrorism: Public Perceptions of Threats and Security", Graduated Summer 2019

### *PhD Students*

Advisory Dissertation Chair (Gunes Tezcur as Vice-Chair), Pleasant Ogedengbe, "Formation and Impact of Racial Group Consciousness on the Political Attitudes of African Americans and Nigerian Immigrants

in America." Joined committee: Spring 2021

Dissertation Committee member, T. Augustine Larmin, "'Terrorism during civil war in Africa': Why do groups resolve to use terrorism during different stages of civil war in Africa?", Joined committee: Summer 2020

Dissertation Committee member, Sara Belligoni, "Politics of Emergency Management: How Political and Security Issues Influence Coordination during Emergency Response Operations", Defended: Fall 2022

Advisory Dissertation Committee member, Jennifer Joel, "Cash Transfers, Violence, Climate Change and Economic Rebuilding in Conflict Contexts", Defended: Fall 2022

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Kenicia Wright & Sanghee Park. Panelist, "Applying the Theory of Representative Bureaucracy and Intersectionality to Health Outcomes and Disparities." 2023 APSA Conference. September 2023.

Kenicia Wright & Gunes Tezcur. Panelist, "Diversity in Linked Fate: A Conjoint Analysis of Latino/a Evaluation of Candidates." 2023 APSA Conference. September 2023.

Kenicia Wright & Gunes Tezcur. Panelist, "Diversity in Linked Fate: A Conjoint Analysis of Latino/a Evaluation of Candidates." 2023 MPSA Conference. April 2023.

Kenicia Wright, Gunes Tezcur, Maren Mainx (PhD Student), & Jordin Tafoya (PhD Student). Panelist, "The Government is Hiding the Truth and Plotting: Explaining Latino/a Belief in Conspiracy Theories." 2023 MPSA Conference. April 2023.

Austin McCrea, Kenicia Wright, & Xiaoyang Xu (PhD candidate). "Pathways for Social Equity: Bureaucratic Representation, Diversity Management, and Cultural Competency in Florida Nursing Homes." 2023 MPSA Conference. April 2023.

Kenicia Wright. Chair, "This is America - Political Psychology of Being Black in America." 2023 MPSA Conference. April 2023.

Kenicia Wright. Chair, "Identity and Intersectionality in Political Behavior" 2023 MPSA Conference. April 2023.

Thomas Dolan, Kelsey Larsen, & Kenicia Wright. "Who's to Blame and Does it Matter? An Assessment of Emotional Reactions to COVID-19 Related Deaths." 2023 MPSA Conference. April 2023.

Kenicia Wright & Gunes Tezcur. Virtual Panelist, "Diversity in Linked Fate: A Conjoint Analysis of Latino/a Evaluation of Candidates." 2023 Western Political Science Association Conference. April 2023.

Kenicia Wright. "No Money, No Problem? The Effects of Campaign Contributions on the Electoral Fates of Women in 2020 Legislative Elections." Women in Legislative Studies Conference. October 2022.

Kenicia Wright. "Bad Girls or Something Else? Explaining the Discipline of K-12 Girls in the US." 2022 APSA Conference. September 2022.

Kenicia Wright. "No Money, No Problem? The Effects of Campaign Contributions on the Electoral Fates of Women in 2020 Legislative Elections." 2022 Atlanta Network for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Conference. June 2022.

Kenicia Wright. "From Suspension to Sentence: A Study of the Theory of Representative Bureaucracy and Female Student Discipline." 2022 PMRC Conference. May 2022.

Kenicia Wright. Chair, "Social Identities and Leadership." 2022 PMRC Conference. May 2022.

Kenicia Wright. Discussant, "Women of Color in Politics: Campaigns and Perceptions." 2022 MPSA Conference. April 2022.

- Kenicia Wright. "No Money, No Problem? Exploring the Effects of Campaign Contributions on the Electoral Fates of Women in Legislative Elections, 2000-2020." Presented at the 2022 MPSA Conference. April 2022.
- Kenicia Wright and Pleasant Ogedengbe. "Is that about you or us? A Comparison of Stereotypes held by African Americans and Black Immigrants." Presented at the 2022 MPSA Conference. April 2022.
- Kenicia Wright. "The Theory of Representative Bureaucracy and the Discipline of Female Students." Accepted to the 2021 APSA Conference. September 2021.
- Kenicia Wright. "Opinions at the Intersection: A Comparison of the Spending Preferences of Women Based on Race and Ethnicity." Presented at the 2021 MPSA Conference (Virtual). April 2021.
- Kenicia Wright. Panel chair and discussant, "Not A Monolith: An Investigation of In-Group Differences." 2021 MPSA conference (Virtual). April 2021.
- Kenicia Wright. "Social Capital and Descriptive Representation of Women in American Politics." New Perspectives and New Questions in Legislative Studies Conference, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University (Virtual). April 2021.
- Kenicia Wright. "All Women Not Impacted The Same: Social Capital and Minority Female Representation in the US." The 11th AAAD Conference. February 2021.
- Kenicia Wright. "More like a Minority, a Woman, or a Mix of the Two? Reassessing "Women's Issues" Using the Intersectional Approach." Presented at the 2020 Virtual Gender and Political Psychology Mentoring Conference. October 2020.
- Kenicia Wright. ""Bad Girls" or Something Else? A Study of The Theory of Representative Bureaucracy and the Discipline of Female Students." Accepted to the 2020 Public Management Research Conference (PMRC). June 2020. (Canceled due to COVID-19.)
- Kenicia Wright. Discussant, "Campaign Style, Strategy, and Success across Gender and Race" panel. Accepted to 2020 MPSA Conference. April 2020. (Canceled due to COVID-19.)
- Kenicia Wright. "More like a Minority, a Woman, or a Mix of the Two? Reassessing "Women's Issues" Using the Intersectional Approach." Accepted to the 2020 MPSA Conference. April 2020. (Canceled due to COVID-19.)
- Kenicia Wright. "Women *Impacted* Unequally: The Effect of Social Capital on Minority Female Representation in the US." Presented at the 10th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference African, African American, and Diaspora (AAAD). February 2020.
- Kenicia Wright. "Who Cares Matters! How Social Capital and Female Bureaucrats Improve Health." Presented at the 2019 APSA Conference, Washington, DC. August 2019.
- Kenicia Wright. "Who Cares Matters: Why (Minority) Female Health Bureaucrats are Key to Reducing Female Health Inequality in the US." Presented at the 2019 MPSA Conference. April 2019.
- Kenicia Wright. "The Puzzle of the Over-Representation of Minority Women in State Legislatures." Presented at the 2019 SPSA Conference. January 2019.
- Kenicia Wright. "Substantive Representation? How Minority Female Representation Effects Health Care Inequality." Presented at the 76th MPSA Conference. April 2018.
- Kenicia Wright. "What about Active Representation? The Effects of Minority Female Bureaucratic Representation on US Health Inequality." Presented at the 2018 Southern Political Science Association Meeting (SPSA). January 2018.
- 2017 Women of Color in Political Science (WCPS) Workshop, Prelude to American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference. August 2017.
- Kristen Carroll, Kenicia Wright, Kiyadh Burt, and Kenneth J. Meier. "Black, White, and Shades of Gray: Minority Managerial Behavior and Organizational Context." Presented at the 75th MPSA Conference. April 2017.

Kenicia Wright and Ling Zhu. "When Social Capital Becomes Political Capital: Understanding the Social Contexts of Minority Candidates' Electoral Success in the American States." Presented at the 75th MPSA Conference. April 2017.

Saba Siddiki, Ling Zhu, Shilpi Goel, and Kenicia Wright. "Designing Effective Policy: Evidence from a Longitudinal Study of School District Wellness Programs in Florida." Presented at the 74th MPSA Conference. April 2016.

Devon Arnold and Kenicia Wright. "The Conditional Effects of Efficacy on Mobilization: An American Voter's Perspective." Presented at the 73rd MPSA Conference. April 2015.

Andrea Eckelman and Kenicia Wright. "Crossing the Divide: The Intersection of Gender Roles and Ideology in Health Care Preferences." Presented at the 2015 Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2015, and the 73rd MPSA Conference. April 2015.

Ling Zhu and Kenicia Wright. "Why Do Americans Dislike Public Healthcare?: Examining the Intersection of Race and Ideology in Healthcare Preferences." Presented at the 72nd Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference. April 2014.

#### *Invited Conferences and Workshops*

Representation and Identity Politics Workshop, Rice University, February 2023.

New Perspectives and New Questions in Legislative Studies Virtual Conference, American University, April 2021.

Conference on Gender Representation and Equity, University of Houston, May 2020. (Postponed due to COVID-19.)

Mini-conference on Race, Gender and Public Administration. American University. May 2020. (Postponed due to COVID-19.)

## Service

### PROFESSIONAL

- Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *The American Review of Public Administration*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Policy & Politics*, *Public Administration*, *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*, and *Journal of Women's Health*.
- Member, Best Paper on Public Policy Award Committee, American Political Science Association. 2022-2023.
- Board Member, Public Policy Section Board, American Political Science Association, 2022-2023.
- Expert Reviewer, University of California, Los Angeles, Latino Policy & Politics Institute Report.
- Co-Head, Public Administration Section, 2022 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- Member, Best Paper on Intersectionality Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Women, Gender, and Politics Research Section. 2020-21.
- Member, Best Public Policy Poster Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Public Policy Section. 2020-21.
- Member, Herbert Kaufman Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Public Administration Section. 2020-21.
- Mentor, Virtual Gender and Political Psychology Mentoring Conference Follow-up, Jan. 2021.
- Member, Scholars Strategy Network, Florida Chapter, 2020-Current.

- Discussant, “Campaign Style, Strategy, and Success across Gender and Race.” 2020 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2020.
- Panel Chair, “Representation at the Frontline: Local Policing and Enforcement.” 2019 American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC. August 2019.
- Panel Chair and Discussant, “Gender and Politics - Race, Ethnicity, and Gender” panel. 2019 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Austin, TX. January 2019.
- Panel Chair, “New Insights and Contexts: Public Administration” panel. 2019 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Austin, TX. January 2019.
- Discussant, 2018 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA. January 2018.
- Graduate Fellow, Scholars Strategy Network, Texas Chapter, 2017-2018
- Discussant, 75th Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2017.

## DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY

Committee member, SPGS Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2023 - Fall 2024  
 Co-lead, ASU Global Human Rights Hub, Gender Working Group, Fall 2023 - Spring 2024  
 Mentor, ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Identity-based Mentoring (Three student mentees), Fall 2022 - Fall 2023  
 Committee member, SPGS Director Search Committee, Spring 2023  
 Committee member, SPGS Graduate Committee, Fall 2022 - Fall 2023  
 Member, BIPOC & First Generation Assistant Professor Mentoring Community, Fall 2021  
 Committee member, PhD Student Success committee, Fall 2021  
 Member, UCF Women Faculty Mentoring Community, Fall 2020  
 Committee member, MA Program and Planning committee, 2019 - Current  
 Committee member, Survey Research Ad Hoc committee, 2018 - Current  
 Committee member, Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity committee, 2018 - Current  
 Faculty Mentor, Monitoring Advising Analytics to Promote Success (MAAPS), Fall 2018-Spring 2019  
 Committee member, Department Peer Evaluation committee (elected, Summer 2019)  
 Committee member, MA Student Success, Fall 2018 - Fall 2019  
 Discussant, Health Care Politics at the Crossroads, University of Houston, October 2017  
 Graduate Student Representative, Provost Office’s Rockwell Lecture Series Oversight Committee, 2017-8  
 Graduate Student Mentor, University of Houston, Fall 2016-Spring 2017  
 Vice-President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Houston, 2014-2015  
 Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Houston, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

## MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

1. Kenicia Wright. Panelist. “The Power of the Minority Vote” Town Hall with WKMG-TV News 6 in Orlando, FL. Panelist. October 2020.
2. Kenicia Wright. Panelist. Orange County Bar Association and Central Florida Association for Women’s Lawyers Joint Luncheon on Women’s Suffrage. October 2020.
3. Kenicia Wright. Stringr Interview on Joe Biden’s Potential Vice-President Candidates. June 2020.