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Education

Ph.D. Political Science 2026

[University of Colorado](#), Boulder, Co

- Major field, political theory. Minor field, public policy. Advised by [Tamar Malloy](#).
- Dissertation Committee: Tamar Malloy, Steven Vanderheiden, & Janet Donovan
- “The Well-Balanced Republic: Liberty, Domination, and the Maximal Production of Antipower”

M.A. Political Science 2023

[University of Colorado](#), Boulder, Co

- Major field, political theory. Minor field, public policy.
- Master’s Thesis Committee: Tamar Malloy, Steven Vanderheiden, & Hilary Potter.
- “Political Forgiveness: A Path Forward for Reparations”

M.S.S. Social Sciences 2020

[University of Colorado Denver](#), Denver, Co

- Conducted interdisciplinary social science research under the direction of Professor [Omar Swartz](#).
- Master’s Thesis Committee: Omar Swartz, Antwan Jefferson, & Lorna Hutchinson.
- “Messianic Decolonization: the Role of the Black Messiah in the Decolonization of Black Americans.”

B.A. English 2014

[University of Colorado](#), Boulder, Co

Publications

Scholarly Publications

- Tellis, Allan, and Anand Edward Sokhey. “American Religion and Attitudes Toward Reparations for Slavery.” *Trump, White Evangelical Christians, and American Politics: Change and Continuity* (2024): 161.

Working Papers

- “Clearing the Books: American Negro Identity and the Debt of 1865”

Public-facing Publications

- Lead researcher for the [Golden Transcript Research Project](#) which allowed local media in Colorado to reflect on their role in shaping narratives regarding race relations
- Content creator for the Research Hub at the University of Colorado
- Co-produced an episode of the [On Something podcast](#) at *Colorado Public Radio* about cannabis legalization in Colorado

Presentations

Conferences

- Accepted to present “Booker T. Washington’s Empowered Citizen: The Institutionalization of Antipower” at the 2025 Barney Ford Lab Annual Meeting
- Accepted to present “Booker T. Washington’s Empowered Citizen: The Institutionalization of Antipower” at the 2025 American Political Science Association Conference
- Invited as discussant for ‘Author Meets Critic’ Panel at 2025 American Political Science Association Conference
- Accepted to present “Repositioning Booker T. Washington: Antipower, Republican Virtue, and the Legacy of Black republicanism” at the 2025 Association for Political Theory Conference
- Accepted to present “Producing a Republican Polity: McKissick’s Soul City and Political Equality” at the 2024 Association for Political Theory Conference
- Accepted to present “Producing a Republican Polity: McKissick’s Soul City and Civic Equality” at the 2024 American Political Science Association Conference
- Accepted to present “Producing a Republican Polity: McKissick’s Soul City and Civic Equality” at the 2024 Emerging Scholars Public Law Conference at the University of Texas Austin
- Accepted to present “Cultivating Afro-American Citizens: Malcolm X Liberation University and Civic Virtue” at the 2024 Midwestern Political Science Association Conference
- Accepted to present “Political Forgiveness: A Path Forward for Reparations” at the 2023 Midwestern Political Science Association Conference

Invited Talks

- Keynote speaker for Allegheny College’s 2024 Constitution Day
- Panelist at the Covering Race Conference at CU Boulder
- Panelists at The Black Experience panel hosted by Dr. Vanesha Dutra
- Panelists at the Thugs, Hoes, & Hip-Hop panel at Regis University

Teaching Experience

University of Colorado Boulder

2020 - Present

- Teaching Assistant for:
 - Introduction to American Politics - PSCI 1101
 - * Fall 2022, Fall 2023
 - Survey of Western Political Thought - PSCI 2004
 - * Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2024, Fall 2025
 - American Political Thought - PSCI 3054
 - * Fall 2021, Spring 2021
- Taught recitations for upper and lower level undergraduate courses in American Political Thought, Political Theory
- Delivered guest lectures to large classes
- Assisted in designing syllabi and rubrics and grading assignments

University of Colorado Denver

2019 - 2020

- Instructor of Record for:
 - Core Composition I - ENGL 1020
 - * Fall 2019, Spring 2020
- Designed a syllabus which taught rhetoric using the discourse surrounding reparations
- Graded all assignments and delivered feedback to students
- Created lesson plans that made course content accessible for students
- Writing Center Consultant at the University of Colorado Denver Writing Center

Metropolitan State University 2019 - Present

- Professional Writing Consultant at [Metropolitan State Writing Center](#)
- Presented evidence based research tactics to staff
- Worked as a RIDES consultant (a program designed for ELL scholars to build their English skills)
- Conducted sessions with students from all disciplines to improve their writing and research skills

Hamilton Middle School 2018 - 2019

- Service year as [AmeriCorps](#) teacher at Hamilton Middle School.
- Initiated and developed innovative strategies for students with specialized learning plans.
- Maintained communication with parents, students and other teachers to better improve student performance.
- Began an after-school club to help kids improve their time management skills and complete homework.

Professional Experience

Resident Journalist 2025 - Present

[Bonfils-Stanton Foundation](#), Denver, Co

- Identified stories at the intersection of art and politics
- Created audio and texts based stories
- Worked with leadership to establish a tone and brand for the organization

Chief Writer 2020 - Present

[Denver Journal of Education and Community](#), Denver, Co

- Crafted long form journal articles
- Synthesized community conversations and survey data
- Collaborated with executive leadership to generate content and designs for the journal

Reporter 2018 - 2019

[Denverite](#), Denver, Co

- Created leads and consistently meeting deadlines
- Constructed data sets and using existing data sets to create concise reports meant for public consumption

- Covered topics ranging from economics and real estate, to the criminal justice system and political behavior

Content Contributor 2016 - 2017

CBS, Denver, Co

- Produced multi-media content i.e. articles, photographs, videos
- Created content for both on-air and online platforms
- Leveraged data sets to create concise reports for public consumption

Journalist 2016 - 2018

Denver Weekly News, Denver, Co

- Produced multi-media content i.e. articles, photography, videos
- Developed marketing strategies to promote newspaper sales

Journalist 2016 - 2018

Denver Urban Spectrum, Denver, Co

- Interviewed individuals ranging from pop culture icons such as Queen Latifah, Jamie Foxx, and Tommy Davidson to political figures such as the Police Chief of Denver and the CEO of Connect for Health Colorado.
- Published cover stories covering major political events such as the Women’s March, Black Lives Matter protests
- Created a digital marketing strategy to invite a new and younger audience

Intern 2013 - 2014

Counterpath Press, Denver, Co

- Performed administrative tasks such as scheduling artists and events, and basic accounting.
- Responsible for setup, running marketing campaigns, and writing reviews of various events.

Awards

- 1st place print news feature: “Tommy Davidson: Flying Fearless and Using Laughter to Shape Perceptions” Colorado Association of Black Journalist, 2017
- Print Journalist of the Year, Colorado Association of Black Journalist, 2017
- Superb Journalism, Colorado Gospel Music Academy & Hall of Fame Awards, 2018
- Print News, Overall Excellence: “Relationship Building Discussed for Community and Law Enforcement” Scribes in Excellence, Colorado Association of Black Journalist, 2018
- 1st Place Business, General Reporting: “Welton Street isn’t Cherry Creek yet but businesses are adjusting to a whiter clientele,” Society of Professional Journalism, 2019

Grants

- 2024 Center for Humanities & the Arts (CHA) Dissertation Fellowship for \$31,000.
- 2024 Center for Humanities & the Arts (CHA) Graduate Research Award for \$500
- 2024 Graduate School Domestic Travel Grant for \$450
- 2024 UT Public Law Travel Grant for \$500

- 2024 JEDI Graduate Student Research Grant for \$850
- 2023 PSCI Conference Travel Grant for \$400.00
- 2023-2024 Center for African & African American Studies Graduate Student Research & Creative Work Award (aka “CAAAS Grad Student Award”) for \$1,500

Technical Skills R, Python, Stata, Qualitative Methods, Econometrics, Policy Analysis, Technical Writing, Research Management and Design

- References**
- Tamar Malloy, Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado Boulder, tamar.malloy@colorado.edu
 - Antwan Jefferson, Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence Associate Teaching Professor at the University of Colorado Denver, antwan.jefferson@ucdenver.edu
 - Janet Donovan, Director of Undergraduate Studies & Teaching Professor at the University of Colorado Boulder, janet.donovan@colorado.edu 303-315-3567