Dr. Ray S. Mikell
Curriculum Vitae
Jackson MS

Teaching Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor, Adjunct Professor
Jackson State University (MS), Department of Political Science; Fall 2012-Present
Courses: Introduction to American Government (Classroom & Online)
The American Presidency
Political Parties and Interest Groups
Introduction to Political Science (Comparative, Classroom & Online)
Scope and Methods of Political Science & Senior Research Seminar (two-part)
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Modernization and Political Development (Comparative)
Methods and Approach to Political Science (Graduate)

Adjunct Professor
Tulane School of Continuing Studies, Madison (MS); Spring 2013-Present
Courses: The American Presidency
Comparative Politics
Politics and Film
The Political World: State and Local Govt. Seminar (Graduate)

Tougaloo College (MS), Division of Social Sciences; Spring 2013
Courses: Introduction to American Government

Tulane University, Department of Political Science; August 2009-December 2010
Courses: The American Presidency
The Politics of Public Policy

Visiting Assistant Professor
University of New Orleans, Department of Political Science; 2006-2008
Courses: Seminar in Urban Political Systems (Graduate)
Introduction to American Government (Classroom, Online)
The Politics of Public Policy
The American Presidency
Politics and the Cinema

Visiting Instructor
Augusta State University (now Augusta University), Department of Political Science; 2004-2006
Courses: Introduction to American Government
Political Science Research Methods

Graduate Teaching Assistant
University of Alabama, Department of Political Science, 1999-2003
Courses: Introduction to American Government and Politics
Introduction to State and Local Government
Introduction to American Public Policy
Scope of Political Science (Comparative)

Content/Outside Work, Political Science

Subject Matter Expert, Writer; Political Science
Cohesion (formerly nSight, Inc.,) Burlington, MA, 2013-Present
Subjects: American State & Local Government, Comparative Politics, International Relations

Research Experience, Interests

Interests: Urban and community politics and policy, public policy, teaching and learning
Fields: Public Policy and Administration, American Politics, Comparative Politics
Methods: Survey design and administration, social network analysis, qualitative interviews

Doctoral Dissertation: The Nexus of Government and Social Capital: Community Development in Trinity Gardens.

Master's Thesis: Cure for the Delta Blues? A Case Study of the Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone.

Education

Doctorate
University of Alabama, Political Science; 2005

Master of Arts
Mississippi State University, Political Science; 1999

Bachelor of Arts
University of Mississippi, Journalism; 1988

Additional Training
Harvard Networks in Political Science Pre-Conference Workshop, 2008
Summer Institute in Political Psychology; The Ohio State University, 2001

Presentations, Selected

"Context-Dependent Multiple Choice Questions and Learning Retention in Teaching About Democracy: A Pilot Project." 13th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference, American Political Science Association. Portland, Oregon; February 12, 2016.

"New grass roots order? Civic networks in post-Katrina New Orleans" (Poster). Harvard Networks in Political Science Conference. Cambridge, Masschusetts; June 13, 2008.

"Survival of the fittest, or a new grass-roots order? Cooperation among neighborhood organizations in post-Katrina New Orleans." The Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2008. New Orleans, Louisiana; Jan. 10, 2008.

"A Unified New Orleans? Neighborhood organizations and the post-Katrina planning process in the Crescent City." Urban Affairs Association 37th Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington; April 28, 2007.

Highlights: Government and social capital in Trinity Gardens (dissertation)." Third Annual Hawaii International Conference on the Social Sciences; Honolulu, Hawaii; June 17, 2004.

"Cure for the Delta blues? An examination of the Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone (updated)." Annual Conference of the Southwestern Social Science Association; New Orleans, Louisiana; March 30, 2002.

Service

UNO: Faculty Adviser, Pi Sigma Alpha
Member, Undergraduate Committee
Graduate comprehensive exam committees
Jackson State: State Innovate Month Committee (Fall 2015)

Affiliations, Current & Past

American Political Science Association
Urban Affairs Association
American Society for Public Administration