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## **Academic Posts**

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*University of California, Santa Barbara*  
Professor, 2022-

*University of Washington*  
Professor, 2016-2022  
Associate Professor, 2010-2016  
Assistant Professor, 2006-2010

*University of Sydney, United States Studies Centre*  
Senior Visiting Scholar, 2014-2016

*University of California*  
Scholar in Health Policy, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2005-2007

*University of California, Santa Barbara*  
Assistant Professor, 2001-2006

*Grinnell College*  
Lecturer, 2000-2001

## **Education**

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*University of Chicago*  
Ph.D., Department of Political Science, 2001  
Dissertation: "War, What is it Good For: Race, Military Service, and Social Change, 1945-1995."

*University of California, Los Angeles*  
B.A., Department of Political Science, *cum laude*, 1993

## **Books**

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Christopher Sebastian Parker. *The Great White Hope: Donald Trump, Race, and the Crisis of American*

*Democracy*. (University of Chicago Press, under contract.) With Matt A. Barreto.

Christopher S. Parker and Matt A. Barreto. *Change They Can't Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in Contemporary America* (Princeton University Press, 2013.)

Co-Winner, 2014, Best Book on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, *American Political Science Association*.

Christopher S. Parker. *Fighting for Democracy: Black Veterans and the Struggle Against White Supremacy in the Postwar South* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009).

Winner, 2010, Ralph J. Bunche Award, *American Political Science Association*.

### **Refereed Work**

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Christopher Sebastian Parker. "Separate but Unequal: Ethnocentrism Drives the 'Democratic Peace' in Public Opinion," *American Political Science Review* (in press.) (With Brian Rathbun and Caleb Pomeroy.)

Christopher Sebastian Parker. "Status Threat: The Core of Reactionary Politics," *Advances in Political Psychology*, (in press.)

Christopher Sebastian Parker, and Rachel M. Blum. "Exploring the Motivation(s) of the MAGA Movement," in Steven Livingston, ed., *Connective Action and the Rise of Far-Right: Platforms, Politics, and the Crisis of Democracy* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

Christopher Sebastian Parker, and Matt A. Barreto, "Threat and Racial Resilience in Trump's America." In Robert C. Lieberman, Suzanne Mettler, and Kenneth M. Roberts, eds., *Democratic Resilience: Can the United States Withstand Rising Polarization?* (Cambridge University Press, 2021).

- Christopher Sebastian Parker. "Status Threat: Moving the Right Further to the Right?," *Daedalus* 150(2): 56-75; 2021.
- Christopher Sebastian Parker. "Trump-ing Foreign Affairs: Status Threat and Foreign Policy Preferences on the Right." *Perspectives on Politics* 17(3): 737-755. (With Rachel Blum.), 2019.
- Christopher Sebastian Parker. "Race and Authoritarianism in American Politics." *Annual Review of Political Science* Vol. 22: 503-519; 2019.
- Christopher S. Parker. "Between Anger and Engagement: Donald Trump and Black America." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 3(1): 219-253. (With Christopher C. Towler.); 2018.
- Christopher Sebastian Parker. "A history of American Reactionary Movements: From the Klan to Donald Trump" in: *ZPB Zeitschrift für Politikberatung*, Seite 38 – 48, 2017.
- Christopher Sebastian Parker. "Race and Politics in the Age of Obama." *Annual Review of Sociology* Vol. 42: 217-230, 2016.
- Christopher S. Parker. "Racial Attitudes and Race of Interviewer Item Non-Response." *Survey Practice* 8(3). (with Matt A. Barreto, Loren Collingwood, and Francisco Pedraza.)
- Christopher S. Parker. "The Tea Party in the Age of Obama: Mainstream Conservatism or Out-Group Anxiety?" *Political Power and Social Theory* 22 (2011): 105-137. (Matt Barreto, Betsy L. Cooper, Benjamin Gonzalez, and Christopher Towler.)
- Christopher S. Parker. "Symbolic versus Blind Patriotism: Distinction without Difference?" *Political Research Quarterly* 63 (March 2010): 97-114.
- Christopher S. Parker, Mark Q. Sawyer, and Christopher Towler. "A Black Man in the White House? The Role of Racism and Patriotism in the 2008 Presidential Election." *Du Bois*

*Review* 6 (Spring 2009): 193-217.

Christopher S. Parker. "When Politics Becomes Protest: Black Veterans and Political Activism in the Postwar South." *Journal of Politics* 71 (Winter 2009): 113-131.

Christopher S. Parker. "New Weapons for Old Problems: Conventional Proliferation and Military Effectiveness in Developing States." *International Security* 23 (Spring 1999): 119-147.

## **Invited Work**

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Christopher S. Parker. "The (Original) March on Washington Movement." In David A. Snow, Donatella Della Porta, Bert Klandermans, and Doug McAdam, eds., *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements* (Blackwell Press, forthcoming).

Christopher Sebastian Parker, Christopher C. Towler, Loren Collingwood, and Kassra AR Oskooii, "Race and Racism in US Campaigns." In Elizabeth Suhay, Bernard Grofman, and Alexander H. Trechsel, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion* (Oxford University Press, 2020).

Christopher S. Parker. "Left, right, but no in-between: explaining American polarization and post-factualism under President Trump." In Lise Herman and James Muldoon, eds., *Trumping the Mainstream: The Conquest of Democratic Politics by the Populist Radical Right* (Routledge, 2019). (With Sebastian Mayer and Nicole Buckley).

Christopher S. Parker. "American Reactionaries: The Tea Party Movement in Historical Context." In Jens Rydgren, ed., *Oxford Handbook on the Radical Right* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

Christopher S. Parker (with Matt Barreto). "Reviewing the Reactionary Right: From the Klan to the Tea Party." In Adam Berinsky, ed., *New Directions in Public Opinion*. (Routledge Press,

2016).

Christopher S. Parker. "War and African American Citizenship, 1865-1965: The Role of Military Service." In Henry Louis Gates, jr., Claude Steele, Lawrence D. Bobo, Michael C. Dawson, Gerald Jaynes, Lisa Crooms-Robinson, and Linda darling, eds., *The Handbook of African American Citizenship 1865-Present* (Oxford University Press, 2012).

Christopher S. Parker. "A Subjective Assessment of Veterans Health Care: From the Veteran's Point of View." In Stephen Ortiz, ed., *The Politics of Veterans' Policy: Federal Policy in the Modern United States* (University of Florida Press, 2012).

Christopher S. Parker. "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)." In David A. Snow, Donatella Della Porta, Bert Klandermans, and Doug McAdam, eds., *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements* (Blackwell Press, 2012).

### **Selected Policy-Related Publications**

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Christopher S. Parker. "Is there such a thing as 'Conservative' foreign policy in 2014?" Issues in Governance Series, *The Brookings Institution*, October, 2014. (With Rachel Blum.)

Christopher S. Parker. "The (Real) Reason Why the House Won't Pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform." Making Government Work, *The Brookings Institution*, August 4, 2014.

Christopher S. Parker. "Wither the Tea Party? The Future of a Political Movement." Issues in Governance Series, *The Brookings Institution*, June, 2014.

### **Book Reviews**

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Christopher Sebastian Parker. "White Identity Politics." *Perspectives on Politics* 19(1): 268-269.

Christopher Sebastian Parker. "How Democracies Die." *Perspectives on Politics* 16(4): 1099-1100.

Christopher Sebastian Parker. "The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin, and the Rise of Scott Walker." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 81(2): 599-602.

Christopher S. Parker. "The Civil Rights Movement and the Logic of Social Change." *Perspectives on Politics* 8(4): 1196-1198.

Christopher S. Parker. "Filling the Ranks: Transforming the U.S. Military Personnel System." *Journal of Politics* 67(3): 944-946.

Christopher S. Parker. "Torchbearers of Democracy: African American Soldiers in the World War I Era." *Journal of American History* 98(2): 561.

Christopher S. Parker. "War! What Is It Good For? Black Freedom Struggles and the U.S. Military from World War II to Iraq." *Journal of American History* 99(4): 1308-1309.

## Invited Presentations

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2019 "Racism, Populism, and Democracy," Thomas S. Foley Institute  
for Public Service, *Washington State University*, March 2019.

2018 "Antimonies of Democracy," Center for Africana Studies,  
*University of Pennsylvania*, November 16, 2018.

2018 "Donald Trump, Race, and the Crisis of American Democracy,"  
Bob Graham Center, *University of Florida*, April 2018.

2018 "Donald Trump, Race, and the Crisis of American Democracy,"  
Clarke Forum, *Dickinson College*, February 2018.

2018 "Donald Trump, Race, and the Crisis of American Democracy,"  
Department of Political Science, *University of British Columbia*, January 2018.

- 2017 “Donald Trump, Race, and the Crisis of American Democracy,”  
Center for the  
Study of Right-Wing Extremism, *University of Oslo*, August  
2017.
- 2016 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:  
Implications for  
Europe.” *University of Amsterdam*, The Netherlands, June.
- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:  
Implications for  
Europe.” *University of Oslo*, Norway, May.
- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:  
Implications for  
Europe.” *University of Bergen*, Norway, May.
- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:  
Implications for  
Europe.” *University of Cologne*, Germany, May.
- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:  
Implications for  
Europe.” *University of Mainz*, Germany, May.
- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:  
Implications for  
Europe.” *Eotvos Lorand University*, Hungary, May.
- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:  
Implications for  
Europe.” *Central European University*, Hungary, May.
- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:  
Implications for  
Europe.” *University of Heidelberg*, Germany, May.
- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:  
Implications for  
Europe.” *VU University*, Amsterdam, April.
- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:  
Implications for  
Europe.” *Hertie School of Government*, Berlin, Germany, March.
- 2015 “Understanding the Roots of Reactionary Conservatism:

- Implications for  
Europe.” *University of Mannheim*, Germany, March.
- 2015 “Were All Southern Conservatives Created Equal?” *Harvard University*, February.
- 2014 “Were All Southern Conservatives Created Equal?” *UC Irvine*, December.
- 2014 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *New York University*, October.
- 2014 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *City University of New York*, May.
- 2014 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *University of Michigan*, February.
- 2014 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *UC San Diego*, January.
- 2013 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *Cornell University*, September.
- 2013 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *Georgetown University*, January.
- 2012 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *UC Berkeley*, November.
- 2012 “Change They Can’t Believe In: The Tea Party and Reactionary Politics in America.” *Brown University*, September.
- 2012 “What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something Else?”  
*University of Minnesota*, May.
- 2011 “What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something Else?”

- Australian National University, May.*
- 2011  
Else?" "What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something  
*University of Sydney, May.*
- 2011  
Else?" "What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something  
*University of Southern California, April.*
- 2011  
Else?" "What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something  
*University of Michigan, April.*
- 2011  
*University of* "Race, War, and Social Change: A Narrative Approach."  
*Pennsylvania, March.*
- 2011  
Else?" "What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something  
*Stanford University, February.*
- 2011  
Else?" "What Motivates the Tea Party: Is it Conservatism or Something  
*Emory University, February.*
- 2011  
Pseudo-Conservative "Conservatives or Cuckoos?: Is the Tea Party a  
Movement?" *University of Oregon, January.*
- 2010  
Support." "Exploring the Causes and Consequences of Tea Party  
Fractures, Alliances and Mobilizations in the Age of Obama:  
Emerging  
Analyses of the "Tea Party Movement," October 22, 2010,  
University of  
California, Berkeley.
- 2010 "The Paradox of Tea Party 'Americanism.'" *UCSB, May 6, 2010.*
- 2010  
Reconstructions." "Fighting for Equality: Black Veterans and the Two  
*Foreign Policy Research Institute. April 11, 2010.*
- 2009  
2009. "Toward a Theory of Black Republicanism." *UCLA, May 28,*

- 2009                    “Envisioning a New Black Political Ideology?” *Columbia University*, April 22, 2009.
- 2008                    “B(l)ack to the Future?: The Social and Political Implications of Obama’s Run for the White House.” *University of Utah*, October 1.
- 2008                    “Evaluating the Urban Crisis Anew: The Role of Military Service.” *UC Berkeley*, May 2008.
- 2004                    “Service to the State and Insurgency.” UC Irvine.
- 2003                    “Race, Military Service, and War: A study in the Activation of Du Boisian Double-Consciousness,” presented at Diversity, Democracy, Du Bois, a symposium on W.E.B. Du Bois. *Grinnell College*, October 8-11 2003.
- 2003                    “Race and the Socio-political Effects of Military Service in the Civil Rights South.” *UCLA*, February 13, 2003.
- 2001                    “Conventional Proliferation: A Coherent Approach to Net Assessment In Developing States.” Conventional Arms Rivalry in the Asia-Pacific, October 23-25, Honolulu HI.
- 2000                    “The Social Context of Military Service,” Bose Lecture Series, *University of Iowa*, November 8, 2000.

### **Selected Media**

- 2014                    “The Tea Party and its Core Beliefs.” *ABC Classic FM*, Australia. May.
- 2014                    “Race and the Legacy of Martin Luther King.” *KPFK*, Los Angeles. January.
- 2013                    “Will the Tea Party Outlast Obama?” *MSNBC*, *Disrupt*. December.
- 2013                    “The African Americans.” *Public Broadcasting System*, November.

- 2013 “Change They Can’t Believe In.” CSPAN book discussion, *Colby College*, November.
- 2013 “Will the Tea Party Outlast Obama?” *Democracy Journal*, op-ed. October.
- 2013 “The Tea Party is Better Understood as a Reactionary Conservative Force.” *Washington Post*, op-ed (Monkey Cage). October.
- 2013 “The Tea Party will Disappear if Obama Cedes.” *Dipresse.com*, Germany. October.
- 2013 “The shutdown is a Republican Civil War.” Research featured in the *Washington Post* by Ezra Klein in the *Wonkblog*. October.
- 2013 “People Don’t Fully Appreciate How Committed the Tea Party is to not Compromising.” Interviewed by Ezra Klein, *Washington Post*, for the *Wonkblog*. October.
- 2013 “How did Conservatives Get This Radical?” Research featured in an interview by Thomas Edsall for the *New York Times*. September.
- 2013 “Change They Can’t Believe In,” excerpt. *The National Memo*. September.
- 2013 “Change They Can’t Believe In.” *The Michael Medved Show*, KVI-AM.
- 2013 “The Tea Party’s Rise will be Short.” *CNN.com*, op-ed. May.
- 2013 “The Origins of the Tea Party.” *MSNBC*, Hardball. March.

### Academic Honors and Grants

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- 2016 Stuart and Lee Scheingold Faculty Fellow: *Law, Social Justice, and Political Science*

- 2014 Fellow, United States Studies Centre, *University of Sydney*.
- 2005-07 Scholars in Health Policy Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation,  
*University of California, Berkeley/UC San Francisco*
- 2004 Winner, Best paper award, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics section, APSA
- 2004 Seed grant, Institute for New Racial Studies (with Howard Winant),  
*Ford Foundation* (\$110, 000)
- 2002 Research grant, Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research (ISBER), *UCSB*
- 2002 Junior faculty development award, Academic Senate, *UCSB*
- 2002 Research grant, “California Patriotism Pilot Study,” Principal Investigator, UCSB Academic Senate and ISBER (\$20, 000)
- 2001 Faculty development award (with Lester Spence and Robert Brown),  
*Washington University—St. Louis* (\$30, 000)
- 2000-01 CSMP Fellow, *Grinnell College*
- 1997 Dissertation Fellowship, *Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)*
- 1997 Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, Travel and Research Grant, *University of Chicago*
- 1996 First Year Dissertation Fellowship, *Mellon Foundation*
- 1995-97 Graduate Fellowship, *Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)*
- 1993-95 Trustee Fellowship, *University of Chicago*

### **Conference Participation**

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American Political Science Association: 1996, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2017

Midwest Political Science Association: 1996, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012

Western Political Science Association: 2006, 2008, 2010

International Society of Political Psychology: 2015, 2016, 2017

American Sociological Association: 2016

Social Science History: 2010

Canadian Political Science Association: 2017

### **Student Supervision**

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Mayer, Sebastian, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair

Kassra Oskoi, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair: Matt A. Barreto.

Sergio Garica-Rios, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair: Matt A. Barreto.

Christopher Towler, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair: Christopher S. Parker.

Francisco Pedraza, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair: Matt A. Barreto.

Daniel Byrd, Department of Psychology, University of Washington, Chair: Yuichi Choda

Penny Sheets, Department of Communications, University of Washington, Chair: David Domke.

Loren Collingwood, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Chair: Matt A. Barreto.

Damon Di Cicco, Department of Communication, University of Washington, Chair: David Domke.

## **Teaching**

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Political Science 500: *Political Research Design & Analysis*

Political Science 553: *Graduate Seminar on Public Opinion*

Political Science 405: *Seminar on Right-Wing Movements*

Political Science 405: *Seminar on Patriotism*

Political Science 316: *African American Social and Political Thought*

Political Science 246: *Black Politics in America*

## **Professional Associations**

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*American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, American Association of Public Opinion Research, International Society of Political Psychology*

## **Professional Service**

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Article Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Sociological Review, The Du Bois Review, Journal of American History, Journal of Politics, Political Psychology, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, National Science Foundation, Social Science History, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*

Guest Editor: “Special Issue on Black Lives Matter,” *Perspectives on Politics*

Editorial Board: *Perspectives on Politics* (2020-present); *The Milbank Quarterly* (2021-present)

Book Manuscript Reviewer: *Princeton University Press, University of Chicago Press, Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press*

Co-Program Coordinator, *American Political Science Association National Convention*, 2019

Executive Council (2010-2012): Politics and History Section, *American Political Science Association*

Section Coordinator, Race, Class, Ethnicity, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, 2009

Section Coordinator, Race and Ethnicity, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, 2010

## **University and Departmental Service**

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University: *Academic Senate*

Departmental: *Search committee x 3; Director graduate admissions (2013), committee member x 2; Executive committee (current); Graduate program committee;*

## **Other Professional Experience**

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1993-99 Deputy Probation Officer, *Los Angeles County Probation Department*

1991-93 Group Supervisor, *Los Angeles County Probation Department*

1987-93 Operations Specialist, First Class, United States Naval Reserve, *USS Sides* and *USS Mahlon S. Tisdale*

1982-1987 Operations Specialist Second Class, United States Navy, *USS Tripoli*