



## Department of Political Science

### Black Politics Comprehensive Examination Reading List

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This is a listing of important books in various areas of Black politics. A capable graduate student will be conversant with at least some of these books. The list should be considered to be exhaustive, though not definitive and will be updated biennially.

A few words on textbooks and scholarly books. A textbook is a compilation of generally acknowledged facts compiled in essays used to explain various political science topics. While they may occasionally be used in selected graduate courses, they are generally geared to introductory undergraduate courses. Consequently, they are inappropriate for use in graduate level comprehensive examinations. Such examinations are designed to ascertain your knowledge of original research, which is found in scholarly books.

#### General Perspectives

Robert C. Smith and Richard Seltzer, *Race, Class, and Culture: a Study in Afro-American Mass Opinion*, (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1992).

Derrick Bell, *Faces at the Bottom of the Well: The Permanence of Racism*, (New York: Basic Books, 1992).

Adolph Reed, Jr., *The Jesse Jackson Phenomenon*, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1986).

Hanes Walton, *Black Politics: A Theoretical and Structural Analysis*, (Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1972).

Hanes Walton, Jr. *Invisible Politics: Black Political Behavior*, (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1985).

W.E.B. DuBois, *Black Reconstruction in America, 1860-1880*, (New York: The Free Press, 1992).

Dennis Nordin, *From Edward Brooke to Barack Obama African American Political Success, 1966-2008*, (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2012).

Matthew Holden, *The Politics of the Black "Nation"* (Chandler Publishing, 1973).

Robert C. Smith, *Conservatism and Racism and Why in America They Are the Same*, Albany: State University of New York Press, 2010.

Michael Dawson, *Behind the Mule: Race and Class in African-American Politics*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994).

Lester Spence, *Stare in the Darkness: The Limits of Hip-hop and Black Politics*, (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2011).

Eric Foner, *Reconstruction: 1863-1877: America's Unfinished Revolution*, (New York: Harper and Row, 1988).

William Julius Wilson, *The Declining Significance of Race: Blacks and Changing American Institutions*, (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1978).

### **Civil Rights**

Steven Lawson, *Running for Freedom: Civil Rights and Black Politics in America Since 1941*, (New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2008).

C. Vann Woodward, *The Strange Career of Jim Crow*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001).

Manning Marable, *Race, Reform, and Rebellion, The Second Reconstruction in Black America, 1945-1990*, (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 1991).

Daryl Harris, *The Logic of Black Urban Rebellions: Challenging the Dynamics of White Domination in Miami*, (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 1999)

Michael Klarman, *Brown v. Board of Education and the Civil Rights Movement* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007).

Dona Hamilton and Charles Hamilton, *The Dual Agenda: The African-American Struggle for Civil and Economic Equality*, (New York: Columbia University Press, 1997).

Harvard Sitkoff, *A New Deal for Blacks: The Emergence of Civil Rights as a National Issue, Volume 1: The Depression Decade*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1978).

Harvard Sitkoff, *The Struggle for Black Equality*, (New York: Hill and Wang, 1981).

### **Congress**

Artemesia Stanberry and David Montague, *Travesty of Justice: The Politics of Crack Cocaine and the Dilemma of the Congressional Black Caucus*, (Keith Hunt Publishing, 2011).

Katherine Tate, *Black Faces in the Mirror: African Americans and Their Representatives in the U.S. Congress*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004).

### **Electoral Politics and Voting Behavior**

Fredrick Harris, *The Price of the Ticket: Barack Obama and the Rise and Decline of Black Politics*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).

Jeremy Mayer, *Running on Race: Racial Politics in Presidential Campaigns, 1960-2000*, (New York: Random House, 2002).

Frances Fox Piven, Lorraine Minnite, and Margaret Groarke, *Keeping Down the Black Vote: Race and the Demobilization of American Voters*, (New York: New Press, 2009).

Adolph Reed, *Stirrings in the Jug: Black Politics in the Post-Segregation Era*, (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1999).

Katherine Tate, *From Protest to Politics: The New Black Voters in American Elections*, (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998).

Katherine Tate, *What's Going On?: Political Incorporation and the Transformation of Black Public Opinion*, (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2010).

Ronald Walters, *Freedom Is Not Enough: Black Voters, Black Candidates, and American Presidential Politics*, (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2007).

Ronald Walters, *Black Presidential Politics in America: A Strategic Approach*, (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1988).

Tali Mendelberg, *The Race Card: Campaign Strategy, Implicit Messages, and the Norm of Equality*, (Princeton University Press, 2001).

## **Ideology and Thought**

Michael Dawson, *Blacks In and Out of the Left*, (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2013).

Michael Dawson, *Black Visions: The Roots of Contemporary African-American Political Ideologies*, (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003).

Melissa V. Harris-Lacewell, *Barbershops, Bibles, and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006).

John T. McCartney, *Black Power Ideologies: An Essay in African-American Political Thought* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1992)

Adolph Reed, *W. E. B. Du Bois and American Political Thought: Fabianism and the Color Line*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997).

Marcus Pohlmann, *Black Politics in Conservative America*, (New York: Longman, 1998).

Nick Bromell, *The Time is Always Now: Black Thought and the Transformation of US Democracy*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013).

Michael Hanchard, *Party/Politics: Horizons in Black Political Thought*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006).

Kimberly Smith, *African American Environmental Thought: Foundations*, (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2007).

## **Interest Groups and Activism**

Todd Shaw, *Now Is the Time!: Detroit Black Politics and Grassroots Activism*, (Durham: Duke University Press, 2009).

Marion Orr, *Black Social Capital: The Politics of School Reform in Baltimore, 1986-1999*, (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1999).

## **Leadership**

James Cone, *Martin and Malcolm and America: A Dream or a Nightmare*, (New York: Orbis Books, 1991).

Bruce Dierenfield and John White, *A History of African-American Leadership*, third edition, (Harlow, UK: Pearson, 2012).

Andra Gillespie, *Whose Black Politics? Cases in Post-Racial Black Leadership*, (New York: Routledge, 2009).

Clarence Lusane, *African Americans at the Crossroads: The Restructuring of Black Leadership and the 1992 Elections*, (Boston: South End Press, 1999).

Manning Marable, *Black Leadership*, (New York: Columbia University Press, 1998).

Ronald Walters and Robert C. Smith, *African American Leadership*, (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999).

Minion K. C. Morrison, *Black Political Mobilization: Leadership, Power and Mass Behavior*, (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1984).

Cedric Robinson, *Black Movements in America*, (New York: Routledge, 1997).

Robert C. Smith, *We Have No Leaders: African Americans in the Post-Civil Rights Era*, (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1993).

Alvin Tillery, *Between Homeland and Motherland: Africa, U.S. Foreign Policy, and Black Leadership in America*, (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2011)

Everett Carl Ladd, Jr. *Negro Political Leadership in the South*, (New York: Antheneum, 1969).

### **Parties**

Michael K. Fauntroy, *Republicans and the Black Vote*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2008).

Hanes Walton, Jr., *The Negro and Third Party Politics*, (Philadelphia: Dorrance, 1969).

Hanes Walton, Jr., *Black Political Parties: An Historical and Political Analysis*, (New York: The Free Press, 1972).

Hanes Walton, Jr., *Black Republicans: The Politics of the Black and Tans*, (Metuchen: The Scarecrow Press, 1975).

### **Pan Africanism and Black Nationalism**

Algernon Austin, *Achieving Blackness: Race, Black Nationalism, and Afrocentrism in the Twentieth Century*, (New York: New York University Press, 2006).

Roderick Bush, *We Are Not What We Seem: Black Nationalism and Class Struggle in the American Century*, (New York: New York University Press, 2000).

Robert Carr, *Black Nationalism in the New World: Reading the African-American and West Indian Experience*, (Durham: Duke University Press, 2002).

Martin Delany, *The Condition, Elevation, Emigration, and Destiny of the Colored People of the United States and Official Report of the Niger Valley Exploring Party*, ( Humanity Books, 2004).

Robert Levine, *Martin Delany, Frederick Douglass and the Politics of Representative Identity*, (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1997).

P. Olanwuche Esedebe, *Pan Africanism: The Idea and Movement, 1776-1963*, (Washington, DC: Howard University Press, 1982).

E.U. Essien-Udom, *Black Nationalism: The Search for an Identity*, (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995).

Dexter Gordon, *Black Identity: Rhetoric, Ideology, and Nineteenth-Century Black Nationalism*, (Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois University Press, 2006).

Sterling Stuckey, *The Ideological Origins of Black Nationalism*, (New York: Beacon Press, 1972).

Ronald W. Walters, *Pan Africanism in the African Diaspora: An Analysis of Modern Afrocentric Political Movements*, (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1993).

Stokely Carmichael and Charles V. Hamilton, *Black Power: The Politics of Liberation*, (New York: Vintage Press, 1967).

Manning Marable, *Black Liberation in Conservative America*, (Boston: South End Press, 1997).

Melanye Price, *Dreaming Blackness: Black Nationalism and African American Public Opinion*, (New York: New York University Press, 2009).

William Jeremiah Moses, *The Golden Age of Black Nationalism, 1850-1925*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1985).

James Lance Taylor, *Black Nationalism in the United States: From Malcolm X to Barack Obama*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2011).

Dean Robinson, *Black Nationalism in American Politics and Thought*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001).

## **Public Policy**

Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, (New York: The New Press, 2010).

Lorenzo Morris, *Chit'lin Controversy: Race and Public Policy in America*, (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 1978).

Ronald Walters, *White Nationalism, Black Interests: Conservative Public Policy and the Black Community*, (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2003).

Ange-Marie Hancock, *The Politics of Disgust: The Public Identity of the Welfare Queen*, (New York: New York University Press, 2004).

William Julius Wilson, *More Than Just Race: Being Black and Poor in the Inner City*, (New York: Norton, 2009).

Hanes Walton, Jr., *When the Marching Stopped: The Politics of Civil Rights Regulatory Agencies* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1988)

Ronald Walters, *White Nationalism, Black Interests: Conservative Public Policy and the Black Community*, (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2003).

Ira Katznelson, *When Affirmative Action Was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America*, (New York: Norton, 2005).

Ange-Marie Hancock, *The Politics of Disgust: The public Identity of the Welfare Queen*, (New York: New York University Press, 2004).

William Julius Wilson, *The Truly Disadvantaged: The Inner City, the Underclass, and Public Policy*, (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1987).

William Julius Wilson, *When Work Disappears: The World of the New Urban Poor*, (New York: Vintage, 1996).

## **Voting Rights**

Frank Parker, *Black Votes Count: Political Empowerment in Mississippi After 1965*, (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1990).

Tyson King-Meadows, *When the Letter Betrays the Spirit: Voting Rights Enforcement and African American Participation from Lyndon Johnson to Barack Obama*, (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2011).

Steven Lawson, *Black Ballots: Voting Rights in the South, 1944-1969*, (New York: Columbia University Press, 1976).

Richard Valelly, *The Two Reconstructions: The Struggle for Black Enfranchisement*, (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2004).

**Miscellaneous (Notable but not necessarily appropriate for the comprehensive exam)**

David Levering Lewis, *W.E.B. DuBois: Biography of a Race, 1868-1919*, (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1994).

David Levering Lewis, *W.E.B. DuBois: The Fight for Equality and The American Century, 1919-1963*, (New York: Henry Holt: 2000).

Charles V. Hamilton, *Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.: The Political Biography of An American Dilemma*, (New York: Atheneum, 1991).

William L. Clay, *Just Permanent Interests: Black Americans in Congress, 1870-1991*, (New York: HarperCollins, 1993).