John Thomas III

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APPOINTMENTS

College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina August 2022-Present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Affiliated Faculty: African American Studies, Hispanic Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies,
Women's and Gender Studies

Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio
HBTI Gift Collaborative Presidential Fellow January 2021-December 2022

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Doctor of Philosophy., Political Science, 2022
Dissertation: "Black Politics in Peru and Ecuador, 1980-2016"
Committee: Michael Dawson (chair), Michael Albertus, Tianna Paschel, and Ollie Johnson
Field Exams: Comparative Politics, American Politics and Methodology
Master of Arts, Political Science, 2009 (Thesis: "Theorizing Afro-Latino Social Movements: The Peruvian Case")

Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, NJ
Master of Public Affairs, Development Studies (*Qualified with Distinction*), 2007
Junior Summer Institute—Public Policy and International Affairs, 2003

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA
Bachelor of Arts, (*summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa)* International Studies & Spanish (minors in Economics and Political Science), 2004

International Education Programs
Dialogo Institute, Salvador, Brazil (July-September 2009)
Universidad de Sevilla, Sevilla, Spain (2002-2003)
Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Santiago, Dominican Republic (June-August 2001)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Race Politics, Social Movements, Race and Ethnic Politics, Afro-Latinx Politics, Andean Studies, Comparative Historical Analysis, Interview Research, Survey Research

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journals and Chapters

John Thomas III. "Una aproximación a las HBCU de los Estados Unidos y su relación con América Latina" in eds. Antón, J. et. al., *Negrtiud y Academia*. Impresiones Abya-lala. (Under Review)

Eshe Lewis and **John Thomas III**. 2019. "Me Gritaron Negra": The emergence and development of the Afro-descendant women's movement in Peru (1980-2015*). Journal of International Women's Studies*, 20(8), 18-39.

- Reprinted in Spanish in 2021 with Thomas as first author as «Me Gritaron Negra»: Surgimiento y desarrollo del Movimiento de Mujeres Afrodescendientes en el Perú (1980-2015) in *Investigaciones Sociales*, (44), 181-199.

Conference Proceedings

John Thomas III. 2020. "Interpretando el ser político afroperuano a través del Censo 2017." In *Los Afrodescendientes en las Américas: 200 años de Vida Republicana, Ciudadanías Incompletas*. Lima: CEDET, Centro de Desarrollo Étnico.

John Thomas III. 2013. "Etnicidad y nacionalismo en estados multiétnicos desde la perspectiva negra en América Latina." In *Presencia y persistencia: paradigmas culturales de los afrodescendiente*., Caja negra; eds. Lilia Mayorga Balcázar and Margarita Ramírez Mazzetti. Lima: Centro de Desarrollo Étnicos - CEDET.

John Thomas III. 2010. "El movimiento hacia los derechos civiles de la población afrodescendiente en los Estados Unidos." In *La libertad inconclusa: entorno a la esclavitud, su abolición y los derechos civiles*., Serie Caja negra; ed. CEDET. Lima: CEDET, Centro de Desarrollo Étnico.

Technical and Policy Reports

John Thomas III, Sandro Bilbao and Lia Zevallos (forthcoming) *Informe de la Consulta Virtual de la Juventud Afroperuana.* CEDET: Lima, Peru.

John Thomas III 2011. *Diagnóstico del Contexto de las poblaciones afroperuanas*. Inter-American Development Bank: Washington, DC.

Book Reviews

John Thomas III. forthcoming. Review of the book *South-South Solidarity and the Latin American Left.* By Jessica Stites Mor. *The Latin Americanist.*

John Thomas III. 2023. Review of the book *The Politics of Being Afro-Latino/Latina: Ethnicity, Colorism, and Political Representation in Washington, D.C.* by Isreal Mallard. *National Review of Black Politics*, Vol. 4, Issue 1, pp.54-55.

John Thomas III. 2021. Review of the book *Specters of Belonging: The Political Life Cycle of Mexican Migrants* by Adrián Félix. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics.* Vol. 6, Issue 2, pp. 465-466.

John Thomas III. 2021. Review of the book *Promoting Democracy: The Force of Political Settlements in Uncertain Times* by Manal Jamal. *National Review of Black Politics*, Vol. 2, Issue 1, pp.75-77.

John Thomas III. 2020. Review of the book *Occupying Schools, Occupying Lands: How the Landless Movement Transformed Brazilian Education*, by Rebecca Tarlau. *Mobilization*, Vol. 25, Issue 4, pp. 535-536.

Invited publications (selected)

John Thomas III. 2020. "Reflexiones sobre el coronavirus y la diáspora africana: lo que sabemos y lo que podemos imaginar." *D'Cimarron*, 8.

John Thomas III. 2020. "Los afrodescendientes frente a la pandemia COVID-19: reflexiones en el medio del trastorno." *D'Cimarron*, 6.

John Thomas III. 2020. "Valorizando todas las sangres: la importancia de incluir a los afroperuanos en la Constitución." *D'Cimarron*, 5.

John Thomas III. 2010. "Forging Links: An Analysis of the Relationship Between Black and Latino/Hispanic Theology" in *AME Review,* Vol. CXXVI, No. 417, pp. 83-100

Working Papers in Progress

Anthony Green and **John Thomas III**. "Latino/a Attitudes Toward Immigration: Insights from One of America's Most Diverse Cities." (To be Submitted Spring 2024)

John Thomas III "Latin America" in Alexander-Floyd, N.,ed.,.*Race, Ethnicity, and Inclusion in Political Science* (To be Submitted Summer 2024).

John Thomas III "Voices from a New Generation: Reflections from the 2021 Virtual Survey of Afro-Peruvian Youth" (To be Submitted Fall 2024).

John Anton and **John Thomas III**. "Black Movements and the 2021 Elections in Chile, Ecuador and Peru." (Draft in progress)

John Thomas III "Public Policy and Black Politics in Peru and Ecuador, 1980-2016" (Draft in progress)

John Thomas III "The 2017 Census and the Afro-Peruvian Population: Points of Departure" (Draft in Progress)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior International Chapel Board of Sponsors (Inducted 2023)

National Conference of Black Political Scientists Student (NCOBPS) Founders Symposium Award (2013)

TIAA-CREF Ruth Simms Hamilton Fellowship (2011-2012)
US Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship (2009-2010; Portuguese)
US Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Fellowship (2009; Portuguese)
Ford Foundation National Academies Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention (2008, 2009)
National Science Foundation/Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP), Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) Fellowship (2008-2009)
American Political Science Association Minority Fellow (2007)
Senator J. William Fulbright (IIE) U.S. Student Fellowship (2004-2005; Peru)
Terrence L. Todman Foreign Service Book Scholarship Award (2004)
Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellowship (2003)

Internal

College of Charleston
School of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean's Discretionary Award (2022, 2023, 2024)
First-Year Experience Halsey Museum Fellow (2023)
Women's and Gender Studies Program Research and Development Grant (2022, 2023)
Latin America and Caribbean Studies Program Faculty Grant (2022, 2023)
School of Languages, Culture, and World Affairs Distinguished Research Award (2022)
School of Languages, Culture, and World Affairs Faculty Research Grant (2022)
Global Scholar with maroon ribbon (2023)
Faculty Roll of Honor (2022)

University of Chicago
Social Sciences Division Research Grant (2015)
Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Academic Support Grant (2008, 2014)
Social Sciences Division Summer Research Grant (2013)
Center for Latin American Studies Summer Research Grant (2009, 2010)
Tinker Summer Research Grant (2008)
Social Sciences Division Fellowship (2007-2012)

Princeton University
Sir Arthur Lewis Summer Fellowship (2006)

Morehouse College
Charles E. Merrill Study Abroad Scholar (2002-2003)
Presidential Scholarship (2000-2004)

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Peru

December 2023

- Conducted follow up interviews with research team for the "Virtual Survey of Afro-Peruvian Youth"

October 2016- November 2016; November 2018- January 2019

- Conducted interviews with government officials, Black politicians, and Black activists for dissertation research under the University of Chicago IRB 15-0895

June 2013; September 2013

- Conducted interviews and archival analysis for dissertation proposal

September 2010- January 2011

- Supervised a team of three persons who conducted interview and survey research to generate a report funded by the Inter-American Development Bank

June 2008-August 2008

- Interviewed Black movement activists and conducted archival research for Master's Thesis under University of Chicago IRB H08142

September 2004-June 2005

- Interviewed Black movement activists and foreign donors for independent research sponsored by the US Student Fulbright Grant

Ecuador

November 2016-December 2016

- Interviewed government officials, Black politicians, and activists for dissertation research under the University of Chicago IRB 15-0895; Analyzed digital interviews and Black movement documents in the University of San Bolivar Afro-Andean Archives collection

July 2013-August 2013

- Dissertation proposal research

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

College of Charleston

Afro-Latin and Afro-Caribbean Studies	Spring 2024
Contemporary Politics of Brazil	Fall 2024
International Development: Theories and Practices	Fall 2023
Introduction to World Politics	Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
Latin American Politics	Spring 2023
Model Organization of American States	Spring 2023, Spring 2024
Race, Equity, and American Politics	Summer 2024

University of Chicago

Preceptor (Instructor)

BA Seminar in Public Policy — Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Teaching Assistant

Economics and Public Policy (Jim Leitzel) — Spring 2014

Attentat! Modern Theories of Political Violence (Bernard Silberman) — Winter 2013

Organizations, Ideology and Political Change (Bernard Silberman) — Autumn 2011

To Hell With The Enlightenment (Bernard Silberman) — Winter 2010

Introduction to International Relations (Charles Lipson) — Fall 2010, 2012 and 2013

Graduate Teaching Consultant — Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Chicago State University

Adjunct Instructor

Independent Study in Political Science — Spring 2009, Fall 2009, 2010 and 2012

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

College of Charleston Center for Teaching and Learning, Charleston, SC
Second Year Faculty Orientation (ongoing)
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (Summer 2023)
National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Faculty Success Program (Summer 2023)
National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Cohort (Spring 2023)
Race, Equity, and Inclusion Course Training (Spring 2023)
First-Year Experience Faculty Training (Spring 2023; Summer 2023)
New Faculty Orientation (Exemplary Performance, 2022-2023)

University of Chicago, Chicago Center for Teaching. Chicago, IL
College Teaching Certificate (Spring 2019)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Voices from a New Generation: Reflections on the Virtual Survey of Afro-Peruvian Youth: Citizen Participation and Effects of COVID-19." Paper presented at the Southeastern Conference of Latin American Studies, Asheville, North Carolina. (April 2024).

"Voices from a New Generation: Reflections on the Virtual Survey of Afro-Peruvian Youth: Citizen Participation and Effects of COVID-19." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. (April 2023). (Also served as Panel Chair and Discussant).

"Voices from a New Generation: Reflections on the Virtual Survey of Afro-Peruvian Youth: Citizen Participation and Effects of COVID-19." Paper presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, Georgia. (March 2023).

"Voices from a New Generation: Reflections on the Virtual Survey of Afro-Peruvian Youth: Citizen Participation and Effects of COVID-19." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, Florida. (December 2022) (Also served as Panel Chair and Discussant).

"Voices from a New Generation: Reflections on the Virtual Survey of Afro-Peruvian Youth: Citizen Participation and Effects of COVID-19." Paper presented at the Second Afro-Latin American Research Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts. (December 2022).

"Black Politics in Peru and Ecuador, 1980-2016." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington (September 2021).

"La política negra en Perú y Ecuador, 1980-2016." Paper presented at the IX Seminario Internacional "República, Racismo y Pandemia: 200 años de Resistencia Afrodescendiente" Centro por Desarrollo Étnico, Virtual (June 2021). (Also served as Panel Chair and Discussant).

"Black Politics in Peru and Ecuador, 1980-2016." Paper presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Virtual (March 2021).

"Black Politics in Peru and Ecuador, 1980-2016." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana/Virtual (January 2021).

"Interpretando el ser político afroperuano a través del Censo 2017." Paper presented at the VIII Seminario Internacional "Los Afrodescendientes en las Américas: 200 años de Vida Republicana, Ciudadanías Incompletas", Centro por Desarrollo Étnico, Lima, Peru (June 2019). (Also served as Panel Chair and Discussant).

"Me Gritaron Negra: The emergence and development of the Afro-descendant women's movement in Peru." Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain (May 2017).

"Me Gritaron Negra: The emergence and development of the Afro-descendant women's movement in Peru." Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico (May 2015).

"Theorizing the Emergence of Afro-Latino Social Movements: The Peruvian Case". Paper presented at the University of Chicago Workshop on Latin America and the Caribbean, Chicago, Illinois (April 2015)

"Theorizing the Emergence of Afro-Latino Social Movements: The Peruvian Case". Paper presented at the University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop, Chicago, Illinois (February 2015)

"Evolution and Progress of the Afro-Peruvian Social Movement". Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2015)

"Etnicidad y nacionalismo en estados multiétnicos desde la perspectiva negra en América Latina." In V Seminario Internacional Presencia y persistencia: paradigmas culturales de los afrodescendientes, Centro por Desarrollo Étnico Lima, Peru (June 2013).

"Theorizing Afro-Latino Social Movements: The Peruvian Case". Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois (April 2010)

"Theorizing Afro-Latino Social Movements: The Peruvian Case". Paper presented at the University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop, Chicago, Illinois (May 2009)

Organizer, "First Afro-descendent Legislative Empowerment Workshop", La Ceiba, Honduras (March 2007)

Attendee, First Afro-Peruvian Congress, Lima, Peru (November 27-December 1, 2004)

"El movimiento hacia los derechos civiles de la población afrodescendiente en los Estados Unidos." Paper presented at the I Seminario Internacional La libertad Inconclusa: Entorno a la esclavitud, su abolición y los derechos civiles. Centro por Desarrollo Étnico Lima, Peru (August 2004).

INVITED TALKS AND INTERVIEWS

"You Shall Know the Truth: Fact and Fiction in Faith and Politics" presented to the African Methodist Episcopal Church Power of a Wholistic Church Conference (May 2024).

"Black Lives Matter in Latin America" Panel Facilitator and Documentary Interviewee for the North Carolina Central University Dan T. Blue Political Science Department Symposium (March 2024)

"Organization and Structure: The importance of branding" Presented to the African Methodist Episcopal Church CONVO XXI (December 2023)

"Black History Talks with Professor John Thomas III" Interviewed for *Black History Talks,* Radio Ohm (October 2023)

"Updates from the Virtual Survey of Afro-Peruvian Youth" Presented to the College of Charleston Women's and Gender Studies Colloquium (April 2023)

"Positionality and Research in Afro-Peru" Presented to the College of Charleston Political Science Field Notes Seminar (March 2023)

"Avances de la Consulta Virtual de la Juventud Afroperuana" Presented to the Ministerio de Cultura de Peru and the Jurado Nacional de Elecciones (March 2022)

"Avances de la Consulta Virtual de la Juventud Afroperuana" Presented at the VI Encuentro Afroperuano "Somos Familia 2021" Ministerio de Cultura de Peru (December 2021)

"Durban +20, retos y desafíos" interviewed for *Conexión Afro*, Quipu TV (October 2021)

Panelist, "Movimiento Afro Latinoamericano Avances y Desafíos," interviewed for *Voces de los Afrodescendientes*, ASONEDH Web-Series (September 2021).

Panelist, "Afrodescendientes y participación electoral en las Américas y el Caribe" for *Ciclo de Foros y Conversatorios Afrodescendientes y Participación Política Electoral,* Grupo de Pensamiento Afrodescendiente, Centro de Investigaciones, Estudios y Diálogos Sociales y La Asociación Civil Mano Amiga (October 2020)

Panelist "Economía en territorios afrodescendeietnes en tiempos de coronavirus" for *"De La Mesa a La Sofa"*, Grupo de Penasamiento Afro-Ecuatoriano Virtual Radio Program (May 2020)

Panelist "Informe de Expertos de ONU sobre personas afrodescendientes en El Ecaudory panorama político nacional" for "De La Mesa a La Sofa", Grupo de Penasamiento Afro-Ecuatoriano Virtual Radio Program (January 2020)

Respondent, "Book presentation of *Análisis del cristianismo evangélico en la Republica Dominicana*", Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo, New York, New York (February 2019).

"Las elecciones de los Estados Unidos 2016 y el pueblo afroestadounidense: algunas refleciones". Presented at the Coloquio Universitario of the Universidad Técnica Luis Vargas Torres, Esmeraldas, Ecuador (November 2016).

"Who Belongs? Multi-ethnic states and citizenship?", International Relations Guest Lecture, Morehouse College Department of Political Science, Atlanta, Georgia (February 2015).

"Pasado, Presente y Futuro del Movimiento Continental Afrodescendiente", 1er Congreso Nacional de la Juventud Afroperuana, Ashanti and Secretario Nacional de Juventud, Lima, Peru (August 2013).

"Theorizing Afro-Latino Social Movements: The Peruvian Case". Presented at the Chicago State University Social Science Colloquium, Chicago, Illinois (April 2009).

Panelist, "Afro-Peruvians and Human Rights", CEDET Book Conference, Lima, Peru (August 2008)

"Stony the Road We Trod: Reflections on African American History", Universidad de Lima Teachers Seminar, Lima, Peru (February 2007).

"Afroperuanos y su realidad", *Radio Filarmonía*, Lima, Peru (February 2007)

"Afro-Peruvian NGOs," US Embassy Briefing, Lima, Peru, (February 2007).

"Cousins: African descendants in Peru and the United States", Peruvian-American Institute of Cultural Affairs (Black History Month keynote address), Lima, Peru (February 2007).

"La Sociedad Civil Afroperuana: Un análisis desde 1980 hasta el presente". Instituto Cultural Peruano Norteamericano y la Comisión Fulbright de Perú, Lima, Peru (July 2005).

"African-Americans and Afro-Latinos", The African Diaspora in Chile, Latin America and the Caribbean UNESCO Seminar, Arica, Chile (September 2004).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Christian Recorder, Nashville, Tennessee August 2016-present
Editor

The World Methodist Council, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina August 2011-August 2016
Coordinator of Youth and Young Adults

The Inter-American Development Bank, Lima, Peru September 2010-March 2011
Short-Term Consultant

The Millennium Challenge Corporation, Princeton, NJ and Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Project Implementation Unit Consultant August-December 2006

The World Bank, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic June-September 2006
Short-Term No Fee Consultant

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Peer Reviewer, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*
Book Reviewer, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; National Review of Black Politics; Mobilization Politics, Groups, and Identities, The Latin Americanist*
Spanish Language Judge, Florida Press Association
Best Article Award Committee Member, Western Political Science Association
Member, LGBTQ Task Force, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
Web Manager, Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics of the American Political Science Society (2012-2018)
Assistant Editor, *Journal of Public and International Affairs* (2006-2007)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

College of Charleston

Campus

Campus Advisor, Amnesty International (2024-present)
Member, Latin America and Caribbean Studies Program Executive Committee (2023-present)
Advisory Board, Carolina Lowcountry and the Atlantic World Program (2023-present)
Study Abroad Scholarship Reviewer for the School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs (2023-present)
Spring Commencement Card Reader for the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences and Language, Cultures and World Affairs (2023-present)
Induction Ceremony Reader for Sigma Delta Pi (2022-present)
Member, Women's and Gender Studies Program Student Opportunities Fund Committee (2022-present)
Assistant Campus Advisor, Lambda Psi Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (2022-present)
Reader for Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Mass performed by the College of Charleston Concert Choir (March 2024)
Coordinated visit of Dr. Daniela Gomes with African American Studies (March 2024)
Created Questions and Videos for Campus Student Life Black History Trivia (February 2024)
Speaker for Delta Gamma Black History Month Celebrary (February 2024)
Secretary, Campus Student Affairs and Athletics Committee (2023-2024)

Department

Member, Department of Political Science Student Engagement Committee (2022-present)
Library Liason, Department of Political Science (2023-Present)
Coordinated visit of Vilma Reis (March 2023)
Member Department of Political Science Master in Public Administration Search Committee (2023)
Member, Department of Political Science Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee (2022)
Department Secretary, Department of Political Science (2022-2024)

University of Chicago

Panelist, Graduate Student Orientation, University of Chicago Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (2009)

Chicago State University

Assistant Coach, Chicago State University Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Academic Team (2009-10; 2012)

Princeton University

General Co-Chair, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School Action Committee (2006-2007)
Co-Chair, Evaluations Committee, Student/Alumni of Color Symposium, Woodrow Wilson School (2005)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Studies Association
American Political Science Association
Latin American Studies Association
National Conference of Black Political Scientists (Life Member)
Southeastern Conference of Latin American Studies
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Associated Church Press (Vice President, 2021-present)
North American Section, World Association of Christian Communicators (Board Member, 2019-present)

LANGUAGES

English (Native); Spanish (Fluent); Portuguese (Advanced).

SKILLS

STATA (Moderate); NVivo (Advanced)