

Erica Townsend-Bell
Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science. **Washington University in St. Louis.** 2007.
Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, May 2005.
Dissertation: *Identities Matter: Identity Politics, Coalition Possibilities, and Feminist Organizing.*
Primary Field: Comparative Politics. Second Field: American Politics.

Master of Arts, Political Science. **Washington University in St. Louis.** 2003

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Spanish Double Major. English Minor.
Xavier University of Louisiana. 2001. *Magna cum Laude.*

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa 2007 -

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

Townsend-Bell, Erica. 2006. "Uruguay." *Governments of the World*. Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson Gale. Tate, C. Neal, ed. *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities*, 4 vols. Detroit, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006.

Under Review

"Being 'True' and Being You: Race, Gender, and Class in the Fieldwork Experience." *PS: Political Science and Politics*

"The How of Collective Identity: Recognitions of Difference in the U.S Feminist Movement." *Social Forces*

"Intersections and Additions: Coalition Politics in Uruguay." Under revision as part of a symposium proposal to *Political Research Quarterly*.

Works in Progress

The Politics of Intersectionality: Afro-Latina Women's Organizing in Uruguay and Costa Rica

"Shifting Subjectivity: Racialization and Otherness in Modern Costa Rica"

"Todos Somos Uruguayos?: Gendered Identity Creation and Contestation in Uruguay"

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

International Programs Curriculum Development Award, University of Iowa 2008

International Programs Travel Grant, University of Iowa 2007

Chancellor's Fellowship for African-American Graduate Students, Washington University 2001-2007

Danforth Scholar, Washington University 2001-2007

Center for New Institutional Social Sciences Dissertation Grant 2005

Washington University Pre-Dissertation Summer Fellowship 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics, Women's movements, Race, Civil society (particularly intersections of race, class, gender, and representation)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching and Advising at the University of Iowa

Courses at the University of Iowa

Graduate

Problems in Comparative Politics: Social Movements. Fall 2007

Undergraduate

Introduction to Comparative Politics. Spring 2009

Race in World Politics. Spring 2009.

Latin American Government. Fall 2008

Politics of the Developing World. Spring 2008

Women and Politics in Global Perspective. Fall 2007, Fall 2008

Courses at Washington University

Instructor, University College, Washington University in St. Louis

Introduction to Comparative Politics. Summer 2006.

Topics in Latin American Politics: Forgotten Groups. Summer 2004

Contemporary Feminist Politics in Western Europe. Spring 2004

Other Courses

Instructor, Saint Louis University

Introduction to Latin American Politics. Fall 2004.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

"The Feminization of Poverty: Local and Global Realities." Invited Presentation to the Feminist Majority Foundation University of Iowa Chapter. January 2009.

“The Politics of Intersectionality: Afro-Latina Women’s Organizing in Uruguay and Costa Rica.”
Invited Presentation. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. August 2008.

“Todos Somos Uruguayos?: Gendered Identity Creation, Cooptation, Marginalization and Contestation in Uruguay.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April 2008.

“Todos Somos Uruguayos: Marginalization, Contestation, and la Mujer Afro-Uruguayo.” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. March 2008

“A Comparative Look at Women and the Vote: Global Trends and Local Realities.” Invited Talk at the *From "Votes for Women!" to Will Women Vote?* Panel hosted by the League of Women Voters and the University of Iowa Women’s Resource Action Center. October 2007.

“Images of la Mujer Uruguaya: Womanhood and Citizenship in the Modernizing Nation.”
Presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference. Montreal. September 2007.

“New Trends in Comparative Gender Research: Notes on Political Participation, Method, and Intersectionality.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. August 2007.

“Images of la Mujer Uruguaya: Womanhood and Citizenship in the Modernizing Nation.”
Invited Talk. Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture. January 2007.

“Impediments to Multiracial Mobilization.” Invited Talk. Center for Gender Studies: Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop. University of Chicago. May 2006

“Possibilities of Multiracial Mobilization: Impediments to Women’s Group Organizing in Uruguay.” Presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference. San Juan, PR. March 2006

“State Formation and Identity Construction: Afro-Uruguayan Women and the Revolutionary Project.” Presented at the Race, Gender, and Class Conference. New Orleans. September 2004.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

Junior Member, Executive Committee. Department of Political Science, University of Iowa 2008-2009

Participant. Large Class Summit. Center for Teaching. February 2009.

Participant. 4Cast 2009. Center for Teaching. January 2009.

Reviewer. *Politics and Gender*. March 2006

Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods. Institute on Qualitative Research Methods. January 6-17, 2003. Arizona State University.

AWARDS

Recipient. Who’s Who In Social Sciences Higher Education. 2009

Recipient. Who’s Who of American Women. 2007

Honorable Mention. “Possibilities of Multiracial Mobilization: Impediments to Women’s Group

Organizing in Uruguay.” National Women’s Studies Association Women of Color Caucus/ABAFASI Graduate Student Essay Award. June 2005.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent)

Portuguese (basic reading ability)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (Women’s Caucus Member)

Latin American Studies Association (Gender and Feminist Studies Section Member)

Midwest Political Science Association (Women’s Caucus Member)

National Women’s Studies Association (Women of Color Caucus Member)

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