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SCHOLARLY EMPLOYMENT **Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law**, New York, New York
Voting Policy Scholar (2023 –)
Senior Research Fellow (2023 –)
Manager (2021 –)
Research Fellow (2018 – 2023)

EDUCATION **Graduate Center, City University of New York**, New York, New York
Ph.D., Sociology (2023)

New York University, New York, New York
Masters in Urban Planning (2020)

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
B.A., Economics (2013)
Magna Cum Laude

BOOKS 1. Miller, Michael G. and **Kevin T. Morris**. *An American Problem: How the Country Built — And the Supreme Court Broke — The Voting Rights Act*. Princeton University Press (forthcoming).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS 15. Morris, Kevin T. and Michael G. Miller (Online First). “Did *Shelby County v. Holder* Increase the Racial Turnout Gap?” *The Journal of Politics*.
14. Morris, Kevin T. and Ian Shapiro (Online First). “On Fertile Ground: How Racial Resentment Primes White Americans to Believe Fraud Accusations.” *Political Behavior*.
13. Miller, Michael G., **Kevin T. Morris**, Ian Shapiro, and Coryn Grange (Online First). “The Disparate and Durable Effects of Mail Voting Restrictions: Evidence from Texas.” *The Journal of Politics*.
12. Morris, Kevin T. (2026). “Between Withdrawal and Engagement: Disentangling the Effects of Covid-19 on Turnout.” *The Journal of Politics*, 88 (2): 888–92.
11. Shoub, Kelsey and **Kevin T. Morris** (2025). “The Effect of Mass Shootings on Voter Turnout in the United States.” *Science Advances*, 11(46): eadx5418.

10. Dowling, Conor M., Michael G. Miller, and **Kevin T. Morris** (2025). “Can Voters Locate Co-Partisan Candidates in Nonpartisan Elections? Evidence from Cast Vote Records.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 78 (2): 720–37.
9. Morris, Kevin T. and Kelsey Shoub (2024). “Contested Killings: The Mobilizing Effects of Community Contact with Police Violence.” *The American Political Science Review*, 118 (1): 458–74.
8. Morris, Kevin T. (2024). “Linking Geographically-Mediated Racial Threat and Racial Resentment.” *Socius*, 10.
7. Ben-Menachem, Jonathan and **Kevin T. Morris** (2023). “Ticketing and Turnout: The Participatory Consequences of Low-Level Police Contact.” *The American Political Science Review*, 117 (3): 822–34.
6. Morris, Kevin T. and Peter Miller (2023). “Authority After the Tempest: Hurricane Michael and the 2018 Elections.” *The Journal of Politics*, 85 (2): 405–20.
5. Morris, Kevin T. (2023). “A Right Restricted: Racial Threat and the Sponsorship of Restrictive Voting Laws.” *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 8 (3): 421–45.
4. Morris, Kevin T. and Peter Miller (2022). “Voting in a Pandemic: COVID-19 and Primary Turnout in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.” *Urban Affairs Review*, 58 (2): 597–613.
3. Morris, Kevin T. (2021). “Neighborhoods and Felony Disenfranchisement: The Case of New York City.” *Urban Affairs Review*, 57 (5): 1203–25.
2. Morris, Kevin T. (2021). “Welcome Home — Now Vote! Voting Rights Restoration and Postsupervision Turnout.” *Social Science Quarterly*, 102 (1): 140–53.
1. Morris, Kevin T. (2021). “Turnout and Amendment 4: Mobilizing Eligible Voters Close to Formerly Incarcerated Floridians.” *The American Political Science Review*, 115 (3): 805–20.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2. Manza, Jeff, and **Kevin T. Morris** (Forthcoming). “Felon Disenfranchisement and Political Inequality.” In *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective*, edited by David B Grusky, Nima Dahir, and Claire Daviss, 5th ed.
1. Morris, Kevin T., and Myrna Pérez (2021). “Barriers to the Ballot Box in Texas.” In *Mexican American Civil Rights in Texas*, edited by Robert Brischetto and J. Richard Avena, 225–41. Michigan State University Press.

PROFESSIONAL
REPORTS

5. Morris, Kevin T., and Coryn Grange (2024). “Growing Racial Disparities in Voter Turnout, 2008–2022.” *Brennan Center for Justice*.
4. Morris, Kevin T. (2022). “Patterns in the Introduction and Passage of Restrictive Voting Bills are Best Explained by Race.” *Brennan Center for Justice*.
3. Klain, Hannah, **Kevin T. Morris**, Max Feldman, and Rebecca Ayala (2020). “Waiting to Vote: Racial Disparities in Election Day Experiences.” *Brennan Center for Justice*.
2. Morris, Kevin T., and Peter Dunphy (2019). “AVR Impact on State Voter Registration.” *Brennan Center for Justice*.
1. Morris, Kevin T., Myrna Pérez, Jonathan Brater, and Chris Deluzio (2018). “Purges: A Growing Threat to the Right to Vote.” *Brennan Center for Justice*.

BOOK PROJECTS

Morris, Kevin T. *The New Lost Cause: How White Racial Animus Threatens American Elections*. Manuscript in preparation.

SELECTED
IN-PROGRESS
PAPERS

“Assessing the Quality of Commercial and Modeled Voter File Vendor Data” (with Michael G. Miller).

“High-Profile Voter Arrests Reduced Turnout Among Justice-Involved Floridians More Generally” (with Stephanie Puello, Ian Shapiro, and Ariel White).

“Reassessing the Candidate Extremism Penalty using Cast Vote Records” (with Arlyss Herzig and Michael G. Miller).

“Separating Racially Polarized Voting from Partisan Polarization: Evidence from Georgia and New Jersey in 2025” (with Chelsea N. Jones).

CONGRESSIONAL
TESTIMONY

2021. “Voting in America: The Potential for Polling Place Quality and Restrictions on Opportunities to Vote to Interfere with Free and Fair Access to the Ballot,” Subcommittee on Elections, Committee on House Administration, United States House of Representatives. June 11.

INVITED TALKS
AND
WORKSHOPS

2025. Haire Institute for Public Policy Speaker Series (Western Carolina University), October 20. Institute for Social Science Research (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), April 22. Politics and Policy Lecture Series (Political Science and Sociology Departments, Reed College), April 10. Paul Robeson Conference (Columbia Law School), February 21.

2024. Annual Hartigan Lecture in Political Science (Loyola University Chicago), October 29. New Topics in Modern Electoral Research (University of Konstanz), June 27–29. Justice at the Ballot (University of Minnesota), May 30–31. Colloquium (Department of Political Science, Baruch College), May 1.

2021. Comparative Politics Workshop (Department of Political Science, CUNY Graduate Center), September 23. Justice Lab (Columbia University), July 21.

2020. Institute for the Study of Human Rights (Columbia University), October 6.

DISCIPLINARY
SERVICE

2025. Program Chair (joint with Stephanie Puello), Election Science Conference within a Conference, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (January).

2024. Program Chair (joint with Jasleen Singh), Brennan Center’s “The Racial Turnout Gap in the 21st Century” Conference (March); Program Committee, Annual Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration Conference (June).

AWARDS AND
GRANTS

2020–2022 Graduate Fellowship, City University of New York.

2022 Doctoral Student Research Grant, City University of New York.

2009–2013 Gabelli Presidential Scholars (Full tuition scholarship), Boston College.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Election Science, Reform, and Administration Conference: 2020, 2024

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: 2021

COURSES
TAUGHT

Race and Voting in the United States (Instructor of Record) (Spring, 2023)

QUANTITATIVE
PROGRAMS

Expert: R, Stata

Working Knowledge: L^AT_EX, Tableau, Python, SQL, QGIS, ArcGIS

OTHER
RESEARCH-
ADJACENT
EMPLOYMENT

Economist, Planning Department, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
(2016 – 2018)

Research Analyst / Senior Research Analyst, Research Department, Federal
Reserve Bank of New York (2015 – 2016)

Analyst / Senior Analyst, Compass Lexecon (2013 – 2015)