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Academic Experience

Miami University of Ohio

Oxford, OH

Assistant Professor of Political Science

2016-present

Education

Georgetown University

Washington, D.C.

Department of Government

Ph.D. 2016 (M.A. 2013)

Patrick Henry College

Purcellville, VA

B.A. 2010 in Government (Summa Cum Laude)

Research

Publications

“A Tangled Web: Religion and the Regime in the US,” with Clyde Wilcox in *Religion and Regimes: Support, Separation, and Opposition*, edited by Ted Jelen and Tehran Tamadonfar, Lexington Books, 2013.

“Is there such a thing as a Conservative Foreign Policy?” with Christopher Parker in the Brookings Governance Series, October 2014.

“Partisan Conflict and Congressional Outreach,” a Pew Research Center Report with Solomon Messing, Patrick Van Kessel, Adam Hughes, and Nick Judd, February 2017.

Under Review

- “Gendered Frames in Television News: Reinforcing Masculinity in Politics” with Monica Schneider and Sophia Fideli (under review at *Political Communication*).
- *Inside Job: The Tea Party’s Takeover of the Republican Party*, (R&R from the University of Chicago Press)

Working Papers

“Presidential Nominations and Coalition Politics: Detecting Internal Party Divisions In Network Data” with Hans Noel (Georgetown University).

“Faultlines in the US Congress: Factions in a Congressional Communication Network” with Patrick VanKessel (Pew Research Center).

“Team Players: Campaign Donations and Party Factions” with Alexander Podkul (Georgetown University).

Book project

Inside Job: The Tea Party’s Takeover of the Republican Party, (under review Spring 2017)

Chapters presented at conferences:

- “Why This Strategy? The Tea Party as a ‘Party within a Party’” (presented at SPSA 2014).
- “Why Not the Republican Party?” (presented at SPSA 2015 and MPSA 2015).
- “From FreedomWorks to Grassroots: Who is the Tea Party, and What is its Strategy?” (presented at APSA 2015, Political Networks 2014 and 2015, MPSA 2015, Political Methodology 2014, Georgetown American Government Working Group 2014).
- “What Do They Believe? Analysis of the Tea Party’s Ideology” (presented at MPSA 2016 and APSA 2016)
- “How Do they Behave? The Tea Party’s Priorities in Congress” (presented at SPSA 2017 and MPSA 2017)

Conference presentations

- American Political Science Association, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2012.
- Georgetown American Government Working Group, 2016, 2014, 2013.
- Georgetown Political Theory Working Group, 2012, 2011.
- Georgetown Quantitative Models Group, 2014.
- George Washington University Graduate Conference, 2012.
- Merthan Conference on Political Activists in a Polarized Age, 2015.
- Midwest Political Science Association, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014.
- Northeast Political Science Association, 2011.
- Political Networks, 2017, 2015, 2014.

- Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2011.
- Society for Political Methodology, 2017, 2014.
- Southern Political Science Association, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- Miami University OARS Diversity and Inclusion Grants, “Support for Disability Assistance? Deservingness, Group Affect, and American Public Opinion,” 2017.
- Committee on Faculty Research grant, Miami University of Ohio, 2017.
- Summer collaborative research grant, Georgetown University, 2015.
- ICPSR Summer Program Fellowship, Georgetown University, 2014.
- Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, Georgetown University, 2014.
- National Science Foundation Fellowship for Political Methods Meeting, 2017, 2014.
- National Science Foundation Fellowship for Political Networks Conference, 2014 and 2015.
- Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship and Teaching Award, 2013-2014.
- Georgetown University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Assistantship Fellowship, 2011-2012, 2014-2015, 2015-2016.
- Bradley Foundation Academic Fellowship, 2012-2013.
- Earhart Foundation Academic Fellowship, 2010-2011.

Additional Research Experience

- Content Consultant for Red Line Press textbooks on Donald Trump, 2016-2017.
- Data Labs Fellow for the Pew Research Center, 2015-2016.
- Research Assistant for Michael Bailey, Georgetown University, Spring 2015.
- Editorial Assistant for *Women in Elected Office*, 3rd edition, edited by Sue Thomas and Clyde Wilcox, Spring 2013.
- Research Assistant for Mark Rom, Georgetown University, Summer 2012.
- Editorial Assistant for Patrick Deneen, Georgetown University and the Tocqueville Forum, Summer 2010.

Teaching

- Political Parties, Public Opinion Laboratory, MA Scope and Methods, and Introduction to the American Political System, Miami University of Ohio, Fall 2016-present.
- Introduction to the US Political System, Georgetown University, Summer 2014 and 2015.
- The Politics of the Tea Party, Georgetown University, Spring 2014.
- Composure Under Fire, Foreign Service Institute of the U.S. Department of State, Spring 2013.
- Fundamental Techniques of Debate and Public Speaking, Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, Summer 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Service

- Miami Political Science Faculty Research Colloquium, Undergraduate Studies, Graduate Studies, American Political Systems, and Big Data Search Committee Member (2016 and 2017)
- Georgetown Quantitative Models Working Group President (Spring 2015), Treasurer (Fall 2014)
- Georgetown Graduate Political Science Association President (2013-2014), Treasurer (2012-2013), Political Theory Representative (2011-2012)