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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)

Dissertation: *The Tea Party: A Party Within a Party*

Committee members: Hans Noel (chair), Daniel Hopkins, Jonathan Ladd, and Clyde Wilcox.

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.

Scholarship Under Review

Book Manuscript

Party Takeover: the Tea Party and Party Factions in the US. R&R at the University of Chicago Press. Revisions submitted in June 2018.

Articles

“Is Trump-ism Really a Thing in Foreign Policy?” with Christopher Parker. R&R at *Perspectives on Politics*, August 2018.

“Exit Polls 101” with Michael Bailey, Sarah Croco, Jonathan Ladd, Lilliana Mason, Hans Noel, and Liz Suhay. R&R at *PS: Political Science and Politics*, resubmitted June 2018.

Working Papers

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

“How Activists Reshaped the Republican Ideological Coalition”

“Using Networks and Text Analysis to Study Party Factions in Congress”

“Friends of Morality: Amicus Curiae Networks in State Court Cases on Abortion and Gay Marriage” with Abigail Matthews.

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

“Disunity in the Ranks: Ideological Extremism and Out-Party Status in Congressional Rhetoric” with Justin Grimmer.

“Support for Disability Assistance? The Role of Deservingness in American Public Opinion” with Monica Schneider, Dara Strolovitch, and Justin Holmes.

“Gendered Frames in Television News: Reinforcing Masculinity in Politics” with Monica Schneider and Sophia Fideli.

Conference and Invited Presentations

American Political Science Association, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2012.

Preconference on Politics and Computational Social Science, 2018.

Society for Political Methodology, 2018, 2017, 2014.

Political Networks, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014.

St. Louis Area Methods Meeting, 2018.

Midwest Political Science Association, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014.

Southern Political Science Association, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012.

Merthan Conference on Political Activists in a Polarized Age, 2015.

Georgetown Quantitative Models Group, 2014.

George Washington University Graduate Conference, 2012.

Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2011.

Northeast Political Science Association, 2011.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

College of Arts and Sciences Summer grant, Miami University of Ohio, 2018.

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, 2018, 2017, 2014.

National Science Foundation Fellowship for Political Networks Conference, 2018, 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.

Teaching

Miami University

Foundations of Political Analysis (M.A. program scope & methods), Fall 2017 & Fall 2018.

Introduction to the American Political System (introductory undergraduate course), Spring 2017 & Spring 2018.

Data Analysis for Political Science (undergraduate methods course, developed with Miami University grant in Summer 2018), to be taught Winter 2019.

Public Policy Research (second course in M.A. stats sequence), Fall 2018.

Political Parties (upper-division undergraduate seminar), Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018.

Public Opinion Laboratory (online survey methods course), Winter 2017, Winter 2018, Summer 2018.

Georgetown University

Introduction to the US Political System (introductory undergraduate course), Summer 2014 & Summer 2015.

Politics of the Tea Party (upper-division undergraduate seminar), Spring 2014.

Other

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 and Professional Activities

Service to the Discipline

Political Networks Section, American Political Science Association: best conference paper committee chair Spring 2018, best paper committee member Spring 2017.

Reviewer: *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Politics and Religion*, and Oxford University Press.

University Service: Miami University

M.A. thesis committee chair: Kyle Chance, Carolyn Dinehart, Gabrielle Hesslau, Caleb Stidham, Spring 2018.

M.A. thesis committee member, various students, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2018.

Search committee member (American & Methods), Fall 2017.

Member, Miami University's Capital Campaign Big Data Working Group, Spring 2018-present.

Committee member, Miami Political Science Faculty Research Colloquium, Fall 2016-present.

Committee member, American Politics Field Committee, Fall 2016-present.

Committee member, Political Science Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2016-present.

Committee member, Political Science Awards Committee, Fall 2017-present.

Facilitator, “crash course in R” for Political Science Department, Fall 2016.

University Service: Georgetown University

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).

Relevant Professional Activities

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.

Community Outreach and Media

Community Outreach

Speaker at the Provost’s series on diversity and inclusion (free speech and voter fraud), Miami University, Spring 2017.

Speaker at roundtable on executive orders, Miami University, Spring 2017.

Speaker at Miami University’s Institute for Learning in Retirement presidential election forum, Fall 2016.

Speaker at Women’s Capital Club of Cincinnati’s post-election roundtable, Fall 2016.

Speaker at Miami University’s College of Arts and Science’s Advisory Board Dinner, Fall 2016.

Speaker at Girls who Code Miami, Fall 2016.

Media

Blum, Rachel. "What Donald Trump's rhetoric borrows from the Tea Party." February 9, 2017. *Mischiefs of Faction* on Vox.com. <https://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2017/2/9/14552930/trump-tea-party-rhetoric-immigrants-liberal-media>

Blum, Rachel. "Wait, the Tea Party's Back? Lessons from Eric Cantor's Defeat." June 11, 2014. *Mischiefs of Faction*. <http://www.mischiefsoffaction.com/2014/06/wait-tea-partys-back-lessons-from-eric.html>