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Employment

University of Wyoming
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2023–present

Auburn University
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2018–2023

R Street Institute
Governance Fellow, 2022–2023

United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration
American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, 2017–2018

Education

2017: University of Georgia, Ph.D. Political Science
2013: University of Michigan, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
2011: University of Alabama at Birmingham, B.A. Political Science Honors, *cum laude*

Research and Teaching Interests

Elections & Election Administration, Congressional Procedure & Policy, Institutional Development

Books

[Nationalized Politics: Evaluating Electoral Politics Across Time.](#)
2023. *Oxford University Press*. with Jamie Carson and Joel Sievert.

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters

Redistricting

“Redistricting and the 2022 Congressional Midterm Elections.” *Forthcoming.*
Journal of Political Marketing.

“Redistricting and Incarceration: Examining the Effect of New York’s Prohibition on Prison Gerrymandering.” 2022. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly.* 22(4): 418–437. with Bridgett King.

“Examining the Effects of Partisan Redistricting on Candidate Entry Decisions.” 2019. *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, & Policy.* 18(3): 214–226.

“Institutional Control of Redistricting and the Geography of Representation.” 2017. *Journal of Politics.* 79(2): 722–726. with Michael Crespín, Barry Edwards, and Maxwell Palmer.

“Re-evaluating the Effects of Redistricting on Electoral Competition, 1972-2012.” 2014. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. 14(2): 162-174. with Jamie Carson and Michael Crespin.

“Recent Developments in Congressional Redistricting.” 2020. In *New Directions in Congressional Politics 2nd* ed. Eds. Jamie Carson and Michael Lynch. New York: Routledge.

“Redistricting and Electoral Competition in American Politics.” 2019. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press.

Elections

“Examining the Relationship Between Election Administration and Citizen Attitudes.” 2022. *Journal of Election Administration Research & Practice*. 1(1): 56-67. with Florian Justwan and Shaniqua Williams.

“Trump and Trust: Examining the Relationship between Claims of Fraud and Citizen Attitudes.” 2022. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 55(3): 462-469. with Florian Justwan.

“Elections, Competition, and Constituent Evaluations of U.S. Senators.” 2022. *Electoral Studies*. 75: 102424. with Joel Sievert.

“Nationalization and the Incumbency Advantage.” 2020. *Political Research Quarterly*. 73(1): 156–168. with Jamie Carson and Joel Sievert.

“Security and Integrity: Administrative Structure, Capacity, and American Elections.” 2020. *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*. 1(2): 189-207. with Mitchell Brown and Kathleen Hale.

“Capacity to Address Natural and Man-made Vulnerabilities: The Administrative Structure of U.S. Election System Security.” 2020. *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, & Policy*. 19(2): 180-199. with Mitchell Brown, Lindsey Forson, Kathleen Hale, and Robert Smith.

“Evaluating Candidate Positioning and Success in the 2018 Midterm Elections.” 2018. *The Forum*. 16(4): 675-686.

“Candidate Ideology and Electoral Success in Congressional Elections.” 2018. *Public Choice*. 176: 175-192. with Jamie Carson.

“Candidate Emergence in the Era of Direct Primaries.” 2018. In *Handbook of Primary Elections*. Ed. Robert Boatright. New York: Routledge. with Jamie Carson.

“Introduction to Congressional Elections.” 2016. In *Guide to U.S. Elections 7th* ed. Ed. Deborah Kalb. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press. with Jamie Carson.

Procedure

“Interbranch Warfare: Senate Amending Process and Restrictive House Rules.” 2022. *Political Research Quarterly*. 76(1): 279-291. with Anthony Madonna.

“Policymaking by the Executive: Examining the Fate of Presidential Agenda Items.” 2020. *Congress & the Presidency*. 47(1): 1-31. with Jason Byers and Jamie Carson.

“Questions of Order in the United States Senate: Procedural Uncertainty and the Role of the Parliamentarian.” 2019. *Social Science Quarterly*. 100(4): 1343-1357. with Anthony Madonna and Michael Lynch.

“Rules, Polarization, and the Future of the Senate.” 2019. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 52(2): 401-403.

“The Vice President in the U.S. Senate: Examining the Consequences of Institutional Design.” 2018. *Congress & the Presidency*. 45(2): 145-165. with Michael Lynch, Anthony Madonna, and Mark Owens.

“Public Attitudes Toward Presidential Veto Powers.” 2018. *Research & Politics*. 5(1): 1-6. with Joel Sievert.

Policy

“Application of the Policy Regime Framework to understand COVID-19 policy response in the Southeast U.S.: How RAPID Research Can Provide Lessons Learned after a Public Health Crisis.” 2022. *Frontiers in Sociology*. 12(7): 959553. with Kelly Dunning, Gregory Johnson, Kasen Wally, Janna Willoughby, Kathryn Corvey, Mina Becker, and Thomas Moorman.

“How Narratives Shape Policy: Lessons Learned from Port Projects adjacent to Coral Reefs in Florida and the Cayman Islands.” 2022. *Marine Policy*. 144: 105233. with Sabine Bailey, Dan Morris, and Kelly Dunning.

“Politics or Need? Explaining State Protective Measures in the Coronavirus Pandemic.” 2022. *Social Science Quarterly*. 103(5): 1140-1154. with Martin K. Mayer, John C. Morris, Jan C. Hume, Steven P. McKnight, Nurun Mahar, Sindhu Weber, and Xiaodan Zhang.

“Contours of a National Infrastructure Policy for the New Millennium.” 2021. *Public Works Management & Policy*. 26(3): 200-209. with John C. Morris and A. Stanley Meiburg.

“Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic for Federalism and Infrastructure: A Call to Action.” 2021. *Public Works Management & Policy*. 26(1): 6-12. with John C. Morris.

“Institutional Variation, Professionalization, and State Implementation Choices: An Examination of Investment in Water Quality Across the 50 States.” 2021. *American Review of Public Administration*. 51(6): 436-448. with John C. Morris and Jonathan M. Fisk.

“How Coral Reefs Are Placed On The Decision-Making Agenda.” 2023. in *Democratic Management of an Ecosystem Under Threat: The People’s Reefs*. New York: Anthem Press. with Amanda Alva and Kelly Dunning.

Other Publications

Evaluating the Effects of the Top-Four System in Alaska. 2023. *R Street Shorts*. No. 122.

Enhancing Security and Integrity Through Rethinking Election Funding. 2022. *R Street Shorts*. No. 119.

“Letter to the Editor: Response to Crowley et al. 2020.” 2021. *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*. 19(10): 547-547.

Oklahoma Redistricting: An Empirical Assessment. Research Report for Let’s Fix This. with Michael Crespin, Barry Edwards, and Maxwell Palmer.

A review of “Nixon’s FBI: Hoover, Watergate, and a Bureau in Crisis” by Melissa Graves. (Lynne Reinner Publishers, 2020) 2021. *Political Science Quarterly* 136(3): 585-586.

A review of “Changing Cultures in Congress: From Fair Play to Power Plays” by Donald R. Wolfensberger (Columbia University Press, 2018) 2019. *Political Science Quarterly* 134(4): 736-737.

“Electoral Politics in Georgia and Their Impact on Future Gubernatorial Races.” 2018. *Presidents and Executive Politics Report* 40(2): 18-22.

Grants and Awards

Research

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant (\$49,994)

Auburn University College of Liberal Arts New Faculty Release from Teaching Grant (\$34,505)

Auburn University College of Liberal Arts New Faculty Summer Research Grant (\$6,000)

Congressional Research Grant sponsored by the Dirksen Congressional Center (\$3000)

Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award (\$500)

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award (\$250)

Richard A. Baker Graduate Student Research Travel Grant (\$763)

Teaching

Auburn University Student Government Association’s The Final Lecture Award Nominee

University of Georgia Graduate School Outstanding Teaching Award

University of Georgia Department of Political Science Excellence in Teaching Award

Invited Presentations

2022

“Redistricting during a Pandemic.” Presented at the Election Center Special Workshop on Lessons Learned in Preparation for Elections 2022.

2021

“Vote Choice and Electoral Politics.” Presented to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program.

“Redistricting and the Census in 2021.” Presented at the Election Center Special Workshop on Lessons Learned and Resilience Going Forward.

2020

“Voting in 2020: What to Expect.” Auburn University College of Liberal Arts Public Webinar.

“Vote Choice and Electoral Politics.” Presented to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program.

“Security and Integrity: Administrative Structure, Capacity, and American Elections.” with Kathleen Hale, Mitchell Brown, Lindsey Forson, and Robert Smith. Presented at the Election Administration and Technology Symposium hosted by the Bedrosian Center at the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy.

2019

“Election Law Update: Redistricting and Gerrymandering.” Presented at the Election Center Special Workshop on Improving the Integrity of Voter Registration & Election Operations.

Conference Participation

Presentations

American Political Science Association (2015-2018, 2021-2022)
Midwest Political Science Association (2013-2022)
Southern Political Science Association (2014-2017, 2019, 2021)
Congress and History (2015-2016, 2020)
American Society for Public Administration (2020-2022)
Society for Political Methodology (2014)
State Politics and Policy (2016)

Chair and Discussant

American Political Science Association (2016)
Midwest Political Science Association (2016-2019, 2021)
Southern Political Science Association (2014-2015, 2017, 2019, 2021)

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

Introduction to American Government
Introduction to American Government, Online
Introduction to American Government, Honors
The Legislative Process
Political Parties and Interest Groups
Executive Politics
Electoral Institutions
Voting Behavior and Representation
State Government and Policy
Honors Study and Travel: Washington, D.C.

Graduate

Electoral Institutions
Voting Behavior and Representation
Classics in American Politics and Policy
Election Administration Reform Policy
State Politics
MPA Research Project
Research Methods

Training and Facilitation

The Election Center CERA Training Program

Voter Participation
Courts, Constitutions, and Cases
The Constitutional Law of Elections
Information Management and Security
History of Elections II: 1781 to 1964
History of Elections III: Pathways to Participation
Elections Administration as a System
Redistricting and Election Administration
Communications and Public Relations in Election Administration

Alabama Secretary of State Registrar Training

Cybersecurity and Information Management
Disqualifying Felonies
Federalism

Service

Associate Editor, Journal of Election Administration Research & Practice
Postdoctoral Fellow in Election Administration search committee (Spring 2020)
Professor of Practice in Non-Profit Administration search committee (Spring 2021)
Ad hoc committee on Departmental Bylaws
Ad hoc committee on Tenure and Promotion
MPA Core Faculty
American Politics Comprehensive Exam Writer (Fall 2018–Spring 2023)
American Politics Comprehensive Exam Grader (Fall 2018–Spring 2023)
Political Methodology Comprehensive Exam Writer (Spring 2021–Spring 2022)
Political Methodology Comprehensive Exam Grader (Fall 2019–Spring 2022)
Election Administration Comprehensive Exam Writer (Spring 2021–Spring 2022)
Election Administration Comprehensive Exam Grader (Spring 2021–Spring 2022)

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

Manuscript Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, American Politics Research, Social Science Quarterly, Legislative Studies Quarterly, State Politics & Policy Quarterly, Congress & the Presidency, Party Politics, Election Law Journal, Journal of Political Science Education, Review of Economics and Statistics, Representation, Open Journal of Political Science, Law & Policy, Applied Geography, Social Sciences, Sustainability, Administrative Sciences, Healthcare, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, SAGE Publishing, Rowman & Littlefield.

Software Proficiency

Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics

References

Available upon request.

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