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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. 2015 - present.
Statistical Analyst, Enhanced Assess, Acknowledge, Act (EAAA) Program, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. 2020-2022.
Distinguished Visiting Professor, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. 2018-2020.
Director, Masters of Political Science Program, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. 2016-2017.
Associate Professor, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. 2009-2015.
Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. 2007-2009.
Assistant Professor, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO. 2002-2007.
Survey Research Coordinator, Rice University Behavioral Research Lab, Houston, TX. July 2000-May 2002.
Instructor, Houston Community College – Southwest, Houston, TX. Spring, 2002.
Instructor, North Harris College, Houston, TX. Summer, 2001.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science. 2002. Rice University, Houston, TX
M.A., Political Science. 2000. Rice University, Houston, TX
B.A., Political Science. 1996. University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX
A.A.S., Legal Assisting. 1994. North Harris College, Houston, TX

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Angry Politics: Partisan Hatred and Polarization Among College Students. 2020. University Press of Kansas.
The Resilient Voter: Stressful Polling Places and Voting Behavior. 2018. With Shauna Reilly. Lexington Books – Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc.
Vice Presidents, Presidential Elections, and the Media. 2013. First Forum Press - A Division of Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc.

Book Chapters

“The Role of Vice-Presidential Candidates U.S. Election Campaigns,” in *De Gruyter Handbook on United States Voting Behavior*. Forthcoming, 2026. Speel, Robert, Michael Ensley, Nicholas Pyeatt, Heather Evans, and Kevin Fahey, eds. MA: DeGruyter Brill.
“The Spotlight Fades: The Declining Electoral Impact of Modern Vice-Presidential Candidates,” in *Second in Command*. Forthcoming, 2026. Karine Premont and Christopher Devine, eds. MI: University of Michigan Press.
“Free Association and Management of the Commons: The Theoretical & Empirical Importance of Associational Rights in the Work of Elinor Ostrom,” in *Freedom of Association: The Forgotten Liberty*. Forthcoming, 2025. Kenneth B. McIntyre and Luke C. Sheahan, eds. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
“Dealing with the Devil: Objectification of Counter-Partisans and Political Compromise,” in *The 21st Century and its Discontents: How Changing Discourse Norms are Changing Culture*. 2020. Jack Simmons, ed. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books – Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc.

Book Chapters, Cont'd

- "The Diversity of 'Diversity': Support for Differing Conceptions of Diversity on the University Campus," in *The 21st Century and its Discontents: How Changing Discourse Norms are Changing Culture*, with Kenneth B. McIntyre. 2020. Simmons, Jack, ed. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books – Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc.
- "Public Opinion in The United States: Elected Officials," in *Public Opinion and Polling Around the World: A Historical Encyclopedia*. 2004. John Geer, Editor. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, pp. 220-228.

Journal Articles

- "Sisters in Arms: Lowering Rape Myth Acceptance in a Hypermasculine Environment," with Dr. Lynne Chandler Garcia and Dr. Kimberly Dickman. 2024. *Sex Roles: A Journal of Research* 90: 761-778.
- "Building Civil Discourse Skills: Students as Teachers," with Dr. Lynne Chandler Garcia. 2023. *Journal of Political Science Education* 20(2): 218-239.
- "Dialogue not Debate: Building Civil Discourse Skills in Future Generations of American Citizens," with Dr. Lynne Chandler Garcia. 2022. *Journal of General Education* 69(3-4): 154-178.
- "Compounded Confusion? Ballot Language Complexity, English Proficiency, and Minority Language Voter Behavior," with Dr. Shauna Reilly. 2021. *Journal of Political Science* 49(1): 35-56.
- "I Like the Way this Feels: Using Classroom Response System Technology to Enhance Tactile Learners' Introductory American Government Experience." 2016. *Journal of Political Science Education* 12(1): 41-57.
- "I Hate What I'm Hearing: Exposure to Political Discussion and Partisan Dislike." 2015. *Journal of Political Science* 43(1): 121-147.
- "Student Perceptions and Instructional Evaluations: A Multivariate Analysis of Online and Face-to-Face Classroom Settings," with William Brocato and Dr. Alessandro Bonanno. 2015. *Education and Information Technologies* 20(1): 37-55.
- "Virtual Social Butterflies and Politics: Exploring the Link between Sociability and Online Political Participation," with Dr. Heather Evans. 2012. *Journal of Information Technology & Politics* 9(4): 402-414.
- "It's Tea Time, but What Flavor? Regional Variation in Sources of Support for the Tea Party Movement," with Sarah Macha. 2012. *American Review of Politics* 33(Summer): 95-121.
- "Is Class Appreciation Just a Click Away? Using Student Response System Technology to Enhance Shy Students' Introductory American Government Experience," with Fondren Notman 2012. *Journal of Political Science Education* 8(4): 352-371.
- "The Coingate Effect: The Impact of Scandal on Attitudes Toward State and Federal Political Actors," with Dr. Nancy Martorano. 2012. *Social Science Journal* 49: 61-71.
- "Getting Registered and Getting to the Polls: The Impact of Voter Registration Strategy & Information Provision on Turnout of College Students," with Dr. Tamara Waggener. 2011. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44(3): 544-551.
- "Voice is Sometimes Enough: Voice, Influence, and the Mediating Impact of Symbolic Representation." 2010. *American Review of Politics* 30: 291-310.
- "The Appeal of Second Bananas: The Impact of Vice Presidential Candidates on Presidential Vote Choice, Yesterday and Today." 2010. *American Politics Research* 38(2): 330-355.
- "A Picture is Worth What? Using Visual Images to Enhance Student Engagement and Retention." 2010. *International Journal of Instructional Media* 37(2): 185-200.
- "Engaging the Unengaged: Using Visual Images to Enhance Students' 'Poli Sci 101' Experience." 2009. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 42(2): 385-391.
- "Voice is Not Enough: The Importance of Influence in Political Trust and Policy Assessments." 2008. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 72(3): 523-539.
- "Building a Populist Coalition in Texas, 1892-1896," with Dr. W. Robert Miller (Department of History). 2008. *Journal of Southern History* 74(2): 255-296.
- "Core Curriculum & General Education: Meeting our Challenges with Innovative Tools," with Kweku Ainuson. 2008. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 41(3): 620-622.

Journal Articles, Cont'd

- "Gendering Municipal Government: Female Descriptive Representation and Feelings of Political Trust." 2007. *Social Science Quarterly* 88(5): 1106-1123.
- "Reply to 'The Measurement and Stability of State Citizen Ideology,'" with Paul Brace, Kevin Arceneaux, and Martin Johnson. 2007. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7(2): 133-140.
- "Correction: Does State Political Ideology Change over Time?" with Paul Brace, Kevin Arceneaux, and Martin Johnson. 2006. *Political Research Quarterly* 59(3): 493-494.
- "Rejoinder to Berry, Ringquist, Fording and Hanson 'Comment,'" with Paul Brace, Kevin Arceneaux, and Martin Johnson. 2006. *Political Research Quarterly* 59(3): 655.
- "Voting for Minority Candidates in Multiracial/Multiethnic Communities," with Robert M. Stein and Stephanie S. Post. 2005. *Urban Affairs Review* 41(2): 157-181.
- "Does State Ideology Change Over Time?" with Dr. Paul Brace, Dr. Kevin Arceneaux, and Dr. Martin Johnson. 2004. *Political Research Quarterly* 57(4): 529-540.
- "Policies, Processes, and People: Sources of Support for Government?" 2002. *Social Science Quarterly* 83(3): 789-809.
- "Conflict Avoidance and Political Participation," with Carolyn L. Funk. 1999. *Political Behavior* 21(3): 265-282.

GRANTS

- (Co-PI) Department of Defense, U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity Grant. 2020-2022. "Countering Sexual Assault among U.S. Air Force Academy Cadets with Enhanced Assess, Acknowledge, Act (EAAA) Curriculum Training." Funding received: \$748,000.
- Sam Houston State University Faculty Research Grant. 2011. "Media Coverage and the Electoral Impact of Vice Presidential Candidates." Funding received: \$5,000.
- Missouri State University Funding for Results Grant. 2007. "A Picture is Worth What? Using Visual Images to Enhance Student Engagement and Retention." Funding received: \$1,653.
- Missouri State University Faculty Research Grant. 2006. "Misplaced Rewards or Unfair Punishment? Do State Government Officials Suffer from the Public's Perception of Federal Officials?" Funding received: \$6,346.
- Missouri State University Summer Faculty Fellowship. 2003. "Searching for a Political Trust Measure We Can Trust." Funding received: \$7,500.
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant. 2000-2002. "Subnational Contextual Influences on Political Trust." Funding received: \$8,716.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Research

- Research award for Project with Potential for Greatest Impact at USAFA. United State Air Force Academy, Center for Engaged Instruction. Spring 2020.
- Dean of Faculty's (Provost-equivalent position) Quarterly Team Research Award. "Enhanced Assess, Acknowledge, Act (EAAA) Curriculum Implementation Pilot Study." Fall 2019. United State Air Force Academy.
- Faculty Research Leave. Sam Houston State University. Spring 2018.
- College Award for Excellence in Research. 2006. College of Humanities and Public Affairs, Missouri State University.
- Best Paper on Women/Gender Award. 2005. "Women in Municipal Government: Descriptive Representation, Policy Satisfaction, and Political Trust." Northeastern Political Science Association.

Teaching

- Regents' Teacher Award Nominee. 2017. Texas State University System.
- Outstanding Classroom Teacher. 2013. College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University.
- Departmental Outstanding Classroom Teacher. 2012. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.
- Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award. 2011. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.
- University Excellence in Teaching Award. 2011. Sam Houston State University.

Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award. 2010. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.

Nominee. 2008. Outstanding Educator. Collegiate FFA, Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences, Sam Houston State University.

College Award for Excellence in Teaching. 2005. College of Humanities and Public Affairs, Missouri State University.

TEACHING

Teaching Interests

American Government, Texas Government, Political Behavior/Participation, Political Psychology, Politics and the Media, Quantitative Methods

Courses Taught

Sam Houston State University

POLS 2305: American Government

POLS 2306: Texas Government

POLS 2301H: Principles of American Government – National and State, Honors

POLS 3360: Political Parties and Interest Groups

POLS 3364: Politics and the Media

POLS 3374: Quantitative Methods for Political Science

POLS 3379: Research and Writing in Political Science

POLS 4372: Political Attitudes and Behavior

POLS 5319: Seminar in American Politics: Women in Politics

POLS 5331: American Political Behavior

POLS 5377: Scope & Methods of Political Science

HONR 2331 (Honors College): From Information to Decision: Coping With a Complex World

United States Air Force Academy

PS491: Capstone Seminar in Political Science – Ballots & Bullets: America & America's Role in the World

PS300: Introduction to Political Science – Scope and Methods

PS211S: American Government and National Security (Scholars)

Missouri State University

PLS 101: American Democracy and Citizenship

PLS 319: Women in Politics

PLS 317: American Political Behavior

PLS 576: Quantitative Methods of Political Science & Public Policy

IDS 110 (Interdisciplinary Studies): Introduction to University Life

Other Institutions

GOVT 2301: American Government: National, State, and Local I. Houston Community College.

GOVT 2302: American Government: National, State, and Local II. North Harris College.

Thesis/Seminar Paper Committees

Committee Member. West, Cindy. 2022-2023. "Voter Psychology and Women Congressional Candidates."
(Master of Arts Thesis – Completed Spring 2023)

Thesis/Seminar Paper Committees, Cont'd

- Director. Periloux, Peay. 2015-2016. "Means and Motivations: Voter Restriction and the Future of the Republican Party." (Master of Arts Thesis – Defended Summer, 2016)
- Director. Perry, Steven. 2014-2015. "An Examination of Political Science Courses' Ability to Impart Political Knowledge, Change Attitudes, and Alter Behavior." (Master of Arts Thesis – Completed Spring, 2015)
- Co-director. Perry, Steven. 2012-2013. "The Power of Personality in Politics: An Analysis of the Relationship between Personality Characteristics and Selection of a Voter's Candidate of Choice." (Senior Thesis – Completed May, 2013)
- Director. Macha, Sarah. 2011-2012. "Media Coverage of Female Presidential Candidates and Voter Perceptions of Competency." (Master of Arts Thesis – Defended Spring, 2012)
- Co-director. Lau, Tracy. 2011-2012. "Asian-American Voting Behavior." (Undergraduate Honors Thesis – Completed Spring, 2012)
- Director. Smith, Charles. 2009-2010. "Back to Basics: Educational Institutions and Youth Electoral Engagement." (Master of Arts Thesis – Defended Spring, 2010)
- Committee Member. Wiley, Jennifer. 2005. "The Value of Study Abroad: Intended Outcome Goals and Evaluation Instruments of the High School Study Abroad Industry." (Masters in International Affairs and Administration Thesis – Defended Spring, 2005)
- Committee Member. Vestal, Melissa J. 2004. "Women in the State Legislatures: How the Female Presence Impacts State Legislative Bodies." (Masters in Public Administration Seminar Paper – Completed Fall 2004)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (past five years only)

- Co-editor, *Voting, Elections, and the Political Process* book series. With Shauna Reilly. Lexington Books – Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc.
- Panel Chair and Discussant, "Political Trust." Midwest Political Science Association. Spring 2023.
- Panel Discussant. "Trust in Institutions and Government." Annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association. Spring 2020.
- Executive Council Member. Southwestern Political Science Association. October 2019-October 2020.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (past 10 years only)

- Chair, American Politics Jobs Search Committee. Fall 2024-present. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.
- Member, Faculty Research Council. Fall 2022-present. Office of Sponsored Research, Sam Houston State University.
- Member, University IT Committee. Fall 2020-present. Sam Houston State University.
- Chair, Departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee (DPTAC). Fall 2020-present. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.
- Member, American Politics Job Search Committee. Fall 2023-Spring 2024. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.
- Member, M.A. Portfolio Committee. Fall 2023-Spring 2024. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.
- Chair, American Politics (Congress) Job Search Committee. Fall 2020-Spring 2021. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.
- Member, Scholarship Committee. Fall 2020-Summer 2022. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.
- Ex-Officio Member, Curriculum Committee. 2018-2020. Department of Political Science, United States Air Force Academy.

Course Co-director, PS491: Capstone Seminar in Political Science – Ballots & Bullets: America & America’s Role in the World. Spring 2020. Department of Political Science, United State Air Force Academy.

Course Co-director, PS300: Introduction to Political Science – Scope and Methods. Fall 2018, Fall 2019. Department of Political Science, United States Air Force Academy.

Course Director, American Government and National Security (Scholars). Spring 2019. Department of Political Science, United States Air Force Academy.

New Faculty In-Processing Point of Contact. Spring-Summer 2019. Department of Political Science, United State Air Force Academy.

Course Director, PS211S: Scholars American Government and National Security. Spring 2019. Department of Political Science, United States Air Force Academy.

Departmental Representative, Major’s Night. 2019. Department of Political Science, United States Air Force Academy.

Ex-Officio member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor Position. 2018-2019. Department of Political Science, United States Air Force Academy.

Roundtable Moderator, Colorado Springs World Affairs Council. 2018. Colorado College.

Faculty Volunteer, 60th Academy Assembly: Turbulence in American Defense Policy. 2018. United States Air Force Academy.

Member, Departmental Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee (DPTAC). 2009-2015, 2018-present. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.

Chair, Departmental Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee (DPTAC). Fall 2015 – 2018. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.

Member, Professor Advisory Committee. 2017-2018. College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University.

Member, Faculty Development Leave Committee. 2015-2018. Sam Houston State University.

Member, Newton Gresham Library Committee. 2014-2018. Sam Houston State University.

Member, Faculty Senate. 2013-2018. Sam Houston State University.

Chair, Faculty Committee for Emeritus Evaluation. 2011-2012, 2014-2018. Sam Houston State University.

Member, Faculty Committee for Emeritus Evaluation. 2012-2013. Sam Houston State University.

Member, Academic Affairs Committee. 2017-2018. Sam Houston State University Faculty Senate.

Program Reviewer, Newton Gresham Library. 2016. Sam Houston State University.

Member, Committee on Committees. 2016-2017. Sam Houston State University Faculty Senate.

Member, University Affairs Committee. 2014-2016. Sam Houston State University Faculty Senate.

Member, Faculty Affairs Committee. 2013-2014. Sam Houston State University Faculty Senate.

Member, Advisory Committee. 2013-2016. Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship, Sam Houston State University.

Member, Elliot T. Bowers Honors College Advisory Council. 2010-2016. Sam Houston State University.

Member, Elliot T. Bowers Honors College Admissions Committee. 2013-2016. Sam Houston State University.

Member, Departmental Personnel Committee. 2013-2016. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.

Member, MA Committee. 2013-2018. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.

Member, College of Humanities and Social Science 10th Anniversary Planning Committee. 2014-2015. Sam Houston State University.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.