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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Ph.D., Political Science (Expected Spring 2020)

Major Field: American Politics (Political Institutions)

Minor Fields: Public Policy & Administration; Political Theory

Dissertation Title: The Art of Political Negotiation: How Heresthetics Change Legislative Inertia on Civil Rights.

Dissertation Advisers: Lawrence C. Dodd (Chair) and Beth A. Rosenson (Co-Chair)

M.A., Political Science, 2017

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

B.A., Political Science, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in Preparation:

“The Art of Coalition Building: The Role of Heresthetics in Negotiating the Civil Rights Act of 1957”.

“Philadelphia Reconsidered: Heresthetics and Legislative Design” with Stephen C. Phillips.

GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

2019. Congressional Research Grant (\$3,500). The Dirksen Congressional Center, Pekin, IL.

2016. Prestage-Cook Travel Award. Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR.

University of Florida

2014-2018. Grinter Fellowship (\$1,500 per semester). University of Florida Graduate School.

2018. Graduate Student Travel Award (\$350). Department of Political Science, University of Florida.

2016. Graduate Student Travel Award (\$350). Department of Political Science, University of Florida.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2019. "The Art of Coalition-Building: The Role of Heresthetics in Negotiating the Civil Rights Act of 1957". Congress and History Conference, Boston, MA, June 13-14.

2018. "The Art of Coalition-Building: The Role of Heresthetics in Negotiating the Civil Rights Act of 1957". Annual meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, November 8-10.

2018. "Philadelphia Reconsidered: Heresthetics and Legislative Design" with Stephen C. Phillips. Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5-8.

2016. "Roger Sherman Reconsidered: Heresthetics of Constitutional Design" with Stephen C. Phillips. Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 7-9.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

2019 Instructor, Department of Political Science
 The Presidency (POS 4413)

 Instructor, University Writing Program
 Rhetoric and Academic Research (ENC 1102)

2018-2019 Course Design & Library Assistance for Dr. Lawrence C. Dodd
 Two Party Democracy in America (POS 6933)
 American Legislative Development (POS 6933)
 Scope and Epistemologies of Political Science (POS 6716)

2014-2019 Teaching Assistant/Grader, Department of Political Science
 American Federal Government (POS 2041)
 State and Local Government (POS 2112)
 The Presidency (POS 4413)
 Introduction to Public Administration (PAD 3003)

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

2007-2008 Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics & International Relations

American Politics and Government (PSCI 135)
Political Philosophy (PSCI 145)

SERVICE

University of Florida

Senator, United Faculty of Florida
American Politics Field Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Council

Wheaton College (IL)

Student Representative to Board of Trustees
Student Representative to Faculty Personnel Committee
Student Representative to Faculty Council Committee
President, Student Government

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011-2014 Minnesota House of Representatives, St. Paul, MN
Committee Legislative Assistant, Ways and Means Committee
Legislative Assistant

2009-2010 Office of Congressman Peter J. Roskam (IL-06)
Staff Assistant

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

2017 The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse, NY

RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS

American Federal Government
Congress
The Presidency
American Political Development
American Political Thought
Political Strategy & Negotiation
Public Policy
State and Local Government
Qualitative Research Methods
Public Administration

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

REFERENCES

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