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Academic Employment

Florida International University

- > Visiting Instructor (2017 – present)

University of Florida

- > Graduate Teaching Assistant (2015 – 2017); Graduate School Fellow (2011 – 2015)

Education

PhD – University of Florida – Summer 2019 (expected)

- > Major field: American Politics and Political Institutions
- > Minor fields: Comparative Politics, Public Policy
- > Supervisory committee: [Lawrence C. Dodd](#) (chair); [Beth Rosenzon](#) (co-chair); [Leslie Anderson](#); [Richard Conley](#); [Julie Dodd](#) (external member, College of Journalism and Mass Communication)

MA – University of Florida – 2014

- > Examination fields: American Politics and Political Institutions (Fall 2013); Comparative Politics (Spring 2014)

BA – West Virginia University – 2010 (*summa cum laude*)

- > Degree field: Political Science (course focus: Public Policy, Comparative Politics); Minor field: Spanish

Teaching Experience

Florida International University – Instructor of Record

- > POS 2041, **Introduction to American Government**: Fall 2017 – present
- > POS 3424, **Legislative Process**: Spring 2018 – present
- > POS 4421, **State Government and Politics** (Online Course): Fall 2017 – present
- > POS 4684, **Politics of Voting Rights**: Fall 2017

University of Florida – Instructor of Record

- > POS 2112, **American State and Local Government**: Summer 2016
- > POS 4424, **Legislative Politics**: Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Spring 2017
- > POS 4275, **Modern Political Campaigns**: Fall 2016

University of Florida – Graduate Teaching Assistant

- > POS 2112, State and Local Government: Spring 2015
- > POS 2041, American Federal Government: Fall 2012 – Fall 2014

Additional Training

- > Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (**ICPSR**) Summer Workshop: [Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data](#) – May 2016 – University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- > [Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research](#) (**IQMR**) – June 2014 – Syracuse University

Research Interests

- > Quantitative text analysis; legislative and electoral politics of Congress; framing, language, and rhetoric in politics; media and politics; partisan conflict in political institutions

Conference Presentations

- > “Negotiation, Impasse, and Crusade: Processes of Elite Framing in Congress” – Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2017)
- > “(No?) Experience Needed: Explaining Governors’ Conciliatory and Confrontational Uses of Power” (with Mitchell Sellers) – Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2015)
- > “Processes of Elite Framing in Congress: The Case of ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’” – Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016)
- > “The Decline of Unions and Working-Class Access to Government” (with Robert L. Mermer II) – Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016)
- > “Evolutionary Perspectives on Message and Conflict Frames in Legislative Debate” – Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016)

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- > "On the Origins of Issue Frames: Adoption of News Media Frames in the U.S. Congress," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings (2015)
 - > "Flunking the Electoral College? Comparing Normative Critiques with Empirical Analysis of Alternative Models, 1952-2012," (with Richard S. Conley) – Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014)
 - > "Debating 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell': A Critical Analysis of Elite Discourse in the Congressional Record" - Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014)
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Selected Working Papers

- > "The Rhetorical Congress: Framing Political Conflict in Legislative Debate" (dissertation title)
 - > "Flunking the Electoral College? Comparing Normative Critiques with Empirical Analysis of Alternative Models, 1952-2012," (with Richard S. Conley) (under review at *Congress and the Presidency*)
 - > "E Pluribus Multis: State Democratic Party Organizational Variation and Working-Class Representation" (with Robert L. Mermer II) (submitted to APSA 2018)
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Activities and Service

Conference Participation

- > Discussant & Chair, "Policy-Making in the U.S.: History and Politics," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2017)
- > Discussant, undergraduate research panel on media and politics, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2015)
- > Panel participant, "Directions in LGBT Rights Research," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014)

Florida International University

- > Department of Politics & International Relations: Undergraduate Studies Committee (2017 – present)
- > United Faculty of Florida: Senator and executive committee member (2018 – present)

University of Florida

- > Graduate Assistants United: Communications Chair (2016 – 2017); Chief Steward (2015 – 2016)
- > Political Science Graduate Student Council: President (2014 – 2015); American Politics Field Chair (2013 – 2014); Social Chair (2012 – 2013)

West Virginia University

- > The Daily Athenaeum (WVU student newspaper): columnist and opinion editor (2008-2010)
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Awards and Grants

- > Douglas M. Price Award (outstanding graduate student in American Politics), University of Florida, 2016
 - > University of Florida Graduate Student Council Travel Grant (2014, 2016)
 - > University of Florida Graduate School Fellowship (2011 – 2015)
 - > [Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Award \(Region IV\) \(2010\)](#)
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Professional Memberships

- > American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association