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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- University of Florida
 - Ph.D., Political Science 2016
 - Major Field: American Politics and Institutions
 - Minor Field: International Relations; Public Administration/Policy
 - Dissertation – “Presidents, Partisans, and Power Entrepreneurs: Institutional Reform and the Freedom of Information Act”
 - Committee: Lawrence C. Dodd (Chair), Richard S. Conley, Beth A. Rosenson, Zachary Selden, Sean Patrick Adams (History)
- University of Florida
 - MA, Political Science 2015
- Sonoma State University
 - MPA, Public Administration 2010
- Sonoma State University
 - B.A., Political Science 2007
 - *With Distinction Honors*

Academic Employment

- Lecturer & Civic Engagement Coordinator - Bob Graham Center for Public Service, University of Florida, 2016-present
- Affiliate Lecturer - Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 2017-present
- Affiliate Lecturer – UF Honors Program, 2016 - present
 - Courses Taught:
 - POS 4413: The Presidency
 - POS 3263: Policy, Ethics, and Public Leadership
 - POS 4931: Archival Research Methods
 - IDS 2338: Democratic Engagement and Public Leadership
 - IDS 4940: Virtual Internship Program
 - POS 4911: Junior Fellows Program Mentor
 - One-on-one undergraduate mentorship on the conduct of research and the profession of political science
 - IDH 3931: (Un)Common Arts: The Problem with Political Jokes is they Get Elected – Political Comedy and Satire in the Public Eye.

- IDH 3931: (Un)Common Arts: Individual Rights versus Collective Action.
- IDH 2930: (Un)Common Read: America, the Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall and Win.
- IDH 2930: (Un)Common Read: Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72.
- Administrative Duties
 - Graham Civic Scholars Undergraduate Research Program
 - Civic Innovators Project Grants
 - Community-based social entrepreneurship grants for students
 - Develop/Assist, City of Gainesville Fellows Internship Program
 - TurboVote IT Integration Research Project – IRB201501107
 - Faculty Advisor – Graham Center Student Fellows; Gators of Tomorrow; Public Leadership Society; The Andrew Goodman Foundation Vote Everywhere Ambassadors; The Florida Political Review

Publications

Books

- *Presidential Privilege and the Freedom of Information Act*. 2019. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. Part of their series, "New Perspectives on the American Presidency"

Refereed Journal Articles

- Richard S. Conley and Kevin M. Baron, "Obama's 'Hidden-Hand' Presidency: Myth, Metaphor, or Misrepresentation?" *White House Studies*, Volume 13, Issue 2 (2015): 129-157

Conference Presentations

- "Balancing Power: Executive Privilege and the Freedom of Information Act," during the *Georgia Political Science Association (GPSA) Annual Meeting*, Savannah, GA (Nov. 2018)
- Panel Discussant – "The Diversity Gap in American Politics Student Panel," during the *Georgia Political Science Association (GPSA) Annual Meeting*, Savannah, GA (Nov. 2018)
- "Social Learning Through Executive Privilege and the Freedom of Information Act," during the *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA (August 2018)
- "Executive Privilege and the Freedom of Information Act Through a Social Learning Lens," during the *American Politics Group (APG) of the PSA Annual Meeting*, Oxford University, UK (January 2018)
- "Social Learning and the Political Power Dynamics of Executive Privilege in a Cold War Paradigm," during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (January 2017)
- Panel Chair - Public Opinion and Public Appeals From Presidents, during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (January 2017)

- Panel Organizer – Scholarship Informed by the Works of Larry Dodd: Could There be a Doddian Perspective? during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, San Juan, PR (January 2016)
- “A Trinity of Institutional Change: Understanding the Foreground, Background, and Synthesis of the Policy Process,” presented during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, San Juan, PR (January 2016)
- “Power Entrepreneurship in Congress: Institutional Reform through the Freedom of Information Act,” presented during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, San Juan, PR (January 2016)
- “Institutional Reform and Entrepreneurship Within the Congressional Cycle,” presented during the *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL (April 2015)
- Panel Chair – Not Fade Away: Historical Perspectives on Congress, during the *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL (April 2015)
- Panel Chair – Psychology of Engagement and Participation, during the *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL (April 2015)
- “Strategic Premises and the Legislative Process: Understanding Congressional Entrepreneurship through Transformative Policy,” presented during the *Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV (April 2015)
- “Legislative Entrepreneurship and Reform Through the Congressional Cycle,” presented during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (January 2015).
- “Veto Bargaining in Iterated Games: LBJ, Ford, and the Freedom of Information Act,” presented during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (January 2015).
- Panel Chair and Discussant - "The United States and Her Allies: Undergraduate Research on International Relations," during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (January 2015).
- Panel Discussant - "Public Policy Across the American States: Undergraduate Research on Guns, Crime and Poverty," during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (January 2015).
- “Veto Bargaining in Iterated Games: LBJ, Ford, and the Freedom of Information Act,” presented during the *American Politics Group of the PSA Annual Meeting*, Oxford, UK (January 2014).
- “Obama’s ‘Hidden-Hand’ Presidency: Myth, Metaphor, or Misrepresentation?” with Rich Conley, presented during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (January 2014).
- “Freedom of Information Act and the Institutionalization of Citizen Oversight,” with J. Sebastian Sclofsky, presented during the *Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA (November 2013).
- “Presidents, Partisans, and Policy Entrepreneurs: Reconceptualizing Institutional Change through the Freedom of Information Act,” poster presented during the *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL (August 2013).

- “The Information is Free: Development of the Freedom of Information Act and Party Influence,” presented during the *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 2013).
- “Defensive Spending: Congressional Response to Public Support of Defense Spending,” with Mitchell Dylan Sellers, presented during the *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 2013).
- Panel Chair, “Explorations in Public Policy and Public Opinion,” during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting*, Orlando, FL (January 2013).
- “Defensive Spending: Congressional Response to Public Support of Defense Spending,” with Mitchell Dylan Sellers, presented during the *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference*, Orlando, FL (January 2013).
- “Deal Breaker: The Influence of Military Contracting and Congressional Voting on Foreign Policy,” poster presented during the *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference*, New Orleans, LA (August 2012).
- “Deal Breaker: The Influence of Military Contracting and Congressional Voting on Foreign Policy,” with Jonathon Patrick Whooley, presented during the *International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference*, San Diego, CA (April 2012).

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2017
- H. Douglas Price Award, Department of Political Science, 2015
- Graduate Bursary from the Andrew Mellon Fund of the University of Cambridge and the Rothermere American Institute at the University of Oxford, January 2014
- Prestage-Cook Travel Award from the Southern Political Science Association, 2014
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, University of Florida, 2013, 2018
- Ford Foundation Grant, The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, for research at the Ford Presidential Library, 2013
- Moody Research Grant, The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, for research at the LBJ Presidential Library, 2013
- Summer Research Grant, UF Department of Political Science - 2013, 2015
- UF Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, 2015
- Graduate Travel Grant, Bob Graham Center for Public Service, University of Florida - 2013, 2015
- Joseph and Lillian A. Damon Scholarship, University of Florida, 2011-2012
- Graduate Travel Grant, UF Department of Political Science – 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Invited Talks and Lectures

- Panelist, “Advocacy: Building Relationships with Community to Work on Complex Public Issues,” workshop for UF Ethics and the Public Sphere, April 2019.
- Panelist, “Creative Assessment,” hosted by UF Office of Teaching Excellence, March 2019.

- Talk, “The Skills and Tools of Effective Citizenship and the Policymaking Process,” hosted by Volunteer Florida for LeaderCorps, Orlando, FL, March 2019.
- Panelist, “Public Service Careers,” hosted by UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the CLAS Ambassadors, January 2019.
- Talk, “Political Satire in the Age of Trump,” hosted by UF Performing Arts, Nov. 2018.
- Talk, “Can Ethical Policymaking Exist without Ethical Public Leaders?” hosted by UF Bioethics in the College of Medicine and the McKnight Brain Institute, Oct. 2018.
- Lecture, “Civic Engagement for the 21st Century,” hosted by UF Freshman Leadership Council, February 2018.
- Panelist, “Public Service Careers,” hosted by UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the CLAS Ambassadors, January 2018.
- Panelist, “The Balance of Power in the Modern Presidency,” hosted by Florida Blue Key and the Graham Center Student Fellows, March 2017.
- Lecture, “How to be Prepared for Difficult Conversations in the Classroom,” hosted by UF School of Music Ph.D. Program, February 2017.
- Panel Moderator, “Careers in Public Service,” hosted by UF College of Liberal Arts and Science, January 2017.
- Lecture, “How to Have Difficult Conversations, Or, How to be Civil While Being Civically Engaged,” hosted by UF Office of Faculty Development and Teaching Excellence, January 2017.
- Panelist, “What’s Next? The Trump Administration and Civic Engagement,” hosted by UF Multicultural and Diversity Affairs, January 2017.
- Talk, “Political Comedy and Satire in the 2016 Election,” hosted by UF Performing Arts, November 2016.
- Panelist, “Civic Engagement Forum” hosted by The Children’s Trust, Youth Advisory Committee, Tallahassee FL, January 2016.
- Group Facilitator, “Campus Safety: Sexual Assault,” for the Future of Florida Public Policy Summit, hosted by the Bob Graham Center, Gainesville FL, May 2014.
- Talk, “Florida Civic Health Index Report and Millennial Voting in the 2012 Election,” hosted by Covenant Young at Heart Group with the Bob Graham Center, Gainesville FL, September 2012.

Selected Working Papers

- “Retroactive Privilege: Can Executive Privilege Exist Prior to being Elected President?” University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- “Policy Development through Social Learning as Institutional Power Checks,” University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- “Institutional Reform and Entrepreneurship Within the Congressional Cycle,” University of Florida, Gainesville FL.
- “Public vs Private Veto Bargaining over FOIA,” University of Florida, Gainesville FL.
- “Strategic Premises and the Legislative Process: Understanding Congressional Entrepreneurship through Transformative Policy,” University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

- “Freedom of Information Act and the Institutionalization of Citizen Oversight,” University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- “Reshaping Bureaucratic Reforms: Reagan’s Attempt to Transform of Social Security,” University of Florida, Gainesville FL.

Research Interests

- American Institutions
- Legislative Process
- U.S. Presidency
- American Political Development
- American Foreign Policy
- Public Administration
- Freedom of Information Act
- Institutional Reform

Professional Service

- UF Honors Program Advisory Committee, University of Florida (2017-present)
- UF Imagining America Working Group, University of Florida (2017-present)
- American Politics Field Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Council, University of Florida (2012-2013)
- First Year Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Council, University of Florida (2011-2012)
- Sonoma State University Alumni Campus Advisory Committee (2010-2012)

Professional Memberships

- *American Political Science Association*
 - Sections:
 - Presidency and Executive Politics
 - Legislative Studies
- *Midwest Political Science Association*
- *Southern Political Science Association*
- *American Politics Group* (part of the *Political Studies Association*)

Graduate Assistant Experience

- Graduate Assistant, Bob Graham Center for Public Service, University of Florida, 2011 – 2015
 - Assist to organize and facilitate the Robert A. Bryan Future of Florida Public Policy Summit on Higher Education
 - Administered and oversaw six \$1500 Catalyst Grants to utilize the Civil Debate Wall for survey research
 - Assist with the Graham Center Civic Scholars Program
 - Liaison with Graham Center Student Fellows and to student organizations across campus
 - Assist with organization and functionality of Public Programs
 - Assist with the Annual Graham Gathering and Awards Banquet

- Campus outreach coordinator for TurboVote
- Responsibilities include: website upkeep; assist in new technology development; assist in grant writing; copyediting; research and report writing; outreach to student/faculty/community groups and organizations; coordinating events and event promotion
- Teaching Assistant, Dr. Emma Humphries, University of Florida, Fall 2014 to Fall 2015
 - IDS 2338 – Rethinking Citizenship
- Teaching Assistant, Dr. John Kramer, Sonoma State University, Fall 2009, Spring 2010
 - POLS 201 – American Government
 - Lecture, lead reviews, wrote exams, graded exams/papers

Consulting and Professional Experience

- Expert Witness, "An Examination of SBA Programs: Eliminating Inefficiencies, Duplications, Fraud and Abuse." Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (16 June 2011)
 - Provided expert testimonial regarding original data analysis conducted of federal small business contracting programs run through the Small Business Administration.
- American Small Business League 2007 – 2011
 - *Director of Government Affairs*
 - Coordinated national advocacy and lobbying campaigns
 - Assisted in writing federal legislation and provided testimony to Congress and executive branch agencies
 - Administered award-winning Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) campaign
 - Provided oversight on federal agencies
 - Conducted original research, data analysis and report writing
 - Coordinated national fundraising campaigns
 - Coordinated advocacy campaigns with national organizations