

## Mitchell Dylan Sellers Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

#### *University of Florida*

**Ph.D.**, Political Science, 2016

Areas of Study: American Federal and State Government, Political Methodology and Public Policy

Dissertation: "Power Play: Gubernatorial Use of Executive Orders in the American States"

**M.A.**, Political Science, 2014

#### *Texas State University*

**M.P.A.**, Public Administration, 2011

Minor: Urban and Environmental Planning

Applied Research Project: "Discrimination and the Transgender Population: A Description of Local Government Policies that Protect Gender Identity or Expression"

#### *Texas A&M University*

**B.S.**, Political Science, 2009

Minor: Urban and Regional Planning

### Academic Appointments

#### *Temple University*

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2016-

### Publications

**Sellers, Mitchell Dylan.** Forthcoming. "Gubernatorial Use of Executive Orders: Unilateral Action and Policy Adoption." *Journal of Public Policy*.

Hicks, William, McKee, Seth C., **Sellers, Mitchell D.** and Smith, Daniel A. 2015. "A Principle or a Strategy? Voter Identification Laws and Partisan Competition in the American States," *Political Research Quarterly* 68 (1): 18-33.

**Sellers, Mitchell Dylan.** 2014. "Discrimination and the Transgender Population: Analysis of the Functionality of Local Government Policies that Protect Gender Identity," *Administration & Society* 46: 70-86.

**Sellers, Mitchell Dylan.** 2014. “Executive Expansion of Transgender Rights: Electoral Incentives to Issue or Revoke Executive Orders.” In *Transgender Rights and Politics: Groups, Issue Framing, and Policy Adoption* (Eds.) Taylor, Jami Kathleen and Haider-Markel, Donald P. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

**Sellers, Mitchell Dylan** and Colvin, Roddrick. 2014. “Explicit Use of Transgender-Inclusive Language and Its Effects on the Adoption and Implementation of Local Nondiscrimination Policies.” In *Transgender Rights and Politics: Groups, Issue Framing, and Policy Adoption* (Eds.) Taylor, Jami Kathleen and Haider-Markel, Donald P. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

### **Manuscripts under Review**

Sellers, Mitchel Dylan. “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell... But Pursue? Explaining Enforcement of the Ban on Gays in the Military”

### **Working Papers**

Forster, A. Diana and **Sellers, Mitchell Dylan.** “Electoral Success of Female Gubernatorial Candidates”

### **Conferences and Presentations**

“Measuring Gubernatorial Executive Power in the American States,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2016.

“(No?) Experience Required: Explaining Governors’ Use of Executive Power,” (with Charles Shields) American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, September 2015.

“Electoral Success of Female Gubernatorial Candidates,” (with Diana Forster) State Politics and Policy Conference, Sacramento, May 2015.

“Policymaking, Practical or Symbolic?: Exploring Functions and Gubernatorial Patterns of Executive Orders,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2015.

“Patterns in Gubernatorial Use of Executive Orders,” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 2015.

“Strategic Governors and Executive Orders: Adoption of Transgender-Inclusive Nondiscrimination Protections,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2014.

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell... But Pursue? Explaining Enforcement of the Ban on Gays in the Military,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2014.

“Directions in LGBT Rights Research” Roundtable Participant, Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 2014.

“Unintended Effects of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell: Gender Bias in Discharge Rates,” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, January 2014.

“Evolution of an Issue: Voter ID Laws in the American States,” (with Seth McKee, Daniel Smith and William Hicks), American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, August 2013.

“Strategic Governors and Executive Orders: Adoption of Gay and Transgender Protections,” Poster Session, State Politics and Policy Conference, Iowa City, May 2013.

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell: Assessing Gender and Racial Biases in Discharge Rates,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2013.  
“Defensive Spending: Congressional Response to Public Support of Defense Spending,” (with Kevin Baron), Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2013.  
“Transgender-Inclusive Nondiscrimination Ordinances: Does Government Structure Effect Policy Strength?” Southern Political Science Association Conference, Orlando, January 2013.

### **Professional Research or Experience**

Research Contract, University of Florida, Bob Graham Center for Public Service, 2011  
Research Assistant, University of Florida, Department of Political Science, 2011  
Policy Advisor, Transgender Foundation of America, January-August 2011  
Internship in the Capital Improvements Department with the City of San Marcos, Texas, January 2011-May 2011

### **Courses Taught**

American State and Local Politics (Intro)	State Politics (Upper-level)
Evidence and Knowledge	Florida Environmental Politics

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

American Institutions	Public Policy
State Politics and Policy	Executive-Legislative Relations
LGBT Public Policy	Political Parties

### **Awards, Scholarships and Grants**

James Button Memorial Endowment, University of Florida, Department of Political Science, 2015  
H. Douglas Price Award, University of Florida, Department of Political Science, 2014  
Best Graduate Student Paper, University of Florida, Department of Political Science, 2014  
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2014  
ICPSR Program Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 2012  
Graduate Assistantship, University of Florida, Department of Political Science, 2011-16  
Research Contract, Bob Graham Civic Scholar, 2011  
Peggy Rudd Scholarship, 2011  
Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society)  
Pi Alpha Alpha (National Public Affairs and Public Administration Honor Society)

### **Skills**

Statistical Software: STATA, MPLUS and SPSS

### **Additional Education and Training**

*University of Michigan* (Summer 2012)  
Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, Courses: Time Series Analysis; Maximum Likelihood Estimation

### **Professional Service**

Reviewer: *American Review of Public Administration, Journal of Politics*

Awards Committee Member, Best Paper Award Presented on LGBT Politics, Midwest Political Science Association, 2016

Supervisor, Junior Fellows Program, University of Florida, 2015-2016

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association

American Society for Public Administration

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

### **References Available to Contact**

Daniel A. Smith (e-mail: [dasmith@ufl.edu](mailto:dasmith@ufl.edu); phone: 352-273-2364)

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Professor and Department Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas

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