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EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Expected: Spring 2019

Dissertation: “The Challengers of Regional Authority: Explaining Regionalist Party Success in Scotland and Quebec”

Committee: Conor O’Dwyer (chair), Benjamin Smith, Bryon Moraski, Lawrence Dodd, and Jessica Harland-Jacobs

Exam Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics

M.A. in Political Science, 2016

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, June 2016

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

B.A. in Political Science and History, Honors in Major, 2011

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Ross Cotton and Cary Fontana. 2018. “Political Parties at Critical Junctures: Explaining the Decisions to Offer Referendums on Constitutional Change in the United Kingdom.” *Contemporary British History*, available online [here](#). Print version forthcoming.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Nationalism, Federal and Regional Politics, Political Parties, Legislatures, British Politics, Canadian Politics, and American Politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork Research

Montréal, Québec, Canada: semi-structured elite interviews and archival research (June – July 2017)

Edinburgh, Scotland, UK: semi-structured elite interviews and participant observation (May – July 2014)

WORKING PAPERS

Ross Cotton “Starting at the Top: Regionalist Parties in Multilevel Jurisdictions”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

“Starting at the Top: Regionalist Parties in Multilevel Jurisdictions,” presented during the 25th *World Congress of Political Science*, Brisbane, Australia (July 2018).

“Institutional Leaps Based on Partisan Calculations: Party Competition and Institutional Change in the United Kingdom,” presented at Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia, April 16, 2017.

“Institutional Leaps Based on Partisan Calculations: Party Competition and Institutional Change in the United Kingdom,” presented during the *Midwestern Political Science Association 2017 Conference*, Chicago, Illinois (April 2017).

“Quebec’s Strategic Separatist Electorate: An Examination of the 2011 Canadian Federal Election and the 2012 Quebec Provincial Election,” presented during the *Southern Political Science Association 2014 Conference*, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2014).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Florida

Instructor

CPO 3103: Western European Politics (Fall 2017)

CPO 4042: Politics in Post-Industrial Societies (Spring 2018)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

CPO 2001: Comparative Politics (Fall 2013/2014)

POS 2041: American Federal Government (Spring 2015/2016, Fall 2015)

INR 2001: Intro to International Relations (Spring 2014)

IUF 1000: What is the Good Life? (Fall 2016/2018, Spring 2017)

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

External

La Bourse de recherche AIEQ/ACQS Québec/US University Grant, 2017

University of Florida

Office of Research Travel Award, 2018

Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, 2018

Department of Political Science Summer Travel Award, 2017

Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, 2016

Department of Political Science Summer Travel Award, 2014

Center for European Studies Graduate Travel Grant, 2014

University of Central Florida

UCF Libraries Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research, 2013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Florida

President, Political Science Graduate Student Council, 2016-2017

SKILLS

Language

English: native/professional level in speaking, reading, and writing

French: proficient reading, beginner speaking and writing

Software

Stata, Microsoft Excel

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwestern Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Association internationale des études québécoises

International Political Science Association