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## Education

Expected Spring 2017: University of Georgia, Ph.D. Political Science  
Dissertation: *Examining the Effects of Institutional Design on Electoral Outcomes*  
Examination Fields: American Politics and Methodology

2013: University of Michigan, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research  
Scaling and Dimensional Analysis, Regression III, Advanced MLE

2011: University of Alabama at Birmingham, B.A. Political Science Honors, *cum laude*

## Teaching and Research Interests

Congress and Legislative Procedure, Congressional Elections, Institutional Development,  
U.S. Presidency, Research Design, Causal Inference

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Re-evaluating the Effects of Redistricting on Electoral Competition, 1972-2012.” 2014.  
*State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 14(2): 162-174. with Jamie Carson and Michael Crespin.

## Book Chapters

“Candidate Emergence in the Era of Direct Primaries.” Under contract. In *Handbook of Primary Elections*. Robert Boatright, editor. Routledge. with Jamie Carson.

“Introduction to Congressional Elections.” 2016. In *Guide to U.S. Elections* 7<sup>th</sup> ed. Deborah Kalb, editor. Congressional Quarterly Press. with Jamie Carson

## Working Papers

“Institutional Control of Redistricting and the Geography of Representation”  
with Michael Crespin, Barry Edwards, and Maxwell Palmer (*R & R at JOP*)

“Institutional Design and the Senate Filibuster: Examining the Vice President in the U.S. Senate” with Michael Lynch, Anthony Madonna, and Mark Owens (*R & R at SAPD*)

“Estimating the Effect of Redistricting on Ideology in the Post-*Wesberry* Era”

“House Primary Elections and Their Institutional Influences”

“A Reconsideration of Disaster Declarations as an Exercise in Unilateral Power”

“Nationalization and the Incumbency Advantage, 1840-2014” with Jamie Carson and Joel Sievert

“Looking Beyond the Incumbency Advantage: Measuring the Effect of Challenger Ideology on Election Outcomes” with Jamie Carson

“Candidates, Competition, and Polarization in U.S. House Elections, 1872-2014” with Jamie Carson, Mark Owens, and Joel Sievert

“Constituent Evaluations of U.S. Senators Over the Electoral Cycle” with Joel Sievert

“Does the Veto Pen Hurt the President?” with Joel Sievert

“Examining the Relationship Between Executive Orders and the President’s Legislative Agenda” with Jamie Carson and Jason Byers

## **Grants and Awards**

### **2016**

University of Georgia Graduate School Outstanding Teaching Award

Richard A. Baker Graduate Student Research Travel Grant (\$763)

### **2015**

University of Georgia Department of Political Science Excellence in Teaching Award

Congressional Research Grant sponsored by the Dirksen Congressional Center (\$3000)

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award (\$250)

## **Conference Presentations**

Midwest Political Science Association: 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013

Southern Political Science Association: 2016, 2015, 2014

American Political Science Association: 2016, 2015

Congress and History Conference: 2016, 2015

Society for Political Methodology: 2015, 2014

State Politics and Policy Conference: 2016

Georgia Political Science Association Conference: 2016

## **Courses Taught**

POLS 4650: State Politics (Spring 2017)

POLS 4600: Legislative Process (Fall 2016)

POLS 4610: U.S. Presidency (Fall 2016)

GRSC 7770: Graduate Teaching Assistant Seminar (Fall 2015)

POLS 4520: Electoral Behavior (Spring 2015)

POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

## **Professional Experience**

Graduate Student Director of University of Georgia Amendment Project (Fall 2016)

Resident Administrator, *UGA at Oxford Centre* (Summer 2015, Spring 2016)

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Fall 2012 - Spring 2014)

Graduate Research Assistant (Fall 2011 - Summer 2012, various semesters)

## **Professional Service**

### **2016**

APSA Discussant: “Diffusion and Policy Variation in the American States”

MPSA Discussant “Executive Influence and Success”

### **2015**

SPSA Discussant: “Floor & Pre-Floor Actions: Holds, Cosponsorship, & Amendments”

### **2014**

SPSA Discussant: “Elections 1”

## **Manuscript Reviewer**

*American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Party Politics*

## **Media Contributions**

For The LSE’s daily blog on American Politics and Policy: “Michelle Nunn’s midterm result shows that Georgia’s demographics may be shifting to favor the Democrats.” with Jamie L. Carson and Joel Sievert. [Link](#)

For The Brookings Institute: “2014 Midterms: Key Issues in the Georgia Senate Race.” with Jamie L. Carson. [Link](#)

For The LSE’s daily blog on American Politics and Policy: “In order to increase competition in U.S. House races, states should look to extra-legislative bodies to redraw congressional boundaries.” with Jamie L. Carson and Michael H. Crespin. [Link](#)

## References

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