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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The University of Georgia – Department of Political Science

UGA Athletic Association Professor of Public & International Affairs II, November 2018 – Present
Professor, July 2013 – Present
Associate Professor, July 2008 – June 2013
Assistant Professor, July 2004 – June 2008

Florida International University – Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor, 2003 – 2004

EDUCATION

Michigan State University – Ph.D. in Political Science, 2003
Michigan State University – M.A. in Political Science, 1999
University of Michigan – Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, 1998
Western Illinois University – M.A. in Political Science, 1996
Western Illinois University – B.A. in Political Science, 1994 – Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*

BOOKS

- Carson, Jamie L., Brad T. Gomez, and Jennifer Merolla. 2026. *Change and Continuity in American Elections: 2024 Edition*. New York: Bloomsbury Publishing, Under Advance Contract
- Carson, Jamie L., Joel Sievert, and Ryan D. Williamson. 2024. *Nationalized Politics: Evaluating Electoral Politics Across Time*. New York: Oxford University Press
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Jacobson, Gary C. and Jamie L. Carson. 2020. *The Politics of Congressional Elections*, 10th edition. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield

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Jacobson, Gary C. and Jamie L. Carson. 2016. *The Politics of Congressional Elections*, 9th edition. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield

Carson, Jamie L. and Jason M. Roberts. 2013. *Ambition, Competition, and Electoral Reform: The Politics of Congressional Elections Across Time*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press

EDITED VOLUMES

Carson, Jamie L. and Ryan D. Williamson. N.d. *Divided Nation: Analyzing Policy, Behavior, and Institutional Challenges in Modern American Democracy*. Berlin: De Gruyter, In Press

Carson, Jamie L. and Michael Lynch. 2020. *New Directions in Congressional Politics*, Second edition. New York: Routledge

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PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Carson, Jamie and Stewart Ulrich. N.d. "Getting Off the Roller Coaster: Reflections on the 2024 Elections," *Questions in Politics*, Forthcoming.

Carson, Jamie, Joel Sievert, and Ryan Williamson. 2025. "The President's Influence on Congressional Candidate Evaluations." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 55(3). <https://doi.org/10.1111/psq.70005>.

Carson, Jamie, Aaron Hitefield, and Megan Wall. 2025. "The Trump Effect: Nationalized Narratives and Congressional Outcomes in the 2024 Elections." *The Forum*, <https://doi.org/10.1515/for-2025-2008>.

Carson, Jamie, Anthony Madonna, Mark Owens, Joel Sievert, and Ryan Williamson. 2025. "Building a Record: Amending Activity, Position Taking, and the Seventeenth Amendment." *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, 6(1): 85-104. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1561/113.00000118>.

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- Carson, Jamie, Anthony Madonna, and Mark Owens. 2016. "Regulating the Floor: Tabling Motions in the U.S. Senate, 1865-1946." *American Politics Research* 44(1): 56-80. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X14566812>.
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- Carson, Jamie, Jason Roberts, and Rachel Porter. 2020. "Congress and the Nationalization of Elections." In *New Directions in Congressional Politics*, Second edition, Edited by Jamie Carson and Michael Lynch, New York: Routledge.
- Carson, Jamie. 2020. "The 2016 Donald Trump Presidential Election." In *Voting and Political Representation in America: Issues and Trends*. Mark Jones, editor. ABC-CLIO.
- Carson, Jamie and Ryan Williamson. 2018. "Candidate Emergence in the Era of Direct Primaries." In *Handbook of Primary Elections*. Robert Boatright, editor. Routledge, pp. 57-71.
- Jason Byers and Jamie Carson. 2017. "What's Rules Got to Do with It? Parties, Reform, and Selection in the Presidential Nomination Process." In *Changing How America Votes*. Todd Donavan, editor. Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 142-155.
- Carson, Jamie, Ellen Key, Gregory Koger, and Matthew Lebo. 2017. "The Electoral Costs of Party Loyalty in Congress." In *Strategic Party Government: Why Winning Trumps Ideology*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Carson, Jamie and Ryan Williamson. 2016. "Introduction to Congressional Elections." In *Guide to U.S. Elections*, 7th edition. Deborah Kalb, editor. Congressional Quarterly Press, pp. 951-967.
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SOFTWARE

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BOOK REVIEWS

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Carson, Jamie. 2023. A Review of "The Senate: From White Supremacy to Governmental Gridlock" by Daniel Wirls (University of Virginia Press, 2021) *Political Science Quarterly*, 138:2, 326-327.

Carson, Jamie. 2019. A Review of "The Increasingly United States: How and Why American Political Behavior Nationalized" by Daniel Hopkins (University of Chicago Press, 2018) *Political Science Quarterly*, 134:2, 331-333.

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Carson, Jamie. 2015. A Review of "Partisan Gerrymandering and the Construction of American Democracy" by Erik J. Engstrom (University of Michigan Press, 2013) *Party Politics* 21:6, 994-995.

Carson, Jamie. 2013. A Review of "The Legislative Legacy of Congressional Campaigns" by Tracy Sulkin (Cambridge University Press, 2011) *Congress and the Presidency* 40:1, 92-93.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Carson, Jamie. 2019. "Evaluating the 2018 Midterm Elections: A Referendum on Donald Trump." *We the People: SPIA Magazine*, 22-23.

Carson, Jamie. 2017. "Keith T. Poole: The Philip H. Alston, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Political Science." *The Legislative Scholar* 2(2): 11-13.

Contributor for "Analyzing the Evidence" series in *American Government: Power and Purpose*. 12th ed. 2012. Stephen Ansolabehere, Theodore J. Lowi, Benjamin Ginsberg, and Kenneth A. Shepsle. New York: W.W. Norton & Company. Responsible for units in Chapters 6 and 8.

Contributor for "Analyzing the Evidence" series in *American Government: Power and Purpose*. 11th ed. 2010. Stephen Ansolabehere, Theodore J. Lowi, Benjamin Ginsberg, and Kenneth A. Shepsle. New York: W.W. Norton & Company. Responsible for units in Chapters 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10.

Contributor for "Analyzing the Evidence" series in *American Government: Power and Purpose*. 10th ed. 2008. Theodore J. Lowi, Benjamin Ginsberg, and Kenneth A. Shepsle. New York: W.W. Norton & Company. Responsible for units in Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11.

Crespin, Michael, Jamie Carson, and Jeffery Jenkins. 2004. "Shirking in the Contemporary Congress Redux." A *Political Analysis* web-rejoinder to "Shirking in the Contemporary Congress: A Reappraisal."

Carson, Jamie and Kirk Randazzo. 2002. "Emerging Multi-Institutional Analyses: Congress and the Courts." Extension of Remarks in APSA Legislative Studies Newsletter. 25(January).

MANUSCRIPTS in PROGRESS

Beyond the Ballot: Nationalization, Primaries, and the New Landscape of Congressional Elections, Book Project with Jason Byers and Ryan Williamson

New Directions in Congressional Politics, Third edition. New York: Routledge, with Michael Lynch

"Breaking Barriers: Analyzing Women Prosecutors' Electoral Success." With Damon Cann, Jeffrey Yates, and Ronald Wright, Revised-and-Resubmitted to *Political Behavior*

"A Retrospective on Redistricting Practices and Electoral Competition in U.S. Elections," With David Cottrell and Ryan Williamson, In preparation for submission to *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*

"Beyond the Borders: Nationalization and Outside Fundraising in Congressional Primaries," With Jason Byers and Ryan Williamson

"Follow the Money: Nationalization and Campaign Fund-Raising in Prosecutor Elections," With Joshua Baldwin, Damon Cann, Jeffrey Yates, and Ronald Wright

"Nationalization and Financial Competition in U.S. House Elections" With Aaron Hitefield, Joel Sievert, and Ryan Williamson

"Strategic Politicians in an Era of Nationalized Politics." With Jason Byers and Aaron Hitefield

"Candidates, Campaigns, and Competition in U.S. House Elections." With Anthony Bertelli and Jason Byers

"Failure to Lead: Donald Trump, Electoral Accountability, and the Coronavirus Pandemic" With Spencer Hardin and Aaron Hitefield

"Does Quality Still Matter? Reexamining Nationalization's Effect on Primary and General Elections." With Jason Byers and Aaron Hitefield

"Nationalization and the 2020-22 Elections." With Spencer Hardin and Aaron Hitefield

"Bicameral Agenda Control: Examining the Effects of Procedural Tools on Congressional Policy Outcomes, 1883-1937." With Ryan Freeman, Anthony Madonna and Jason Roberts

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

Legislative Process

The U.S. Presidency

Seminar in American Political Development

Seminar in Electoral Behavior

Seminar in Quantitative Methods

Introduction to Research Methodology

Undergraduate

Introduction to American Government
Introduction to Political Science
Introduction to Research Methods
Congressional Elections
Campaigns and Elections
American Executive Process
American Legislative Process
American Electoral Development
American Political Development
Government and Mass Media

AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

SPIA Nominee for the University of Georgia Creative Research Award, 2024-25
Nominee for the American Political Science Association 2024 Barbara Sinclair Lecture Award, 2023-24
University of Georgia Nominee for the Carnegie Foundation Fellowship, 2023-24
University of Georgia Career Center Recognition for Career Development of Undergraduate Students, 2021-23
University of Georgia Career Center Recognition for Career Development of Undergraduate Students, 2018-19
School of Public and International Affairs Seed Grant (\$4,000), University of Georgia, 2018
Political Research Quarterly Outstanding Reviewer Award, 2018
University of Georgia Career Center Recognition for Career Development of Undergraduate Students, 2016
Political Research Quarterly Outstanding Reviewer Award, 2015
Hahn-Sigelman Prize for the Best Article Published in *American Politics Research* in 2014 (with Trey Hood), for
“Candidates, Competition, and the Partisan Press: Congressional Elections in the Early Antebellum Era”
University of Georgia Career Center Recognition for Career Development of Undergraduate Students, 2013-14
School of Public and International Affairs Award for Excellence in Research, University of Georgia, 2012
School of Public and International Affairs Summer Research Grant (\$5,000), University of Georgia, 2012
Richard B. Russell Undergraduate Teaching Award Nominee for the School of Public and International Affairs,
University of Georgia, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013
Graduate School Outstanding Mentoring Award Recipient, University of Georgia, 2011
Political Research Quarterly Outstanding Reviewer Award, 2010
Graduate School Outstanding Mentoring Award Nominee, University of Georgia, 2010
Venture Fund Travel Grant Recipient (\$1600), Office of the President, University of Georgia, 2010
J. Hatten Howard III Honors Teaching Award Recipient, University of Georgia, 2009
Richard B. Russell Undergraduate Teaching Award Nominee, Department of Political Science, University of
Georgia, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009
Susette M. Talarico Award for Excellence in Teaching by Junior Faculty (Honorable Mention), 2006
Faculty Research Grant (\$6,500) from the University of Georgia Research Foundation, “Studying Congressional
Elections Across Time,” 2005
Dirksen Congressional Center Research Award (\$3,100), “Strategy and Choice in 19th and Early 20th Century
U.S. House Elections,” 2003
Political Institutions and Public Choice Fellow, Michigan State University, 1997-2003

INVITED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Clinton, 2025 – Politics of Congressional Elections Class Presentation, Hamilton College in New York
Williamsburg, 2022 – American Politics Speakers Series, College of William & Mary (Postponed)
Madison, 2020 – Congress and History Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Cancelled)
Austin, 2020 – American Politics Speaker Series, University of Texas at Austin (Cancelled)
Athens, 2018 – Legislative Rules and Procedures Conference, University of Georgia
Champaign, 2017 – American Politics Speaker Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Athens, 2017 – Effects of the 2016 Presidential Election Conference, University of Georgia
Chapel Hill, 2016 – American Politics Research Group, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Norman, 2016 – Congress and History Conference, University of Oklahoma
Gwinnett, 2015 – Department of Political Science, Georgia Gwinnett College
Nashville, 2015 – Congress and History Conference, Vanderbilt University
Durham, 2015 – Political Institutions and Public Choice 20th Anniversary Conference, Duke University
College Park, 2014 – Congress and History Conference, University of Maryland
Athens, 2012 – Congress and History Conference, University of Georgia
Providence, 2011 – Congress and History Conference, Brown University
Chicago, 2011 – American Politics Workshop, University of Chicago
Berkeley, 2010 – Congress and History Conference, University of California, Berkeley
Merced, 2010 – Conference on the Politics of Federal Spending, University of California, Merced
Charlottesville, 2009 – Congress and History Conference, University of Virginia
Durham, 2009 – Conference on Bicameralism, Duke University
Merced, 2008 – School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and the Arts, University of California, Merced
Washington, DC, 2008 – Congress and History Conference, George Washington University
Lexington, 2008 – Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky
Chapel Hill, 2007 – American Politics Research Group, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Durham, 2007 – Political Institutions and Public Choice Spring Seminar, Duke University
Princeton, 2007 – Congress and History Conference, Princeton University
College Station, 2006 – Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University
Minneapolis, 2006 – Party Effects in the U.S. Senate Conference II, University of Minnesota
Durham, 2006 – Party Effects in the U.S. Senate Conference, Duke University
Minneapolis, 2006 – Restoring Electoral Competitiveness: Research and Remedies for Redistricting Conference,
University of Minnesota
Miami, 2005 – Department of Political Science, University of Miami
Athens, 2004 – Department of Political Science, University of Georgia
San Diego, 2003 – History of Congress Conference, University of California, San Diego
Minneapolis, 2003 – Political Methodology Summer Meeting, University of Minnesota
Miami, 2003 – Department of Political Science, Florida International University
Minneapolis, 2002 – Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota
Providence, 2002 – Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting
Dallas, 2002 – The School of Social Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas
Seattle, 2002 – Political Methodology Summer Meeting, University of Washington

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026

“The People’s Attorney? Examining Public Trust in the Prosecutor’s Office,” Paper proposed for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, With Damon Cann, Jeffrey Yates, and Joshua Baldwin

“The Impact of Redistricting on Candidates in Congressional Primary Elections,” Paper proposed for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, with David Cottrell and Ryan Williamson

2025

“Congress, Railroads, and the Regulatory State,” Paper to be presented at the Second Annual Historical Political Economy Conference at the University of Southern California, with Joel Sievert

“The Impact of Redistricting on Candidates in Congressional Primary Elections,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with David Cottrell and Ryan Williamson

“History in the Making: Unpacking the Results of the 2024 Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, With Stewart Ulrich

2024

“Getting off the Roller Coaster: Initial Reactions to the 2024 Elections,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, with Stewart Ulrich

“Nationalizer in Chief: Examining How Presidents Influence Candidate Evaluations,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson

“Candidates, Cash, and Competition: Mapping Contributions in Congressional Primaries,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Jason Byers and Ryan Williamson

Author Meets Critics Roundtable: *Nationalized Politics* by Jamie Carson, Joel Sievert, and Ryan Williamson, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association

“Candidates, Cash, and Competition: Mapping Contributions in Congressional Primaries,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, with Jason Byers and Ryan Williamson

“The Trump Card: Evaluating Presidential Nomination Strategies in the Post-Trump Political Environment,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, with Stewart Ulrich

2023

“In the Shadow of Trump: The 2022 Midterm Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Stewart Ulrich

2022

“Nationalization and Candidate Evaluations.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson

“Money and Nationalization: Campaign Finance in Congressional Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Aaron Hitefield and Joel Sievert

2021

“Money and Nationalization: Campaign Finance in Congressional Elections.” Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Aaron Hitefield and Joel Sievert (Cancelled)

“Nationalization and Candidate Evaluations,” Paper to be presented the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson (Cancelled)

“Holding the President Accountable: Analyzing the 2020 Presidential and Congressional Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Spencer Hardin and Aaron Hitefield

“Nationalization and the Electoral Connection.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson

2020

“Evaluating the Roots of Careerism in the U.S. House of Representatives.” Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Aaron Hitefield (Cancelled)

“Money, Nationalization, and the Vote: Campaign Finance in U.S. Congressional Elections,” Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Aaron Hitefield (Cancelled)

“Nationalization and Polarization in U.S. House Elections,” Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson (Cancelled)

2019

Author Meets Critics Roundtable: *Electoral Incentives in Congress* by Jamie Carson and Joel Sievert, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

“A Referendum on Trump: Analyzing the 2018 Midterm Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Jason Byers, Aaron Hitefield, and Jordan McKissick

2018

“What Do We Need to Learn about Primary Elections?” Roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

“Candidate Quality and Electoral Success in U.S. House Primary Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Jason Byers and Ryan Williamson

“Bicameral Agenda Control: Examining the Effects of Procedural Tools on Congressional Policy Outcomes, 1883-1937.” Paper presented at the Legislative Rules and Procedures Conference, with Ryan Freeman, Anthony Madonna and Jason Roberts

“Are Congressional Primaries Becoming as Nationalized as General Elections?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Jason Byers and Ryan Williamson

2017

“Challengers, Choices, and Competition in Congressional Primaries.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Jason Byers and Ryan Williamson

“The Nationalization of Congressional Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Jason Roberts and Rachel Surminsky

“Did Party Loyalty Trump Ideology? Assessing Candidate Effects on the 2016 Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Jason Byers, Stephen Pettigrew, and Ryan Williamson

“Evaluating the Role of Coattail Effects in the 2016 Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, with Jason Byers and Ryan Williamson

2016

“Electoral Accountability in Nineteenth Century U.S. House Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert

“Candidates, Competition, and Polarization in U.S. House Elections, 1872-2014.” Paper presented at the Congress and History Conference (University of Oklahoma), with Mark Owens, Joel Sievert, and Ryan Williamson

“Candidates and Competition in U.S. House Races, 1820-1888.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert

“Examining the Relationship between Executive Orders and the President’s Legislative Agenda.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Jason Byers and Ryan Williamson

“Renomination and Turnover Patterns in the U.S. House, 1820-1900.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert

2015

“Assessing the Rise and Development of the Incumbency Advantage in Congress.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson

“Assessing the Rise and Development of the Incumbency Advantage in Congress.” Paper presented at the Congress and History Conference (Vanderbilt University), with Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson

“The Conditional Influence of Parties in Congressional Elections.” Paper presented at the Political Institutions and Public Choice (PIPC) 20th Anniversary Conference (Duke University)

“Referendum or Reaffirmation: Evaluating the 2014 Midterm Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson

“Looking Beyond the Incumbency Advantage: Measuring the Effect of Challenger Ideology on Congressional Election Outcomes.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, with Ryan Williamson

2014

“Electoral Accountability in an Era of Party Ballots.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, with Joel Sievert

“Electoral Accountability in an Era of Party Ballots.” Paper presented at the Congress and History Conference (University of Maryland), with Joel Sievert

“Workload, Delegation, and the Electoral Connection: Evidence from the Interstate Commerce Act of 1887.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Robert Cooper and Joel Sievert

“Electoral Reform and Changes in Legislative Behavior: A Quasi-Experimental Approach.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert

2013

“Ballot Reform and Changes in Legislative Behavior: A Quasi-Experimental Approach.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Joel Sievert

“Assessing the Impact of Partisan Entrenchment and National Effects in the 2012 Congressional Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Mark Owens and Joel Sievert

2012

“Bicameral Agenda Control: Examining the Effects of Procedural Tools on Congressional Policy Outcomes, 1883-1937.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Anthony Madonna and Jason Roberts

“Building a Record: Amending Activity, Position Taking, and the Seventeenth Amendment.” Paper presented at the Congress and History Conference (University of Georgia), with Anthony Madonna, Mark Owens, and Joel Sievert

“You Can’t Beat Somebody with Nobody: Examining Uncontested Senate Races over Time.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Carrie Eaves

“Position-Taking and Roll Calls in the U.S. Congress, 1883-1937.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Anthony Madonna, Mark Owens, and Joel Sievert

“Partisan Signaling and Agenda Control in the U.S. House of Representatives.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, with Mike Crespín and Anthony Madonna

2011

“Bicameral Agenda Control: Examining the Effects of Procedural Tools on Congressional Policy Outcomes, 1883-1937.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Anthony Madonna and Jason Roberts

“Bicameral Agenda Control: Examining the Effects of Procedural Tools on Congressional Policy Outcomes, 1883-1937.” Paper presented at the Congress and History Conference (Brown University), with Anthony Madonna and Jason Roberts

“Early Reviews of the 112th Congress.” Roundtable Participant at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

“Strategic Politicians, the Great Recession, and the Tea Party Movement: Evaluating the 2010 Midterm Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, With Stephen Pettigrew

“Pathways to Majority Party Power: The Evolution of Tabling Motions in the U.S. Senate, 1865-1946.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, With Anthony Madonna and Mark Owens

2010

“Partisan Efficiency in an Open-Rule Setting: The Amending Process in the U.S. Senate, 1865-1946.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Tony Madonna

“Understanding the Institutional Basis for Amendment Voting in the U.S. Congress.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association and the Congress and History Conference, with Tony Madonna

“Constituency Congruency and Candidate Competition in Primary Elections for the U.S. House.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, With Michael Crespin, Carrie Eaves, and Emily Wanless

“Winning Coalition Formation in the House and Senate: Examining the Role of Issues and Institutions.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting, With Tony Madonna

2009

“Partisan Signaling and Agenda Control in the U.S. House of Representatives.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, With Michael Crespin and Anthony Madonna

“Winning Coalition Formation in the House and Senate: Examining the Role of Issues and Institutions.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, With Tony Madonna

“Constituency Congruency and Candidate Competition in Primary Elections for the U.S. House.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, With Michael Crespin, Carrie Eaves, and Emily Wanless

“Coalition Formation in a Bicameral Context, 1871-1941. Paper presented at the Duke Conference on Bicameralism, With Anthony Madonna

2008

“Candidates, Campaigns, and Competition in U.S. House Elections, 1972-2006.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, With Anthony Bertelli

“The Effect of the Partisan Press on U.S. House Elections, 1800-1820.” Paper presented at the Congress and History Conference (George Washington University), With Trey Hood

“Constituency Congruency and Candidate Competition in U.S. House Elections.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, With Michael Crespin, Carrie Eaves, and Emily Wanless

“The Effect of the Partisan Press on U.S. House Elections, 1800-1820.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, With Trey Hood

2007

“The Impact of Progressive Era Reforms on U.S. House Elections.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, With Jason Roberts

“Candidates, Campaigns, and Competition in U.S. House Elections, 1972-2006.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, With Anthony Bertelli

“The Impact of Progressive Era Reforms on U.S. House Elections.” Paper presented at the Congress and History Conference (Princeton University), With Jason Roberts

“Examining the Electoral Connection across Time.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, With Jeffery Jenkins

2006

“Electoral Accountability, Party Loyalty, and Roll-Call Voting in the U.S. Senate.” Paper presented at the Party Effects in the U.S. Senate Conference II, University of Minnesota

“Constituency Effects, Redistricting, and Representation in U.S. House Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, With Anthony Bertelli

“The Competitive Effects of Redistricting Approaches: Legislatures, Courts, and Commissions over Time.” Paper presented at the Minnesota Conference on Redistricting, With Michael Crespin

“The Electoral Consequences of Party Loyalty in Congress.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, With Greg Koger and Matt Lebo

“Electoral Accountability, Party Loyalty, and Roll-Call Voting in the U.S. Senate.” Paper presented at the Party Effects in the U.S. Senate Conference, Duke University

2005

“Assessing the Incumbency Advantage Across Time: Evidence from the Nineteenth Century U.S. Congress.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, With Erik Engstrom and Jason Roberts

“Measuring Constituency Influence in Congressional Voting Decisions.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, With Anthony Bertelli

“Assessing the Incumbency Advantage Across Time: Evidence from the Nineteenth Century U.S. Congress.” Paper presented at the Congress and History Workshop at Washington University in St. Louis, With Jason Roberts

“Assessing the Incumbency Advantage Across Time: Evidence from the Nineteenth Century U.S. Congress.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, With Jason Roberts

2004

“Assessing the Strategic Effects of Presidential Vetoes and Veto Threats on Congressional Decision-Making.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, With Bryan Marshall

“Linking Congressional Districts Across Time: Redistricting and Party Polarization in Congress.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, With Michael Crespin, Charles Finocchiaro, and David Rohde

“Congressional Redistricting and Candidate Emergence in Nineteenth Century House Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, With Erik Engstrom and Jason Roberts

“The Impact of Congressional Redistricting on Candidate Emergence in the House of Representatives, 1962-2002.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, With Michael Crespin, Charles Finocchiaro, and David Rohde

“Comparing the Effects of Legislative, Commission, and Judicial Redistricting Plans on U.S. House Elections, 1972-2002.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, With Michael Crespin

“The Electoral Connection in the Early United States: The Congressional Elections of 1826-27.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans. With Erik Engstrom

“Parties as Procedural Coalitions in Congress: Evidence from a Natural Experiment.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. With Michael Crespin and Jeffery Jenkins

2003

“Using History as a Laboratory to Study Congressional Elections and Institutional Development.” Paper presented at the History of Congress Conference, San Diego, CA. With Jason Roberts

“Modeling Social Network Formation with Applications to the Discipline of Political Science.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. With Michael Crespin and Burt Monroe

“Checking Power with Power: A Strategic Choice Analysis of Presidential Vetoes and Congressional Overrides.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. With Bryan Marshall

“Inferential Models of Social Networks with Applications to the Discipline of Political Science.” Invited paper presented at the 2003 Summer Political Methodology Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. With Michael Crespin and Burt Monroe

“The Historical Context of Congressional Elections: Candidate Emergence in 19th and Early 20th Century U.S. House Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Jason M. Roberts

“Redistricting, Constituency Influence, and Party Polarization in Congress.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Michael H. Crespin, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and David W. Rohde

2002

“Legislative Politics in a Bicameral System: Strategic Conferee Appointments in the U.S. Congress.” Invited paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Providence, RI. With Ryan Vander Wielen

“Shirking in the Contemporary Congress: A Reappraisal.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. With Michael Crespin, Jeffery Jenkins, and Ryan Vander Wielen

“Strategy and Choice in 19th and Early 20th Century U.S. House Elections.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA. With Jason Roberts

“The Impact of Legislative Behavior on Candidate Competition in Congressional Elections: A Strategic Choice Analysis.” Invited paper presented at the Summer Political Methodology Meeting, Seattle

“Constituency Cleavages and Congressional Parties: Measuring Homogeneity and Polarization Across Time.” Paper presented at the Congress and History Conference, Columbia University, New York. With Jeffery Jenkins and Eric Schickler

“Partisan and Strategic Considerations in Conferee Selection in Congress.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Ryan J. Vander Wielen

“The Impact of Legislative Behavior on Candidate Emergence in House and Senate Elections: A Strategic Choice Analysis.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

“Constituency Cleavages and Congressional Parties: Measuring Homogeneity and Polarization Across Time.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Jeffery Jenkins and Eric Schickler

2001

“Electoral Accountability and Roll Call Voting in the U.S. Senate.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA

“Measuring the Effects of Differential Turnout on House Elections in the 1990s.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA. With Charles J. Finocchiaro, Eduardo L. Leoni, and David W. Rohde

“Investigating the Electoral Roots of Conditional Party Government.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. With Jeffery Jenkins and Eric Schickler

“Congressional Responses to the Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. With Kirk Randazzo

“Consensus, Conflict, and the Domain of Partisanship in House Committees: Evidence from the 96th, 100th, and 104th Congresses.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Charles J. Finocchiaro and David W. Rohde

“Political Institutions and American Political Development: Evolution in the Size of the U.S. Supreme Court.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Ben Kleinerman

2000

“Electoral and Partisan Dynamics in the Roosevelt Era: The U.S. Congressional Elections of 1938.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA

“The Electoral Consequences of Position-Taking in Congress: Exploring the Relationship Between Roll Call Behavior and House Election Results.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. With Gregory L. Bovitz

“The Impact of National Tides and District-Level Effects on Electoral Outcomes: The U.S. Congressional Elections of 1862-63.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Jeffery A. Jenkins, David W. Rohde, and Mark A. Souva

“Partisanship, Consensus, and Committee-Floor Divergence: A Comparison of Member Behavior in the 96th and 104th Congresses.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. With Charles J. Finocchiaro and David W. Rohde

1999

“A Switch in Time Saves Nine: Institutions, Strategic Actors, and FDR’s Court-Packing Plan.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, GA. With Ben Kleinerman

“The Institutional Context of Member Behavior: Measuring Systematic Differences Between Committees and the Floor.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA. With Charles J. Finocchiaro and David W. Rohde

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Manuscript Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Political Research Quarterly, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, American Politics Research, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Electoral Studies, Congress and the Presidency, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Social Science History, Public Choice, Studies in American Political Development, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Polity, American Review of Politics, Publius, PS: Political Science and Politics, New England Journal of Political Science, Journal of Economic History, Social Science Quarterly, Journal of Policy History, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties, Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, Politics & Gender, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Cambridge University Press, Congressional Quarterly Press, University of Michigan Press, Houghton Mifflin Company, Longman, McGraw-Hill, National Science Foundation, Palgrave, Pearson, Rowman & Littlefield, Routledge, SUNY Press, W.W. Norton, Atomic Dog Publishers

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
APSA Legislative Studies Section
Society for Political Methodology

Professional Service

Chair, Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper by a Graduate Student Award, Midwest Political Science Association, 2024
Campaigns and Elections Section Chair, Southern Political Science Association, 2024
Member, Legislative Studies Quarterly Nominating Committee for New Co-Editor, 2018
Hahn-Sigelman Award Committee for the Best Article Published in *American Politics Research*, 2015-2016
Chair, E. E. Schattschneider Award Committee for Best Dissertation in American Government (APSA), 2014
Chair, Malcolm Jewell Award Committee for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper (SPSA), 2013
Member, Legislative Studies Section (APSA) Nominating Committee, 2011-2013
National Science Foundation Political Science Dissertation Advisory Panel, 2011
Member, Jewell-Loewenberg Award Committee, Legislative Studies Section (APSA), 2010
Legislative Politics: Campaigns and Elections Section Chair, Midwest Political Science Association, 2010
Legislative Politics Section Chair, Southern Political Science Association, 2010

Editorship

Legislative Politics and Policymaking Book Series, with James Curry (Janet Box-Steffensmeier and David Canon past series editors), University of Michigan Press, 2023-Present

Editorial Board Membership

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Election Administration Research and Practice*, 2021-2025

Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2014-2022

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2015-2018

Conference Panel Chair/Discussant

Roundtable Participant, Southern Political Science Association Meeting, 2024

Roundtable Participant, American Political Science Association Meeting, 2018

Panel Discussant, Legislative Rules and Procedures Conference, University of Georgia, 2018

Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association Meeting, 2017

Panel Chair, Effects of the 2016 Presidential Election Conference, University of Georgia, 2017

Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2016

Panel Discussant, Separation of Powers Conference, University of Georgia, 2016

Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association Meeting, 2015

Panel Chair and Discussant, American Political Science Association Meeting, 2014

Panel Chair, Southern Political Science Association Meeting, 2014

Panel Chair, American Political Science Association Meeting, 2013

Panel Moderator, Effects of the 2012 Presidential Election Conference, University of Georgia, 2012

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2012

Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association Meeting, 2011

Panel Discussant, Congress and History Conference, Brown University, 2011

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2011

Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association Meeting, 2009

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2007

Panel Discussant, Party Effects in the U.S. Senate Conference, University of Minnesota, 2006

Panel Chair, American Political Science Association Meeting, 2006

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2006

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 2005

Panel Discussant, Southern Political Science Association Meeting, 2004

Panel Chair, Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, 2002

Professional Development

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Washington University, 2004

Editorial Assistant, *American Political Science Review*, 1997-2000

Media Participation and Opinion Pieces

“When Voters Think About Congressional Elections, They Increasingly Think First about the President.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), July 25, 2025. With Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2025/07/25/when-voters-think-about-congressional-elections-they-increasingly-think-first-about-the-president/>

“Local election races now reflect broader national political trends.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), June 19, 2024. With Damon Cann, Jeff Yates, and Ronald Wright. <https://wp.me/p312YF-dZM>

“Increasingly nationalized U.S. elections are increasing polarization and government dysfunction.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), November 13, 2023. With Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson. <https://bit.ly/3udffoj>

“In 2020, Senate elections were nationalized elections. The Georgia runoffs could be too.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), December 4, 2020. With Ryan Williamson. <https://bit.ly/3olz4uc>

“Why did Democrats lose seats in the 2020 elections? More incumbents ran in more competitive districts.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), November 12, 2020. With Ryan Williamson. <https://bit.ly/2GUvB5P>

“The story of the midterms is the triumph of the moderates – on both sides.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), November 9, 2018. With Ryan Williamson. <http://bit.ly/2qEK8Xo>

“How the Dems Could Win the House in November.” *Newsweek*, February 2, 2018. With Ryan Williamson. <http://www.newsweek.com/how-dems-could-win-house-november-798381>

“Why taking moderate positions may help the Democrats to retake the House this fall.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), February 1, 2018. With Ryan Williamson. <http://bit.ly/2nxKvRH>

“Despite party pressures, House members’ support for their leadership in procedural votes is not guaranteed.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), February 26, 2015. With Michael Crespin and Anthony Madonna. <http://bit.ly/1Des3ML>

“Michelle Nunn’s midterm result shows that Georgia’s demographics may be shifting to favor the Democrats.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), November 10, 2014. With Joel Sievert and Ryan Williamson. <http://bit.ly/1zf19UM>

“In Georgia, Michelle Nunn faces an uphill climb to flip the Senate race for the Democrats.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), October 28, 2014. <http://bit.ly/1wHmSgy>

“2014 Midterms: Key Issues in the Georgia Senate Race.” Brookings Institute Blog. October 28, 2014. <http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/fixgov/posts/2014/10/28-2014-midterms-georgia-senate-race-carson>

“In order to increase competition in U.S. House races, states should look to extra-legislative bodies to redraw congressional boundaries.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), May 26, 2014. With Michael Crespin and Ryan Williamson. <http://bit.ly/1vSnoRB>

“Republican advantages in candidate recruitment in 2010 have led to an increasingly polarized U.S. House of Representatives.” The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP), September 17, 2013. With Stephen Pettigrew. <http://bit.ly/1ekXQ6N>

DEPARTMENTAL and UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Departmental Service

American Politics Comprehensive Exam Reader, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023-24, 2025-26
Undergraduate Committee Member, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2016-2025
Departmental Research Awards Committee Member, 2025
Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2019-2024
Research Award Committee Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2020-2024
Third-Year Review Committee for Garrett Vande Kamp, 2024
Third-Year Review Committee for David Cottrell, 2022
Third-Year Review Committee Chair for Geoffrey Sheagley, 2021
Teaching Award Committee Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2019-2020
Research Award Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2017-2018
Faculty Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2005-2006, 2008-2014, 2015-16, 2019-20
Ad Hoc Grade Appeal Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2016, 2020, 2022, 2024
Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2009-2016
Speakers Committee Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2010-2013
Speakers Committee Member, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2009-2010
Graduate Faculty, University of Georgia, 2004-Present
Co-Founder, American Political Development Working Group, University of Georgia, 2004-Present

Department Search Committees

American Politics Recruitment Committee Chair, University of Georgia, 2025-2026
Applied History Director Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2024-2025
American Politics Jones Family Professorship Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2024-2025
American Politics Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2022-2023
American Politics Recruitment Committee Chair, University of Georgia, 2021-2022
American Politics Visiting Lecturer Committee, University of Georgia, 2019-2020 (Cancelled)
American Politics Distinguished Chair Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2019-2020
American Politics Recruitment Committee Chair, University of Georgia, 2018-2019
Honors Teaching Fellow and Lecturer Recruitment Committee Chair, University of Georgia, 2017
American Politics Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2015-2016
Honors Teaching Fellow Recruitment Committee Chair, University of Georgia, 2014
American Politics Recruitment Committee Chair, University of Georgia, 2012-2013
Honors Teaching Fellow Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2012
American Politics Distinguished Chair Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2008-2010
American Politics Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2007-2008
Lecturer Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2007-2008
Political Methodology Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2006-2007
American Politics Recruitment Committee, University of Georgia, 2005-2006
American Politics Search Committee, Florida International University, 2003-2004

School of Public and International Affairs Service

SPIA Coordinator for Applied History Certificate, 2024-26
SPIA Undergraduate Research Colloquium Panel Chair, "Reflections on the 2024 Elections," 2025
SPIA University-Wide Professorship Committee Representative, 2024-25
SPIA Curriculum Committee Chair, 2022-25
SPIA Curriculum Committee Member, 2020-2025
SPIA Post-Tenure Review Committee, 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2014-2015, 2019-2023, 2024-25

SPIA Research Award Committee Member, 2012-2013, 2018-2021
International Plotters Lunch Lecture, “Evaluating Midterm Elections: What to Expect in 2018,” October 2018
SPIA Teaching Award Committee Member, 2016-2018
SPIA Promotion and Tenure Committee Member, 2013-2014
SPIA Council Member, 2012-2013

University-Level Service

University of Georgia Research Foundation Faculty Seed Grant Reviewer, Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2021
University Honors Program Lunchbox Lecture, “Evaluating Midterm Elections: What to Expect in 2018,” 2018
University Council Member, University of Georgia, 2015-2017
University of Georgia Faculty Affairs Committee, 2015-2016
University Promotion and Tenure Review Committee Member, 2014-2017
University Honors Program Mid-Term Foundation Fellowship Selection Committee, 2014 and 2015
Richard B. Russell Library Presidential Debate Watch Participant (Part of the “Ready, Set, Vote” Series), 2012
University Honors Program Foundation Fellows Dinner-Seminar, “Understanding the Politics of Congressional Elections,” 2012
University Honors Program Lunchbox Lecture, “Evaluating the Politics of Congressional Elections,” 2012

Dissertation Committees

Committee Co-Chair for Joshua Baldwin (in progress)
Committee Member for Emma Bibina (in progress)
Committee Member for Megan Wall (in progress)
Committee Member for Brad Bilsback (in progress)
Committee Chair for Stewart Ulrich (completed 2025, Assistant Professor at Sam Houston State University)
Committee Member for Spencer Hardin (completed 2024, Advocacy Manager for the Alzheimer Organization)
Committee Member of Grace Pittman (completed 2024, Assistant Professor at East Georgia State University)
Committee Chair for Aaron Hitefield (completed 2022, Assistant Professor at Whitworth University)
Committee Member for Sam Marcotte (completed 2021, Senior Data Analyst at National DCP, LLC)
Committee Chair for Catherine Funk (completed 2019, Adjunct at Albany State University)
Committee Chair for Jason Byers (completed 2019, Assistant Professor at University of Connecticut)
Committee Member for Ethan Boldt (completed 2019, Assistant Professor at Endicott College)
Committee Member for Justin Norris (completed 2018, Lecturer at University of Georgia)
Committee Co-Chair for Laine Shay (completed 2018, Assistant Professor at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi)
Committee Chair for Ryan Williamson (completed 2017, Assistant Professor at University of Wyoming)
Committee Chair for Robert Cooper (completed 2016, Visiting Assistant Professor at Dartmouth College)
Committee Chair for Joel Sievert (completed 2015, Associate Professor at Texas Tech University)
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Committee Chair for Mark Owens (completed 2014, Assistant Professor at the Citadel)
Committee Chair for Carrie Eaves (completed 2013, Associate Professor at Elon University)
Committee Member for Karen Owen (completed 2012, Associate Professor at University of West Georgia)
Committee Chair for Emily Wanless (completed 2011, Associate Professor at Augustana College)
Committee Member for Robi Ragan (completed 2009, Associate Professor at Mercer University)

Master’s Thesis Committees

Committee Member for Faith Price (completed 2024)
Committee Chair for Maddie Jordan (completed 2023)
Committee Chair for Liliana Yearns (completed 2023)
Committee Chair for Colin Dailey (completed 2021)
Committee Chair for Ross Schumacher (completed 2021)

Committee Member for Seth Euster (completed 2016)
Committee Member for Joshua Dalton (completed 2016)
Committee Member for Adam Wittenstein (completed 2016)
Committee Member for Elliott Reece (completed 2013)
Committee Chair for Katie Griffin (completed 2012)
Committee Chair for Kyla Linde (completed 2012)
Committee Chair for Kevin Schmidt (completed 2012)
Committee Member for David Gelman (completed 2012)
Committee Chair for Stephen Pettigrew (completed 2011)
Committee Chair for Andrew Pierce (completed 2009)
Committee Member for Ruoxi Li (completed 2009)
Committee Chair for Greg Wolf (completed 2009)
Committee Member for Robi Ragan (completed 2007)
Committee Member for Dustin McDaniel (completed 2007)
Committee Member for Bryan Cole (completed 2007)
Committee Chair for Lindsay Schwarz (completed 2006)
Committee Member for Andrew Moore (completed 2006)
Committee Member for Priscilla McCutcheon (completed 2006)
Committee Member for Marie Milward (completed 2005)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees

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REFERENCES

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