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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Political Science, The University of Georgia, 2026-Present

Associate Professor of Political Science, The University of Georgia, 2014-2026

Assistant Professor of Political Science, The University of Georgia, 2008-2014

Visiting Fellow, Congressional Research Service, 2012-2013

EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis – Ph.D. in Political Science, 2008

Washington University in St. Louis – A.M. in Political Science, 2005

Michigan State University – B.A. in Political Science, 2002

BOOKS

“Broken Record: The Origins and Evolution of Recorded Voting in the U.S. Congress.” With Michael S. Lynch. 2025. *University of Michigan Press*.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Building a Record: Amending Activity, Position Taking, and the Seventeenth Amendment.” With Jamie L. Carson, Mark E. Owens, Joel Sievert and Ryan D. Williamson. (April 2025): 85-104. *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*.

“Interbranch Warfare: Senate Amending Process and Restrictive House Rules.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 76 (March 2023): 279-291. With Ryan D. Williamson.

“Questions of Order in the United States Senate: Procedural Uncertainty and the Role of the Parliamentarian.” *Social Science Quarterly*, 100 (April 2019): 1343-1357. With Michael S. Lynch and Ryan Williamson.

“The Vice President in the U.S. Senate: Examining the Consequences of Institutional Design.” *Congress & the Presidency*, 45 (May 2018): 145-165. With Michael S. Lynch, Mark E. Owens and Ryan Williamson.

“No Vacancy: Holdover Capacity and the Continued Staffing of Major Commissions.” *Journal of Public Policy*, 37 (December 2017): 341-361. With Ian Ostrander.

“Confirmation Wars, Legislative Time, and Collateral Damage: The Impact of Supreme Court Nominations on Presidential Success in the US Senate.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 69 (December 2016): 746-759. With James E. Monogan III and Richard L. Vining, Jr.

“The Cost of Majority Party Bias: Amending Activity Under Structured Rules.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 41 (August 2016): 633-655. With Michael S. Lynch and Jason M. Roberts.

“Regulating the Floor: Tabling Motions in the U.S. Senate, 1865-1945.” *American Politics Research*, 44 (January 2016): 56-80. With Jamie L. Carson and Mark E. Owens.

“Nuclear Fallout: Investigating the Effect of Senate Procedural Reform on Judicial Nominations.” *The Forum*, 13 (December 2015): 623-641. With Christina L. Boyd and Michael S. Lynch.

“Coordination, not Coercion: Party Policy Committees and Collective Action in the United States Senate.” *Social Science Quarterly*, 96 (March 2015): 34-48. With Michael Crespín, Joel Sievert and Nathaniel Ament-Stone.

“Partisan Signaling and Agenda Control in the U.S. House of Representatives.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 67 (November 2014): 729-742. With Jamie L. Carson and Michael Crespín.

“Partisan Agenda Control and the Dimensionality of Congress.” *American Politics Research*, 42 (July 2014): 600-627. With Keith L. Dougherty and Michael S. Lynch.

“Qualifications or Philosophy? The Use of Blue Slips in a Polarized Era.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 44 (April 2014): 290-308. With Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens.

“Partisan Efficiency in an Open-Rule Setting: The Amending Process in the U.S. Senate, 1865-1946.” *Congress & the Presidency*, 40 (May 2013): 105-128. With Jamie L. Carson and Mark E. Owens.

“Partisan Brand Name Building and Deficit Politics: Examining the Role of Power Sharing on Party Issue Consistency.” *Journal of Public Policy*, 33 (December 2013): 319-344. With Michael S. Lynch.

“Viva Voce: Implications from the Disappearing Voice Vote, 1865-1996.” *Social Science Quarterly*, 94 (June 2013): 530-550. With Michael S. Lynch.

“Coalition Formation in the House and Senate: Examining the Effect of Institutional Change on Major Legislation.” *The Journal of Politics*, 73 (November 2011): 1225-1238. With Jamie L. Carson and Michael S. Lynch.

“Assessing Congressional Responses to Growing Presidential Powers: The Case of Recess Appointments.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 41 (September 2011): 569-588. With Ryan C. Black, Michael S. Lynch and Ryan J. Owens.

“Winning Coalition Formation in the U.S. Senate: The Effects of Legislative Decision Rules and Agenda Change.” *American Journal of Political Science*, 55 (April 2011): 276-288.

“Going Nuclear, Senate Style.” *Perspectives on Politics*, 5 (December 2007): 729-40. With Sarah A. Binder and Steven S. Smith.

“Adding Recess Appointments to the President’s “Tool Chest” of Unilateral Powers.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 60 (December 2007): 645-654. With Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens and Michael S. Lynch.

EDITOR-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

“Dodging Dead Cats: What Would it Take to Get Congress to Expand Capacity?” 2020. In *Congress Overwhelmed: The Decline Congressional Capacity and Prospects for*

Reform. Lee Drutman, Timothy LaPira and Kevin Kosar, editors. University of Chicago Press: Chicago, Illinois. With Ian Ostrander.

“The Erosion of “Regular Order” in the U.S. House: A Historical Examination of Special Rules.” 2020. In ***New Directions in Congressional Politics, 2nd ed.*** Jamie L. Carson and Michael S. Lynch, Editors. With Michael S. Lynch and Allison S. Vick.

“A Case Study in Collaborative Research: Development of ‘Confirmation Wars, Legislative Time and Collateral Damage.’” 2019. ***SAGE Research Methods Cases: Political Science & International Relations.*** With James E. Monogan III and Richard L. Vining, Jr.

“Irregular Order: Examining the Changing Congressional Amending Process.” 2017. In ***Party and Procedure in the United States Congress***, 2nd Edition, 215-234. Jacob R. Straus and Matthew Glassman, editors. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc. With Michael S. Lynch and Rachel Surminsky.

“New Directions in Legislative Research: Lessons from Inside Congress.” ***PS: Political Science & Politics***, 49 (July 2016): 473-477. With Michael Crespín. Available Online

“Ideology, Qualifications, and Covert Senate Obstruction of Lower Court Nominations.” ***University of Illinois Law Review***, 2014(2): 347-388. With Ryan J. Owens, Ryan C. Black and Daniel E. Walter.

“APSA Fellowship with the Congressional Research Service.” ***PS: Political Science & Politics***, 46 (July 2013): 700-701.

“Winning Coalition Formation in the U.S. Senate: Rejoinder to Schickler and Wawro.” ***American Journal of Political Science***, (April 2012): Web Rejoinder

“Obstructing Agenda-Setting: Examining Blue Slip Behavior in the Senate.” ***The Forum***, 9 (December 2011): Article 9. With Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens.

“Senate Rules and Procedure: Revisiting the Bank Bill of 1841 and the Development of Senate Obstruction.” In ***New Directions in Congressional Politics.*** Jamie L. Carson, editor. New York: Routledge, 2011.

BOOK REVIEWS

“Bruce Oppenheimer and Robert Peabody, The 1976 House Majority Leadership Contest: Stepping Stone in the Transition to Conditional Party Government.” ***Political Science Quarterly***, (November 2025): 827-829.

“Review of Andrew J. Taylor, The Floor in Congressional Life.” ***Political Science Quarterly***, 128 (Summer 2013): 376-377.

“Review of Nathan W. Monroe, Jason M. Roberts and David W. Rohde, Why Not Parties: Party Effects in the United States Senate.” ***Journal of Legislative Studies***, 16 (March 2010): 143-146.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

“Buying In or Showing Off? Examining the Link between Floor Amending Opportunities and Bipartisan Coalition Formation in the House, 1905-2018.” With Michael Lynch and Ally Putman.

“The Senate’s ‘Nuclear’ Precedent: Implications for Efforts to Control the Filibuster.” With

Richard S. Beth.

“A Congress of Cannibals: The Evolution of Professional Staff in Congress.” With Ian Ostrander. (Book Project).

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Special Collections Library, University of Georgia, “Faculty Fellows Program.” (\$2,000), 2019-2020

School of Public and International Affairs Online Course Grant, University of Georgia, “Legislative Process.” (\$5,000), 2019-2020

Midwest Political Science Association, Patrick J. Fett Award for Best Paper on the Study of Congress and the Presidency, 2018

University of Georgia State-of-the-Art Conference Award (\$13,000), 2017

Thomas P. Lauth Award for Excellence in Teaching (\$250), 2024

Thomas P. Lauth Award for Excellence in Teaching (\$250), 2015

Carl Albert Center Visiting Scholars Research Grant (\$600), 2015

Dirksen Congressional Center Research Award (\$3,100), 2014

Susette M. Talarico Award for Excellence in Teaching (\$250), 2014

Richard B. Russell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education (\$5,000), 2013-2014

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship (\$38,000), 2012-2013

Susette M. Talarico Award for Excellence in Teaching (\$250), 2012

University of Georgia Lilly Teaching Fellow (\$2,000), 2011-2013

Susette M. Talarico Award for Excellence in Teaching (\$250), 2010

University of Georgia Student Government Association Teaching Arch Award, 2008

Washington University in St. Louis Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence (\$1,000), 2007

Washington University in St. Louis Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, 2007

Fellow, Weidenbaum Center on Economy, Government and Public Policy, 2005-2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia, Undergraduate Courses

Special Topics: The Congressional Amending Process, Honors

Special Topics: Congressional Development

Special Topics: Congress, the Bureaucracy and Policy-Making

American Political Development

Legislative Process

Introduction to Political Science

Introduction to American Government

Introduction to American Government, Honors

University of Georgia, Graduate Courses

American Political Development
Pre-Seminar in American Politics
Congressional Procedure and Development
The Legislative Process

SELECTED CONVENTION PAPERS

2026

“Policy-Making in the Shadows: Evaluating the Impact of Recorded Voting in the Committee of the Whole and Liberal Policy Outcomes.” With Michael Lynch. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Buying Support? Floor Amendments and Bill Support in the House, 1905-2018.” With Michael Lynch. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

2025

“Republican Party Amending under Freedom Caucus Threats: Evidence from the Rules Committee.” With Michael S. Lynch and Allison Vick. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Policy-Making in the Shadows: Evaluating the Impact of Recorded Voting in the Committee of the Whole and Liberal Policy Outcomes.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2024

“Buying In or Showing Off? Examining the Link between Floor Amending Opportunities and Bipartisan Coalition Formation in the House, 1905-2018.” With Michael Lynch and Ally Putman. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Republican Party Amending under Freedom Caucus Threats: Evidence from the Rules Committee.” With Michael S. Lynch and Allison Vick. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Buying In or Showing Off? Examining the Link between Floor Amending Opportunities and Bipartisan Coalition Formation in the House, 1905-2018.” With Michael Lynch and Ally Putman. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

“Broken Record: Transparency, Position-Taking and Recorded Voting in the U.S. Congress.” With Michael Lynch. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

2023

“Broken Record: Transparency, Position-Taking and Recorded Voting in the U.S. Congress.” With Michael Lynch. Conference Honoring Steve Smith, St. Louis, MO.

2021

“Structured Rules in the U.S. House: Who Wins and Who Loses.” With Michael S. Lynch and Allison Vick. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Virtual.

2020

“Interbranch Warfare: Senate Amending Process and Restrictive House Rules.” With Ryan D. Williamson. Paper presented at the Congress and History Conference, Virtual.

“Legislative Capacity and Committee Autonomy: The Case of Committee Amendments.” With Laine P. Shay. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Virtual.

“An Exponential Random Graph Approach to Measuring Legislative Accomplishment in Congress, 1789-2018.” With Jason Anastasopoulos and Aaron Hitefield. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer – *American Political Science Review*, *The Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Congress and the Presidency*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *The Journal of Legislative Studies*, *The Journal of Public Policy*, *Studies in American Political Development*, Cambridge University Press, University of Michigan Press, Yale University Press, National Endowment for the Humanities

Member, ProQuest Congressional Adversory Board, 2024-Present

Member, House Rules Reform Task Force, 2024

Section Chair, Legislative Politics. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2020

Section Chair, American Political Development. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2020

Conference Co-organizer, University of Georgia Legislative Rules & Procedures Conferences, 2018

Member, Carl Albert Dissertation Award for the Best Dissertation in Legislative Studies, 2018

Member, George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award for the Best Dissertation in Presidency Research, 2016

Section Chair, Presidency and Executive Politics. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2014

Section Chair, Legislative Politics. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2014

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Panel Chair and Discussant, 2008-2014, 2017, 2022

Congress and History Conference, Panel Discussant, 2012, 2014-2017

Separation of Powers Conference, Panel Discussant, 2016

Conference on Effective Lawmaking, Panel Discussant, 2018

Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Panel Chair and Discussant, 2010-2012, 2014, 2018, 2022, 2024, 2026

American Political Science Association Meeting, Panel Chair and Discussant, 2008-2009, 2018,

SELECTED MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

“What Has Become of the United States Senate and Can It Be Revived?” *American Enterprise Institute Understanding Congress Podcast*. Guest, January 6, 2025. With Kevin Kosar.

“Can We Revive the Senate?” *American Enterprise Institute Livestream*. Panelist, November 8, 2024. With Kevin Kosar and James Wallner.

“Speakers and Special Rules.” *Georgetown Government Affairs Podcast*. Guest, September 2023. With Josh Huder.

“Should Lawmakers Be Afraid of Taking Votes?” Guest, May 2021. *emphPolitics in Question Podcast*. With James Wallner.

“Vice Presidents and the Senate.” *Legislative Procedure*. Guest, November 23, 2020. With James Wallner.

“Brief History of Recorded Voting.” *Legislative Procedure*. Guest, March 26, 2020. With James Wallner.

“Calhounian” Geek Cast Live Podcast, June 2017.

“A Nomination Battle over Neil Gorsuch Could Slow Down Trump’s Agenda.” *The Conversation*, February 1, 2017. With James E. Monogan III and Richard L. Vining, Jr.

“If the Next President Wants to Put an Ideologue on the Supreme Court, They Will Have to Sacrifice their Initial Domestic Policy Goals.” *The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP)*, October 25, 2016. With James E. Monogan III and Richard L. Vining, Jr.

“The House Freedom Caucus wants looser party control on the floor. This is what would happen if they got it.” *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage Blog, November 4, 2015. With Kevin R. Kosar.

“Gridlock Governing.” *U.S. News & World Reports*, October 16, 2015. With Kevin R. Kosar.

“Could the Modern Senate Manage an Open-Amendment Process?” *R Street Policy Study No. 42*, October 2015. With Kevin R. Kosar.

“If Congress keeps cutting its staff, who is writing your laws? You won’t like the answer.” *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage Blog, August 20, 2015. With Ian Ostrander.

SELECTED UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

School of Public and International Affairs Student Union Faculty Advisor, 2017-Present

School of Public and International Affairs Professionalization Workshop Panelist, 2019-2023

School of Public and International Affairs Undergraduate Symposium Panel Chair, 2019-2024

School of Public and International Affairs Post-Tenure Review Committee, University of Georgia, 2021, 2022 (x2), 2024 (x4)

University of Georgia, University Council Member, 2021-2023

University of Georgia, Faculty Executive Committee Member, 2022-Present

Washington Semester Program Scholarship Committee Member, 2017–Present

Political Science Undergraduate Committee Member, University of Georgia, 2019-2020

Data Analytics Assistant Professor Recruitment Committee Member, University of Georgia, 2018-2019

Data Analytics Lecturer Recruitment Committee Chair, University of Georgia, 2018

School of Public and International Affairs Council Representative, University of Georgia, 2015-2016, 2017-2018, 2019-2023

DISSERTATION AND THESIS ADVISING

Dissertation Committee Chair: Andrew Stone (in progress); Jordan McKissick (2024); Spencer Hardin (2024); Kevin Spann (2021)

Masters Committee Chair: Wes Bagwell (2025); Faith Price (2024); Colin Phillips (2017); Thomas Kimbrell (2012)

Masters Committee Member: Adam Buhmeyer (2026); McKinley Fress (2026); Josh Cohen (2024); Jake Drukman (2024); Matthew Wallack (2022); Elise Hynd (2019); Tevin Wilson (2016); Kyla Linde (2012)

Dissertation Committee Member: Ally Putman (2024); Grace Pittman (2024); Simon Williamson (2023); Allison Vick (2022); Ryan Moss (2021); Jeffrey Auerbach (2021); Alice Kisaalita (2020); Catherine Funk (2019); Jason Byers (2019); Laine Shay (2018); Ryan Williamson (2017); Anthony Kries (2016); Joel Sievert (2015); Mark Owens (2014); Carrie Eaves (2013)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Chair: Robert Oldham (2017)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Member: Rachel Surminsky (2016); Jessica Alcorn (2011)

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“How a Bill Doesn’t Become a Law.” February 2022, Ohio State University Law School (Presentation).

“Broken Record: Transparency, Position-Taking and Recorded Voting in the U.S. Congress.” May 2019, University of Georgia Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (Presentation). With Michael S. Lynch.

“Congressional Delegation and the National Emergencies Act.” April 2019, Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies (Presentation).

“Herman Talmadge and the Changing U.S. Senate.” February 2019, Georgia Legends Symposium on the Life of Herman Talmadge (Presentation). With Michael S. Lynch.

“What to Do with Your SPIA Degree?” SPIA Student Union Talk, University of Georgia. February 2019. With Marianne Gallagher.

“Congressional Transparency and the Illusion of Congressional Polarization.” October 2018, University of Georgia Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (Presentation). With Michael S. Lynch.

“Congressional Transparency and the Illusion of Congressional Polarization.” April 2018, Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies (Presentation). With Michael S. Lynch.

“How a Health Care Bill Doesn’t Become a Law.” April 2018, Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies (Presentation).

“Carl Vinson and the Power of Congressional Committees.” February 2018, Georgia Legends Symposium on the Life of Carl Vincent. With Michael S. Lynch.

“Iran Agreement Roundtable Discussion.” October 2017, Center for International Trade and Security (Presentation)

“How a Bill Doesn’t Become a Law: Understanding Lawmaking Through the Use of Publicly Available Sources.” October 2017, Applied Politics Program (Presentation).

“Post-Graduation Plans: Jobs, Graduate and Law Schools.” October 2017, Pi Sigma Alpha (Presentation). With Michael S. Lynch and K. Chad Clay.

“The Evolution of the Senate Filibuster.” April 2017, Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies (Presentation).

“How a Bill Doesn’t Become a Law.” April 2017, Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies (Presentation). With Michael S. Lynch.

“Richard B. Russell and the U.S. Senate.” February 2017, Richard B. Russell Symposium: Georgia’s Senatorial Symposium. With Michael S. Lynch.