

MATT BUFFORD

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Georgia **2014-**
Committee members – Shane Singh (Chair), Hanna Kleider, Ryan Bakker, Alexa Bankert
Comparative Politics (major)/Political Methodology (minor)
Expected Dissertation completion date – Spring 2019

M.A. European and Mediterranean Studies, New York University **2010**
B.S. International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology **2008**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Immigration; Welfare States; Research Methods

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

“How Perceptions of Immigrants Affect Turnout of Dissatisfied Voters”, At American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA, August 30, 2018

“Unpacking the Migration Myth: Immigration’s Effect on Welfare State Spending”, At Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 5-8, 2018

“How Perceptions of Immigrants Affect Turnout of Dissatisfied Voters”, At Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 12-14, 2017

“Understanding Support for Immigration and the Welfare State”, At Piedmont College, Athens, GA, October 20, 2016

With Mallie Brossett, **“Does the European Neighborhood Policy Work? Testing the Leverage and Governance Models of Democracy Promotion”**, At Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016

AWARDS

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association **Fall 2018**
Graduate Assistantship, UGA at Oxford Program **Spring 2018**
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association **January 2017**
Graduate Assistantship, University of Georgia **Fall 2014-present**
Graduate Research Assistantship, New York University **Fall 2008-Summer 2009**
President’s Undergraduate Research Award, Georgia Tech **Fall 2007**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Comparative Politics
University of Georgia **Fall 2018**

Instructor –International Relations: Global Conflicts,
Duke TIP Summer Studies at Georgia Tech **Summer 2018**

Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Global Issues

University of Georgia

Fall 2017**Lead Teaching Assistant – Introduction to American Government**

University of Georgia

Fall 2016-Spring 2017**Instructor –International Relations: Global Conflicts,**

Duke TIP Summer Studies at Georgia Tech

Summer 2016**Instructor –Ideals in Action: Policymaking on a Global Scale,**

Duke TIP Summer Studies at Rice University

Summer 2015**Teaching Assistant – Introduction to American Government**

University of Georgia

Fall 2014-Spring 2016**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

DRT Strategies, Inc

Expert Consultant**July 2010 – August 2014**

Supported clients in the Department of Navy and the Small Business Administration with strategy consulting, project management, defense acquisition, and website development

Kadix Systems

Consultant**August 2009 – July 2010**

Supported clients in the Department of Homeland Security in project management consulting, business and IT operations, and communications

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Political Science Association

Spring 2018 - Present

Member, Southern Political Science Association

Fall 2016-Present

Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Fall 2015-Present**SERVICE**

Vice President, Graduate Students in Political Science and International Affairs, UGA

Fall 2015-Present**LANGUAGES**

English – Native

French and German – speak, read, and write with basic competence