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Academic Appointments

- 2020 Assistant Professor
Department of Public Administration and Policy, University of Georgia
- 2018-2020 Postdoctoral Researcher
Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Education

- 2018 Ph.D. Political Science: Comparative Politics, Methodology, Environmental Policy (3.9 GPA)
Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, CA
Dissertation “The Effects of Political Institutions on Distributive Response to Local Problems: Applications to Environmental Issues & Drought”
Committee: Matthew Shugart (c), Ethan Scheiner, Mark Lubell, Amber Boydston & Brad Jones
- 2010 M.A. International Policy Studies (3.8 GPA)
Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey, CA
- 2007 B.S. Human Development (Magna Cum Laude, 3.75 GPA)
Amridge University, AL

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Fleischman, F., **Struthers, C.L.**, Arnold, G., Dockry, M., and Scott, T. “US Forest Service Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act: Fast, Variable, Rarely Litigated, and Declining”. *In press at Journal of Forestry*.

Struthers, C.L. 2019. “The Political in the Technical: Understanding the Influence of National Political Institutions on Climate Adaptation”. *In press at Climate and Development*.

Struthers, C.L., Hare, C., & Bakker, R. 2019. “Bridging the Pond: Measuring Policy Positions in the United States and Europe.” *Political Science Research Methods: 1-15*.

Struthers, C.L., Li, H., & Shugart, M. 2018. “Introducing New Multilevel Datasets: Party Systems at the District & National Levels”. *Research & Politics* 5(4): 1-4.

Struthers, C.L. 2018. “The Enduring Influence of Electoral Systems: Explaining Green Parties’ Attention to Local Issues in Parliament”. *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics* 56(4): 523-546.

Under Review

Struthers, C.L., Scott, T., Fleischman, F., and Arnold, G. “The Forest Ranger (and the Legislator): How Local Politics Shape Deconcentrated Policy Implementation”.

Shugart, Matthew and **Struthers, Cory L.** “Generalizing the Engine of Fragmentation: Quantitatively Predictive Logical Models of Contra-Duvergerian Patterns”. *Chapter in Canada’s Electoral Future in Comparative Perspective*.

Awards & Grants

- 2019 Postdoc Board Travel Award (UMN) \$800
- 2017 UC Office of the President Dissertation Year Fellowship (UC) \$44,145
- 2017 Institute for Social Sciences Travel Grant (UCD) \$1,000
- 2017 William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Politics (APSA Centennial Center) \$2,500

2016	Hemispheric Institute on the Americas-Tinker Foundation Fellowship	\$3,000
2016	Rothchild Fellowship, Dept. of Political Science (UCD)	\$1,500
2016	Graduate Student Office Travel Award (UCD) – declined	\$1,500
2015-16	Departmental Conference Travel Awards (UCD)	\$1,000
2015	Graduate Affairs Committee Distinguished Qualifying Exam Award (UCD)	\$4,000
2015	Institute for Social Sciences Seed Grant (collaborative) (UCD)	\$20,000
2014	Summer Faculty Collaborative Grant, Dept. of Political Science (UCD)	\$5,000
2013	Bret Hewitt Environmental Fellowship, Dept. of Political Science (UCD)	\$1,500
2012-18	Graduate Student Department Fellowship—tuition for all years (UCD)	

In Progress

“The Local Gone National: Explaining Legislative Response to Drought in the US and Australia”.
Working paper.

“Party Personnel Strategies: Electoral Systems and Parliamentary Committee Assignments”.
Book with Matthew Shugart, Matthew Bergman, Ellis Krauss, & Robert Pekkanen.

“Measuring & Analyzing the Use of Science and Innovation in Policy: An Application to NEPA”. *Working paper with Tyler Scott, Forrest Fleischman, and Gwen Arnold.*

“Thin Participation: Public Opinion or Policy Relevant?”
Working paper with Forrest Fleischman, Gwen Arnold, and Tyler Scott.

“The Dimensions Underlying Climate Policy Preferences: A Comparative Perspective”.
Working paper with Chris Hare.

“Core Values, Policy Preferences, and Voting Behavior in the US and UK”.
Working paper with Dave Bracken, Chris Hare, and Adrienne Hosek.

“Are Policies Designed to Sustain Common Pool Resources Tackling Climate Change?”.
Working paper with Tyler Scott, Forrest Fleischman, and Gwen Arnold.

“Legislative Cooperation in Response to Extreme Drought in the US and Australia.”
Working paper with Mark Lubell.

“Are Voters Risk Averse? Specifying Utility Functions in Spatial Models of Voting”.
Working paper with Sam Fuller, Chris Hare, and Carlos Algara.

“The Distribution of Legislative Attention”.
Working paper with Will Lowe.

Research Assistance

- 2016-17 Christopher Hare, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. Piloted extension module of Chapel Hill Expert Survey, partially funded by UCD Hellman Fellowship.
- 2016 Robert Pekkanen, Professor, Dept. of Political Science, UW. Supporting analysis for Party Personnel project (with Matthew Shugart and Ellis Krauss).
- 2014-15 Matthew Shugart, Professor, Department of Political Science. Developed research grant proposals on political institutions, agriculture, & climate change.
- 2014 Robert Hijmans, Professor of Geography, Environmental Science & Policy Dept. (ESP). Produced policy reports for USAID’s Innovation Lab for Sustainable Intensification.
- 2013 Matthew Shugart, Professor, Dept. of Political Science. Prepared District-Level Party Systems Dataset for use in *Votes from Seats* (Shugart & Taagepera, 2017).

Teaching Assistance

- 2017 Developed UCD Climate Change & Politics Honors Course with Matthew Shugart

- 2016 Policy-Making Processes, with Matthew Shugart
- 2016 Environmental Policy-Making, with Gwen Arnold in ESP
- 2014 Introduction to Comparative Politics, with Ethan Scheiner
- 2013 Research Methods in Political Science, with Matthew Pietryka
- 2013 Russian Politics, with Jo Andrews
- 2013 Western European Politics, with Jeannette Money

Academic Presentations, Conferences & Workshops

- 2020 Conferences declined due to COVID-19: *MPSA, Environmental Politics and Governance*
- 2019 “Policy, or Politics? Investigating the Influence of Elected Officials on USFS Project Implementation”. [Panel] *5th Annual Conference on Environmental Politics & Governance*. Santa Barbara, California. June 27-29.
- 2019 “Analyzing Legislative Cooperation in Response to Extreme Drought Using Speech Data. [Panel] *WPSA*. San Diego, California. April 17-21.
- 2018 “Political Institutions and Elite Response to Drought.” [Panel] *Adaptation Futures*. Cape Town, South Africa. June 18-21.
- 2018 “The Local Gone National”. Psychology, Environment, and Public Policy Seminar Series. *University of California, Santa Barbara*. Santa Barbara, CA. June 1.
- 2018 “The Local Gone National”. 4th Annual Duck Family Graduate Workshop on Env. Politics & Governance. *University of Washington* (funded). Seattle, WA. May 16-18.
- 2018 The Institute for Social Sciences & Davis Humanities Institute Dissertation Retreat. *University of California, Davis* (funded). Berkeley, CA. April 13-14.
- 2017 “Bridging the Pond: Measuring Policy Positions in the United States and Europe.” [Panel] *APSA*, San Francisco, CA.
- 2017 “In the Deep End of the Echo Chamber: Using Text-as-Data to Understand Drought Response.” *PoliInformatics* (funded). Seattle, WA. August 28-30.
- 2017 “Partisan Administration, Partisan Adaptation? Analyzing Government Response to Chile’s Mega-Sequía.” [Panel] *Adapting to Climate Change: Actions, Implementations & Outcomes* (funded). Notre Dame. April 28-30.
- 2017 “Legislative Initiative Under Stronger Versus Weaker Party Systems: Analyzing Response to Severe Drought in the US and Australia”. [Panel] *Australia & New Zealand Studies Association of North America*. Washington D.C.
- 2016 “Understanding the Effects of Political Institutions on Policy Response to Drought”. [Panel] *APSA*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 Invited participant, *Visions in Methodology*. Society for Political Methodology. UCD.
- 2016 Moderator. “Best Practices in Data Management”. Making Social Science Transparent. *Institute for Social Science* (UCD). Davis, CA. April 22.
- 2016 Invited participant. *Voting, Elections, and Electoral Rules Workshop*. Department of Political Science at University of Washington. April 8.
- 2016 “Do Electoral Rules Influence Small Parties’ Policy Strategies? Assessing Green Party Attention to Localized Issues”. [Panel] *Political Studies Association*. Brighton, UK.
- 2015 “Party Personnel Strategies: Classification of Legislative Communities and Methods for Analysis”. [Panel] *APSA*, San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 “Do Electoral Rules Influence Small Parties’ Policy Strategies? Assessing Green Party Attention to Localized Issues”. [Panel] *APSA*, San Francisco, CA.

Fieldwork

- 2018 South Africa—Government response to drought

- 2016 Chile—Government response to drought; United Kingdom, Canada—Green Parties
 2010 Ghana—Chiefs, the state, and development

Memberships & Service

- Co-leader—*R-ladies Davis Chapter*
 Affiliate—*Data Science Lab*, UCD
 Affiliate—*Center for Environmental Science and Behavior*, UCD
 Affiliate—*Environmental Governance Group*, UMN
 Reviewer—*Sustainability Science*
 Co-leader (2017-2018)—*Grad-Student Led Programming Resources Workshop Series*, UCD
 Member—*American Political Science Association*; *Political Studies Association*
 Secretary, Social Chair (2014-2018)—*Graduate Association of Political Science Students*, UCD
 Graduate Student Mentor—*Dept. of Political Science*, UCD
 Workshop Assistant (2016)—*Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences*

Additional Training & Proficiencies

- 2019 Data Carpentry Instructor Training
 2018 Center for UCD Educational Effectiveness Certificate: The Safe, Sensible, Shared Classroom
 2017 Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, June 18-June 30 (funded)
 2016 Data Carpentry Workshop (R, OpenRefine), June 16-17.
 2013 Selection and Strategic Modeling, University of Essex Methods Summer Program
 Intermediate Spanish
 R, RMarkdown, LaTeX, STATA, Excel

Professional

- 2012-13 Consultant. *Agriculture & Environmental Services*, World Bank, D.C.
 2010-12 Research Analyst. *Agriculture & Environmental Services*, World Bank, D.C.
 2010-12 Research Analyst. *Global Issues Initiative*. Virginia Tech University, D.C.
 2010 Intern. *DSGD*. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), D.C.
 2009 Consultant. *Gender Program*. American Refugee Commission. Southern Sudan.

Other Publications

- 2018 “The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Governance Conference: Research and Practice Synthesis Report”. (with L. Esteli Mendez-Barrientos, K. Dobbin, M. Johnson, J. Rudnick, M. Lubell, & L. Beutler). *UCD Center for Environmental Policy and Behavior*.
 2015 “Country Profiles - Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Senegal, Tanzania”. (with T. Beal, R. Hijmans, A. Mandel, M. Norton, and J. Riggio). *Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab*. <http://gfc.ucdavis.edu/profiles/>
 2013 “ICT for Data Collection and Monitoring and Evaluation: Opportunities and Challenges in Forest and Agriculture Sectors”. (with P. Surya). World Bank, D.C.
 2011 “ICT in Agriculture”. (with K. McNamara, T. Kelly, E. Pehu, and K. Donovan). *ICT in Agriculture Sourcebook*. World Bank, D.C.
 2011 “Strengthening Rural Governance, Institutions, and Citizen Participation Using ICT”. (with R. Birner). In *ICT in Agriculture Sourcebook*. World Bank, D.C.
 2011 “Increasing Crop, Livestock, and Fishery Productivity Through ICT (with E. Pehu, S.

- Majumdar, and T. Jantunen)". In *ICT in Agriculture Sourcebook*. World Bank, D.C.
- 2011 "Review of the FDA Food Modernization Act: What it Means, Where its Headed, and Why it Matters". (with D. Orden). *GII Working Paper 2011-3*. Virginia Tech, D.C.
- 2010 "Examining Relationships Between Customary and State Institutions in Ghana's Decentralized System". Discussion Paper 1030. *IFPRI*. (Masters thesis)

Other Presentations

- 2013 "ICT for Data Collection and Monitoring and Evaluation in Agriculture and Forestry". *Easing the Burden ICT Workshop*. March 28. D.C.
- 2012 "ICT and Agriculture at the World Bank: Promising Trends and Challenges". *Catholic Relief Services' ICT for Development Conference*. March 27-29, D.C.
- 2011 "Mobile Applications in Agriculture". *InfoDev's 4th Global Forum on Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship*. June 3. Helsinki.
- 2010 "Shaping a New Era: Business and Policy Solutions". *Middlebury Institute for International Studies*. August 20. Monterey CA.
- 2010 "Agricultural Services, Decentralization, and Local Governance". Ghana Strategy Support Program (*IFPRI*). June 4. Accra.

References

- Forrest Fleischman (Lead Postdoctoral Supervisor)
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