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## **EDUCATION**

### **Ph.D. University of Georgia, Department of Political Science. May 2028. (Expected)**

Examination Field: American Politics and Law/Courts.

### **M.A. (Summa Cum Laude and honors). Georgia State University, Department of Political Science. May 4, 2022.**

Examination Field: Public Law.

- 4.0 GPA (4.0 Scale), College of Law Part-Time FLEX student, 4+1 Student (Master's Duel Enroll)
- Thesis: “Pharmacist of the Bench” | Committee: Dr. Michael Fix (Chair), Dr. Amy Steigerwalt, Dr. Stephanie Kerce.
  - Thesis Description: The theory of this thesis is that U.S. Court of Appeals case decisions influence rule changes made by the FDA. My hypotheses are (1) Republican appointed judges will favor businesses more often than Democrat appointed judges, (2) when businesses are favored more than consumers the FDA will reduce regulation, and (3) when regulation is reduced there will be an increase in drug approvals. hypothesis 4 states drug approvals decrease when Democrats hold a majority. Hypotheses 1, 2, and 3 were all tested using a  $\chi^2$  analysis for the years 2010, 2011, 2015, and 2016. A descriptive analysis of FDA policy changes is also complete for hypothesis 2. Hypothesis 4 is tested using a time series analysis. Hypotheses 1 and 3 found support. However, the findings of hypothesis 2 suggest political make-up matters more than case decisions. Table 5 supports hypothesis 4, but table 6 does not.

### **B.A. (with honors). Georgia State University, Department of Political Science. August 10, 2021.**

Concentration: Pre-Law

- 4.11 GPA (4.3 Scale), Summa Cum Laude, Honors College Distinction, President’s List, 4+1 Student (Master's Duel Enroll)

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

### **Teaching Interests:**

American Government

Civil Liberties and Rights

Judicial Process and Behavior

State Politics and Courts

Constitutional Law  
Judicial Decision-Making

Georgia/Southern Politics  
Supreme Court Politics

**Research Interest:**

- State court decision making
- The influences on and relationships between state courts and government agencies.
- How the federal courts and administrative agencies influence the relationship between state high courts and state agencies.
- Judicial politics and policy influences
- To what degree scientific expertise or consensus restrains judges.
- Has the politicization of health agencies influenced when/why judges give deference.
- Administrative Law
- Health and Education Policy

**TEACHING POSITIONS**

Social Studies Teacher. American Government/Civics and World History. Lanier County High School. Fall 2022-Spring 2023

- Awarded Rookie Teacher of the Year.

Supplemental Instruction (SI) Mentor. American Government (POLS 1101). Georgia State University. Department of Political Science. Dr. Michael Evans. Fall 2021-Spring 2022.

- Promoted to SI Mentor from SI Leader for POLS 1101

American Government Tutor Volunteer. Georgia State University. Department of TRIO Student Support Services. Donnia Turner. Fall 2019-Spring 2022.

Teaching Assistant. Georgia State University. First Year EPIC Project Lab. Department of Political Science. Dr. Michael Evans. Fall 2018-Spring 2020.

- Served as leader and instructor of first-year undergraduate students working on a project in Dr. Michael Evans' EPIC Project Lab entitled, "Toward Political Information Literacy Education."

Student Teacher Assistant. Wilcox County High School, Spanish Class. Lisa Harden. Spring 2018.

**RESEARCH POSITIONS**

Graduate Research Assistant. University of Georgia. Department of Political Science. Dr. Teena Wilhelm & Dr. Richard Vining. Fall 2023

Research Project Assistant/Intern. Department of Transportation. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Robert Ritter. Summer 2022.

Research Assistant. American Government (POLS 1101) course innovation. Dr. Michael Evans. Fall 2018-Summer 2022.

- Worked with Dr. Evans to develop course materials such as models concerning political information and media literacy. I also assisted in the creation of self-guided National Center for Civil and Human Rights assignment. My work with Dr. Evans requires me to actively research and come up with innovative changes that fit into the intended structure of his American Government (POLS 1101) course.

Graduate Research Assistant. Georgia State University. Department of Student Success. B. Tyler Walsh. Spring 2022.

- Research how an academic chatbot, effective communication and reminders, and equalization of required readings per-exam influence student outcomes.

Grant Research Assistant. Georgia State University. Department of Political Science. Dr. Robert Howard. Spring 2020-Fall 2021.

### **INTERNSHIP POSITIONS**

Student Intern. Clarkston Community Center. Education Program. Amber McCorkle and Dr. Henry Carey. Spring 2021.

Student Intern. Ben Hill County Superior Court. Denise D. Fachini. Spring 2018

Student Intern. Law Office of Toni Sawyer, P.C. Toni Sawyer. November 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018

### **CERTIFICATIONS/CERTIFICATES**

R Basics Ready! Badge – Quantitative Data Analysis Coding Training. Georgia State University Library, Canvas.

GaTAPP Clear Renewable Teaching Certificate, 6-12 Social Studies: Political Science (Professional Level). Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. June 2023.

Public Health Law Academy. Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Train Georgia. December 16, 2021.

Public Health Emergency Law (PHEL). Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Train Georgia. December 16, 2021.

Paralegal Certificate. University of Georgia, Center for Continuing Education & Hotel, CLS by BARBRI. June 4 – July 31, 2021.

Westlaw Paralegal Certificate. Thomas Reuters. June 17, 2021.

Microsoft Office Specialist, Certiport. January 2018 – May 2018.

- Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Access

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“Academic Success and Career Alternatives.” Presentation at Georgia State University’s TRiO SSS Department. March 12, 2020.

“Grad School Series: Applications.” Presentation at Georgia State University’s TRiO SSS Department. January 27, 2020.

“Grad School Series: CASA Discussion.” Presentation (with Dr. Lakeyta M. Bonnette-Bailey and George Greenidge Jr.) at Georgia State University’s TRiO SSS Department. October 15, 2019.

“Level Up on Your Study Skills!” Presentation at Georgia State University’s TRiO SSS Department. September 19, 2019.

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Teena Wilhelm. Associate Professor. Department of Political Science. University of Georgia. [twilhelm@uga.edu](mailto:twilhelm@uga.edu)

Dr. Richard Vining. Associate Professor. Department of Political Science. University of Georgia. [rvining@uga.edu](mailto:rvining@uga.edu)

Dr. Michael Evans. Senior Lecturer. Department of Political Science. Georgia State University. [mevans33@gsu.edu](mailto:mevans33@gsu.edu)

Dr. Michael Fix. Professor and Graduate Director. Department of Political Science. Georgia State University. [mfix@gsu.edu](mailto:mfix@gsu.edu)

Dr. Charles Hankla. Professor and M.A. Program Director. Department of Political Science. Georgia State University. [chankla@gsu.edu](mailto:chankla@gsu.edu)