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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (2017-Present)

Jacksonville University, Department of Political Science, Jacksonville, Florida

Visiting Instructor in Political Science (2016-2017)

Illinois College, Department of History and Political Science, Jacksonville, Illinois

Visiting Lecturer of Political Science (2014-2016)

Murray State University, Department of Political Science and Sociology, Murray, Kentucky

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, expected 2017

Major Field: American Politics

Minor Field: Comparative Politics

Dissertation: The State House and the White House: Gubernatorial Agenda Setting During the Obama Administration

Committee: Richard Waterman (Chair), Justin Wedeking, Edward Jennings, Jr. (Martin School), Nicolai Petrovsky (Martin School), Alan DeSantis (Department of Communication)

M.A., Political Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2015

Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2013

M.A., Political Science, American University, Washington, D.C., 2010

Concentration: American Politics

B.A., Political Science, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, 2008

Magna Cum Laude with Honors in Political Science

Honors Thesis: The Jurisprudence and Judicial Statesmanship of Roger B. Taney

Advisor: Frank J. Rohmer

PUBLICATIONS

Trantham, Austin. Forthcoming. Review of *The Dealmakers of Downstate Illinois: Paul Powell, Clyde L. Choate, John H. Stelle* by Robert E. Hartley. *Journal of Illinois History* XX(X): XXX-XXX.

Olson, Jeremiah, Yu Ouyang, John Poe, Austin Trantham, and Richard W. Waterman. 2012. "The Teleprompter Presidency: Comparing Obama's Campaign and Governing Rhetoric." *Social Science Quarterly* 93(5): 1402-1423.

Bigelow, Nathan and Austin Trantham. 2008. Review of *Dancing Without Partners: How Candidates, Parties, and Interest Groups Interact in the Presidential Campaign*, edited by David B. Magleby, J. Quin Monson, and Kelly D. Patterson. *Party Politics* 14(4): 503-505.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics (Presidency, Congress, Courts), Comparative Politics (Executives), Research Methods, International Relations (Foreign Policy), State Politics (Governors), Political Communication

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jacksonville University

Instructor of Record

American National Government and Politics
Political Parties and Politics
The American Presidency

Illinois College

Instructor of Record

American Political Parties and Elections
Constitutional Law
Scandal and Corruption in American Politics (Special Topics Course)
State and Local Government
U.S. Federal Government

Murray State University

Instructor of Record

American National Government (Full and Half-Semester Formats)
Comparative Executives (Topical Seminar)
Honors Seminar in Comparative Politics
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Face-to-Face and Online Formats)
Research Methods (Cross-Disciplinary Course)
State and Local Politics

University of Kentucky

Instructor of Record

American Government
Introduction to Political Analysis
Introduction to Political Theory
Scandal and Corruption in U.S. Politics (Special Topics Course)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Talking But Not Doing: Congressional Opposition Cohesion and Presidential Foreign Policy Involvement.”
Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association,
Las Vegas, Nevada, Caesars Palace, April 2-4, 2015. (with Daniel S. Morey)

“Going Abroad: Domestic Politics as a Stimulus for Foreign Policy Involvement.”
Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association,
Washington, D.C., Marriott Wardman Park, August 28-31, 2014. (with Daniel S. Morey)

WORKING PAPER

“Talking But Not Doing: Congressional Opposition Cohesion and Presidential Foreign Policy Involvement.”
(with Daniel S. Morey)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Professor Daniel Morey, University of Kentucky, 2014
Research Assistant for Professor Donald Folsom, American University, 2011
Graduate Assistant, Department of Government, American University, 2008-2010
Research Assistant for Professor Nathan Bigelow, Austin College, 2006-2008

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, 2012
Typologies and Typological Theory; Tools of Comparative Research; Strategies of Causal Inference;
Designing and Conducting Fieldwork; Content Analysis; Historiography, Interviews, Archival Research

HONORS AND AWARDS

Invited Participant, *Archives a la Carte* Faculty Research Program, Illinois College, 2017
Travel Grant, The Graduate School, University of Kentucky (\$400), 2015
Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky (\$650), 2015
Travel Grant, Department of Political Science and Sociology, Murray State University (\$1,400), 2015
Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky (\$400), 2014
Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (\$300), 2014
RA Summer Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky (\$2,000), 2014
Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2010-2014
Ulmer Award and Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky (\$1,000), 2012
Graduate Honor Award, School of Public Affairs, American University, 2008-2010
Robert D. Bradshaw Memorial Scholarship, Austin College, 2006
Academic Excellence Scholarship, Austin College, 2004-2008

PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Pedagogical Workshops

Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL
Participant, New Faculty Development Program (2016-2017)

Murray State University, Murray, KY

“Best Practices in Mid-Term Evaluations” (2016)
“Mind Mapping: A Learning and Teaching Journey” (2016)
“Planning and Launching Your Online Course” (2015)
“Using Social Media as a Digital Study Guide” (2015)
“Discussing Class Discussion” (2015)
“Online Course Syllabus Design” (2014)
“Engagement Through Cooperative Learning” (2014)
“Best Practices in Canvas Course Design” (2014)

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

“Making Lectures Engaging and Interactive” (2013)
“Cheating: Catching, Curbing, and Consequence” (2013)
“Designing Effective Online Assignments” (2013)
“What is Critical Thinking?” (2013)
“What to Do with Course Evaluations—Don’t Ignore Them!” (2013)
“Developing Rubrics to Grade Effectively, Efficiently, and Consistently” (2013)

“Using Google Apps and Twitter and Active and Project-Based Learning” (2013)

“Writing a Teaching Philosophy Statement” (2013)

“Beyond PowerPoint: Assertion-Evidence Design Workshop” (2012)

SERVICE

Illinois College

Faculty Advisor to James Hills, Mauro Montalvo, and Noah Yantis, 2016-2017

Co-Faculty Advisor, Pre-Law Association, 2016-2017

Murray State University

Member, Senior Honors Thesis Committee, Luke King, 2015

Guest Lecturer, “Race, Ethnicity, and Politics.” SOC 343: Race and Ethnicity. Dr. Deidre Redmond. 2015

Discussion Facilitator, “Comparative Executives.” POL 443: Executive Process. Dr. Winfield Rose. 2014

Contributor, “Are we apathetic?,” *The Murray State News*. Election 2014 Supplement, 2014

University of Kentucky

Moderator, National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), 2014

Student Leader, New Teaching Assistant Orientation, The Graduate School, 2011-2014

Panelist, “What to Expect and How to Succeed” (Experienced TA Panel), 2012-2013

Microteaching Mentor, 2013-2014

Microteaching Group Leader, 2011-2012

Graduate Student Mentor for Ryan Voris, Department of Political Science, 2012-2013

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Council, The Graduate School, 2011-2013

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2012-2013

Presentation for New Graduate Students, Department of Political Science, 2011

American University

Moderator, Undergraduate Research Symposium, School of Public Affairs, 2010

Editor-in-Chief, *The Public Purpose*, School of Public Affairs, 2009-2010

Proctor, Academic Support Center, 2009-2010

Other Activities

Reader, AP U.S. Government and Politics Exam, 2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Organized Section Memberships:

Presidents and Executive Politics

Political Communication

State Politics and Policy

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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