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Education

Ph.D. Program in Political Science, University of Kentucky (In Progress, expected May 2019)
Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Kentucky 2017
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Milligan College 2014

Employment

Head Teaching Assistant and Instructor, Political Science Department, University of Kentucky, Fall 2018 – Present
Teaching Assistant and Instructor, Political Science Department, University of Kentucky, Fall 2014 – Spring 2018

Publications

Johnson, Jesse & Stephen Joiner – “Power Changes, Alliance Credibility, and Deterrence” Accepted for publication at *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Fall 2018.

Teaching

Courses taught as primary instructor:

PS 101 American Government, Fall 2016 – *An introduction to the institutions, elite and mass political behavior, nongovernmental groups, and foreign policy that constitutes the government of the United States. The class focused on showing how political science concepts and historical decisions explain and affect current events. The class included numerous in-class activities to demonstrate political science concepts in action, as well as a research paper on American elections that coincided with the 2016 Presidential election.*

PS 210 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2015 and Spring 2018 – *An introduction to the institutions and electoral systems in use around the world, as well as the politics of economics and domestic political violence. This course focused on demonstrating how structures and institutions affect modern political outcomes, including the creation/survivability of democracy and the use of terrorism and civil war. This class included numerous in-class activities such as constitution writing simulations, as well as case study assignments to familiarize students with countries other than the United States.*

PS 230 Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2017 – *An introduction to the politics between countries, including interstate conflict and bargaining, domestic conflict including terrorism and civil war, international institutions and alliances, development, and economics. This class included numerous in-class activities including a week long Model United Nations session where students were tasked with*

handling an international refugee crisis while acting on behalf of the members of the United Nations Security Council.

PS 372 Introduction to Political Analysis, Fall 2017 – *An introduction to the qualitative and quantitative research methods commonly used in political science, including correlation, regression, and process tracing. As part of this course, students produced a full length research paper including a literature review and a research design section around their own original research ideas. Several student papers were accepted to present at an academic conference, to which I travelled with them in early 2018.*

Courses taught as section instructor:

PS 230 Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 and Spring 2016 – *As a section leader, I led up to three sections per week (~30 students per section) in reviewing the week's lecture material and applying the course content to current events.*

PS 101 American Government, Fall 2018 -*As a section leader, I led three sections per week (~30 students) in new material and applying course content to current events. I also filled in as lecturer for the larger course (~150 students) occasionally through the semester.*

Relevant Coursework

PS 620 Comparative Politics: Theory and Method

PS 674 Pro-seminar Theory of International Politics

PS 680 Political Institutions and Processes

PS 711 International Security

PS 711 International Human Rights

PS 711 Civil Conflicts

PS 711 Comparative Political Institutions

PS 731 International Security/Conflict Analysis

PS 756 Regional Politics: Politics of Latin America

PS 796 Directed Research in Political Science*

*Focused readings on interstate war and military coalitions

Dissertation

Joiner, Stephen – “Piecing Together Coalition War: Threat, Politics, and Coalition Structure” In-Progress Dissertation Research.

Conference Presentations

Joiner, Stephen – “The Costs of Coordination: Coalition Command Structure and Military Success” – Presented at the *Kentucky Political Science Association*, Murray, KY, March 2018.

Joiner, Stephen – “Unified at Last: Coalition Command Structure in WWI” – Presented at the *Kentucky Political Science Association*, Danville, KY, March 2017.

Johnson, Jesse & Stephen Joiner – “When Alliances Fail: Shifting Power, Alliance Credibility, and Interstate Disputes” – Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

Johnson, Jesse & Stephen Joiner – “When Alliances Fail: Shifting Power, Alliance Credibility, and Interstate Disputes” – Presented at the *Kentucky Political Science Association*, Somerset, KY, March 2016.

Research

General area of research: international conflict, military coalitions, military alliances, and state power

Dissertation: “Piecing Together Coalition War: Threat, Politics, and Coalition Structure” – Focused on explaining the structure of military coalitions by analyzing the complexity of how states perceive threat and the political dynamics of coalition building. Utilizes a mixed-methods approach to studying coalition membership, command structure, and troop commitments.

Service

Political Science Graduate Student Faculty Representative (voting member), 2017-2018

Political Science Graduate Student Vice President of Activities, 2016-2017

Political Science Graduate Student Vice President of Administration, 2015-2016

Head Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department Fall 2018-present

Software Workshop Instructor: Introduction to LaTeX, Fall 2018

Teaching Workshop Instructor: Writing Good Questions and Creating Good Assignments, Fall 2018

Skills

Proficient in Stata and Excel statistical analysis software

Proficient in Canvas and Blackboard instructional software

Proficient in PowerPoint and LaTeX presentation software

Awards and Honors

Graduated Milligan College *Summa Cum Laude*, 3.95 GPA

Inducted into Alpha Chi Honor's Society, Milligan College chapter 2013

Travel award for presenting at MPSA academic conference, March 2016

Research Conference Attendance

2016 Midwest Political Science Association Research Conference

2016-2018 Kentucky Political Science Association Research Conference

2016 Peace Science Society Research Conference at Notre Dame