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Contact Information

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Academic Employment

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

- Lecturer, 2022-present
- Academic-Year Lecturer, 2014-2022
- Associate Director, Office of Student Fellowships, 2020-present (Interim Director, 2022-2023)

Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL

- Adjunct Associate Professor, 2013-2014
- Interim Assistant Professor, 2012-2013
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2008-2012

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- Instructor, 2011, 2013
- Graduate Fellow/Assistant, 2008-2012

Park Vista Community High School, Lake Worth, FL

- Teacher, 2006-2008

Education

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- Ph.D., Political Science (May 2018)
 - Subfields: American Government, Political Behavior, Political Methodology
 - Dissertation: “The House Shall Choose Their Speaker: Rethinking Agenda Control in the House of Representatives”
 - Committee: Lawrence C. Dodd (chair), Beth A. Rosenson, Daniel A. Smith, Michael D. Martinez, William A. Link
- M.A., Political Science (May 2011)

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

- M.A., Political Management (May 2006)

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

- B.A., Political Science (May 2004)

Research and Teaching Interests

U.S. Political Institutions
Congressional Politics and Process
U.S. Presidency
Public Policy Process and Analysis

U.S. Political Development
Political Parties and Interest Groups
State and Local Government
Sports & Politics in the U.S.

Publications

[Review of *Choosing the Leader: Leadership Elections in the U.S. House of Representatives*, Matthew N. Green and Douglas B. Harris. *Congress & the Presidency* 47\(2\): 264-265.](#)

[Op-Ed: “PRO: House Democrats Should Retain Nancy Pelosi as Speaker” for McClatchy/Tribune News Service, placed in 28 outlets including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Sacramento Bee*, and *Arizona Daily Star*, November 14, 2018.](#)

[Brodbeck, Josh, Matthew T. Harrigan, and Daniel A. Smith. 2013. “Citizen and Lobbyist Access to Members of Congress: Who Gets and Who Gives?” *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 2\(3\): 323-342.](#)

Conference Papers and Presentations

“Identifying Role Models: An Exercise in Finding Those Whose Paths We Might Follow” (with Naomi Levy and Stephen Carroll). Presented at the biannual Conference of the National Association of Fellowship Advisors, Remote, 2021

“The Logic of the Partisan Speakership: Reconsidering Agenda Control in the House of Representatives.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, 2019

“The Rules of Polarization: From Open to Closed Debate in the Contemporary House of Representatives.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2014

“Citizen and Lobbyist Access to Members of Congress: Who Gets It and Who Gives It?” (authored with Josh Brodbeck and Daniel A. Smith). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, 2011

“Pledging Democracy: Congressional Support for a National Advisory Initiative and Referendum” (authored with Daniel A. Smith). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2011

Works in Progress

“The Logic of the Partisan Speakership: Incentive Structure and Agenda Control in the House of Representatives” (working paper)

“Pledging Democracy: Congressional Support for a National Advisory Initiative and Referendum” (working paper with Daniel A. Smith)

Invited Talks and Campus Presentations

Participant in “Ethics of an Impeachment Trial” panel hosted by the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, January 21, 2020

[Panelist on “Impeachment 101”, episode of *Other Voices* television program hosted by the Peninsula Peace & Justice Center, December 3, 2019](#)

Organizer of and Participant in “The Mueller Report: Findings and Implications” panel, Santa Clara University, May 2, 2019

Invited Speaker, “Government Shutdown: Dialogue about the U.S. Government Shutdown and Its Impact”, co-sponsored by the Office for Multicultural Learning and the Loyola and Unity Residential Learning Communities, Santa Clara University, February 26, 2019

Participant in “Pizza and Politics” 2018 Midterm Election Preview panel, co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Modern Perspectives Residential Learning Community, Santa Clara University, October 16, 2018

Participant in “What Happened Sunday Night: Bans, Refugees, and Public Action” panel on Trump Administration Travel Ban, Santa Clara University, February 9, 2017

Participant in 2016 Presidential Election Analysis panel, Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University, November 11, 2016

Participant in 2016 California Primary Info Night with CyPhi Residential Learning Community, Santa Clara University, May 3, 2016

Participant in 2014 Election Preview Discussion co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Modern Perspectives Residential Learning Community, Santa Clara University October 2014

Invited Presenter, “What’s Wrong with Congress”, The Democracy Commitment at Santa Fe College, April 10, 2013

Invited Presenter, “What’s Wrong with Congress”, meeting of residents of The Village, Gainesville, FL, February 18, 2013

Courses Taught

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

- Introduction to U.S. Politics, 2014-2022 (traditional and online)
- The Presidency, 2014-2022 (traditional and online)
- The Congress, 2015-2022
- Politics and Mass Media, 2015-2018 (online only)
- State & Local Politics, 2019, 2021
- Making Public Policy, 2016-2021
- Special Topics: Political Parties in the U.S., 2015
- Sports & Politics in the U.S., 2016-2019
- Public Sector Study & Internship, 2016-2022 (traditional and online)

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- American Federal Government, 2013
- The Presidency, 2013
- State & Local Government, 2011

Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL

- American National Government (traditional and online), 2009-2014
- State & Local Government (traditional and online), 2008-2014

Park Vista Community High School, Lake Worth, FL

- American Government (Advanced Placement, Honors, and Regular), 2006-2008
- Economics (Honors and Regular), 2006-2008

Teaching and Research Assistantships

Grader, Associate Professor Richard S. Conley, The Presidency (POS 4413) and Canadian Politics (POS 4133), University of Florida, Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant, Professor Daniel A. Smith, State and Local Government (POS 2112), University of Florida, Fall 2010

Research Assistant, Associate Professor Beth A. Rosenson, University of Florida, Spring 2010

Teaching Assistant, Associate Professor Beth A. Rosenson, American Federal Government (POS 2041), University of Florida, Fall 2009

Awards and Fellowships

Best Upper-Division Course (voted by undergraduate majors): Sports & Politics in the U.S., Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University, 2018

H. Douglas Price Prize in American Government (\$750), University of Florida, 2013

Alumni Graduate Fellowship (\$18,000 annually), University of Florida, 2008 – 2012

University and Department Service (SCU unless otherwise noted)

Member, Faculty Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Lecturers and Adjuncts, 2021-present

Advising Liaison for Department of Political Science, 2022-present

Member, Power & Identity Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science, 2021-present

Undergraduate Advising, Department of Political Science, 2016-present

Pre-Law Advising, 2019-present

University Honors Program Thesis Reader for Ava Gleicher, “Using Food Justice to Integrate Urban and Emergency Food Assistance,” 2021-2022

Political Science Honors Program Thesis Reader for Julia Annacy Sampas, “Deterring Police Misconduct: Feasible Frameworks for Police Liability,” 2022

Amos Dana Award for Distinction in Public Service Selection Committee Member, 2017-2022

University Honors Program and Political Science Honors Program Thesis Reader for Abby Roubal, “The Federal Neglect of the Indian Health Service: Root Causes of Inadequate Health Systems for Native Americans and Recommendations for Future Action,” 2020-2021

Kronick Award for American Politics Selection Committee Member, 2018-2020

Political Science Honors Program Thesis Reader for Julia Golombik, “The Expansion of Presidential Emergency Powers: From Lincoln to Bush,” 2020

University Honors Program Thesis Reader for Nora McGinley, “Automated Redistricting for Communities of Interest Using Machine Learning,” 2018-2019

Political Science Honors Program Thesis Reader for Rohan Krishnakumar, “This is 2018. A Post-Racial America?” 2018-2019

Invited Participant in Panel on Online Teaching, October 24, 2018

Political Science Honors Program Thesis Advisor for Michael Guggenheim, “Off the Field and in the Court: Legal Challenges Haunting the NCAA,” 2017-2018

Political Science Honors Program Thesis Reader for Elena Radding, “Questioning Political Polarization: A Case Study on Rural Wisconsin,” 2017-2018

New Student Orientation Advising, 2015-2016

Invited Participant in Panel on Online Teaching, November 5, 2015

Floyd M. Riddick Model United States Senate, Assistant Faculty Advisor, Santa Fe College, 2012-2013

Political Science Junior Fellows Program, Supervisor, University of Florida, Fall 2012

Political Science Graduate Student Council, American Government Field Chair, University of Florida, 2009-2011

Service to the Discipline

Manuscript Reviewer
The Journal of Politics

Training and Certification

Collaborative for Teaching Innovation at Santa Clara University Course Re-Design
Workshop, December 13, 2018

JesuitNET Design Services CADE (Competency Assessment in Distributed Education)
Course Design Seminar, Winter 2015

Temporary Educator Certification in Social Science (Grades 6-12), Florida Department
of Education, 2006-2009

References

Available upon request