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Academic Appointments

Vanderbilt University, Department of Medicine, Health, and Society, July 2021-present

Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Lecturer

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Vanderbilt University, June 2021

Fields: American Politics, Political Methodology

Dissertation: Unhealthy Democracy: How Partisan Politics is Killing Rural America

Committee: Larry M. Bartels (co-chair), Joshua D. Clinton (co-chair), Allison P. Anoll, and Katherine J. Cramer (University of Wisconsin)

M.A. Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2019

M.A.P. Applied Politics, The University of Akron, 2015

B.S. Political Science, Murray State University, 2013

Summa Cum Laude

Commonwealth of Kentucky Secondary Education Teaching Credential

Publications

1. 2020. "Exit Strategy: Career Concerns and Revolving Doors in Congress " (with Hye Young You). *American Political Science Review*. 114(1): 270-284.
2. 2020. "The Effects of Big-City News on Rural Residents' COVID-19 Responses" (with Eunji Kim and Joshua D. Clinton). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 117(36):22009-22014.
3. 2021. "The Politics of Locating Polling Places: Race and Partisanship in North Carolina Election Administration, 2008-2016" (with Joshua D. Clinton, Nicholas Eubank, and Adriane Fresh). *Election Law Journal*. 20(2): 155-177
4. *Forthcoming*. "Polling Place Changes and Political Participation: The Effect of Election Administration in North Carolina Presidential Elections, 2008-2016" (with Joshua D. Clinton, Nick Eubank, and Adriane Fresh). *Political Science Research & Methods*.
5. *Conditionally Accepted*. "The Politics of Pain: Medicaid Expansion, the ACA, and the Opioid Epidemic." *Journal of Public Policy*.

Working Papers

1. "Look Up at That Mansion on the Hill: Does Mass Media Activate the Politics of Rural Resentment?" (with Marc Trussler).
Winner of the 2020 Timothy Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Political Communication section, APSA.
2. "Dying for the Donald? The Politics of America's Rural Hospital Crisis."
3. *Unhealthy Democracy: How Partisan Politics is Killing Rural America* (dissertation book project).

Other Published Work

1. "Republicans face political risks on impeachment. But history shows not all is lost." (with Jon Meacham). *The Washington Post*. Dec. 18, 2019.
Media Coverage: MSNBC.
2. "The Public and the Electorate Before, During, and After the Civil Rights Movement." Appendix chapter in *His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope* by Jon Meacham. Random House: New York, 2020.

Teaching Experience

Vanderbilt University

Spring 2022 - Instructor of Record, The Politics of Health Care in the US, *planned* (G/UG).
Fall 2021- Instructor of Record, Exploratory Data Analyses, (G/UG).
Fall 2020 - Teaching Assistant, Statistics III: Causal Inference (G), Eunji Kim
Fall 2019 - Teaching Assistant, Presidential Leadership (UG), John Geer and Jon Meacham
August 2019 - Instructor, Math Camp (G)
Fall 2018 - Teaching Assistant, Political Strategy and Game Theory (G/UG), Alan Wiseman
Spring 2018 - Teaching Assistant, Data Science for Politics (UG), Joshua Clinton
Fall 2017 - Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Political Science I (G), Cecilia Mo
Spring 2017 - Teaching Assistant, Political Parties (UG), Marc Hetherington
Fall 2016 - Teaching Assistant, The American Presidency (UG), Sharece Thrower
August 2016 - Teaching Assistant, Math Camp (G), Brenton Kenkel and Hye Young You
Spring 2016 - Teaching Assistant, The American Presidency (UG), David Lewis

The University of Akron

Spring 2015 - Teaching Assistant, Inside the White House (UG), David Cohen
Fall 2014 - Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Government and Politics (UG), David Cohen
Spring 2014 - Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Government and Politics (UG), Daniel Coffey
Fall 2013 - Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Government and Politics (UG), David Cohen

Calloway County High School, Murray, KY

Spring 2013 - Student Teacher for courses on American Government and World Civilizations

Conferences and Invited Talks

"The Affordable Care Act, the Opioid Epidemic, and the Politics of Pain." Paper presented at the 2020 SPSA Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Jan. 2020.

"Look up at that Mansion on the Hill: Does the Mass Media Activate the Politics of Resentment" (with Marc J. Trussler). Paper presented at the 2019 APSA Conference, Washington, D.C., August 31, 2019.

"The Real Revolving Door: The Careers and Lobbying Activities of Federal Bureaucrats" (with Scott Limbocker and Hye Young You). Paper presented at 2018 APSA Conference, Boston, MA, August 31, 2018.

"Polling Place Changes and Political Participation in North Carolina" (with Joshua D. Clinton, Nick Eubank, and Adriane Fresh). Paper presented at 2018 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2018.

"Career Concerns of Revolving Door Lobbyists" (with Hye Young You). Paper presented at 2017 MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL, April 9, 2017.

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

Timothy E. Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2020.

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2020.

Southern Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2020.

Professional and Departmental Service

Member, APSA, MPSA, SPSA.

Discussant, SPSA (2020).

Referee for the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

Research and Teaching Interests

Class and Inequality, Social Determinants of Health, Race and Racism, Public Policy, State and Local Government, Campaigns and Elections, American Political Institutions, Political Communication.

Other Professional Experience

Research Consultant, Jon Meacham, Nashville, TN, 2019-present.

AP Visiting Fellow, AP Government Exam, Summer 2020.

Voter Protection Fellow, Tennessee Democratic Party, Nashville, TN, Fall 2018.

Campaign Researcher, Jim Cooper for Congress, Nashville, TN, Summer 2015.

Fundraising Executive, Kimberly Wood and Associates, Akron, OH, Fall 2014- Summer 2015.

References

Available upon request

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