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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Vanderbilt University, *August 2015-Present*

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. *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*.
3. *Forthcoming*. "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*.
4. 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.

Working Papers

1. "The Politics of Pain: Medicaid Expansion and the Opioid Epidemic." (*Revise and Resubmit* at the *Journal of Public Policy*).
2. "Look Up at That Mansion on the Hill: Does Mass Media Activate the Politics of Resentment?" (with Marc Trussler).
Winner of the 2020 Timothy Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Political Communication section, APSA.

3. "Dying for the Donald? The Politics of America's Rural Hospital Crisis."

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.

Teaching Experience

Vanderbilt University

- 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

Research Assistance

Vanderbilt University

- Spring 2019 - Joshua Clinton
- Summer 2019 - Larry Bartels
- Spring 2019 - Joshua Clinton
- Spring 2019 - David Lewis
- Summer 2018 - Joshua Clinton
- Summer 2017 - David Lewis
- Fall 2016-Spring 2017 - Marc Hetherington

The University of Akron

Spring 2015 - David Cohen

Fall 2013 - Nancy Marion

Conferences and Invited Talks

"The Ironic Political Legacy of the TVA." Paper scheduled for the 2020 Minnesota Political Methodology Conference, May 2020. (canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak).

"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.

"The Election of 1880: The Evolution of Presidential Nominations and Campaigns" (with John C. Green, Eric Davis, and Steven Theobald). 2015 James A. Garfield Symposium, Mentor, OH.

Honors and Awards

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 - \$300, 2020.

Vanderbilt University Graduate School Conference Travel Grant - \$500, 2019

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Political Science, Murray State University, 2013.

Additional Training

Northwestern-Duke University Causal Inference Workshop, June 19-23, 2017, Chicago, IL.

Professional and Departmental Service

Co-President, Vanderbilt Political Science Graduate Student Association, Spring 2017- Spring 2019.

Graduate Student Affiliate, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University.

Member, Pizza and Politics Workshop, Vanderbilt University.

Member, APSA, MPSA, SPSA.

Discussant, SPSA (2020).

Referee for the *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

Research and Teaching Interests

American Political Institutions, Public Policy, Inequality, Interest Groups, Public Opinion, Representation, Campaigns and Elections.

Other Professional Experience

Quantitative 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.

Intern, Jim Cooper for Congress, Nashville, TN, Summer 2014.

References

Available upon request