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## Education

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

*Fields:* American Politics, Political Methodology

*Dissertation:* The Politics of America's Rural Health Care Crisis

*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. *Revise and Resubmit*. "Market Matters: 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*.

## Working Papers

1. "Look Up at That Mansion on the Hill: Does Mass Media Activate the Politics of Resentment?" (with Marc Trussler) (*Under Review*).
2. "The Politics of Pain: Medicaid Expansion and the Opioid Epidemic" (*Under Review*).

## Work in Progress

1. "Overdosed and Undertreated: The Politics of America's Rural Health Care Crisis" (*dissertation book project*).
2. "The Captive Audience: Exploring the Impact of Local Media Coverage of COVID-19 on Rural Attitudes and Behaviors towards Politics and Public Health." (with Eunji Kim and Joshua D. Clinton).
3. "The Ironic Political Legacy of the TVA"
4. "The Politics of America's Rural Health Care Crisis."

## Other Published Work

1. "Republicans face political risks on impeachment. But history shows not all is lost." *The Washington Post*. (with Jon Meacham). Dec. 18, 2019.  
*Media Coverage*: MSNBC.

## Teaching Experience

### *Vanderbilt University*

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 that was to be presented at 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

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, Campaigns and Elections, Health Policy, Inequality, Interest Groups, Public Opinion, Representation.

## 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