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Academic Appointments

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

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Vanderbilt University, Data Science Institute, August 2021-present

Teaching Faculty

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. *Forthcoming*. "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).

Work in Progress

1. "Race, Politics, and the COVID-19 Experience" (with Jonathan Metzler, Tara McKay, and Priya Bhatt (undergraduate)).
2. "The Facebook Pandemic: Racial Attitudes, Political Preferences, and Social Media Behavior during the COVID-19 Pandemic" (with Jonathan Metzler, Tara McKay, and Priya Bhatt (undergraduate)).
3. "The Ironic Political Legacy of the TVA."
4. "The Original-Reagan Revolution: How Elite Rhetoric (Initially) Shaped Attitudes Toward Government Health Insurance."
5. "Bottom-up Racialization: Whites Racial Attitudes, Desegregation, and the Battle for Medical Equality (1960-1980)."

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

Research Experience

Vanderbilt University

2021-2022 - Project Manager, Commonwealth Fund Project: Race and the Politics of the ACA
Spring 2020 - Vanderbilt Democracy Project
Winter 2019 - Amanda Clayton
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

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.

Conferences and Invited Talks

American Political Science Association: 2018, 2019.

Midwest Political Science Association: 2017, 2018.

Southern Political Science Association: 2020.

Colleges and Universities: *Vanderbilt University Department of Medicine, Health, and Society; Meharry Medical College.*

Additional Training

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

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

Affiliate, Rural-Urban Bridge Initiative, 2021-present.

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