

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison, August 2006
Preliminary Exam Fields—American Politics and Methodology; Dissertation Minor—Mass
Communication

Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison, May 2001

Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Akron (Ohio), December 1999

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Kent State University (Ohio), December 1996

Academic Positions

**Teaching Associate Professor/Senior Instructor, University of Colorado Boulder
Fall 2009-present**

Courses: American Political Thought, Introduction to American Government, Internship in
Politics & Government, Media & Politics, Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, Politics of Ideas, State
Government & Politics, Campaigns & Elections, Politics of Economic Inequality in the U.S.,
Political Science Honors Thesis Seminar (2 semester sequence), Role of Universities in U.S.
Political System

Lecturer, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2007-Spring 2009

Taught in Continuing Education, Political Science Department, Chancellor's Leadership Studies
Program/Ethnic Living and Learning Community Residential Academic Program (RAP), and
Global Studies (RAP)

Courses: The American Presidency, State Government & Politics, U.S. Campaigns & Elections,
American Political System

Instructor, Colorado State University (Fort Collins, Colorado), Fall 2007-Spring 2009

Courses: Executive Politics, U.S. Environmental Politics & Policy

Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Duluth, Fall 2006-Spring 2007

Courses: American Government and Politics, Political Parties and Elections, Women and
Politics, Politics and the Media

**Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, Washington), Fall 2004-
Spring 2006**

Courses: Introduction to American Politics and Government, Public Opinion, Political
Communication, State and Local Government, Congress and the Presidency

Instructor, University of Wisconsin Extension (Madison, Wisconsin) May 2002-August 2004

Course: Introduction to American Politics and Government (distance learning course)

Instructor, University of Akron (Akron, Ohio), Summer 2000, 2001, 2002 & 2003

Course: American Political Thought

Selected Teaching Activities

Senior Instructor/Teaching Associate Professor—Fall 2009-Spring 2022, 12 course preps, 80 sections of courses taught, over 4000 students taught, over 30 TAs supervised and mentored

Presenter, “Teaching Through Critical Dialogue: Strategies to Promote Political and Civic Engagement in Learning Spaces” Center for Teaching and Learning, October 24, 2022 via Zoom

Faculty Advisor to two students, STUDIO, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder Spring 2022

Fellow, ASSETT Faculty Fellows, Fall 2020-Spring 2022, produced proposal for implementing the Quality Teaching Initiative, which was adopted by the Political Science Department in Spring 2022

Chair, “Collaborating and Classroom Engagement,” panel at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 9, 2022, Chicago

Chair and Discussant, “Civic Education in the Classroom,” panel at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 8, 2022, Chicago

Chair, “Developing New Courses/Classes,” panel at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 15, 2021, online

“Political Science Exit Survey Report,” report prepared and presented as Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, September 2021

Representative, Honors Council, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2012-Spring 2018, Fall 2019-Spring 2021; Served as Honors Council Member on over 25 honors theses committees since 2012 and as an outside member on 9 committees

Member, Making Teaching and Learning Visible Initiative (MTLV), Faculty Teaching Excellence Program (FTEP), Fall 2019-Spring 2021. Conducted study and produced report, “Using Counterfactuals to Understand Causality and Political Change in Political Science”

“Survey of CU Political Science Undergraduate Students: Pandemic Teaching Modalities and Pedagogical Choices,” report prepared and presented as Director of Undergraduate Students for the Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 15, 2020

“Navigating Shifting Classroom Settings: From the Frontlines,” presentation as Director of Undergraduate Studies to the Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 1, 2020

Fellow, ASSETT Faculty Fellows, Fall 2017-Spring 2019, produced report, “Faculty Learning Community (FLC) and Departmental Action Team (DAT) Directed at Implementing Learning by Doing (LBD) Curriculum”

Advisor, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, “World Leaders a-Twitter: Communication Platforms and Agenda-Building During the 2018 NATO Summit,” author Katja Walton, defended Spring 2019

Internship Coordinator, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2009-Spring 2018

Advisor, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, “Visceral, Teetering, Imperfect- Three Generations of Partisans, Three Generations of Gay and Lesbian Americans,” author Johnny McInerney, defended Spring 2018

Advisor, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, “Social Media and Political Participation,” author Isabelle Granger-Frye, defended Fall 2018.

Internship Coordinator, College of Arts & Sciences Washington D.C. Internship Program “CU in DC,” Fall 2009-Fall 2010

Faculty Mentor, BFA Faculty Mentoring Students Program, Fall 2013-Spring 2015

Organizer and Speaker, “The Final Showdown: Mitt Romney vs. Barack Obama on Foreign Policy,” Global Studies RAP, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 22, 2012

Guest Lecturer, “Changing Roles of the News Media in the 2012 Presidential Election,” to ANTH 1200: Culture and Power class, Instructor Carol Conzelman, Global Studies RAP, November 7, 2012

Discussion Moderator, University of Colorado at Boulder Chancellor’s Leadership RAP, “Series on the 2008 Presidential Debates,” Fall 2008

Interim Pre-Law Advisor, University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2008

Presenter, University of Colorado at Boulder Chancellor’s Leadership RAP, “The 2008 Election,” Fall 2007

Selected Service

University of Colorado Boulder Political Science Department

Director of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Chair, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 2020-present

Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2011-Spring 2018, April 2020-present (chair April 2020-present)

Department Lead, Quality Teaching Initiative of the College of Arts & Sciences, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2021-present

Member, Policy Committee, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 2020-present

Member, Executive Committee, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Director, Political Science Honors Thesis Program, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2019-Spring 2021

Member, Departmental Action Team (DAT), Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2018-Spring 2021

Member, ARPAC Self-Study Core Committee, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2019-May 2020

Member, Budget Committee, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2018-May 2020

Member and chair, Ad-Hoc Committee on Inclusive Excellence, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2016-Spring 2018 (chair Fall 2017-Spring 2018)

Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Internship Coordinator, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2009-Spring 2018

Member, Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Political Science Department Code, Spring 2013-February 2015

Member, Awards Committee, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2014-Spring 2015

University of Colorado Boulder College of Arts & Sciences

Representative, Honors Council, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2012-Spring 2018, Fall 2019-Spring 2021

Internship Coordinator, College of Arts & Sciences Washington D.C. Internship Program “CU in DC,” Fall 2009-Fall 2010

A&S College Day Welcome Fair, August 19, 2022 and August 20, 2021

A&S Admitted Students Day, April 2, 2022 and April 10, 2021

University of Colorado Boulder Campus

Presenter, “Teaching Through Critical Dialogue: Strategies to Promote Political and Civic Engagement in Learning Spaces” Center for Teaching and Learning, October 24, 2022 via Zoom

Member, Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee of the Boulder Faculty Assembly (BFA), Fall 2016-present

Member, Making Teaching and Learning Visible Initiative (MTLV), Faculty Teaching Excellence Program (FTEP), Fall 2019-Spring 2021

Member, Chancellor’s Faculty Leadership Institute 6th Year Cohort, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Fellow, ASSETT Faculty Fellows, Fall 2017-Spring 2019, Fall 2020-Spring 2022

Presenter, Fear & Politics: A Panel Discussion about Islamophobia in the 2016 Election, Hosted by Project Nur, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 21, 2016

Member, Internship Collaboration Group, University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2014-Spring 2018

Political Science Discipline

Chair, “Collaborating and Classroom Engagement,” panel at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 9, 2022, Chicago

Chair and Discussant, “Civic Education in the Classroom,” panel at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 8, 2022, Chicago

Chair, “Developing New Courses/Classes,” panel at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 15, 2021, online

Reviewer, Journal of Political Science Education, two manuscripts in 2021

Chair, “Political Ideas in Political Development,” panel at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5th, 2019, Chicago

Community

Public Presentations, “Heroes of American Political Thought: Thomas Paine, Victoria Woodhull, Chief Joseph and Thurgood Marshall,” presented to Diane Furuya’s 2nd grade classes from BCSIS Elementary School, University of Colorado CASE Center, March 7, 2019

Selected Research

Publications

“Coming in from the Cold? Minority Political Participation,” in *Perspectives on Minnesota Government and Politics*, 6th ed, 2007, Steve Hoffman, Angela High-Pippert and Kay Wolsbron, eds. New York: Pearson. (book chapter)

“Untangling the Ties that Bind: Non-Recursive Models of Internet Uses and Engagement in Public Life,” co-authored with Dhavan Shah, Michael Schmierbach, Joshua Hawkins, and Rodolfo Espino. *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*, Winter 2002, p. 964-988. (article)

“Press/Fourth Estate,” “Media Effect,” and “Two-Step Flow of Communication,” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, 2010, George T. Kurian, ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press. (encyclopedia entries)

“Counted, But Not Accounted For: Examining America’s Electoral System,” *The Internationalist*, Fall 2004, p. 32-35. (invited essay)

Works in Progress

“Uses and Limits of Data and Student Feedback in Pedagogical Response to Covid19: A Case Study,” accepted for publication by *PS: Political Science and Politics*

“Implementing Anti-Racism Activities in U.S. Political Science Courses,” under review after revising for resubmission

“The Journey to an Inclusive Political Science Curriculum,” accepted for presentation at the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, February 11, 2023, Baltimore, Maryland.

“Political Construction of the Color Line in Early Virginia: The Importance of Political Ideas and Political Decisions,” being revised

“Seeing like a Surveyor: The Political Thought of George Washington and the Political Geography of the Early United States,” work in progress

“The Political Thought of George Washington: The Intersection of Political Thought, Political Decisions and Political Development,” under review

“Race in American Politics Research: Theorizing Race as a Dependent Variable,” work in progress

Dissertation

The Media Environment for Local Political News: Differences in Media Content and Implications for Political Participation Research (2006)

Committee: Virginia Sapiro (chair), Katherine Cramer Walsh, Kenneth Goldstein, Joe Soss, and Dhavan Shah

Selected Conferences and Presentations on Teaching/Pedagogy

“Making Anti-Racism Visible in American Political Thought,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 15-18, 2022, Montreal

“Implementing Anti-Racism Activities in American Political Thought,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7, 2022, Chicago

Presenter and Participant, Working Paper: “Student Modality Preferences in Pandemic Pedagogy: The Importance of Getting Students in the Right Modality,” Advancing the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Pre-Conference Short Course at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, APSA, September 29, 2021, Seattle, WA

Presenter and Program Participant, “Teaching Political Information Literacy in a Hybrid Media Environment,” Teaching and Learning Conference (TLC) at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), August 31, 2019, Washington, D.C.

Presenter, Roundtable “Teaching: Tips on Teaching Large Lectures,” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7, 2019, Chicago

Presenter, Roundtable “Teaching Civic Engagement in the Classroom,” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5, 2018, Chicago

“Who Teaches What, When and How? Creating an Undergraduate Political Science Curriculum for the 21st Century,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 2016, San Diego

“Cultivating Free Expression on Campus: Teaching and Learning First Amendment Theory in the 21st Century,” presented at the conference Free Speech on Campus: New Threats, New Challenges, March 2016, Madison, WI

“Political Science and Political Internships: Happy Marriage or Strange Bedfellows?” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, April 2014, Seattle

“Designing an Intellectually Challenging Internship Program,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2011, Seattle

“Connecting Student Outcomes to Exam Preparation Strategies,” co-authored with Steve Vanderheiden, presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007, Chicago

Additional Selected Conferences and Presentations

“The Political Thought of George Washington: The Intersection of Political Experience, Political Thought, and Political Development,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2019, Chicago

“Life on the Line: The Development of the Color Line as a Political Institution in Early Virginia,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7, 2018, Chicago

“Not Quite Black or White: Mixed Race People in North American Colonial Thought,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, April 2015, Las Vegas

“Preparing for a Post-Kyoto World: Framing Climate Change 2009-2011” presented at The International Conference on Culture, Politics, and Climate Change, September 2012, Boulder, CO

“Preparing for a Post-Kyoto World: Framing Climate Change in 2009,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 2010, San Francisco

“Setting the Agenda or Blowing Hot Air? Presidential Influence and Climate Change,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2008, Chicago

“Coming in from the Cold? Minority Political Participation in Minnesota,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007, Chicago

“The Information Environment and Election Reform by Initiative: The Case of I-872 in Washington State,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 2007, Las Vegas

“What Do You Mean I Can Only Vote for One Party? Elite Views, Media Coverage, and Public Discourse Surrounding Washington State Primary Reform,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 2005, Oakland

“What Are the Issues, Why Should I Care, and How Can I Get Involved? Contributions of Media Content to Political Participation in the Local Context,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 11-13, 2004, Portland, OR

“The Media Environment: What are Our Choices for Local Politics?” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-6, 2003, Chicago

“The Media in Local Politics: A Research Proposal,” presented at the Second Annual Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University CQRM, January 6-17, 2003, Tempe

“Newspapers as Windows on Community: An Exploration of the Relationship between Newspaper Content and Community Audience,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2002, Chicago

“Untangling the Ties that Bind: The Relationship between Internet Use and Engagement in Public Life,” co-authored with Dhavan Shah, Michael Schmierbach, Joshua Hawkins, Rodolfo Espino, Michael Ericson, and Soo-Wan Chung, presented at the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, November 17-18, 2000, Chicago

Research Positions

Project Assistant, Political Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Spring 2003

Responsibilities: Conducted internal evaluation of the department programs; designed, coded, analyzed and reported the results of survey of senior political science majors and PhD recipients. Supervisor: Mark Beissinger, Department Chair

Project Assistant, Political Science, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Fall 1999

Responsibilities: Various primary and secondary legal research. Supervisor: Howard Schweber, Assistant Professor

Research Assistant, Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, University of Akron, Spring 1998-Summer 1999

Responsibilities: Designed, coded and analyzed various surveys on campaign finance, religion in politics, and political parties. Also helped organizing, publicizing and running conferences. Supervisor: John C. Green, Professor and Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute

Honors and Awards

Political Science Department Undergraduate Mentor of the Year Award, University of Colorado at Boulder 2020 (tie) and 2018

Political Science Department Teacher of the Year Award, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2015

College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Travel Grant, CLA Research Committee, University of Minnesota Duluth, Spring 2007

CLA Teaching Grant, CLA Teaching Committee, University of Minnesota Duluth, Spring 2007.

Nominee for College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award, University of Minnesota Duluth, 2006-2007 Academic Year

Political Science Department nominee for University Ph.D. Capstone Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Fall 2004

Vilas Travel Grant for Conference Presentation, Graduate Student Council, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Fall 2002 and 2003

University of Wisconsin—Madison Political Science Department recipient of support to attend the Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, Fall 2002

Annual Teaching Award, Political Science Department, awarded to two teaching assistants with highest teaching evaluations, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Spring 2002

Political Science Department nominee for University Exceptional Service Award for Teaching, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Fall 2002

Pi Sigma Alpha Best Graduate Paper Award, awarded by the Alpha Alpha Alpha chapter, University of Akron, Spring 1997

United Steel Workers of America Golden Lodge Union Local 1123 AFL-CIO Undergraduate Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement, 1993-1996

Additional Training

Second Annual Institute for Qualitative Methods Research (IQRM), Colloquium for Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM), Arizona State University, Tempe, January 5-17, 2003

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

References

Available upon request