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Academic Positions

Director, Center for Social Science Research, University of Notre Dame, 2019–

Associate Director, Lucy Family Institute for Data & Society, 2021–

Associate Professor of the Practice, Lucy Family Institute for Data & Society, 2021–

Concurrent Associate Professor of the Practice, Department of Political Science, 2020–

Associate Professor of the Practice, Center for Research Computing, 2019–2021.

Lecturer in Quantitative Social Science, School of Social & Political Sciences, Q-Step Programme, University of Glasgow, 2015–2019.

Interim Director of Q-Step Programme, August 2015–May 2016.

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Missouri - St. Louis, 2012–2014.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Missouri - St. Louis, 2005–2012.

Mentoring Faculty-in-Residence, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, Summer 2009.

Mentoring Faculty-in-Residence, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Duke University, Summer 2008.

Degrees & Credentials

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, 2005.

M.A. in Political Science, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, 2001.

B.A. in Political Science, State University of New York - Geneseo, 1999.

B.A. in History, State University of New York - Geneseo, 1999.

Minor in Medieval Studies, State University of New York - Geneseo, 1999.

Fellowship of Recognising Excellence in Teaching, University of Glasgow, 2018.

Additional Training

Coursework in Game Theory & Advanced Empirical Methods, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Fellowship, Columbia University, 2003–2004.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, CBRSS, Harvard University, Summer 2002.

Research & Teaching Interests

American Politics: Political Communication, Congress, Legislative & Political Institutions, Voting, & Elections.

Political Methodology: Generalized Linear Models, Event Count Modeling, & Quantitative Text Analysis.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Books

Quantitative Social Science Data with R: An Introduction. 2018. London: Sage Publications.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

'Media, Voter Fraud, and the 2012 Elections' (w/ David Kimball & Lea-Rachel Kosnik), Forthcoming, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.

'Simplifying the U.S. Supreme Court through Attention to Individual Justices' (w/ Patrick Wohlfarth & S. Nasser Qadri), 2020, *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol. 101, Number 2, 825–841.

'How Local Media Coverage of Voter Fraud Influences Partisan Perceptions in the U.S.' (w/ Adriano Udani & David Kimball), 2018, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Vol. 18, Issue 2, 193–210.

'Patterns in the Politics of Drugs and Tobacco: The Supreme Court and Issue Attention by Policymakers and Press' (w/ James E. Monogan, III), 2018, *Politics*, Vol. 38, Issue 2, 214–231.

'Comment on Zigerell (2015): Using Poisson Inverse Gaussian Regression on Citation Data', 2015, *Research & Politics*, October-December, 1–4.

'News Attention to Voter Fraud during the 2008 and 2012 U.S. Elections' (w/ Jessica Curtis, David Kimball, Patricia Gouzien, & Eric Vorst), 2015, *Research & Politics*, Vol. 2, May, 1–8.

'American Religious Traditions, Orthodoxy, and Commitment in Public Opinion toward Torture' (w/ H. Whitt Kilburn), 2015, *Politics & Religion*, Vol. 8, Issue 1, 36–59.

'Modeling Time-Series Count Data: The Unique Challenges Facing Political Communication' (w/ James E. Monogan, III), 2014, *Social Science Research*, Vol. 45, May, 73–88.

'Scandals, News Coverage, and the 2006 Congressional Elections', 2013, *Political Communication*, Vol. 30, Issue 3, 419–433.

'A Duration Analysis of Congressional Widows' Careers' (w/Farida Jalalzai & Chad A. Hankinson), 2013, *Social Science Journal*, Vol. 50, Issue 3, 299–305.

'Covering the Median Voter in Congress', 2013, *American Review of Politics*, Vol. 34, Summer, 65–84.

'National News Attention to the 106th Senate', 2013, *Politics*, Vol. 33, no. 1, 19–27.

'Local Newspapers, House Members, and Source Information', 2012, *Social Science Journal*, Vol. 49, no. 3, 275–283.

'Modeling the Negotiation of Newsworthiness', 2011, *Politics & Policy*, Vol. 39, no. 6, 1053–1076.

'The Nature of Local News Media Issue Coverage of U.S. House Members', 2011, *Social Science Journal*, Vol. 48, no. 4, 651–658.

'A Simple Model of Legislator and News Media Interaction', 2009, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, Vol. 21, no. 1, 1–20.

'The Effects of Media Interpretation for Citizen Evaluations of Politicians' Messages' (w/Jennifer Wolak), 2009, *American Politics Research*, Vol. 37, no. 1, 129–154.

'The Strategy of the Story: Media Monitoring Legislative Activity', 2008, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, Vol. XXXIII, no. 3, (August), 445–470.

'Determining Economic News Coverage', 2005, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (Summer), 149–172.

'Issue Attitudes and Survey Continuity across Interview Mode in the 2000 NES' (w/Nathan Kelly & H. Whitt Kilburn), 2005, *Political Analysis*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Winter), 95–108.

'Measuring Gay and Lesbian Group Affect' (w/Gregory Pettis), 2005, *Journal of Homosexuality*, Vol. 49, Issue 2, 145–156.

'Presidential Campaigning in the 2002 Congressional Elections' (w/Luke Keele and James Stimson), 2004, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. XXXVII, No. 4 (October), 827–832.

Other Publications

Review of *Presidential Communication and Character: White House News Management from Clinton and Cable to Twitter and Trump*, by Stephen J. Farnsworth, 2019, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Vol. 83, Issue 2, 472–475.

'The Media are Fueling Beliefs About Voter Fraud Despite the Fact it is Incredibly Rare' (w/ David C. Kimball & Adriano Udani), 2018, *LSE American Politics & Public Policy Blog*, [LINK](#).

'The Prospect of Escalating the War on Drugs in the Trump Administration' (w/ James Monogan), 2018, *Politics (Journal) Blog*, [LINK](#).

'Challenges of Embedding & Maintaining Substantive Interest in QM Courses', 2017, *Political Studies Association Teaching Quantitative Methods Blog*, [LINK](#).

'Local Newspapers Allow Elites to Drive Coverage of Voter Fraud When Little Actually Occurs', 2016, *LSE American Politics & Public Policy Blog*, [LINK](#).

Working Papers & Projects

Papers Under Review

'Rising Power versus Diminished Relevance: The Case for First-Order versus Second-Order Elections in the UK 2019 European Parliamentary Elections' (w/ Niccole Pamphilis).

Working Papers

'Perceptions of Voter and Electoral Fraud in the UK' (w/ Niccole Pamphilis).

'District and School Response to COVID-19 Disruptions in Indiana' (w/ Jill Pentimonti, Mark Berends, and William Carbonaro).

'Media Attention, Topics, and Themes in Ferguson Protest Coverage'.

Projects

Quantitative Social Science Data with R: An Introduction. 2nd Edition, Under Contract. London: Sage Publications.

COVID-19 and Perceptions of Electoral Integrity (w/ John Carey, Andrew Guess, Brendan Nyhan, and Jason Reifler).

Voter Fraud Media Coverage in the 2016 and 2020 U.S. Presidential Elections (w/ David Kimball, Adriano Udani, Anita Marion, Jessica Young, and Yang Xu).

Poisson Inverse Gaussian Regression for Long-Tailed Count Distributions (w/ Muiyang Zhang).

Understanding UK Media Coverage of the 2018 England Local Elections Voter Identification Pilot Scheme (w/ Gemma McPherson).

Dealing with Zeros in Count Data with Small Sample Sizes.

Awards & Grants

National Science Foundation, 'RAPID: COVID-19 and Perceptions of Electoral Integrity', 2020–2021 (PI; \$180,448. With John Carey, Andrew Guess, Brendan Nyhan, and Jason Reifler).

Lilly Endowment Inc., 'People with Hope to Bring: Instilling Authentic Excellence for a Campus Culture of Well-Being, Resilience, and Restoration', 2021–2025 (Senior Personnel; \$2,500,000. With Fr. John Jenkins, Erin Hoffman Harding, and others).

Economic & Social Research Council, Advanced Quantitative Methods PhD studentship, 2018–2022 (Co-PI; £91,526. With Christopher Carman and Mark Tranmer).

British Academy Skills Innovator Grant, 'Quantitative Text Analysis Workshop', 2016–2017 (PI; £13,400).

Center for Ethics in Public Life (UMSL) Grant, 2014 (PI; \$3,000).

C-SPAN Educational Foundation Grant, 2014 (PI; \$2,500).

Pi Sigma Alpha Chapter Activity Grant, 2014 (PI; \$500).

UMSL CAS Travel Grants, 2011-2014 (PI; \$1,000/per).

UMSL Small Grants, 2006-2008 (PI; \$1,000/per).

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2003–2004 (Co-PI; \$12,000. With Michael MacKuen).

National Science Foundation, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Fellowship, Columbia University, 2003–2004 (Co-PI; \$48,000. With Michael MacKuen).

Earl C. Wallace Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching (UNC-Chapel Hill) 2003.

American Politics Research Group Summer Research Fellowship (UNC-Chapel Hill) 2000–2002.

Conference & Workshop Presentations & Papers

'Rising Power versus Diminished Relevance: The case for First-Order versus Second-Order Elections in the UK 2019 European Parliamentary Elections' (w/ Niccole Pamphilis) presented at the 2021 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

'Interactive Tools for Visualizing Quantitative Data to Promote Statistical Literacy among Social Science Students: An Example of the Use of R-Shiny' (w/ Katherin Barg, Niccole Pamphilis, & Nema Dean) presented at the 2018 annual meeting of the Learning and Teaching Conference, University of Glasgow.

'Simplifying the U.S. Supreme Court through Attention to Individual Justices' (w/ Patrick Wohlfarth & Nasser Qadri) presented at the 2017 annual meeting of the European Political Science Association, Milan, Italy.

'Simplifying the U.S. Supreme Court through Attention to Individual Justices' (w/ Patrick Wohlfarth & Nasser Qadri) presented at the 2017 annual meeting of the Political Studies Association, Glasgow, UK.

'Poisson Inverse Gaussian Regression for Long-Tailed Count Distributions' presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the European Political Science Association, Brussels, Belgium.

'News Coverage of Voter Fraud in the 2008 & 2012 U.S. Elections (w/ David C. Kimball, Patricia Gouzien, & Eric Vorst) for the 2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

'Framing the Ferguson Protests' for the 2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

'Background of Research' presented at the University of Glasgow-McGill University Workshop on Political Representation & Civic Engagement, April 2015, Montreal, Canada.

'Using Personalization Frames in National News Coverage of Supreme Court Justices' (w/ Patrick Wohlfarth) presented at The C-SPAN Archives: Advancing the Research Agenda, November 2014, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

'News Coverage of Voter Fraud in the 2012 Elections' (w/ Jessica Curtis, David Kimball, Patricia Gouzien, & Eric Vorst) presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

'Sorting Out the Politics of Vice: Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, and the National Media' (w/ James Monogan & Patrick Wohlfarth) presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

'Vice, the Supreme Court, and the News Media' (w/ James Monogan & Patrick Wohlfarth) (was) to be presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

'Covering the Median Supreme Court Justice' (w/ Patrick Wohlfarth) presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

'Religion and Opinions on Torture' (w/ H. Whitt Kilburn) presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

'Tenure of Widows in the House: Distinguishing Benchwarmers from Careerists' (w/ Farida Jalalzai & Chad Hankinson) presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

'Friends in High Places: A Social Network Analysis of Congressional Leadership PACs' (w/ Andrea McAtee) presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington.

'A Duration Analysis of Congressional Widows' Careers' (w/ Chad Hankinson & Farida Jalalzai) presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

'Modeling the Negotiation of Newsworthiness' presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.

'Scandals, News Coverage, Candidate Speech, and the 2006 Congressional Elections' presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

'Who Says What? Local Newspapers, House Members, and Source Information' presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.

'Who Says What? Local Newspapers, House Members, and Source Information' presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

'Who Says What? Local Newspapers, House Members, and Source Information' presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.

'The (Somewhat) Idiosyncratic Nature of Local News Media Issue Coverage of House Members' presented at the 2006 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

'Local News Media Issue Coverage of House Members' presented at the 2006 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

'Revealing Secrets in a Model of a Constrained Legislator' presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2004, Chicago, Illinois.

'Out-of-Step: Local News Media Coverage of House Representatives' presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2003, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

'The Process Revealed: News Media, Legislators and Constituents Connections, Interactions and Communications' EITM poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003, Chicago, Illinois.

'A Model of Constraints on Sincere Voting Among Lower Appellate Court Judges' (w/ Andrea McAtee) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003, Chicago, Illinois.

'Out-of-Step: Local News Media Coverage of House Representatives' presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November 2002, Savannah, Georgia.

'The Measurement of Political Issue Belief Systems Across Survey Modes' (w/Nathan Kelly & Whitt Kilburn) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November 2002, Savannah, Georgia.

'Revising Candidate Evaluation Models: The Roles of Democratic Norms and Liberal Values' (w/Greg Pettis, Stephen Moore, & Pamela Johnston Conover) poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2002, Boston, Massachusetts.

'The Persuasiveness of Policy Arguments' (w/Jennifer Wolak) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2002, Chicago, Illinois.

'Revising Candidate Evaluation Models: The Roles of Democratic Norms and Liberal Values' (w/Greg Pettis, Stephen Moore, & Pamela Johnston Conover) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2002, Chicago, Illinois.

'The Strategy of the Story: Media Monitoring Legislative Activity' presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2001, San Francisco, California.

'Legislators and Journalists as Strategic Actors in the Newsmaking Process' presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2001, Chicago, Illinois.

Conference Activity

Organizer, 'Quantitative Text Analysis Research Workshop', University of Glasgow, April 2017.

Chair & Discussant, Political Methodology Panel 'Advances in Political Methodology' at 2017 PSA Conference.

Chair & Discussant, Political Methodology Panel 'Measurement and Estimation' at 2016 EPSA Conference.

Chair & Discussant, Media and Politics Panel 'Haunting the House: Local Media Coverage of Congress' at 2014 SPSA Conference.

Discussant, Mass Media and Political Communication Panel 'Media, the Economy, and Inequality' at 2013 MPSA Conference.

Discussant, Political Communication Panel 'Political Communication and the Presidency' at 2012 MPSA Conference

Chair & Discussant, Formal Modeling panel 'The Media' at 2007 MPSA Conference.

Chair & Discussant, Politics of Communication Media panel 'Framing' at 2007 WPSA Conference.

Invited Presentations

'Perceptions of Voter & Electoral Fraud in the United Kingdom', Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, University of Notre Dame, February 2020.

'Poisson Inverse Gaussian Regression for Long-Tailed Count Data', Glasgow Quantitative Methods Group, University of Glasgow, May 2017.

'Media Attention, Topics, and Themes in Ferguson Protest Coverage', Comparative Politics research seminar, University of Glasgow, December 2016.

'Challenges of Embedding & Maintaining Substantive Interests in QM Courses', Embedding Quantitative Methods in Politics Modules, University of Liverpool, November 2016.

'Q-Step's Role in Embedding Quantitative Methods in Social Science Courses', Urban Studies, University of Glasgow, October 2015.

'Strategies for QM Delivery & Embedding: What Works? What Next?', New Frontiers in Teaching Quantitative Social Science Conference, Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield, September 2015.

'The Implications of Perceived Media Bias', Political Science Academy, University of Missouri - St. Louis, April 2014.

'Perceptions of Media Bias and Its Implications', Department of Political Science, SUNY-Geneseo, February 2014.

'Media Politics, Personalization Frames, and the Nature of National News Coverage of U.S. Supreme Court Justices', Department of Political Science, University of Missouri - St. Louis, February 2013.

Teaching Experience

At Notre Dame:

Graduate - Tidyverse in R (8 session short course).

Workshops - Tidyverse in R (3 sessions); Linear Regression in R; Generalized Linear Regression in R.

At Glasgow:

Graduate - Research Design (convenor, lectures, tutorials); Social Science Statistics (lectures); Quantitative Text Analysis (two-day short course); Generalised Linear Models (one-day short course); Data Visualization in R (one-day short course).

Undergraduate - Analysing Your Social World (QM) (convenor); Advanced Regression (convenor); Exploring Data (lectures, Politics Widening Participation summer school).

At UMSL:

Graduate - Categorical and Limited Dependent Variable Analysis; Game Theory.

Undergraduate - Congressional Politics; Political Analysis; Game Theory; Senior Seminar: The Fourth Branch of Government; Introduction to American Politics.

At UNC:

Undergraduate - Introduction to American Politics; Public Opinion & Political Participation.

Professional Activity

Occasional Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Review of Politics*, *American Review of Public Administration*, *British Academy*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Communications: European Journal of Communication Research*, *Congressional Quarterly Press*, *Flat World Knowledge*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*, *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, *MacArthur Foundation*, *McGraw-Hill*, *Mass Communication & Society*, *National Science Foundation*, *New York University Press*, *Oxford University Press*, *Political Analysis*, *Politics and Governance*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Research & Politics*, *Revista Internacional de Sociologia*, *Routledge*, *SAGE*, *SAGE Open*, *Springer*, *Social Science Journal*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Wiley-Blackwell Publishing*.

Committee Member, 2006 Doris Graber Political Communication Book Award.

Department Service

At Notre Dame:

Supervised 2 Undergraduate Honors Theses.

At Glasgow:

Supervised 5 PhD dissertations (Politics), 10 MSc/MRes dissertations (Political Communication), & 12 Undergraduate Honors Theses.

At UMSL:

Director of Undergraduate Studies: 2013–2014.

Undergraduate Committee: 2005–2008, 2011–2014.

Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor: 2012–2014.

Graduate Committee: 2008–9, 2013.

Political Science Research Colloquium Organizer: 2008–9, 2012–3.

Political Methodology Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee: 2006–2014.

American Politics Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee: 2007, 2010.

Served on 9 Ph.D. Committees, 1 M.A. Committee, & Chaired 1 M.A. Committee.

University, College, & School Service

At Notre Dame:

Computational Social Science/American Politics, Search Committee Member, Department of Political Science/Lucy Family Institute for Data & Society: 2021.

Multiple Search Committees, Lucy Family Institute for Data & Society: 2021.

Indiana Data Partnership Official Representative: 2020–.

ICPSR Official Representative: 2019–.

At Glasgow:

Q-Step Internship Academic Advisor, Glasgow Q-Step Centre: 2016–2019.

Co-Supervisor, R Shiny development internships, Glasgow Q-Step Centre: 2018–2019.

Project Supervisor, Nuffield Foundation Research Placement: 2018.

M.A. (Social Science) advisor of studies, College of Social Science: 2016–2019.

Supervised 2 MSc/MRes dissertations (Statistics), College of Science: 2018.

Lead & Organizer, "Quantitative Text Analysis Training Sessions": 2016–2017.

Quantitative Social Science Search Committee, School of Social & Political Sciences: 2015–2016.

At UMSL:

Curriculum Development Grants Program Committee, College of Arts & Sciences: 2012–2014.